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TIME FOR ACTION

There is need for some influence or movement in student government for recognizing and taking steps to secure a more general leadership in student affairs and activities about the campus. At the present time, practically the whole burden of campus government and management of undergraduate affairs is being carried by a few student officials who work unceasingly and tirelessly that student activity may secure its minimum of success. It is an unhealthy condition.

Every movement for the welfare of college affairs pertaining to the undergraduate can be traced usually to the activity of a few overworked men and women. Every new undertaking, no matter how trivial, must be identified, supposedly, with the efforts of a student leader in order to insure its success. It is not long before an individual who has made a success in some major form of undergraduate activity finds himself so overburdened with the many trivial attending duties and so-called honors that life becomes for him a sort of nightmare.

An individual to be pitted and, at the same time, respected, is the senior who finds his last year in college so taken up with meetings and movements for the betterment of undergraduate affairs that he finds little if any time for the proper pursuance of scholastic work, his primary object in coming to college. As a result, he oft-time suffers failure in one or more subjects through no direct fault of his own. Nor does the individual thus mentioned have any time for the personal enjoyment of the finer things of life, so essential to mankind. This is not as it should be.

True, this situation is but a reflection of similar conditions in the outside world. But it is, withal, unfortunate in connection with college life. For concentration of undergraduate activity on a few students is detrimental to the college, unfair to the individuals concerned, and unfair to their classmates.

The junior and senior classes offer a large body of potential leaders who should be actively trained and enlisted in behalf of college government and movements for the betterment of the institution and its students. Thus, and only thus, can the benefits derived from efforts expended in connection with student affairs be made more widespread. And the likelihood of a few undergraduate officials suffering scholastic reverses can be reduced, thereby, to a minimum.

The solution of the problem as it presents itself seems to lie in the introduction at Penn State of a workable Point System. It is time for intelligent and directed effort toward this end.

ANNOYING PRACTICES

There are several annoying practices indulged in by students at Penn State which have no doubt existed in varying proportion since the earliest days of group education. To hope to eliminate them is absurd. To hope to reduce them to a reasonable minimum with the aid of student sentiment is within the realm of probability.

One of these practices to which reference is made is consistent and inconsiderate talking in class. It is often necessary to address a neighbor in connection with class room recitation or lecture hall discourse, but there is a limit to the effectiveness of repeated whisperings. Side laughter and chattering of a nature entirely foreign to the discussion is disrespectful to the instructor and distracts the attention of other more serious-minded students from the matter at hand.

Perhaps the lecture is dull and uninteresting, but that in itself, should not occasion betrayal of the fact to the extent of impoliteness. Nor is it within the capabilities of one individual to classify a lecture as dull and relegate the instructor to a place of ill-repute among the students by repeated acknowledgments of his belief. Perchance the individual concerned is not interested in that particular subject. Such being the case, he can best prove himself a true and courteous gentleman by keeping the musings and ruminations in his mind for his own contemplation and not indulging in the childish practice of thinking out loud.

Another disconcerting practice is that of copying from a neighbor's note book. To take notes and include therein the full meaning of an involved lecture is, in itself, an accomplishment resulting from practice. Witness the annoyance, therefore, to be individual whose notes are copied verbatim or in part with simian aptness by the laggard or dullard neighbor.

Practices of the nature mentioned, while trivial in themselves, are annoying and distracting to both students and instructors. Undergraduate sentiment should prevail against them.

DR. STECKER

It is with a feeling of remorse and deepest sympathy for friends in bereavement that the COLLEGIAN wishes to add its sentiment to the countless expressions eulogizing the late Dr. H. Freeman Stecker and bemoaning the extreme loss to the college, to the state, and to the nation by his untimely death.

Origin of Nittany Lion is Revealed

The origin of the far-famed Nittany Lion which is unknown to most of the Penn State students of today, was revealed by H. D. Mason '07, president of the Penn State Varsity Club, in a letter to the COLLEGIAN. With the fame that has come to the Nittany Lion in recent years this letter takes on an added significance and an added interest to the students of the college.

According to Mr. Mason's letter, ten students, including the writer, were instrumental in circulating a small semi-monthly booklet, called "The Lemon," among the students and townspeople in 1897. The proceeds obtained from the sale of this booklet were used to purchase a new flag for the cadet regiment.

In one of the first issues of "The Lemon," the following editorial appeared: "Do We Still Sleep?" "Every college the world over of any consequence, has a college emblem of some kind, all but Penn State. Our institution, we believe, is of some consequence, and from present indications will, in ten years take place with the leading educational institutions of the country."

"We are willing to bank about one hundred to one on that. But what about a college emblem? Why not get for Penn State, our college, the best in all the menagerie of college pets? Our College is the best of all then why not select for ours the Lion, the King of Beasts?"

"Dignified, courageous magnificent, the Lion allegorically represents all that our college spirit should be. Penn State is strong enough to decide on some permanent guardian of her traditions. Step into Princeton's splendid gymnasium and see there the mounted figure of the stately, inspiring Tiger who stands guard over the stairway. Why cannot 'old State' have the kings, all conquering Lion, as the eternal sentinel guarding the entrance to our Auditorium?"

This suggestion that the Lion be adopted as the college emblem was well received and within a short time was officially selected. Today, as was visualized more than ten years ago, the Nittany Lion, undaunted and inspiring, represents all that Penn State's spirit and traditions stand for and has become a nationally known figure on the athletic field.

Letter Box

To the Editor,
Penn State Collegian

I wish to make a few comments on the editorial on "scholarship" in the issue of the Collegian for Friday, October twenty-sixth.

If I correctly interpret the editorial, the writer feels that the John W. White and Louise Carnegie Scholarships should be awarded to those students whose scholarships places them in the upper quarter of their respective classes and whose financial need is the greatest. On the other hand there are some who believe that these awards should go to those students who stand highest in scholarship without regard to any other considerations.

The Committee on Academic Standards with whom the final selection rests, subject to the approval of the President of the College, is charged with a trust and must make the awards not in accordance with either of the views referred to above but according to the terms prescribed by the donors which are outlined in the college catalog. Briefly, the conditions are that the candidates must be in the upper quarter of the class and must be elected by the class. Then from those selected by the class the Committee is required to make its selection taking into account not only scholarship and financial need, but also character and attitude toward the college.

If scholarship and need were the only consideration there would be no reason for an election by the class. This was prescribed by the donors, however, to insure that the awards should not be made to mere friends who sacrificed the development of certain personal qualities in the effort to attain high scholastic standing but that they should be made to students who had qualities tending to make all round men and leaders. The same idea is found in the conditions under which the Rhodes Scholarships are given to students in American colleges for study at Oxford, the awards being based on scholarship and certain personal qualities without reference in that case, however, to financial condition.

The Committee makes every possible

effort to ascertain the facts regarding each candidate and to this end seeks information from those members of the faculty who are presumably best acquainted with the various candidates and then bases its selection on the information available taking into consideration the four points prescribed by the donors.

In conclusion, let me say that I am in hearty agreement with what I believe to be the object of the editorial, namely, the attainment of a greater interest in scholarship.

ELTON D. WALKER,
Chairman, Committee on Academic Standards

Thoughts of Others

SPORTS, AND ENTHUSIASM—AND EDUCATION

Every week or so some well known educator gets up and announces that the young man and woman of the present is wasting time in school, had better be out of college. We think of nothing but football, they say. We back our team and forget our history lessons, we study the intricacies of the forward pass and fail to note the difference between the sine and the cosine, we come here to get an education and remain to conduct Stadium drives.

We are not timid about placing ourselves in opposition to those who oppose sports so strenuously. True, we are young, and they are old, but we see students happy, companionable, and getting just as good grades as when Chicago used to defeat us 48 to 0. We see some 50,000 people coming to see that game in the Stadium next Saturday, and those people aren't opposed to football. Surely so many people cannot be all wrong about this menace of sports.

Sports are one of the finest forms of activity for the human race, and the joyous enthusiasm and desire to win that they create are far from being the least of the benefits they bring to us. True, the sports of a school can be carried too far, but they have not been at Illinois. When George Huff begins to eliminate intra-mural athletics and think of nothing but building championship teams that will always win, when the Board of Trustees and the Senate begins to make it easy for the athletic star to remain eligible from a scholastic standpoint; then we will be opposed to athletics at Illinois.

But this spontaneity which has made itself so manifest this fall is wholesome and leads to a more companionable feeling between the various sections of our campus. We need more of these things which will bring the engineer, the agriculturist, the liberal arts student together. Athletics does it a bit; not nearly as much as it should be done, but more than anything else we have.

TWO EXHIBITS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR THIS FALL

The following exhibits are scheduled to appear in the Fine Arts Gallery of Old Main during the rest of this year. An exhibition of Rockwood Pottery and Moravian Tile will be held during the last two weeks of November. The second exhibit will be a collection of Sensory Color Prints which will be on display during the two weeks preceding the Christmas vacation.

Gridiron Gossip

Two undefeated eleven's will stack up against each other tomorrow afternoon in Archbold Stadium when Penn State and Syracuse clash.

Beakel fed his gridders oranges at the Track House yesterday morning in order to acquaint them with a relish they will learn more of tomorrow.

What's the use of having ends when you have a booter who can place his kicks like Charlie Light?

Two other undefeated teams will meet tomorrow when Dartmouth and Cornell take the field.

Bullinger, the lad who scored Navy's points against the Nittany Lion, saved the Mids' from a humiliating defeat at the hands of Princeton last Saturday when he droppicked for three points in the 1st minute, giving Folwell's eleven a tie with the Tiger.

Gridiron Gossip has made its official all-American selection. At end we have Artel and Frank, at tackle, Prevost and McCann, at guard, Captain Ben-den and Michalski, and Bas Gray at center.

Mike Palm draws the quarterback assignment with Ray Johnston and Henry Wilson at halfback and Charlie Light at fullback. Elberg and Nardacel get honorable mention.

Johnny Patton's selection of plays in last Saturday's game was all that could be expected of any quarterback.

Red Osborne, a Nittany grid star of former days is turning up things in old-time style for the Canton Bulldogs, professional grid champions of the world.

Newspaper report states that Carnegie Tech students, beautiful co-eds and all, paraded over seven miles of the Pittsburgh downtown section celebrating their victory over Pitt.

Which leads us to wonder who wouldn't parade seven miles with a beautiful co-ed.

A duo of former Penn State football stars, now in the coaching ranks, will pit their teams against each other tomorrow when Joe Lightner's Dickinson eleven meets Bill Wood's Gettysburg gridders.

Lightner was appointed coach at the Carlisle institution only a short time ago and the plugging fullback of two years ago has made good with a vengeance.

Walter Camp sat on the West Virginia bench at last Saturday's game.

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He was cautioned to watch Nardacel but couldn't because he had his hands full watching Eedenic, Wilson, Johnston and the rest of the Nittany team.

"Pop" Warner and "Lou" Young will have their Pitt and Penn eleven's primed for either team means a recovery of prestige lost in early season defeats.

Professors, Take notice! West Virginia students celebrated their tie with Penn State by mass meetings on Monday and remaining away from classes.

Syracuse has been scored upon but once this season. William and Mary managed to squeeze three points across after "Chick" Meehan had injected substitutes into the fray.

George's Tech, the team that opposes Penn State next Saturday, although decisively beaten by Notre Dame, was the first aggregation to score a touchdown against Knuto Rockne's Irishmen this season.

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This special meeting will be substituted for the regular November meetings of the association.

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