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STUDENT GOVERNMENT OR STUDENTS GOVERNED?

Announcement that the college calendar for next year will remain in its original form as drawn up by the Senate Committee is an interesting side-light in the discussion on student government versus student regulation. A petition presented by Student Council suggesting changes in the calendar for the coming year caused not a ripple in the quiet calm of the College Senate at its regular meeting last week. According to information gathered by a reporter of this newspaper, the petition was read and then completely ignored.

It would seem that the time has arrived for a workable understanding of the powers and limitations of student government at Penn State. Recent developments suggest that the powers of Student Council are imaginary quantities, that this supposedly governing body exists only as a convenient medium for the handling of routine tasks and problems of little consequence, that the opinions of its members or representatives are not even considered when affairs of greater moment affecting the welfare of the undergraduates are being discussed. In other words, calling a spade a spade, the Student Welfare Committee of the College Senate seems to be the power behind the throne and Student Council, as an administrative body, would appear a mere figure-head.

The students at Penn State are not trying to run the College. Far be it from that. They realize the greater experience of their superiors and are willing to abide by their decisions if their powers are to be absolute. But they were under the impression, until this year, that a student government existed at this institution and, thus disillusioned, they simply wanted a voice in final enactments for their own welfare.

If Student Council has ceased to function satisfactorily as a governing body, as has been intimated on several occasions, there is no disputing the right of the Welfare Committee to handle problems which would seem ordinarily to come under the jurisdiction and within the province of the undergraduate body. But has Student Council failed in its purpose? Is it incapable of handling problems of greater consequence affecting the welfare of the students? These are the questions upon which the whole discussion seems to hinge at present.

Several statements have been made by members of the faculty to the effect that powers are simply delegated to student governing bodies and are subject to recall when these bodies prove themselves incapable. That is true, and every Penn State undergraduate recognizes the necessity for such a provision and the need for the advice and guidance of more mature minds. But, in the opinion of the students, there has been no just provocation this year for the conversion of the Senate Welfare Committee from the position of a protectorate to that of a dictatorship.

The fact that the petition presented by Student Council relative to the college calendar was rejected is of no particular consequence. The implied inference that it was not even considered worthy of discussion is the thing that hurts.

INATTENTION

The statement was made recently by a college professor before one of his classes that curiosity is a sign of mental alertness. A remark of this nature opens up the way for considerable comment on the attitude taken by the majority of students in this institution with respect to class room work.

It is an accepted fact that where the best results are to be obtained in curriculum endeavor, the student must do his share. The instructor cannot force a subject down the throat of anyone who lacks interest in the course. On the other hand, it becomes a pleasure for a professor to teach when he knows that his efforts are well received.

It is a common thing to see several men sleeping in a lecture class, to see others reading books or newspapers or talking to their neighbors. It is certain that the instructor notes this lack of attention and his reaction is soon apparent in the manner of his lecture, for it is next to impossible for any man, no matter how capable, to make his course readily understood where such conditions prevail. Many courses become burdensome for this very reason. Inattention on the part of a few individuals thus indirectly affects everyone in the class.

Attention is defined as close mental application—just the opposite of inattention. It is something to be cultivated and may not come easy to those not used to exercising their mental faculties, but with a little patience the habit will grow and it is surprising how much real enjoyment may be gained in the process. The student soon takes pride in his accomplishment and, without knowing it, he has a new attitude toward his work in general.

Little need be said about the relative merits of lectures and discussion groups, although there is much that could be said on both. The fact remains that in order to get even a fair knowledge of any subject a proportionate amount of time must be spent in earnest study. Inattention defeats its own end, for this very condition makes it harder to eventually master the subject. Where a class is mentally alert, there is an entirely different atmosphere present than in the case where a class is mentally sluggish. Instead of feeling that teaching is distasteful and that it is merely something to occupy an hour's time, the instructor is interested even more than the students. As a result, instead of being burdensome, the hour will pass more quickly and with much more profit to all concerned.

LAFAYETTE STUDENTS TO VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF UNUSUAL HONOR SYSTEM

Honor in examinations without "system" is the basis of a plan presented to the students of Lafayette College recently by Dr. John Crawford, librarian and professor of classics, through The Lafayette Weekly.

"The honor system, requires a vote of the undergraduate body to get it started," declares Dr. Crawford. "The honor system once started, must be administered by an organization, such as a student council, trained to deal with cases of delinquency. The honor system requires pledge of some sort from the individual, part of which I think he is likely to balk at, especially the part which makes him, as he thinks, something between a box and a rat, and a stool pigeon."

Under Dr. Crawford's plan students would voluntarily wear an honor button, the button to be in the shape of a button with the words "Pe Squis" on it. The wearing of the button on an examination would indicate that the student was willing to be on his honor. He would be free to wear it to one examination and not wear it to another.

In time this sentiment of fairness would be built up so that instructors would feel it unnecessary to watch examinations. Men who did not play fair would not be subject to any discipline through exposure by classmates, but probably would lose the respect of their classmates. The whole plan is built up on the establishment of a tradition of honor, through voluntary cooperation of students and faculty.

Thoughts of Others

THE GREEK TALKS TURKEY
(The Daily Texan)

"Besides," he continued, "you pledge a man to use his father's tax money on a good car then show your consideration by subjecting him to a stupid poll-tax, using his car as a tax, and converting him into a combination chauffeur, valet, and after-dinner clown."

"Listen, you screw-eyed, long-haired Bolshevik," barked in the fraternal way impatiently, "I'll admit that some of the houses are occasionally—no, not to our humors—but they never lose sight of their ideals. They may breed snobs, and they may make drunkards of a few obstinate, light-minded fools, but there's also many a stuck-up posey made democratic, and many a booze-bubler turned into an athlete, in given a diverging interest in something else worth while."

"I'm not a fan in every outfit always run rampant on these beaches, the rink and the air, individuals are not only just as good as other men on the campus; they're often a lot better. Think of what they mean to Wisconsin. When visitors come from high school, or anywhere, who enter into them—even to sleeping on the floor—so that they'll go away thinking the U. S. is a half-way decent place? Try and get a morning-house crowd to give up their beds."

"Who are first in any drive, whether it be to send the band to Chicago, feed the babies in Germany, or erect a new building? Who keeps talking Wisconsin when they leave the school, and tries to induce the right kind of lead to come here?"

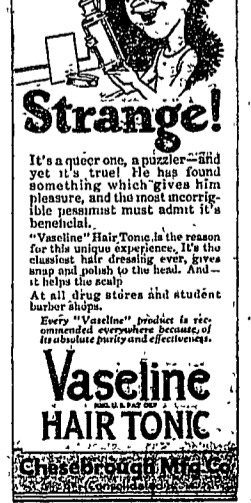
"Who are fighting all the time not only to maintain the outward show, but to keep the very heart, the great hidden soul of the University alive and active—it's the fraternal men every time, and you know it."

Nothing more was said on the subject that evening.

DR. METZGAR SPEAKS TO MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AT HARRISBURG

Doctor Franz Metzgar has returned from Harrisburg where he recently addressed the Men's Bible Class of the Camp Curtis Methodist Episcopal Church, taking for his subject: "The Value of Man."

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D. S. KIMBALL TO GIVE ENGINEERING LECTURE

Dean Dexter S. Kimball, past president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and present head of the School of Engineering at Cornell University, will give the engineering lecture this afternoon in Old Chapel at four-thirty o'clock. Besides being a thoughtful and entertaining speaker, Dean Kimball has written numerous articles on Industrial Engineering subjects and is a co-author of Kimball and Burt's "Machine Design," the book in use by the mechanical and industrial engineers at Penn State.

His subject for this afternoon is "The Content of 'Liberal Education'" and he, the talk, Dean Kimball indicates the broader view which engineering schools are taking in the matter of education. The speaker has often expressed a desire to visit Penn State and although he has spoken to Nittany students in near-by towns, he has never actually visited the college before this time.

E. N. SULLIVAN SPEAKS AT ALUMNI CLUB MEETINGS

D. N. Sullivan, the Penn State Alumni Secretary, left town this week to speak at the annual banquet and election of officers of the Penn State Alumni Association of various cities. Tonight Mr. Sullivan talks to the Pittsburgh Association. On March eleventh he will speak to the Chicago City Club, Detroit, Cleveland, Erie, and Scranton are other cities which he expects to visit on this trip.

DEMOCRATIC STUDENTS FORM CLUB AT HARRISBURG UNIVERSITY

Harrisburg recently witnessed the inauguration of a Democratic Club in its student body. The Club has not yet formed a definite platform, but is attempting to organize a standard by urgent invitations to its members to express their opinions.

It is hoped that by this method a position can be obtained which will be truly representative of Harrisburg Democratic thought. One object of the club will be to secure prominent men of the national Democratic party to speak at the University.

PRETTIEST GIRL TO BE CHOSEN BY MEN OF TEXAS UNIVERSITY

Cretus identifies at the University of Texas will soon be picked. At an early date each campus, dorm, and large boarding house will select their five most beautiful girls and the entire number about seventy-five will be judged by a committee of three men from the thirty, which are considered the prettiest. The final selection of one will be made by some authority on beauty.

DEAN HOLBROOK ATTENDS ENGINEERS' CONFERENCE

Dean E. A. Holbrook of the School of Mines is in Pittsburgh attending an international conference of British and American Engineers, held by the United States Bureau of Mines for the purpose of outlining a future research and investigatory program in which the United States Bureau of Mines and the British Government Department of Mines may cooperate. Dean Holbrook will address the conference on the subject "The Personal Element in Mine Safety."

COWS OF DAIRY HERD MAKE BUTTER RECORD

The Penn State dairy herd contains three cows each of which has produced as much butter in the last week as the average cow in the state produces in seven weeks.

The average cow in Pennsylvania produces three pounds of butter a week. These three to a average about twenty-one pounds each during the past week.

HARRISBURG DUBLICATI'S RIVER CONDITIONS FOR ROWING CREW

Under the direction of Professor Warren of M. I. T. the rowing and firstling of a 50-horse-power dynamometer with two large propellers to stir up the water has made it possible to create in the Harrisburg river water conditions almost identical with those of the river.

Perfect conditions are also used to obtain these conditions and with the aid of a series of mirrors along the walls of the pool the observer is readily able to detect their faults.

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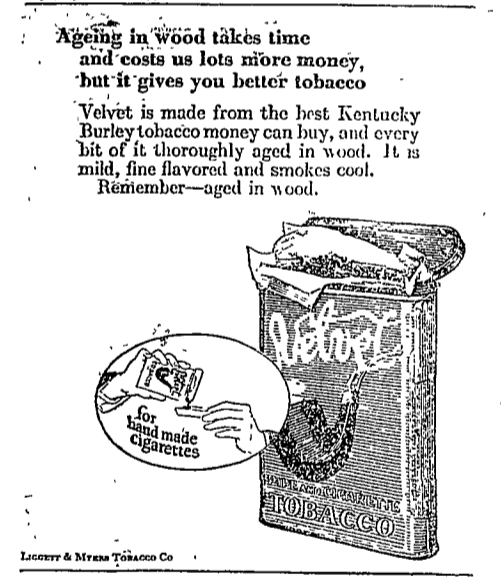
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TEXAS UNIVERSITY TO BUILD TENNIS COURT OF CONCRETE

The University of Texas is to be provided with a concrete tennis court. The court will be ready for use the latter part of March of this year. It will serve to do away with the frequent cancellation of matches on account of wet courts and will be a great aid to the longhorn team in its practicing for tournaments.

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