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A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP?

Considerable unfavorable comment has been gossiped about the Penn State campus regarding the election of the men from the respective classes to Student Council, and much of it has been substantiated by fact. There is sufficient reason to support the claim of many that the elections were not truly representative of the schools as a whole.

The Junior Class of today is the Senior Class of tomorrow, it is the natural leader for the year to come and to it the other classes look for guidance and advice. It sets the pace, or at least it should and checks the too-rapid advancement along any one undesirable line.

It is inevitable that fault will be found with the work of Student Council next year. The kickers will be those who did not have a vote at the elections; they are the ones who will be dissatisfied with the work of the group.

AN UNSIGHTLY APPEARANCE

To have at Penn State a campus beautiful has always been one of the desires of the undergraduates and the College Administration. It was partly with this desire in mind that the Administration curtailed the use of student cars and put into effect the new traffic regulations.

Large posts have been set up in the center of the driveways to which are connected huge chains that stretch across the thoroughfares in an effective but crude and mocking manner. They do anything but lend an invitation to visitors who may wish to view the campus.

What would be better and more ornamental at the Allen Street entrance at least, would be a large pair of artistically-wrought iron gates which would tower to a height even with the stone pillars.

Letter Box

New York City, May 23, 1924
Editor, the Collegian.

Dear Sir: It is not often that one gets a particularly big thrill here in New York, even if it is the Metropolis of the world, but I certainly had one last night after having read in the paper that Wainwright Pennsylvanians were playing at one of the big Broadway movie houses.

For their introductory number, the stage was dark and through a chignon curtain flared the voices in that good old time "Sleep." It sounded all the world just like a Penn State serenade. I thought that was the nearest to recommending me of school.

Needless to say this made a terrible hit with the audience, and were encouraged and encouraged. THEN, as a final number, they hit the opening chords of "Victory." The people around me must have thought I was crazy and for a moment or two I guess I was. They sang it through before they played it and believe me if you want the thrill of a lifetime, wait until you have been away from Penn State for a while, and then in a strange place among strangers, hear someone play good old "Victory." Their voices were very clear and when they came to "Into the Game, for Penn State's Fame," the audience cheered! I learned afterwards from Fred Wainwright that it was Pennsylvania night and they had run "Victory" in it an extra.

They are being held over here for another week they have made such an impression with their music but this is not a letter to advertise Wainwright's orchestra but just a note to tell you folks back "home" that Penn State's good old "Victory" was being hummed by half the crowd as it left the theatre, and I guess not many colleges can boast of that honor.

"BILLY" HILL '23

Extensive Town Improvement Campaign Launched By State College Councilmen

As a part of an extensive improvement program, the Borough of State College launched, with the beginning of construction on Allen Street, a summer campaign which will cost something over eighty thousand dollars. "It is our purpose," said H. A. Leitzell, president of the Town Council in a recent interview, "to make State College a town which will be a credit to the College, instead of an undesirable adjunct, as it was a number of years ago. Great improvements have been brought about and it is the hope of the Council that within a few years State College will have as high a standing among the towns of the county as Penn State has among the colleges."

The program of construction for this summer is largely centered about the improvement of Allen Street. Reimbursement of the old water and sewer lines under the street has already been practically completed in preparation for the actual street construction, although the work has been greatly hampered by rains. The specifications call for a concrete surface extending to the borough line, with a grade at no point exceeding eight per cent. In order to decrease the slope, the roadway will be lowered over four feet at the corner of Allen and Beaver. It is planned to install ornamental lights along Allen and College Avenues in the central part of the town.

The improvement of Allen Street, however, is only the first step toward the goal which the Council has set. For several years the taxpayers of the town have spent an average of one hundred thousand dollars on permanent improvements, a large part of it going in the past for the installation of a sanitary sewage system. With this project practically completed, at a total cost of well over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the borough leaders contemplate the construction of a concrete boulevard, extending out Atherton to Fairmount down Fairmount to High, and down High to College Avenue, linking each part of town intermediate streets are to be curbed and asphalted.

Another intended highway improvement is the extension of Allen Street, over a route recently laid out, into a direct, concrete road to Bealburg, a cost between one hundred and fifty to two hundred thousand dollars, to be paid for largely through state aid. On account of the unsettled financial condition at Harrisburg, a date has not been set for actual construction. That College Heights would soon have a mile of paved streets, however, was definitely decided recently at a meeting of the residents of that district, who voted almost unanimously for an assessment to cover the expense. More immediate additions to the assessable value of State College will be effected by the building of the new federal post office, a large moving picture theatre beside the Nittany Printing Building, both of which have been begun and the Reformed Church, to cost approximately one hundred thousand dollars, ground for which will be broken shortly opposite the new post office. The post office building itself, to be a one-story, brick

FRESHMAN "Y" CABINET WILL ELECT OFFICERS

Meeting Is Scheduled for "Y" Hut at Eight-thirty—Nominations Announced

The 1927 Christian Association will close the year with a meeting Tuesday, May twenty-seventh at the "Y" Hut at eight-thirty o'clock to elect officers for next year's cabinet.

During the past year the cabinet has been active in many ways holding a weekly devotional service and social for the benefit of the freshmen, obtaining for speakers such men as Dr. Metzger, Dean R. L. Witts, N. H. H. Martin, "Blondy" Romig, and other prominent men. Leaders in the "Y" believe that the social program came through with a surprising success, conducting all the handiwork under which they are working.

The Penn State "Y" is the first one to adopt four class cabinets, which will be responsible for general organization, and it is composed of men from all the classes. The president, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer will be elected and the other officers will be appointed by the president. The nominees will take care of the registration and organization of the incoming class and to them is left almost complete charge of the evening reception next fall. Through the second year when the girls expect to create a greater spirit of unity especially between the lower classes. The juniors will conduct the "Y" hikes and all college students but the work for a senior group has not as yet been decided. The general cabinet will have charge of the Sunday schools, extension work and the broader activities of the Y. M. C. A.

The present freshmen cabinet is now considering plans for putting across their part of the work. Nominations

for next year's officers of the 1927 cabinet are: president, R. Dunder, C. Fisher, D. Handlin, vice-president, G. Bruchspies, S. I. Teedon, R. Pomeroy, second vice-president, T. Buchanan, A. Wentzell, E. Die, secretary, W. Large, G. M. Strunk, D. Schimkiv, treasurer, D. Foster, O. A. Dungees, D. H. Baschore

The Daffin Theatre Co. Photographs of Quality. Today—One of the Greatest Casts Assembled in "The Great White Way" Sportlets and News Weekly. Wednesday—Tom Mix in "The Trouble Shooter" Mack Sennett Comedies "Track Outfit". Thursday & Friday—Bert Lyell and Claire Windsor in "A Son of the Sultan" Television Girl Series "King Lear". Saturday—Marge Bellamy in "The White Sh" News Weekly. Nittany—Friday & Saturday—Clair Windsor and Edmund Lowe in "Hello, The Beautiful Clank Model" Clyde Cooke Comedies. Coming June 2 & 3—John Barrymore in "Beau Brummel". Patronize our advertisements.

Thoughts of Others

GATHERING UP THE ENDS

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But to those leaving the campus, time temporarily or for good, it is a time of thinking on times past regretfully before looking forward to other things.

Most of us, if we could would change some part of the past year. Most of us have something to be glad for having done, and something to regret. And most of us have the attitude that college days should be a golden interlude before really beginning living.

That's one of the mistakes the average undergraduate makes. And the person who has gone through college trying to do something all the time (other than making his stay a four-year play-time is the person who will have least regret afterwards.

Not that the people, least of all undergraduates, should take themselves seriously. Life when taken seriously is not worth living, and a young person who takes it with a mistaken seriousness is the worst of prizes.

This does not by any means advocate a course of intentional devil-may-care actions as in antidote. Those who make college a time of conscientious following of the traditional college pranks are taking their course as seriously as the grind, and both are to be discouraged.

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