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WHERE THE STUDENT MAY GAIN

Shakespeare is credited with the admonition, "Wisdom to gold prefer". Throughout the ages philosophers have put forth the idea that to acquire knowledge is the most profitable end toward which man can strive. With faith in the philosophy of the sages, and conceding the value of all learning in general, a concrete problem is to be faced concerning the education of the present generation, and more specifically that of the college student of today. The COLLEGIAN has discussed this matter before but feels that attention cannot be brought to bear too pointedly upon the subject.

Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, President of the University of Missouri, recently made it clear that the materialistic dividends accruing from a university education are secondary to the loftier, idealistic benefits to the community. He said, "To establish ideals of conduct, to create an appreciation of community responsibility, to develop the power and the desire to think wisely about the complex problems of state and nation, and to cultivate the ability to express ideas effectively for the forwarding of his own business and the improvement of community conditions—all these elements are no less the business of the university than is the perfecting of a man in the arts of his business or profession."

Each year thousands of young men are tumbling out of the educational machines called colleges and universities, into the world, in the large majority of cases mere cogs who can function only where they are placed. They have received diplomas and are literally "educated". But what else can they do; what else do they know besides what they have handed out to them from the text books? Recently a professor at this institution bemoaned the fact that students are being crammed with too much of the applied sciences rather than developing the basic sciences. But that is a matter for curriculum study.

However, regardless of what is the structure of student curricula, the opportunity is at hand for a valuable and necessary addition to undergraduate education in the form of better daily newspapers and other records of current events. When college students can not name the governor of their state or speak intelligently upon everyday governmental affairs of state and nation as they can upon the latest novel or the merits of certain actresses and actors; when college professors do not know the difference between the Bok Peace Plan and the Mellon Tax Plan as they know the differences between their courses; when such conditions exist among supposedly informed citizens of this great commonwealth, typical of all the states in the Nation, is it any wonder that governmental functions go wrong sometimes and governmental officials pull the wool over the eyes of the meekly trusting public?

"No time, too much work" cries the student when the rich fruits of the daily press are offered to him. But if he would consider the time spent in "bull" sessions, playing cards, too frequent trips to the movies, reading trashy novels and literature, loafing and the other forms of friendly relationship with Father Time, fifteen minutes a day could easily be found to spend digesting the facts and comments of the press, one of the most beneficial institutions ever created for the use of mankind.

THE FIRST RUMBLE

The open stand by members of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet against "cribbing, theft, boozing, lying, swearing, careless borrowing and other unchristian actions", is noteworthy in that it is the first audible warning that Penn State students are becoming weary of being made the "goat". This is especially true where theft, cribbing and boozing are concerned.

History shows that crooks of high and low degree have always been able to thrive on the vicarious efforts of their fellowmen, until the burden of their support became too great. The people of France broke down under the strain, overthrew their oppressors, and so arranged their circumstances that they themselves might reap the benefit of their own industry. The British have on several famous occasions forced their sovereigns to acknowledge the right of a man to profit from the results of his own toil. The laboring classes all over the world tired of oppression and finally organized in order to secure their rights.

The law that operates in the larger affairs of life will prove effective even on a college campus. The rumblings of a "revolution" have already been heard. Penn State students will eventually fight for their rights. They will refuse to live under conditions which make it impossible to leave coats, books and other articles unwatched. They will exterminate the cribbing that makes it possible for the cheat to lessen the value of the diploma for which honest students have worked hard. They will demand relief from the disgusting sight of drunkards at social functions, merely because a favored few must indulge their passion for strong drink and their desire to defy the law.

The first warning has been sounded; an organized movement for honesty and decency and safety of property will some day make its appearance here at Penn State. The law has operated at other colleges. It will work here when the limit of endurance has been reached.

SOCIAL EVENTS WILL BE FEATURE OF WEEK-END

Four House Parties, Dinner Dance and Combined Engineers' Hop Are Included

With more than ten dances scheduled for this week-end Penn State will have an unusually active social season over the Washington Birthday period. Four house parties, a formal dinner dance, an informal hop and the Combined Engineers' Hop are among the events which will be staged on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Kappa Sigma, Alpha Chi Sigma, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon are the fraternities that are holding house parties. The Nittany Song Orchestra will play for the Kappa Sigma party. The Delta Tau Delta party, Beta Kappa Beta orchestra of Altoona will play while the Sigma Phi Epsilon party has engaged the Bucknell College band. The combined Engineers' Hop will be held on both Friday and Saturday evenings at these houses.

On Friday evening, the Alpha Sigma Phi's will hold a formal dinner dance with the Nittany Orchestra, formerly Schloesser's Band, furnishing the music.

Another social event which will be staged over the week-end is the first annual Combined Engineers' Society dance which will be staged at the Center House Country Club on Saturday evening. Brown's Troubadours will furnish the music. A large number of guests is expected to attend.

Thoughts of Others

KEEP OFF THE GRASS
(The Daily Item)
Immense buildings whose towers reach far into the skies do not make a University campus, neither do well dressed college men and women who fill the walks between classes. There are certainly important ingredients of a college campus, but after all the natural beauty that exists there is of greater import than these.

"This is our belle, but we have yet to see it proved. For it seems that boys and girls will be gay and the campus walks have not the same appeal that the campus walks have to strolling folk."
At this time of the year and later in the spring it is essential that the student body keep off the grass to assure its vigorous growth and to save Illinois a campus that is more than towering buildings and well dressed college men and women.

Up at Minnesota the authorities are threatening to return to the old order practice of fencing in the campus lawns to protect them from the many persons who simply will not stay on the walk. The Illinois decree not only will have made no such statement but that would most certainly be the thing to do if such a situation would come to pass.

Looking Backward

Within the past weeks contracts for two of the six college buildings which are to be erected have been awarded. The successful bidders were Billings and Company, of Philadelphia, on the Stock Exchange, and Henry L. Brown, also of Philadelphia, on the John J. Aris Building. The college itself will supervise the erection of the dormitory and the Engineering Unit No. 3 foundations for the latter having already been completed.

Plans for the Mining and Chemistry buildings are now nearing completion and as soon as these are approved contracts will be awarded. The Horticulture Building will be ready for occupancy within a very short time.

DR. RITENOUR REPORTS DECREASE IN SICKNESS

In a recent statement from Dr. Ritenour, it was reported that only three cases of mumps are in the hospital out of the fifteen cases reported since Christmas. A new wave of the disease developed last Thursday after a lapse of nearly ten days, but most of the cases reported at the infirmary are slight ailments. The number of colds has decreased as compared with the number reported before examination time.

During this week the physical examination of the freshmen who entered in February will be made. This is expected to take only a short time.



Along Sport Lines

OREGON'S NEW COACH

The University of Oregon has at last abandoned its persistent efforts to persuade Hugo Black to return to the Pacific coast and resume his coaching of the Oregon football team. Apparently they have hit upon a man in Joseph Middelock who is capable of filling the most exacting requirements as an athletic director. As a substitute for the Nittany coach his career is of interest to Penn State students.

Middelock just broke into the limelight in 1904 when he made Walter Camp's All-American football team while playing tackle for the University of Michigan. After his graduation, he coached all four major sport teams at the University of Utah for six years, being up to a unique record of victories.

Out of fifty-seven football games he has lost four and of sixty basketball encounters but two were dropped to the opposition. On the diamond the Utah athletes under his tutelage lost four out of forty-eight baseball games. On the cinder-path the University of Utah did not lose a single meet during the Middelock regime.

Middelock came back to the coaching field in 1920 and 1921 when he was selected to coaching at the University of Michigan. He is a big man standing six feet and tipping the beam at 215 pounds.

Here's hoping Middelock continues his winning record for the sake of the people of mind of Penn State's students and alumni.

PINN RELAYS

With more than sixty colleges and universities readily entered and as many more to be heard from, the Penn Relays give promise of breaking last year's record of 112 colleges entered.

The outstanding feature of the Carnival at present is the death of stars.

COLLEGE CHESS CLUB CHOOSES FIRST TEAM

Faculty Tournament Is Scheduled for February Twenty-ninth—Will Meet Pitt

The Penn State Chess Club held an important meeting last week at which important business was transacted. R. W. Hurdin '27, T. F. Webb '26, D. A. McMillen '25, G. K. Riddinger '27 and G. C. Harold '27 were chosen for the varsity team. J. M. Robbins '24, H. D. Brown '24 and R. E. Thomas '25, all capable players, were chosen in the reserves.

A second team composed of H. M. Gibson '24, P. H. Grosman '27, M. L. Wendler '26, Leander Gable '25, R. S. Leach '25, V. W. Gray '27 and J. W. Stevenson '24 is also selected. Thereupon have the right to challenge the first string players to a series of three games with the winner taking the disputed piece on the varsity team. In this way competition will be kept alive and the team will be strengthened.

A tournament will be staged with the faculty chess team on February twenty-ninth. Although the faculty team has not yet been selected, it will undoubtedly be a strong one and the members of the Chess Club are expecting strong competition from the older players.

The Chess Club has recently purchased new chessmen from the members' dues and the sets have been placed in the Y. M. C. A. Hut where the members have been staging daily contests with much enthusiasm. The Club is planning to stage a corresponding one tournament with the club at the University of Pittsburgh. The next meeting will be held in Room 100, Engineering A on Monday night at seven o'clock.



GIFT OF LIMESTONE MADE TO COLLEGE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Architecture received two cars of stone tablets last week as a gift from the Bedford Limestone Company. This is one of the most generous gifts that any department of the college has received this year and it is welcomed by both faculty and students of Architecture.

These tablets are carved in low relief and show the possibilities of limestone as a material from which carvings and sculptures can be made. The two cars loads of stone will probably be used in part for the wall in the proposed new Engineering Building.

The Bedford Cut Stone Company of Bedford, Indiana, is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country and the stone that is mined out of its establishment is of a high grade. Penn State is interested in the development of Architecture into the middle of the century thought that such a gift would move of value in advancing the course at Penn State.

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