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## PATERNALISM

The attitude of the college authorities during the past two years toward student activities might well be described as paternalistic. New regulations and restrictions, following each other at not infrequent intervals, have wrought radical changes in both the social and class activities of the undergraduate.

Of the changes that have been effected in class affairs, little need be said. It was felt by the Board of Trustees and the administrative officials of the college that reform of some kind in this respect was a necessity. With loyalty to the administration in mind, the students gave their whole-hearted support in the elimination of the evils incident to Poster Night and the first freshman class meeting, thereby reducing both of these class affairs, with years of tradition behind them, to mere shells of their former significance. And the attitude of the undergraduates was surprisingly forbearing.

In marked contrast, however, is the feeling that prevails among the students and is finding expression on the campus in regard to the restrictions that have been imposed upon the social and personal activities of the undergraduate, a feeling so pronounced that the COLLEGIAN can no longer ignore it.

The abolition of student cars, the cutting down of social functions allowed fraternities during the semester, and indications that June house-party will soon be a thing of the past, are some of the major reasons for the present unhealthy feeling among the undergraduates. A section from the latest notice of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare is interesting. It states that "No change will be made in the Commencement house-party program for this year except in the closing date." Remembering past comments of college authorities, some students, more pessimistic than the rest, have found in that statement, "no change for this year", a menace to the June house-party, and speculation is rife as to just what extent the College will go in taking ultimate action on this question.

The object of the Board of Trustees and administrative officials in restricting social activities and regulating personal privileges is somewhat vague to the casual undergraduate observer. It has been suggested that it is done with a two-fold purpose,—to raise the standards of scholarship and to lower the expenses of the students. Situated in the Nittany Valley, far removed from large towns and crowded communities, Penn State is singularly free from these influences that tend to lower scholarship and promote extravagance. On five nights during the week the student has nothing to do but study or loaf, and no matter how much legislation is passed against the social activity that prevails on the other two nights, it is reasonable to believe that the fellow who loafs will continue to loaf and below grades will continue to congest the mails.

The college authorities, acting in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, can go the limit in their regulation of social activities, or they can elect to govern by supervision rather than by restriction. It is felt that the undergraduates, recognizing that higher standards of scholarship and observance of the principles of economy are for their own good, are ready to cooperate with the College toward this end. But it is not felt that further restriction of social activities and regulation of personal privileges will bring about the desired results.

## HEAR DR. EDDY

There is a man coming to Penn State who has been here before, a man well-known among college students and held in high esteem by them, a man whose clear-cut thinking and unusual ability as an orator has gained for him the respect and regard of even the most critical and skeptical individuals. This man is Sherwood Eddy.

It is a fortunate student body that is permitted the privilege of hearing Dr. Eddy lecture, for he is considered the most sought for speaker to students in the world. Penn State undergraduates will be accorded that privilege on the beginning of next week when a series of four connected addresses will be delivered by this fascinating figure on international, racial, economic and student problems.

A recognized platform authority on national and international questions, Dr. Eddy will present them from the viewpoint of Christian character and idealism. But he will not deal with a discussion of these problems alone, for he is planning to devote one night to stimulating wholesome thought on campus affairs with the introduction of personal ideas on the honor of college students.

Penn State undergraduates should welcome the opportunity to hear Dr. Eddy speak. For it is the opinion of those students who heard him on one or other of his former visits that his message is certain to be of helpful value to college men and women.

## PETTY DISTURBANCES

Numerous complaints have come to the attention of Student Council during the past few weeks to the effect that undergraduates are stealing electric light bulbs or otherwise disposing of them by breakage. It would seem that concerted action is being taken by the merchants and other interested towns-people to do away with these disturbing and repeated occurrences once and for all time. And there is

no disputing the fact that they are justified in taking such action. There are some individuals in every college community who have no sense of personal honor and little regard for the honor of the college. These individuals commit such petty misdemeanors as stealing electric light bulbs. There are other students who delight in breaking light bulbs and destroying personal property for the "fun" they derive in doing it. Both cases are examples of undergraduates whose viewpoints are warped and need correcting.

Combined action of towns-people and college authorities will greet disturbances of a similar nature in the future. Such notification should be sufficient warning to undergraduate offenders in this respect.

## Thoughts of Others

### TRUE DEVELOPMENT

(N. Y. U. Daily News)  
A college or a university exists for its students—for their development. It does not exist for the purpose of creating book-worms or for providing "country club" facilities.

Some, however, seem to think that such an institution does exist for the latter purpose. The expression "country club" is not our own, it belongs to a popular English proverb. It is believed, that the college men of today are ninety per cent loafers. But we do believe that much time is wasted on right here in New York University. The so-called "hot man" in almost every college, is often a waste of precious time and of his "Dad's" money.

On the other hand, we have the narrow-minded grind, the poor boy who starts studying and doesn't stop except to secure food and water. The poor chap, if he doesn't find up in an insane asylum, usually has to spend several years in "waiting up" after he graduates. There are fortunately some so studious in this sort of institution.

There is a third type of student in the man who is naturally intelligent but who lacks true perspective. He pursues his time into "activities." He goes in for social games, all of the publications, dancing, dramatics, and the Glee Club. Sometimes he reaches the top in one or more. If he graduates at all he does it only after five years or so of successful "dabbling." Such a lad, patriotic as he is, loses sight of his prime obligation, that of studying.

The fourth type is the ideal. It is the student who really studies and who engages in one or more essential activities. Good citizenship in the college requires the striving for all-around development consisting not only of a well rounded brain but broad-mindedness, or VISION. The good "college citizen" presses his work when he is supposed to and broadens his mental equipment by engaging in activities.

### DEAN WATTS SPEAKS TO PENN STATE GRANGERS

Approximately seventy-five interested agriculturists are gathered at the Penn State Grange meeting last week in Room 109, North Union Building. The features of the evening were addressed by Dean Watts and Professor Brewster, and a short play entitled "The Planting of Uncle Tom's Cabin." The address by Dean Watts was on "The Relations of the Penn State Grange to other Granges in other Parts of the State." He emphasized the need of faculty support and also on the extension men in the campaign fund for the proposed shift's dormitory which would contain a hall for farm boys things. Dean Watts said that he will make a training school of the Penn State Grange so that its members, upon graduating will become leaders in the local Granges in the various parts of the State.

Professor Brewster gave a short history and purpose of the Grange in order to interest the new men in the project. The play, "Planting of Uncle Tom's Cabin" was an interesting comedy and was well received. C. T. Levin of the Penn State Grange took the leading role as a member of the director and he interpreted his part well.

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## Facts and Figures

### HEALTH SERVICE

The first Health Service was started at Penn State in January 1915 by Dr. Warren Postgate. Prior to that time the College maintained this service on a small scale and Miss G. Foreman was engaged as a dormitory nurse at the girls' buildings.

The need of a Health Service was realized in 1915 and the office of the College secured the services of Dr. Postgate who was then at the University of Michigan. The original idea was not to treat cases of disease but to try and prevent disease among the students by teaching them to take care of their health. The infirmary was opened soon after as part of the College Health Service and the first patient was taken in on January 10th on the year of its origin. During the first year, the Health Service cared for forty-seven bed patients and 777 other patients. The number of calls made the first year was 1781 while the number of new conditions was 1461.

Dr. Postgate held the position for over two years, after which he left for the University of Michigan where he is today the head of Health Service at that place. He was succeeded by Dr. F. P. Bennett, who has held the position up to this time and who has increased the efficiency of the Health Service. The teaching of Hygiene to the freshmen was begun in 1918, and since that time there has been a decrease in the number of bed patients, and an increase in the number of dispensary calls. In the year 1922-23 the reports show, number of dispensary calls 7447, number of bed patients 124, total number of hours missed by girls 2590, total number of hours missed by boys 21102.

At the present time the Health Service has room for eight patients at the infirmary with two nurses at the Service and one at McAllister Hall. Compared with other institutions Penn State has less sickness, among its students than is found in city schools.

## Looking Backward

The Doublet, Veron will have a Pennsylvanian Dutch night on February 16th with an evening of songs of the Dutch Department will give a short talk on the origin and customs of the Pennsylvanian Dutch Songs. There will be some songs and recitations in Pennsylvanian Dutch and a Pennsylvania Dutch lunch will be provided. All interested are welcome. The following appeared in the COLLEGIAN on February 14th, 1914.

### STATUS OF UNDERGRADUATES STUDIED BY LANGIAGH GROUP

Before a meeting of the members of the Modern Language Association, held recently at Ann Arbor, Michigan, President Milton E. Parrott brought up the question as to whether undergraduates are to be considered people. The President stated that the English student has intellectual freedom and in this branch of life, is considered a man, while in matters of conduct he is considered a boy and is entitled to rigid rules. The American student is considered a boy in the phases of his college life, and is looked upon as a man in matters of conduct. The problem, therefore is whether the student is to be considered a man and given an opportunity to develop his faculties and capacity.

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## HUNDRED FAIL TO PASS FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS

The first semester has proven fatal to many students in the college. There were 777 B grades and 1777 D grades sent forth to the students. The following list ranked out of the different classes and schools:

Freshmen	42
Sophomores	11
Juniors	10
Unclassified	1
Two Year Ag	4
Total	101
F. T.	13
J. C.	3
P. L.	4
C. F.	11
C. H. A.	2
M. G.	5
P. M.	8
I. D.	4
C. L.	4
R. M. D.	2
H. I.	2
A. E.	3
N. S.	2

## FIFTY OHIO STATE CO-EDS STAND GUARD OVER CAMPUS

A vigilance committee of fifty Ohio State University girls at the Ohio State University has been formed for the purpose of disrupting the pernicious practice of making unsightly paths across the campus. The committee has just definitely decided upon a means of accomplishing its purpose, but is considering using a battery of good looks to stop this practice.

## The Nittany Theatre Co.

**NITTANY—FRIDAY—**  
CHARLES BAY in "The Curious Case of the Gold Diggers" Our Grand Comedy "Big Business"

**SATURDAY—**  
SPECIAL CAST in "Lights Out" NEWS WEEKLY

**PASTIME—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—**  
Harold Bell Wright's "When a Man's a Man" Al St. John in "Be Yourself"

**MONDAY & TUESDAY—**  
ALL STAR CAST in "The Gold Diggers" Sport Review and News Weekly

**NITTANY—TUESDAY—**  
Return Showing of Charles Dickens' "Vanity Fair" Our Grand Comedy

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**Choice of a Career**  
From the Yale News

**THE NINETY-FOUR**  
Someone, probably an insurance agent, was quoted recently as saying that from the mass of one hundred college graduates one individual only rose to the top of the financial ladder. Five others became comfortably off and found themselves after twenty years at the small yacht and chauffeur stage. The other ninety-four presumably congregated in the great section of the American people who drive their own Buicks to the golf club. In other words, dreaming about being a rich man is one thing, and making the grade is "something else again."

Yet the ninety-four presumably work just as hard as the sumptuous six. Their business is the axis on which a small and uninteresting world revolves. They have become devotees of the dollar and when that fickle deity deserts, have nowhere else to turn. Jammed in a dull, straight rut of business they can never leave the road and jump the fence into finer fields of life. This, then, is the portion of ninety-four men out of every hundred now on the campus.

The answer to the problem lies in the proper choice of a career.

Between now and Commencement we shall have something to offer on the subject of "Careers." Watch for the space with the Famous Signature.

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