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A RESOLUTION

The recent resolution adopted unanimously and without a dissenting voice by the Student Council of Penn State is worthy of note. The resolution embodies an official student protest against all illegal traffic in alcoholic beverages, and heartily endorses any action on the part of the college administration in punishing students committing such offenses in violation of the Eighteenth Amendment to the National Constitution. Its meaning is clear and concise and marks a step forward in student thought and sentiment.

Originating in the undergraduate body, the idea took definite form in a resolution of the students, by the students and for the students, without any suggestions pro or con from the administration. It germinated from a seed planted in the minds of undergraduates who gathered to hear President Thomas deliver his annual address to the freshmen in which he incorporated the idea of law and order for college students.

The resolution, as adopted, is a strictly cooperative measure and eliminates in its entirety a condition which bordered on injustice to apprehended offenders. Prior to the adoption of this resolution, the student body had taken no definite stand for or against undergraduate participation in any practice or transaction in violation of the Eighteenth Amendment. Ideas as regards student sentiment in this respect were rather vague. A hazy understanding, and sometimes total misunderstanding, of the seriousness of the offense in the eyes of the college was entertained by the majority of the offenders. The matter was regarded too lightly, in general, for the drastic measures that usually followed in the case of an apprehended and convicted miscreant.

Flagrant and open violations of the amendment are accorded corporate and decisive action in proportion to their seriousness from the viewpoint of the college administration. Too often it means the untimely termination of a college man's career, brought about by enforced resignation. It is the only course of action left open to the officials of the institution, men directly responsible for the enforcement of law and order to the state and to the nation. But these supposedly stern measures no longer can be acclaimed unjust by sympathetic undergraduates. For the sentiment of the student body is clearly defined in the new resolution adopted by its Student Council.

Undergraduate offenders will continue to be severely punished, but they will know in advance that Student Council, invested with the authority to express the sentiment of the student body, is supporting the administration in meting out such just punishment. Let it serve as fair warning to all Penn State students anticipating unlawful violation of the Eighteenth Amendment to the National Constitution.

OUR TRADITIONS

In listening to discussions on the campus, concerning the evident lapse of Penn State Spirit, one finds that at least two opinions have become manifest. Although practically all individuals interested enough to think about the situation, admit that Penn State Spirit has weakened, some say that it can and should be revived; others ask, "Why try to revive it?" Penn State, say these dubious ones, is in the transitional stage from a small institution to a large university. And because Penn State is now a university in all but name, she must pay the price; she must sacrifice her most cherished traditions.

Traditions form the foundation of Penn State Spirit, and Penn State Spirit is the most valuable thing that Penn State possesses. It is this intangible spirit that has made possible the realization of the words of our Alma Mater, "Thou didst mould us, Dear Old State, into men, into men." Ancient and honorable families cherish and vigorously uphold their traditions. The same is true of fraternities. To what do the oldest and most respected national fraternities of the country owe their prestige if not to traditions, and are not the younger fraternities constantly establishing precedents that will some day be regarded by them as traditions to be jealously guarded and zealously followed?

Penn State is a college, not a commercial institution, and as a college, she has the same right to maintain her time-honored traditions as does any other college. If men are to be moulded within her portals, men who will love Penn State and who will enter the world's work with the distinctive stamp of their Alma Mater, Penn State Spirit is indispensable.

That which has taken years to build up is being destroyed in a day. Poster Night was the first custom to go. Student Council did its best to provide a substitute, but Stunt Night is admittedly a failure. Through the lethargy and carelessness of upperclassmen, the old-time class scraps are dying out; freshmen who are allowed to "get away with" breaches of class customs are missing something of which they will feel the need in later years. Even the familiar "hello," the cornerstone of Penn State Spirit, is endangered.

This condition does not have to exist. Penn State does not have to surrender her traditions because she is being made into a university. Freshmen are still freshmen; customs are still customs; Penn State Spirit is still the most essential factor in the moulding of a Penn State man.

Thoughts of Others

WHAT ARE PROFESSORS FOR?

(The Johns Hopkins News-Letter)
Recently a question was asked of three Hopkins men and three different answers were obtained.

"What?" was the query, "is the purpose of professors?"

"That's easy," replied student A, "to make our lives miserable, before

Student B did not hesitate long before he answered, "To teach us courses in various subjects."

Student C thought a while "Well," he finally answered, "I would say to guide us in our studies."

Each of these replies was somewhat disappointing for, although all three may contain an element of truth, it seems as if something is lacking.

If one turns to page two of the Y. M. C. A. handbook, he will see that President Goodwin, in speaking of the University, has this to say: "The older members of this association to which both instructors and students belong—"

What does this mean? Simply this that while your professor may be instrumental in making your life miserable, that while they may be here merely to teach you, and that while their purpose may be to guide you in your studies, nevertheless you and your instructors are both members of the same association and a more intimate relationship should exist between the two types of members.

Why a more intimate relation?

Your professors, to a man, are older, more experienced and have seen more of the world than you. Some experienced teachers, some fairly new at the game, all are anxious to help the students. They can tell you much you have never heard of, they can help you solve problems which crop up in your life, they can inspire you. But not with the present state of relations existing between faculty and students that is to talk.

How a more intimate relation?

Go to your instructor when he hasn't a class. Sit down and talk to him. If you haven't anything in particular on your mind, engage him in conversation. He may be busy at the time, and if he is he will not hesitate to tell you so. If he isn't he will probably be only too glad to talk.

There is a big purpose which professors can fulfill besides those of teaching and guiding us in our studies—namely—to inspire us.

Such an intimate relation between faculty should and could exist. It's up to the students. True, some will accuse you of handshaking. Why worry about that? Columbus was accused of being crabby.

Facts and Figures

BOTANY

The department of Botany had its inception in 1859 when Judah S. Whitman was appointed professor of Natural Science upon the opening of the Farmers High School on February sixteenth, 1859. Botany was one of the first subjects taught at Penn State as records show that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on December seventh, 1859, Mr. Whitman was appointed professor of Botany and he served in this capacity until 1866. He also taught Physiology, Zoology, Geology, Veterinary Science, Horticulture and Gardening.

Following Professor Whitman, Dr. J. T. Rothrock was appointed professor of Botany and he held this office for two years. In 1870, Dr. Rothrock resigned and he recommended William A. Buckhout '98 for the position left vacant by his resignation. The recommendation was followed and Dr. Buckhout was appointed to the post in 1871 and served until his death on December third, 1912. Dr. Buckhout was succeeded in 1913 by Dr. Frank D. Korn, present head of the department.

During the early years of Dr. Buckhout's service, he taught Geology, Forestry and Horticulture but one by one these subjects were taken over by separate departments, leaving him as professor of Botany and from 1902 to 1906, he was Acting Dean of the school of Agriculture. Penn State alumni may



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well be proud of Dr. Buckhout, as the life of this pioneer alumnus was one of the greatest devotion and of, loyal and inclemitable service to the college.

The staff of the department began to increase in numbers in 1908 when the enrollment in the school of Agriculture reached the hundreds. From that time on for several years one or two new members were added to the staff each year until at present, the department staff consists of fourteen members, including two graduate assistants, a half-time scientific assistant and the gardener.

Since its foundation the department of Botany has been active in research as well as teaching. The first bulletin from the Agricultural Experiment Station from the department was issued in 1890 and since then fifteen Experiment Station bulletins have been contributed and over fifty scientific papers published in technical journals by this single department. Thirty-six research projects are being carried on at the present time. Aside from the resident work of the department, there are two branch labor stories, one at Bustleton, Philadelphia County, and one at Armstrongville, Adams county. Investigations of diseases of truck crops are being carried out at Bustleton and diseases of apples at Armstrongville.

In addition to the plant pathologists in these two stations, an entomologist is located in each laboratory. Since 1918, a branch laboratory has been maintained at Freeland for the investigation of the potato wart and although some of this work is to be continued, the laboratory has been discontinued.

For the past ten years, the department of Botany has taught an average of from four hundred to five hundred students each semester, although the students specializing in the Botany Course has never been many. About three of four students are graduated in this option each year, most of whom follow plant pathology or botany as a life work. Plant pathology and genetics are closely allied lines which are at present still included in the mother department of Botany.

The Quakers showed a complete reversal of form directly opposite to that of the Blue and White reversal.

When Thomas crashed through for the Penn touchdown, it marked the fifth time since 1920 that a Red and Blue team had scored against Cornell.

West Virginia lost its first game in two years on Thursday when the great Washington and Jefferson team gleaned a 7-2 victory.

The rain was coming down in a steady downpour when Gwodner fell on the ball for the third touchdown. But the Pitt students knew nothing of it until they read the weather report in the newspapers that evening.

And regarding that third touchdown, we might remark that it was the first time and also the most disastrous time this year that a Penn State punt has been blocked.

Someone remarked that the feature of the game was a hundred yard dash between Wilson and Bohren.

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