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STAMP IT OUT

Good cause is given the Penn State student to become at once alarmed and chagrined with the recent discovery that petty thievery is being carried on about the campus. The facts laid bare by men holding responsible and influential positions on the faculty would indicate that some drastic measures be taken to apprehend the guilty parties.

Seemingly it is the growth of the College, far over-stepping its ability to properly accommodate the ever-increasing number of students, that has been responsible for a breach of ethics which bids fair to label Penn State a "house for thieves."

There in a few words is contained a condition which has again outcropped on the Penn State campus, a condition that has long been fought by the undergraduates. Some men still persist in plying upon the property of their fellowmen.

The latest and most deplorable acts of petty thievery on the Nittany campus have occurred in the Armory. With the limited facilities and overcrowded conditions of the locker rooms, the students taking physical education are forced to double-up and often three or four men use the same locker.

It is too bad that some men can resist the temptation to borrow another man's tennis racket, shoes, sweater or clubs without first obtaining the owner's permission. Still more unfortunate is it when the borrower forgets to return the article. Is the forgetting intentional? Some are inclined to believe that it is.

All students taking physical education have been assigned definite lockers. There should be no occasion for a man to use a locker which is not rightfully his. To do so at once places him under suspicion when manimate objects "grow legs over night and walk away."

It is out of the question at this time, however, to provide more spacious quarters, for if the lockers were obtainable there is no place to set them up. These conditions will exist, in all probability, until Penn State has a new gymnasium. But from all appearances such a building will not be erected within the next two years. Are Penn State students to continue to misappropriate their fellowmen's property because such a sad state of affairs exists?

The sum and substance of a recent address at chapel brought out the fact that men come to college to first build character and secondly to obtain an education. Penn State students can not obtain this fundamental principle of life if they will break or allow to be broken, the Commandment "Thou shalt not steal." Petty thievery is a crime. Stamp it out.

THE COUNCIL ACTIVE

An active student council in an institution that is daily confronted with problems that the undergraduates alone can solve, is a boon to the college or university. Penn State has such a body.

The recent rulings passed by the undergraduate governing body regulating the congested condition of the walks adjacent to the main buildings and the re-establishment of the discarded custom of Clean-up Day are forward steps. The Council is to be commended for its work so far this year. But more remains to be done.

There is one question before Student Council which does not affect the general student body. It is that pertaining to the request made by the Blue Key Society for permission to wear its newly designed hat at all times.

Since the abolishment of Class Hats last year there is a feeling among the honor societies that to wear a society hat is a privilege to be accorded only those men who, by their work, have established themselves in the eyes of the undergraduates.

It will be recollected that the Blue Key Society is practically a new organization and while it has functioned well in the performance of its original purpose, it has not yet attained the place of prominence that have the other societies by virtue of their accomplishments.

It is thought that the Blue Key Society is getting away from its original purpose of organization, which is mainly to entertain college visitors, by requesting a change of its hat design and to be allowed to wear them at all times. To some extent this is true.

Moreover it is admitted that the Blue Key Society is at present an unwieldy body and that in order to function most efficiently its numbers must be reduced. There is also quite a general feeling that similar steps must be taken among the honor societies. Such a change would reduce the number of society hats on the campus and so give added prestige to those who became eligible for membership.

It is considered that such steps would make for better society groups and that more and better work could be accomplished. If the Blue Key Society would take steps to first curtail its membership with the view to obtaining a more unified body, and next determine to adhere to its original purpose, there is no doubt but that its future accomplishments would be sufficient recommendation for granting its request.

At present, however, it is for Student Council to stand firm in its determination to make membership in Penn State societies an honor and not a "chiseler's job."

SOPHOMORE AWARDED TEMPLAR SCHOLARSHIP

Charles H. W. Pullen, a member of the present sophomore class, has been awarded the Knight's Templar scholarship at Penn State amounting to five hundred dollars a year. The winner is a son of a past commander of Chester, Pennsylvania. The award was made through competitive examinations and in recognition of general scholastic ability.

Gridiron Gossip

I'm going South' says out twenty-four members of the Blue and White football squad as they departed for Atlanta yesterday morning.

A tonnage should always be taken seriously. Look what happened in London, Ohio, last summer.

Charles' Light's injured foot is so bad as even, will be back at the full-back position in the Tech clash.

Two colleges, West Virginia and Pickens of State, new stadiums tomorrow. Lafayette faces the Lewisburg collegians while West Virginia enters the Geneva College grid.

Ohio Wesleyan gridlers won their annual game from Ohio Northern last Saturday afternoon by a 2-0 score.

Which lends us to wonder whether or not it was one of those ten-minute stunts.

Uncle Sam's two service teams face crucial tests tomorrow. Navy clashes with Princeton while Knute Rockne leads his Notre Dame eleven against the Collets at West Point.

Trying to pick winners in tomorrow's grid battles is just about as hard as attempting to flame out the winner of the 1912 Worlds series.

Two undefeated teams clash on Franklin Field when Columbia tackles Penn State. Houghton has moulded together a real team at Columbia this year and if Walter Koppich ever gets loose, look out Red and Blue.

Julius Prevest received a bad bump on his head in scrimmage Wednesday night that knocked him dizzy for a while. The big tackle could not see for a few minutes.

Earl hit the practice, held up two fingers and asked Jules how many he was holding up. When the big tackle answered "two" Bezek ordered the scrimmage to go on.

Georgia Tech is quite a distance from home so it appears that the Penn State fifteen's caravan will not get under way until November first.

Harvard and Yale will have to look out for their linebacks tomorrow afternoon. Yale tackles Hartmouth, the team that handed Harvard a severe setback last season, while the Crimson additers tangle with Holy Cross.

Walter Camp thinks that Penn State Army Syracuse and Dartmouth have some scoring machines this year. Maybe so Walter, but we will be able to tell you better after tomorrow.

Now that Jack Dempsey is going to purchase the Salt Lake City his bill club, it remains for some prominent football coach to buy out the franchise of a popular Utah team.

By the way, a special correspondent will cover the Penn State-Georgia Tech game for the COLLEGIAN. Watch for Tuesday's paper.

At a Synagogue grid scout will help the Penn State team in action, he remarked that this place reminded him of a book he had read entitled "The Valley of Gennes."

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Colonel McLaughlin Explains New Methods of Penn State R. O. T. C.

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According to Colonel McLaughlin the number of men taking the advanced course in military training at Penn State should exceed three hundred. At the present time there are approximately seventy enrolled. He made a special plea for additional men pointing out that the course is the only one offered by the College which teaches leadership. There are still a few days in which to enroll.

Training in the use of the infantry rifle, including the service rifle, bayonet, automatic rifle machine gun, the bowler and the one pounder, is among the new studies to be given this year. The students are now under way to give practical experience to students by the handling of these weapons on the new rifle range in the Haysens. To each battalion sections are to be organized for communication, smoke and given instruction in handling with gas and panels, carrying messages and message center duty. Machine gun, mortar and one-pounder companies will be organized according to the Company and will have an opportunity to gain experience with their arms through actual field experience.

In regard to the coveted "D.C." rating Colonel McLaughlin was confident that the students would be able to obtain it. He said that the "D.C." is a safe-guard for the student's military training. "We will be able to give the students a safe-guard for the student's military training. We will be able to give the students a safe-guard for the student's military training."

Colonel McLaughlin in an address to the ROTC members before used the motto of military instruction given by the College. One of these is the motto "Every man put into execution or requiring every student to take training as commanding officer of his own platoon and company. We are not training privates, we are training officers." His explanation "As the value of this instruction in the event of military emergency, the ability to command and direct men is one of the most important abilities a man must have. It is to be secured, not by rote, but by what kind of work he does. The intention of the college is to train an officer, not a private in the field."

PENN STATE STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE TO SHOW AT BEAUX ARTS

The Architecture Department of Penn State was once more honored by the Beaux Arts Institute of New York in having one of its students, G. W. Rustie '25, win the highest honors in a recent competition. The class of 1925 competition was held at the Beaux Arts Institute in New York City. Three other Military students were honored in the contest. D. L. Koppich '25, B. G. Von Soich '25 and R. W. Johnson '25 receiving second mention places.

For the first time the Penn State architectural students will compete in the class 'A' division at the Beaux Arts Society contest, to be held on November eleven at New York City. While the Nittany architects have for some time submitted designs for judgment in class 'B', they never before have entered in the more competitive class 'A' division. The plan which is a Country Club is being prepared by three seniors. The judges are planning a drawing the "All-Base Historic Society Building." In class 'B' which will be submitted for judgment at New York City on December second.

The student receives in instruction sheet which contains the specific instructions from which each individual works out his own solution of the problem. First and second medals and men in it awarded to the winners. This contest will put the Penn State architectural students into competition with architects from colleges all over the country.

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The College Health Service, under the direction of Dr. J. P. Ritenour, began the physical examination of the class of 1925 last week in the Armory.

A new system is being employed this year, and the freshmen are subjected to a very thorough examination. The men are taken alphabetically, and in average of about seventy-five examinations are examined daily. Examinations begin at four-thirty in the afternoon.

Dr. Ritenour's usual staff is being assisted this year by a number of members of the Junior and Senior Classes of the Pre-medical School, each one attending to a particular part of the examination.

During the past semester from January to June, over three thousand examinations were given successfully at the College Infirmary. This year a doctor in two nurses will be on duty continuously to look after the health of the student body.

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