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PREFERENTIAL BALLOTING

There is a feeling among student leaders on the campus that the preferential system of balloting employed in the election of class officers is not adequate for the needs of Penn State Moreover, there is a belief, founded upon past experiences that it is not fair.

Instituted several years ago as the distinctive feature of a new election system designed to place the election of class leaders upon a fairer basis, preferential balloting has defeated its primary purpose. Theoretically it is a success, but applied to practical use it is an absolute failure.

It is not necessary to go into a detailed discussion of this defunct system of voting, for its salient features are known to practically all of the undergraduates Suffice it to say that preferential balloting incorporates the idea of specifying a first, second and third choice of candidates. And herein enter complications a-many

Since the institution of the system, it has been necessary to repeat nearly every election held because the necessary majority of votes was not received by any one nominee Repeated elections lead to suspicion and general dissatisfaction Several cases might be cited where second and third choice candidates have been elected to positions of honor and trust, while the nominee receiving the highest number of first choice votes, but not a sufficient majority, was relegated to a position of unimportance in the class and forgotten in the shuffle.

It does not seem possible that a conscientious voter, whether he be a college man or a citizen of the Commonwealth, can make a second or third choice of candidates He wants one man for the office and none other. Why, then, should he be required to state on a ballot the names of men whom he does not want, to see hold the office? Yet, that is exactly what must be done under the preferential system of balloting. And when a man refuses to make a second and third choice and includes only the name of the individual whom he wishes to see elected, still another element of unfairness creeps in, for the other nominees on the ticket are not being given a square deal

Reversion to the old system of straight balloting seems to offer the only practical solution of the problem. With the introduction of precautionary measures for casting votes, this system would appear to offer a much fairer basis upon which to select class leaders It is necessary that some consideration be given the question of balloting before the annual spring elections.

MISFITS OR SUCCESSFUL MEN

It is a disagreeable commentary on the scholastic situation in this institution and in many others throughout the country that more than twenty-five percent of the men students, in a conservative estimate, are taking work for which they are not suited and in which they have no interest So long as this condition continues to exist, there is little need for wonder at the below grade epidemic Neither is there warranted cause for surprise when statistics show that half of the graduates, ten years removed from college, are not following the lines of work for which they prepared

The undergraduate of today lives in an atmosphere of doubt. He is not sure of himself Nor indeed is it primarily the fault of the individual concerned With but a few exceptions, freshmen matriculating at an institution of higher learning have no idea—at the most, a vague conception—of the work for which they are suited. Selecting the profession in which they hope to make the greatest success in life is more or less a matter of chance. True, there are some individuals, possessed of exceptional ability or talented in some respect, who find their niche in the general scheme of things without much difficulty and without particular need of assistance But the rank and file of college undergraduates—the average men—grope about in the dark, elect courses without guidance and go through four years without being given an opportunity to judge the professions impartially Some students are lucky and fall into the particular work for which they are suited; other students find themselves too late, some unfortunates do not find themselves at all.

One of Life's tragedies, perhaps the most pathetic, is seen in the man who goes on from day to day in work for which he is not fitted and in which he has no interest. He is one of the many who found out too late that the work for which he had spent four years of college preparation was not the line that he cared to follow, and it was too late when he had graduated to make the change and go through four more years of preparation A man without interest in his profession will never make a success of it. The inherent characteristics of an individual that keep him at the bottom of the ladder in one line may send him to the top in another. There is one particular thing that each man can do a little better than any of his neighbors. It remains, then, to find that thing

A limited insight into the mysteries of their professions in the outside world is given college men in their senior year But that is too late. Several progressive institutions have recognized the need for vocational guidance and each year hold a conference to which authorities of the principle professions are invited to present the attractions and difficulties of their work to the students. It seems but fair that the men students of Penn State should be accorded a similar privilege

A vocational guidance conference for men, especially the freshmen, would afford the student a better opportunity to judge whether the course which he is taking is the one for which he is suited and in which he will be enabled to do the best work, or whether a change of course is advisable These conferences should be held in the fall of the year and be made compulsory for freshmen so that the misfits could be weeded out in the early part of their college courses.

It is a safe estimate that public opinion will necessitate the institution of some such system before many years elapse. For it is becoming a matter of general concern that too many college graduates are stumbling along the dismal road of dissatisfaction through no particular fault of their own.

RADIO EXTENSION COURSE RECEIVES COMMENDATION

The Engineering Extension Department of the Pennsylvania State College has recently been the subject for comment of a complimentary nature in many of the nationally known Radio magazines. Many inquiries have been received by the department because of the publicity and as a result the Radio Reception and Transmission Course is becoming quite popular The March issue of "Popular Radio" contains an article telling of the pioneer work of the Extension Department, covering the general description of the courses given, as well as some of the details concerning the work at Station WPAH The Penn State Radio Station however, is conducted entirely apart from the correspondence instruction of the Extension Department.

Thoughts of Others

(Middlebury Campus)

One can scarcely glance through any of the current magazines and newspapers without reading some article criticising the American college of today or offering suggestions for its improvement. This is one manifestation of the tremendous reform which is taking place in American education at the present time.

It is especially to be noted that the majority of the criticisms are directed against the system of education itself, nearly all the suggestions are addressed to those in authority, to the rulers of the colleges' destinies, the trustees, the presidents and the faculties The part of the student in the failure, the upheaval and the reconstruction of education has been neglected and his attitude conceded to be a passive one this is due to the misconception that education is something that is done to the student, a dose which he decides ailments is has professed sees fit to administer it to him In reality education is something with a militant reality, something for which the student should strive, with a clear vision of the end to be attained

The viewpoint of the student, the one whom the problem touches most itely is, then, extremely valuable Let him awaken to his duty and responsibility and consider the indictments against the system of which he is so integral a part Let him examine his own part in its failures, formulate intelligent opinions, express them freely and make his influence felt whenever possible Let him ponder carefully until he can formulate clearly-defined ideas upon such important subjects as the elective system, the place of athletics in college life, the point at which specialization should begin the regulation of entrance examinations, and a any others

Then when the reconstruction is no longer left entirely to educational councils and boards, and when it begins to come from within, when he—who is nearest the heart of the matter begins to think intelligently about it, then reform will come much more quickly and will be many times more effective.

PENN STATE BRANCH OF A. A. A. S. ELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent election, the members of the Penn State Branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Science chose their officers for the calendar year of 1924 The office of secretary is a four year tenure, not expiring until next year, hence there was no election to this office. The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Dr D C. McFarland, of the Department of Metallurgy; Vice-chairman, Prof R A Dutcher, of the Department of Chemical Agriculture; Treasurer, Mrs P B Mack, of the Department of Chemistry, Executive Committee, Miss Edith P. Chase, of the Department of Home Economics and Prof J A Ferguson, of the Department of Forestry

"WHO'S WHO ON THE CAMPUS" PRINTED BY RUTGERS "TARGUM"

As a means of introducing campus notables, both in and out of the student body, THE TARGUM of Rutgers College is forming a new department to be called "Who's Who on the Campus"

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The following list is the schedule of re-examinations for students receiving a grade of "D" in courses other than Practicum, for the first semester

The final examinations will be given on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday *afternoons in March, beginning at one* thirty o'clock Students having regular classes on the Tuesday or Thursday afternoons will show their re-exam permits as an excuse for absence

In the lists of examinations given below the number of the subject is given first, the date of the day of the month in March, and lastly the room and building in which the examination will be given.

All conflicts and omissions should be reported at once to C P. McInnis, College Scheduling Officer

Abbreviations
Ag—Agricultural Building
Amp—Ampitheatre
Eng—A. C D E Engineering Group
L A—Liberal Arts.
Main—Main Building
McA. H—McAllister Hall
Mng A—Old Mining Building
O C—Old Chapel
C A—Chemistry Annex

Agro 1, 3, 6, 201—8—100 Hort
A H 1, 14, 17—1—100 Hort
Bot 1, 201—18—11 CA.
Chem 131, 141, 229, 287, 337, 443—22—Amp
Chem 376—18—10 CA
Chem Ag 1, 13, 25, 37, 208—20—206 Ag
Com 5, 20, 70—6—OC
Com 27, 40—18—27 LA
D. H. 5, 10, 201—1—251 Dairy
Dem. Sci 44—11—314 Main
Econ 1, 14, 21, 35—11—14, 27 LA
Ed 2, 22—6—14, 25 LA.
E. E 1, 3, 7, 8—11—200 Eng D
Eng 1, 4, 5, 301, 221, 458—1—Amp
F. M. 201—4—251 Dairy
Fr 11, 13, 27—15—OC
Geol 31—20—200 Mng A
Geol. 41, 51, 57—11—104 Mng A
Ger. 1, 3—15—1, 3, LA.
Greek 11—15—313 Main.
Hist 4 19 20—22—27, 28 LA
Hort 37—20—206 Ag
Ht Eng 4, 6, 8, 17, 31, 50—6—200, 206 Eng E.
Hyd 1, 5 15—1—201, 207 Eng A.
Hyg 1—6—Amp
I E. 303—11—208 Eng C
Ind. Art 74, 75—13—320 Main
Latin 13—15—313 Main
Math. 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 29—8, 11—16 LA
Math. 33—13—15 LA
Mchs. 2, 7—13—203; 205 Eng A.
M Des 31, 51, 55—200 Eng D
Met 51, 53, 54, 59, 71, 72—8—104 Mng A.
Min 31, 53—4—104 Mng A.
Phys 201, 211, 217, 231, 315—11—Amp
Pol Sci. 1—15—14, 20 LA
Psy. 2, 13, 14—15—27, 28 LA.
RhE 1—11—209 Eng C.
Rlt 14—8—205 Eng A
Sp. 11, 13, 23—15—O C
Str 38—1—[illegible] Eng C
Soi. 15, 23, 36—22—200 Eng D
Zool 101, 203, 207, 307—15—4 McA H

Meet Me at BOOTH 8.

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR UNDERGOES RENOVATION

The work of remodeling the office of the Registrar and his staff has been completed Mr Hoffman and his assistants, including the Scheduling Officer and the College Examiner have left their temporary quarters on the second floor of Old Main and have returned to the regular offices where they are now transacting business as usual

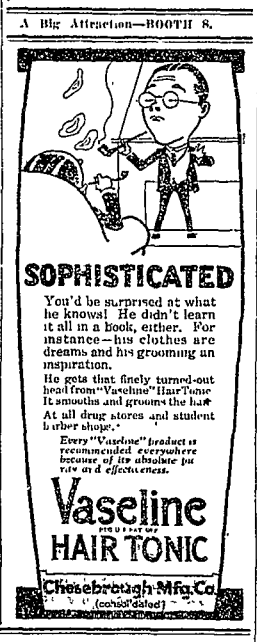
LECTURE ON LINCOLN GIVEN AT PRISON BY DR. METZGER

Last Monday evening Rev Metzger spoke at Rockview on "Abraham Lincoln" His lecture was illustrated by slides secured from the State Museum *at Harrisburg by Mr Rosine of the* Engineering Extension Department This talk was one of the many given by members of the faculty to supplement the work carried on by the department at the State Prison

"THE BOILERMAKER Y" TO BE ISSUED BY PURDUE STUDENTS

"The Boilermaker Y," a four page, four column sheet, devoted to the work and ideals of the Purdue University Y. M C A will be issued at an early date This is the first "Y" paper to be published at Purdue and if circumstances seem favorable, a continuation of the paper will be probably be evidenced in quarterly issues next year

A Big Attraction—BOOTH 8.



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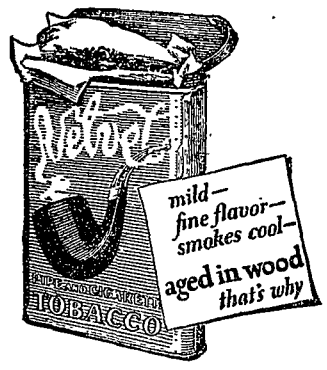

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Mack Sennett Comedy
"The Half Back of Notre Dame"

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