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A TEST OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT!

The College Senate, meeting last night in its March session, deferred action on the motion of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare to abolish June house-party. By heeding the petition to suspend radical action, the college authorities have taken a course that is full of promise to the fraternities in their efforts to retain June house-party.

The whole problem of reform has been delegated to the fraternity men by the Senate's action. If they can improve fraternity social functions, the cause of student government will be strengthened and it will become a vital cog in the college administration. Here, indeed, is a test of its value and efficiency! Should the fraternity men fail, however, then the Senate can well take recourse to drastic restrictions and regulations.

Student leaders have already evolved a feasible plan to bring about reform. A "Code of Principles" and a committee to enforce them! This is the solution to the problem as outlined at the combined meeting of the members of the Inter-fraternity and Intra-mural Councils on Tuesday night.

The proposed line of action appears to be an entirely logical one. As drawn up by a student committee, the "Code of Principles" will be free from regulations and restrictions that would only be evaded and instead, will seek to express ideals after which every fraternity man can well pattern his conduct at social functions.

As for the enforcement of these principles, that matter will be in the hands of a committee composed of fraternity men and several members of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare. With some such threat as the taking away of social functions, it is likely that this committee will be able to whip into line those few fraternities that have been persistently violating the college regulations.

And there is real need for such a committee. Fraternity men foster a sentiment that prevents them from reporting the shortcomings of their neighbors. As a result it sometimes happens that these individuals can violate the principles of decent conduct at social functions of their own house, in comparative immunity from fine or punishment. The proposed committee with its executive powers should do much to correct this defect.

Nor need the work of this enforcement body be limited to the betterment of social activities, for an improvement in scholarship is needed among fraternity men. It is in the fostering of a more favorable sentiment toward study, the improvement of the present inefficient system of obtaining grades and in the adoption of uniform study hours that the committee can accomplish much in this phase of fraternity reform.

To the committee working upon the solution of the problem, it is suggested that definite action be taken at once. Student leaders appear to lean toward a policy of careful consideration and prolonged discussion before action is taken. Hasty decisions are of little value, but delay may be fatal. Student sentiment will never be more favorable to the proposed "Code of Principles" than it is now, and for that reason the student committees should present their proposals to the fraternity men while interest is so keenly aroused.

It is clear that the College Senate has given the fraternities an opportunity to furnish proof of an honest attempt to clean house. Student leaders will shortly provide the machinery for this reform. In the final analysis, therefore, it is the rank and file of fraternity men who must put this machinery into motion. Upon them has fallen the burden of reform!

TRY IT ONCE

"I'll try anything once" is an expression that has often been uttered, no doubt, by every man on the campus. It showed that he was willing, for the experience or benefit to be gained therefrom, to part from his routine and investigate the uncertainties of some venture with which he was not familiar. Here is a challenge to Penn State students to "try something" once, something which it is safe to assume that ninety-five per cent of the undergraduates have never tried.

Tonight a Penn State debating team appears for the last time this season on the home floor. An appeal is made to the student body to turn out to this event and fill the Auditorium for the last debate at least. As to the real value of the forensic contests, no arguments should need to be advanced to a college student. But, nevertheless, the attendance at the intercollegiate debates in the Auditorium has been bordering upon a negative quantity.

Oratory and debating, it would seem, have passed their golden age, but if this is so it is to be lamented. In the past decades the ability to speak effectively and convincingly was one of the most valuable possessions a man could have. Debating is not naturally popular in this day and age nor is any attempt made to render it so. Today, the temperament of students does not permit them to appreciate this art. But a college student should be broadminded enough and receptive to new knowledge in a sufficient degree to attend one intercollegiate debate at least during his college days.

True, the undergraduates have given their financial support in the interests of debating; but their moral support is needed as well. It is hard for any man to talk to an empty Auditorium. And it must not be forgotten that the Nittany debaters have carried the name of Penn State to many institutions with which athletic relations have never been established.

Try it once.

Thoughts of Others

PLAYING COLLEGE

(N. Y. T. Daily News)
In every bustling college community there is always a group which indulges in the all-absorbing pastime of playing college. Naturally enough, New York University is no exception to this general rule. We also boast, in addition, of such a collection of "bit-thinkers."

The type is easily discernible. One cannot fail to notice the English mode of dress, the indecipherable shuffle and the jaw-dropping pipe of this type of collegian. It seems that his main object in life is to see that his hat is placed on his head at the psychobogical, a little aside and that his nine-inch trousers are draped about his shoes in the correct manner.

He is the chap commonly known in best college circles as the "lounge lizard" and "top-bound." His evenings are spent in "crashing" dances and parties. He is spending his valuable college years in loafing to be what the Langbein would term a "round-off."

Probably this lad would spend his evenings in pouring over his textbook instead of faithfully studying his copy of *Unity Path*, he would not be "bustling" out of college as frequently as he does.

Letter Box

The Penn State Collegian
Dear Sir:

A revival of interest in the Penn State Club was evidenced at a meeting held last Monday evening. The excellent address by Dr. Metzger was to the point, and worth much more than the time required to hear it. It is regretted that the turnout of non-fraternity men represented but a small fraction of the students which the committee was designed to include. Probably the following discussion, though it does not wholly present the points brought out so well by the Chairman, may reach some of those who should have attended. In presenting these ideas and observations, the writer is not personally concerned as to whether the student body associates or rejects them, but it is hoped that they may evoke enough discussion and reflection to bring to the fore solutions of some of the student body's problems, to back the "executors" in their role and to help, and to improve the Penn State spirit.

It is universally held that one of the vital essentials of a genuine college spirit is unity. It is not enough that all students have an undivided respect for a decision and loyalty to their school. It is also necessary that the students' sentiment be undivided among themselves, if real unity on the campus be forthcoming from it. The fraternal and prejudices between non-fraternity men and their organized brethren seems to be one of the stumbling-blocks to cooperation in matters affecting both. Herein may be the cause of the deplorable decline on the campus of a more friendly attitude and democracy. This is a great weakness in any college's spirit. Each party is to blame in different ways.

The unity of the majority of students toward the aims of the Penn State Club is one of the causes which perpetuate feeling against the organized students. Is not the non-fraternity man alone responsible for this? If he is to make such the privilege of a social function, he should, how can they be obtained unless he supports the organization whose purpose it is to supply them for the use of him and his friends? The writer was not at Penn State when the activities of the Penn State Club was inaugurated, but he understands that it had failed to fulfill its mission on the campus until the lapse of student interest in it caused its decline. What can justify the existence of a feeling against those who do possess social facilities, due to their organized efforts, when the means are within reach for securing similar benefits? All that is needed is some support for the agency which can supply them.

On the other hand what excuse does anyone have for an antipathy toward a man because he does not belong to some organized group? To forget that there are all sorts and degrees of men, from the best on down, within and without groups, would seem to indicate a superficial knowledge of human nature and a lack of breadth of mind. This attitude on the part of a few men keeps alive a resentment toward the fraternal groups which are so represented.

If the student body, through the student government, wishes to establish an honor system that will work, it will have to develop a group responsibility. Fraternity and non-fraternity men must be united on this ideal if it never will be put across. Here is where no division between student spirit, no attitude of distinction.

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A. H.	25	14	15			
Bot.	1	1				
Ch. Ag.	10	12	13			
D. H.	27	33	36			
For.	5	8	10	13		
Hort.	25	22	16			
L. Arch.	6	1	10	9		
P. H.	4	4				
Agric.				104		
First Year					43	
Second Year					41	
Total	110	103	127	126	84	550
School of Education						
Ag. Ed.	18	19	14	15		
Home Econ.	11	18	14	15		
Teach. Train.	33	43	37	52		
V. H. E.	14	16	23	23		
Total	76	96	88	105		365
School of Engineering						
A. Eng.	10	6	20	24		
Arch.		7	8	7		
C. E.	24	35	57	73		
Ech. E.	9	8	13	16		
E. E.	69	73	90	116		
I. E.	25	24	38	50		
I. E. (Lum Opt.)	3	12	8	1		
M. E.	33	46	52	71		
Mlg.	1	1		3		
R. M. E.	2	3	5	5		
S. E.	3	2	1			
Total	179	217	292	366		1054
School of Liberal Arts						
Arts. & Letters	44	50	39	62		
C. & F.	65	88	118	83		
Pre-Legal		12	37	31		
Total	109	150	194	176		629
School of Mines						
Cer.				3		
Met.	15	10	13	12		
Mining	10	21	27	37		
Mng. Geol.	5	3	5	5		
Total	30	34	45	57		166
School of Natural Science						
Chem.	7	15	6	33		
Ind. Chem.	18	10	23			
N. S.	4	6	3	3		
Phys.	2	2	1	1		
Pre-Medical	8	17	36	52		
Total	39	56	69	89		253
GRAND TOTAL	543	650	815	919	84	3017

Note: This report does not include special students.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT ABANDONS SPRING CAMP

The seniors in the Forestry Department who recently completed the course in farm forestry will not receive their final training in spring camps this year. The custom in the past had been that each graduate in forestry should receive a two months' final preparation in a spring camp, conducted by the College. The lack of instructors and the small number of forestry graduates has made the plan impossible this year. The majority of the graduates have already left Penn State to complete the required training in other branches of forestry service.

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Late showers were abused from their slumbers by the sounds of the firemen about ten o'clock last Sunday morning. Arriving on the scene of the fire, it was found that Dean Warnock's residence had been slightly ignited by a few sparks, but the Penn State firemen soon extinguished the blaze.

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SUMMER TERM TO HAVE WEEKLY LECTURE COURSE

Dean Chambers has arranged a series of Tuesday night lectures to be given during the 1924 summer school session to all classes of Vocational Home Economics and Agriculture students. Some of the speakers have been secured and among them are the following:

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB TO FORM BASEBALL TEAM

The work of organizing the baseball team of the Country Life Club was placed in the hands of W. S. Leffler at a meeting of the club last week. Members of the organization, composed of students enrolled in the course of Agricultural Education, heard an interesting talk by Dr. C. E. Myers on the work of the Industrial League County Life Club of America, with which the local society is affiliated. Following the address by Dr. Myers, the seniors of the club read reports on their four weeks of practice teaching which they completed on March 10th.

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