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DOES HONOR COUNT?

Some years ago at Penn State there existed an Honor System which entailed a general and thorough observance of moral conduct both in the classroom and upon the campus. But that has passed away and today we find ourselves back into a state of deprecation which is ultimately worse in all its aspects than ever was conceived while the old system was in vogue. That there is no honor among thieves is an expression which probably has for its foundation but scant authority or little truthfulness. Let it suffice that the college man and woman is not to be placed in this category and, therefore, there must be honor existent among them. Surely there is contained in every man a desire to win fairly and well in a contest calling for supremacy in active endeavor, whether it be physical or mental in its nature.

The sad truth of the whole matter is that the easier way lies in the forbidden and tends toward the path of least resistance. It has been shown in the college classroom and it is preponderantly evident in the outside political world. Never before have the newspapers been so active to take up a campaign against dishonesty and disloyalty to the rights of others; never before has the war against illegal appropriation of finances and betrayal of trusts been so vigorously pursued by the American people than it has during the past six months.

When men of national repute are willing to sacrifice their positions and their bonds of fraternal friendship among men to divulge and stamp out that which is wrong and corrupt within the business affairs of a nation, there must be an overwhelming abundance of good to be derived from seeking that which is essential and most desired in citizenship—honesty.

There are ever a few individuals to whom the importance of fair play and equal rights, built upon a system of honor, makes a stronger appeal than it does to the mass; and it is a welcome sign, for it shows that the good eventually surmounts the evil however strong the latter may be. At Penn State there has been brought to light a goodly number of such men and women, who, believing that honor is still a desirable quality to be looked for in man, have taken it upon themselves to again revive the long dormant issue of loyalty to one's self for that is essentially what honor means, loyalty to one's self.

There has been no mention made of an attempt to resurrect the Honor System as it once was, there has been no propaganda directed toward the establishment of an Honor Code. What is wanted and, it is believed, desired by most students, is a general understanding of what constitutes a plane of equality and justice for each individual. A simple and straightforward conduction of "classroom ethics" is entailed in the pledge which has been put forth by those who have a desire at heart to see Penn State students facing each other on a sound, moral and unquestionable basis.

It is a good cause and the instigators of it should not be allowed to die as martyrs of an attempted revival of one of the best traditions a college can possess. The pledge merits support.

THE OLYMPICS

Perhaps one of the most discussed topics current in the college man's daily conversation of today is the coming Olympics at Paris. With the voluminous amounts of literature that are being sent out by the parties who are interested in promulgating the affair, either from a mercenary or educational standpoint, there appears to be a dearth of attention paid to the problem of accommodating college students while in Europe.

Steamship lines and educational bureaus vie with each other for honors in the field of college patronage, for it is from this source that much support is to come. It will be fortunate indeed for the American colleges if there can be represented some eight thousand American students in Europe this summer. Much educational progress can be made and many a different and far-reaching idea will be gathered if the student merely keeps his eyes and ears open and observes the conduct of the new types with whom he comes in contact. The advantages offered those who are fortunate enough to go abroad are many; the disadvantages few. It is to be hoped that the men who will be abroad this summer will endorse and maintain the agreeable sense of international friendship that has existed among college men in the past. To them will be entrusted the honor of representing the American type of college man to foreign scholars; they will have in their keeping the American ideals, and it will be well that they deport themselves with clarity and honor to the credit of the greatest of American institutions, the college.

But in all this excitement of preparation, the attention of the prospective voyager is called to the importance of making some prearrangement for accommodations after he has reached his European destination. In this connection the Institute of International Education has the following comment and advice to offer the college man or woman who is contemplating a trip abroad this summer: "Student third-class, properly organized and directed, ought to be an immense advantage to the traveling college public, but, springing up as it has done, with an unprepared-for, over-night growth, it might have serious consequences. The steamship companies will, no doubt, keep their agreement as to the good accommodations for student third-class." But it is not their function to see that such large groups of students are provided with accommodations after their arrival on the other side.

It is feared that if eight thousand students are landed in Europe without pre-arrangement under the conditions of over-crowded hotels, a situation might result that might have unhappy consequences especially for women students. And if their visits were not properly planned, they might return less interested in international good-will than before their departure. It is for this reason that no little attention to this phase of the trip ought to be carefully considered before the college man or woman sets foot on foreign soil.

DOCTOR ANDERSON TALKS TO PREMEDICAL STUDENTS

Dr. A. K. Anderson of the Agricultural Chemistry Department was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Pre-medical Society held Tuesday evening at McAllister Hall. Dr. Anderson's subject was "The Relation of Chemistry to Modern Medicine." In his talk he emphasized the need of cooperation among scientists in order to advance modern chemistry and medicine.

After Dr. Anderson's talk an election of officers took place and the following were elected: J. J. Kappas '25 president, A. M. Davis '25 vice-president, J. H. Jacobs '27 secretary, and E. J. Couch '27 treasurer.

DELTA SIGMA RHO GIVES BANQUET FOR DEBATERS

Debating Squads Are Guests of Local Chapter of National Forensic Fraternity

Following one of the most successful debating seasons at Penn State, Delta Sigma Rho national forensic fraternity, tendered a banquet to members of the squads and freshmen debating squads on Wednesday night. This event which promises to become an annual affair for Penn State debaters, was inaugurated with the purpose of better acquainting the members of the squads with the ideals and aims of Delta Sigma Rho and to aid in keeping alive the growing interest in debating.

Several members of the faculty were present and spoke concerning the benefits to be derived from the forensic art directly and indirectly.

Dr. D. A. Anderson of the School of Education in speaking to the twenty men present referred to debating as a university activity which brings out the best qualities in a man intellectually. Because of the training in exactness which work in debates requires, Dr. Anderson suggested that debating might become a prerequisite to teaching. A successful person besides having something to say must know how to say it. A good debater, the speaker further pointed out is also a good thinker. It trains in the organization of ones thoughts, and the ability to bring them to a point. In closing Dr. Anderson urged the men to realize that debating is an extra-curricular activity second to none.

Pointing out some of the differences between debating at Penn State in the past and at present, Professor J. E. McCord, who was a debater for the Blue and White eleven years ago, was able to cite instances where the training in debating was an aid in putting propositions across in work after graduation.

A member of the squads debating team for two years, Dr. Harry D. Spoke of the purposes of Delta Sigma Rho in bringing debating back to a major position among activities and also a recognition for ability in public speaking.

Others present who spoke on the work of the forensic representatives, the benefits derived and the work of Delta Sigma Rho included C. O. Riddiough, of the English Department, who is coach of the freshman squad, C. H. Palmer '27 of the freshman squad, L. K. Munnir '25, W. P. Gifford '27 and Professor T. J. Gates who has coached the various teams for four years.

SENIOR AND FRESHMAN GIRLS HOLD DANCES OVER WEEK-END

Two girls' dances are scheduled for this week-end. Tonight the senior girls will hold the first class dance of their college career in Women's Building. The freshmen girls will have a tea dance on Saturday afternoon, also in Women's Building. The orchestra for the senior dance is "The Nittany Song," while the "Penn State Collegian" will furnish the music Saturday afternoon.

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Superintendent of Grounds Comments Upon New Campus Traffic Regulations

The following comments on the automobile traffic on the campus have been furnished the COLLEGIAN by Dr. I. Wehber, Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings. A great many questions have been asked concerning the regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees regarding automobile traffic on the campus. To make these regulations as clear as possible the following comments are made.

The traffic regulations established by the Board of Trustees and some information regarding these regulations have been printed and distributed. Copies of these regulations may be had upon application at the office of Grounds and Buildings, Room 219 Main Building. No unreasonable request for regulation is intended, but cars used on the campus must be parked in the places designated for that purpose in pieces designated by special permits issued by the Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings.

One regulation which may need a little additional explanation regards the use of cars on the campus by students. This regulation says that students may not operate cars except by permit of the Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings. This regulation was adopted prior to the faculty regulation regarding the possession of cars by students while resident in State College. It simply means that students, whether permitted to keep cars while resident in the college or not, may not use these cars upon the campus in going to and from classes. It does not mean that a student who has parents or friends visiting him may not show them about the campus in an automobile, but when so doing if a car is parked, it must be parked in a designated place.

Cars of visiting fraternities located on the campus may be parked on the private driveways within the fraternity grounds.

Special permits will be granted certain college employees resident on the campus for parking their cars in designated spots other than the general parking places, upon application to the Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings.

Parking of cars on special occasions such as football or baseball games and for entertainments at the Auditorium or Almox will be properly cared for.

"PREXY" THOMAS SPEAKS AT FRESHMAN MEETING

Urges the Abolishment of Class Politics—Commends Spirit Shown by Yearlings

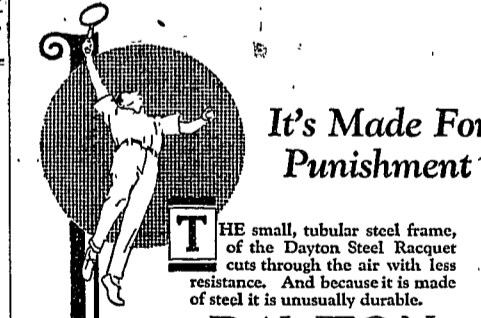
"Prexy" Thomas, appearing before a freshman class meeting for the first time this year, gave a short talk Tuesday night that struck a new note of encouragement in the new men, to wit: on ideals for a better Penn State. Dr. Thomas commended the class of '24 on having passed the freshman year so successfully and spoke with favor on the spirit that exists.

In speaking of class elections, Dr. Thomas sent out an appeal for clean politics. He pointed out the evils of corrupted politics and urged that the selection of men be done carefully in order that the class positions be filled by capable officers. In addition "Prexy" discussed with favor the existing customs of Penn State but urged that the superfluous abuses be abolished. He asked the freshmen not to forget the new ideals set this year especially since the present yearlings will be the "ruling class" next year.



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After again commending the class for holding so well together the statistics showing that Penn State enrolled this year, nine hundred seventy-three, more than the first semester enrollment, a record that is commendable.

Dr. Thomas spoke further on the work the college is accomplishing with the money that it has for use. Although little building is being done, the college is making much progress in raising its educational standing. However, Dr. Thomas expressed the hope that in the near future Penn State will be able to erect some necessary buildings so that by the time the class of '27 is ready to graduate Penn State will be a different institution than it is now.

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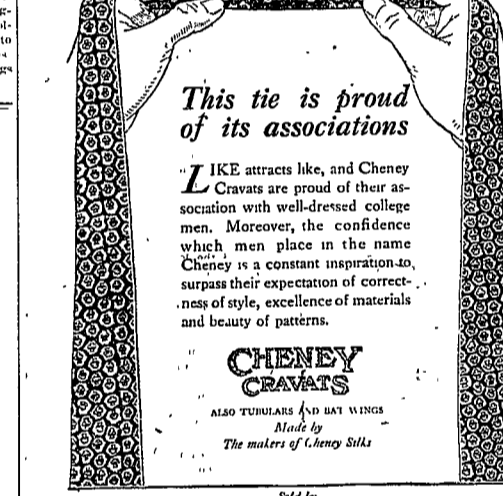
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