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A MUCH NEEDED MOVEMENT

The action of Student Council in setting aside a week which is to be utilized for the purpose of bolstering up class spirit on the campus and for emphasizing the importance of a strict observance of all general and class customs will take definite form next week when the college celebrates "Spirit Week".

This will be the second time in the last decade that the student body has undertaken such a drive; one which is not concerned with financial gain but which is designed to add to the spiritual wealth of the various classes. Five or six years ago, the attitude toward customs was found to be exceedingly low and a time was set aside to focus attention on the various phases of collegiate life. The success of this previous movement was gratifying at the time but the effects have worn off to such an extent that Student Council has reverted to it again.

It is properly felt that a revival is sorely needed. Freshmen have been instructed time and again to speak to their fellow classmates but it is becoming a rare occurrence to meet a fellow student of some other class on the street, or on the campus and have him speak a friendly greeting. Frosh speak to each other, but seldom to a sophomore, junior, or senior. And what is worse, the members of the three upperclasses have evidently forgotten their first year's training for they are guilty of this same Penn State misdemeanor. Penn State is no place for that man who persists in walking the streets with his head down and who neglects to speak to those whom he meets. It is an unwritten rule of the campus that members of all four year classes shall speak to their fellow students and that he who wills to spurn this understanding is no son of Nittany.

Another custom that has been flagrantly violated in the past few years is that of saluting the President of the college whenever and wherever he is met. This custom was originally designed to furnish an opportunity to each student to show his respect for the dignity of this high office and to the man that holds the office. It is, indeed, unfortunate that President Thomas is forced to be away from State College most of the time, but he is laboring in the interest of the institution and his presence must be sacrificed for the time being. However, this is no excuse for not saluting him when he appears on the campus. Whenever it has been possible, he has spoken before the student body in chapel and at mass meetings. Surely, there are few students who will forget the appeal that he made to Coach Bezdek previous to the Pitt football game. No one, who is acquainted in the least with the tremendous amount of work he is doing for the college, would wish to appear disrespectful to him. Travelling the length and breadth of the state, speaking many times a day in the interest of the welfare building campaign, and interviewing prominent men of the Commonwealth for the purpose of allaying their interest with the fortunes of the college forms the daily routine of this man who seems to be spurred on to even greater endeavors by the dynamic spirit of a righteous cause. And yet there are many students enrolled at the college at the present time who have been seen to pass the "Prexy" without giving the familiar salute.

The general atmosphere of the campus seems to be that of indifference. In only a few cases have the students taken upon themselves the duty of criticizing undesirable behavior. At the indoor athletic contests, Student Council and the sports' management asked that the practice of throwing pennies on the playing floor and of making unseemly remarks upon the entrance of ladies be frowned upon. It took considerable time to eliminate this "small town" behavior but it was done at last. In a great majority of cases, the average student has assumed the attitude that, if a fellow student violates a custom, or disregards the unwritten code of a true Penn State student, it is all right if he "gets away with it" and if some other person does not "neck" him for it. This kind of a spirit should be routed out of campus life.

It is for the purpose of cleansing the behavior of many and of creating a revival of the "old Penn State spirit" that "spirit week" will be held. There is absolutely no excuse for any student being ignorant of the needs and aims of this movement. There is no cause for a student being ignorant of his duty. Every man that claims a position in the great Penn State family is duty bound to support this movement, to advocate its aims, to spread its propaganda, and to do all in his power to insure active participation by everyone concerned. Let's get behind the movement and put Penn State customs in the position they formerly held in campus life.

LEST WE FORGET

While the happenings of examination week are still fresh in the minds of the student body, it is well to remind the college that an unusual amount of cribbing took place in practically all schools of the college and that those students who are desirous of maintaining the fair name of their Alma Mater are displeased with the present conduct of the exams.

Some time ago, an editorial appeared in these columns which caused considerable comment on the campus. The announcement that there was more cribbing last January than ever before incensed a few members of the faculty to indignation and denial but an investigation proved the truth of the statement.

Granted that these conditions are known to exist, it is time that some thought be given the matter for the purpose of insuring a change for the better. Logically, the next step is to ascertain the source of trouble. There can exist little doubt that the cause for cribbing rests almost equally upon the faculty and student bodies. Let it be understood that there is no excuse for cribbing but there is a variety of causes. The attitude of the instructor, the fairness of the exam, and the method of conducting the quiz, many times determine the

behavior of the student. Again, the fault may lie entirely with the student. Be that as it may be, improvement is needed and neither party has a right to avoid the responsibility.

There is need of a cure, the causes of the disease are known, and those who should play the role of doctor are known. The student body and faculty will await with interest the announcement of the remedy.

Letter Box

February 11, 1923
Editor, Penn State Collegian,
State College, Penna.

My dear Sir:
As the COLLEGIAN is the only method of bringing ideas in front of both student and faculty members, I take this means of informing them of my ideas as to the Sunday concert given by the Penn State Band in the Auditorium on Sunday.

To come right to the point, the concert was a disappointment to most every person there, an absolute failure in my estimation, for I am quite well up on music and I know whereof I speak. Now I want it understood immediately that I do not criticize Mr. Thompson or the band. Mr. Thompson is quite capable of handling that class of music, but the band—composed of students who have their school work to get out, who practice but a limited time each week—it is absurd to expect such an organization to put forth such heavy music as requested. It would indeed be a task for Sousa's band to do it with all the time to practice at hand.

Now I am a faculty member, have been for over seven years, and I want to say this, that Penn State Spirit is declining, and it is not the student in all cases that is helping this decline. We have in this institution a lot of degenerated, shriveled up, small town stuff teachers, who think that all students are here for is to work, work, work, and that is what they are doing in my estimation. Do they realize that this band concert is the only one of its kind given during the year in this town? They do not. Who is it that wants to sit at a Sunday afternoon concert and hear nothing but Opera? If it would come to buying tickets to support the band, they would have to come in and play to a vacant house. Do they realize that many students do not hear a violin record played during their stay in State College, and that when they get home, probably the only means of hearing good band music is by that method alone? Do they realize that the Penn State band is a real band and an education to listen to? They do not. Doubtless these narrow minded men who have criticised the band are those who are so engrossed with the daily routine of living that they have no music in their lives, no happiness in their soul.

Glancing at it from the teacher's standpoint, let me say this, that it is the only opportunity for us to take our families to hear band music, and living in this town, year after year, we like to hear some real, live, peppy music once in awhile. The Y. M. C. A. in its entertainment course tries and does take care of the Opera class of entertainment. Who are these teachers who call live, peppy music, (not ragtime or jazz, of course) sacrilegious? Let them give us their view on the subject. We do not understand. Who is it that comes to hear these concerts? Why it is the students. I counted not more than thirty teachers at the concert Sunday and yet they, the great minority, or I better say we, although I do not like to put myself in that class, try to curb the pleasure of the student by cutting his chief enjoyment. Let's have another band concert. A concert of live, peppy classical music as the band is just yearning to give, and let those who want to criticize it get up at the concert and give us their point of view. If not, let them keep quiet. We have a bunch of cowards among our instructors and I wager my entire salary that not one would have the nerve to get up and face the audience and criticize it. If any man does, I'll take the challenge and in view of the fact that I have a family to support and probably would lose my position, I'll defend the concert, if it is composed of selections of classical source and by men of good reputation. A FACULTY MEMBER

I. E. SOCIETY PLANNING SECOND SEMESTER DANCE
The Industrial Engineering Society will hold its regular semester dance on March ninth, at the Phi Kappa Sigma House.

The committee composed of W. Shore, chairman, M. Davies, '24, A. Dowler, '23, G. Marshall, '23, and K. Newman, '24 have secured Griffith's Orchestra to furnish the music for the dance. A special invitation is extended to the freshmen of the society, and any other students who care to come to attend the dance.

The subscription price for the dance will be one dollar and twenty cents per couple.

ROPER SIGNS TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PRINCETON
W. W. Roper, head coach of the Princeton eleven, will guide the Tigers for two more seasons. It was officially announced through the Athletic Association that Mr. Roper had signed a contract insuring his services to the Tigers.

As hard a schedule, if not harder than that of the last year has been arranged, and "Bill" expects a championship team. He also made the statement that the coaching staff would in all probability be the same as that of the previous year. The signing of the contract has dispelled the rumors about the campus that Roper would retire at the end of the season.

Campus Gossip

Please, we entreat you, do not confuse Spirit Week with Spirits Week.

We advocate that, during Spirit Week, it be made a criminal offense to avoid saying "hello" to anyone!

We wonder what new stunt the frosh will pull off at the indoor athletic contests tomorrow. They seem to be the only class with any initiative.

With four meets scheduled in the Armory for tomorrow afternoon and evening, we suggest that the co-eds serve luncheon between acts.

And when Pitt, Penn and the Navy appear in the Nittany Valley the same day we think that we shall sleep in the Armory the night before.

In order to let every student see all four contests, we think it advisable to stage three performances of each.

If one who wrestles is a wrestler, one who boxes a boxer, why not one who basketballs be called a basketballer? (pat. pending.)

And the one who takes joy out of life says "yes" when you call one who footballs a footballer and one who balls a baller?

We can go further and, from the word "soccerite," derive "boxite," etc. And the hero of the gridiron might be a gridironer.

Which all proves nothing. And that's all we started out to prove.

Snowball Psychology
We never took such a course, but can speak from experience.

We wonder if everybody has the same feeling when they pass a little boy with a snowball.

In our own case, we become aware back of the neck and we are sure that it will be the recipient of a snowball.

We can never be sure that the little boy is going to throw the snowball but we don't wish to encourage him by turning around to see.

As a result we are in a paradox. Shall we turn around and insure being hit or shall we continue to walk straight ahead in mortal fear?

Then when a little boy throws a snowball at some one in front of us we feel guilty.

The hit-ee looks back and we are sure that he thinks we were the hitter, even though we try to look innocent.

Yet, for all the black looks in the world, we wouldn't betray the little boy who threw the snowball.

We're Getting Desperate
Our mail box has been empty since we ceased giving notoriety to the alleged Dumb Age.

If somebody would write to us it would help to fill the column.

And, if we can't get correspondence any other way, we might revert to Ag Hill for subject matter.

Therefore, all agricultural students take warning and write to us.

Neither shall any other school escape our wrath if they fail to correspond with us.

We crave mail! If we don't get it, beware!

MANY PENN STATE GRADS IN CHARGE OF FORESTS

Twelve of the graduates of the School of Forestry are Forest Supervisors in charge of National Forests. Their charges are all over the United States and even in Alaska. H. M. Sears '12 is the last one who has received an appointment. He is in charge of the Unuka National Forest in the southern district of the Appalachian range. Just recently R. A. Zellar '15 has been made Supervisor of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. This range covers eight million acres.

THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

ANNOYANCES

(The Daily Maroon)

Two annoying practices of students have been called to our attention within the past few days. People inconsiderately talk in class, and make it impossible for others about them to concentrate upon the matter being discussed by the instructor. Conversation concerning the class work is often important and admirably enlightening; but there are limits to its effectiveness. It is reasonable to presume that side laughter and chattering not only provokes disgust among the more serious students and is disrespectful to the instructor, who is earnestly attempting to explain points relevant to the course, but injures the offenders.

The other disconcerting practice is that of copying from a neighbor's note book. To get the full meaning of an involved lecture, and at the same time put the more important points into note form, requires no mean amount of concentration. To have one's notes perused from the side or the book turned bodily to facilitate the copying of information can not be considered an aid. It is frequently distracting.

No doubt these conditions have existed since the earliest days of group education. To hope to eliminate them is absurd. To believe that in the University of Chicago there are enough earnest workers to reduce these annoyances to a reasonable minimum is conservative.

THE PASSING OF THE CHAPERON

(The Bucknellian)

Is the chaperon passing?
Some thought on this query will reveal the fact that many of us crudely—some even rudely—and all of us selfishly, are falling short of our duties toward chaperons. Did you pay respects to the "chaps" at your last Dance? Did you make it a point to see that at no part of the evening they were isolated in a bleak corner, no one finding occasion to be social with them, and, much worse, having no qualms about his failure to do so? And then, when refreshments were in order, did you scamper off with the crowd, or make certain first of all that your guests were well taken care of?

Perhaps you are of the class who thinks of the chaperon as an unfortunate relic of past days. You wonder why the modern girl—the girl of knickers and vanities, of self-reliance and resourcefulness, must be tagged after, and her actions taken note of, by responsible elder folk. You fail to see any real efficacy in this rather antiquated practice, beyond possibly lending an air of respectability to the function. You may be right.

Nevertheless, the fact strikes us—and strikes us hard—that until the institution of chaperonage is removed from our college activities, the barest social amenities call for a Right-about-face in our actions. Let us realize that those who graciously attend our functions—in fact, make those functions possible—are in no wise responsible for this ruling at Bucknell.

They are our guests, and our greatest respect and attention are due them.

DAY BY DAY THEY FLUNK

(The Daily Texan)

The autosuggestion of Monsieur Coue may cure all diseases, eliminate moral defects, straighten bow-legs and untangle cross-eyes, and cause grapes to grow on chinaberry trees; but any number of University students will deny the infallibility of the method when applied to passing courses. The majority of the busters probably will admit that their scholastic disappointments resulted from undue hilarity and abounding optimism. They were confident that they could pass their courses; they were "up" on the ways of the instructors. They were the happy-go-lucky bunch which went to the show or had a date every day, with the optimistic belief that a little cramming before exams would make up all the slack work. They believed that day by day in every way, they were getting wiser and wiser in playing the little game of getting by. Unfortunately for these cheerful, carefree folks, the instructors were not so easily auto-suggested into making a G into a D. And now while the busters are bemoaning the disappointing results of their hopeful natures the deans are deriving considerable delight in reciting in unison that significant refrain, "Day by day in every way, we are flunking more and more of 'em."

Church Notices

PRESBYTERIAN

The Reverend Samuel Martin, pastor; the Reverend Donald W. Carruthers, student pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 2:30 p. m.; Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL

First Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion, 7:45 a. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Morning Prayer and Litany, 10:45 a. m.; Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. Our friends are cordially welcome to worship with us.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL

The Reverend Robert Peters, pastor; the Reverend F. H. Babcock, student pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a. m. with sermon by the Rev. Mr. Babcock. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Professor

G. F. Rassweiler of Bucknell University will give an impersonation of "The Pilgrim" from Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" at the evening service 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Services every Sunday evening in Room 100 Horticulture Building at 6:30. All are welcome.

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST

Services every Sunday in Room 200 Engineering D. Bible school 9:45 a. m., public worship 11:00 a. m.

GRACE LUTHERAN

Pastor, J. P. Harkins. Sunday School, 9:30; Morning Worship, 10:45; Junior C. E., 6:30; Senior C. E., 6:30; Evening Worship, 7:30. Catechetical instruction, Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at 7:30.

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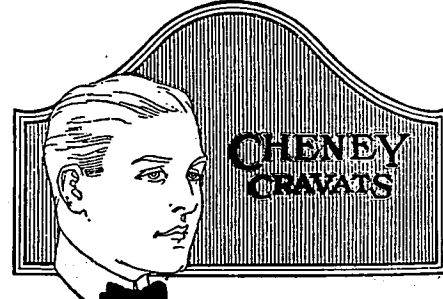
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