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LOST: THE COMMON TOUCH

No Penn State man, whether student, alumnus, or faculty member, can look upon the present strained relations between the Administration and the student body with any other feeling than that of profound regret. It does not matter which side of the disagreement enlists one's sympathies; the conviction that, with tactful handling, the clash could, and should, have been avoided is inevitable, and the belief that present relations are intolerable is very firm. "Don't be rash—think," is sound advice for both the Administration and for the student body.

No misgivings are entertained regarding the ultimate triumph of calm judgment and good sense, though much of unpleasantness may possibly be experienced before the end of the wrangle is reached. That which concerns most of us at this moment is the discovery of the cause of the present regrettable friction, and the removal of it, as a guaranty for the future. One very important cause is believed to be the present form of government.

In former days, when Penn State was not much smaller than it is now, and used to hold general faculty meetings, they were sometimes unwieldy, often dismal gatherings, but the members who convened were in closer touch with one another and with the undergraduates, and friction between the Administration and the student body was at the minimum.

Now Penn State is governed by a Senate, composed of the deans, heads of departments and a very small minority of members elected by each of the schools. The Senate is a dignified body of men, most of whom are members, by virtue of the offices in which they hold. They are the group of faculty men who are farthest removed from actual and sympathetic contact with the student body. The Senate, as it exists today is a kind of House of Lords, governing without a House of Commons. History is but repeating itself. It should have been sensed at the outset that such a government would grow away from any misunderstanding of the student body, however benevolent the intentions of the House of Lords might be.

The "younger" portion of the faculty is in much closer touch with the students, with their points of view, their aspirations, their problems, and the students, recognizing this sympathetic nearness to themselves, seek the counsel, advice and help of this portion of the faculty.

If any imitation of the British governmental system is to be continued, why not go the whole way and let there be established a House of Commons too? An absentee government never has worked well in the whole history of the world, whether the distance and remoteness were measurable by geographic miles or by degrees of sympathy and esprit.

The Administration needs to find some medium through which a current of sympathetic understanding can constantly flow between the governors and the governed. A more tolerant attitude toward the student self-government organizations, and a more respectful recognition of the value of the "younger" group in the faculty would go a long way toward insuring Penn State against a recurrence of the present hostilities.

JOURNALISM—A MAJOR SUBJECT

Because of the interest that has been shown by students taking courses in journalism, the department of English has enlarged this subject and now offers it as a major course in that department. Previous to this semester two courses were offered in news writing, but the increased enrollment in journalism courses has led the department of English to widen the field and now six courses are enumerated in the catalogue.

The introduction of the additional four courses marks the beginning of a new major field in English at Penn State for it will allow a student to devote his time to extensive study along journalistic lines. For the most part those who are taking these courses at present intend to follow the newspaper game after graduation. But the courses, practical and instructive as they are to those who are taking them with this intention, are so designed and taught as to be valuable to the undergraduate who merely elects them as any other English subjects.

W. F. Gibbens, assistant professor of English and H. G. Baker, an instructor in that department, are in charge of the courses in journalism. Both are men with years of practical newspaper experience behind them and they are well qualified to teach the subject.

Detailed information regarding this field will gladly be given any students who are interested in electing journalism as a major subject upon application at the English office, 308 Main Building.

Letter Box

State College, Pa. January 27, 1925
Editor Penn State COLLEGIAN

The clearing of desks left from the recent fire at Coop Corner and the reputation for its construction in the new future being up a question which may be worth while for both the public and the owners of these sites to consider carefully.

Because the Post Office is on the same side Allen Street is the new business buildings will be one which tends to drive the majority of destination traffic to the east side of Allen street, the question of sidewalk circulation is one of importance and should be solved at this time before the rebuilding on Allen Street is completed.

There is little doubt that the present sidewalk widths are inadequate even if there is a normal proportion of the public is outdoors. Especially is this true on Allen Street between College and Pottsville Avenue. Coop Corner, it is the outstanding point between classes and in the evening. The sidewalk on Allen Street, however, is very inadequate in width. In addition to these conditions the Saturday and holiday shoppers make it all impossible to traverse the sidewalks on Allen Street. This is a serious matter and the sidewalks should be widened to a width which is very adequate in width. In addition to these conditions the Saturday and holiday shoppers make it all impossible to traverse the sidewalks on Allen Street. This is a serious matter and the sidewalks should be widened to a width which is very adequate in width.

Would it not therefore be to the advantage of all concerned to provide an additional sixteen inches or two feet to the width of the sidewalk in front of the new construction? This building line should not extend out further than that of the front wall of Mezzetti's shoe building, and his establishment should extend with the sidewalk to the building on the side.

The benefits to the property owners through the holding of the crowd in the side of the street would more than offset the small space given up. It would help to moderate the growing student body and the increasing number of idlers in the borough.

Even the above improvement will not solve the congestion permanently as Penn State continues to grow. Surely there is no better opportunity than now to remedy present conditions, and to provide for the future.

R. A. P. '25
State College, Pa. January 27, 1925

No Penn State student can be other than interested in the house party problem which now confronts us. President Thomas has asked the student body to support a plan of action which would much improve the growing student body and the increasing number of idlers in the borough.

It is my conviction that the undercurrent of disapproval running through the ranks of the student body must either be quieted or brought openly and plainly to the front so that differences can be adjusted. It seems to me that the only way the differences can be adjusted is by bringing undergraduate disapproval to the front by an initiative from all portions of the student body.

First, I should like to quote with approval the sentiment that "we are a capable leadership of good sober judgment and of honest purpose." My generation that ever lived "we are certainly capable of these things." We have taken about of our capabilities. We have been home too short, honest in discussing the true house party problem.

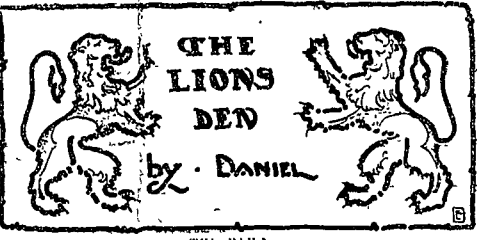
We are very fond of telling our lives that we have always had the best interests of our Alma Mater at heart in doing to solve this pressing question and we think none the less of ourselves to what we suppose is our selfish devotion. Just suppose we stop talking for two minutes and examine our proposed "house party" plan. How would it work? Well, that house party has nothing to do with "the glory of old State." It is a matter of his own pleasure, and when it comes time to his Alma Mater, he is not worried because of the unspoken debt that he owes to his Alma Mater, but because he is going to miss a "good time."

Let us frankly admit then that the best of our disapproval is concerned with this valued pleasure being taken from us. If it is at all worth having, it is worth fighting for in its own name.

As for the present situation we have professed to be filled with Penn State spirit and President Thomas has called on bluff—if it is a bluff. We come very near to admitting it is when we sit upon the job in up and howl, as we have been doing in 1924, and the Senate is calling. If we are really filled with Penn State spirit let us stop our whining, wipe the tears from our eyes, and getting our teeth, try to beat up under the oppression of these in authority. Suppose we try out the program outlined by the College Senate. Most of us are proud of our willingness to try anything once. Why stop at this?

A WOMAN
THE SPIRIT CLUB PLANS TYRONE PERFORMANCE

Preparatory to taking their western trip following the Dutchess recess, the cast of "Wooden Shoes" the 1925 Theatrical comedy will journey to Tyrone.



THE LIONS DEN
by DANIEL

"Mr. Student," said the lion, "you are nothing but a pawn in the king's game. I will have you know. With your head, devonknowledge or play football with your brain. But real government instead is doesn't go."

I will rule you every day, every privilege restrict. I will tell you what you can and can not do. Everything of satisfaction that your fancy may have picked. I'll deny you and I'll show you who is who.

I will make you go to school. I will make you go to church. What you come here because doesn't bother me. You just with your sides to my rule and come down from your high perch. I'm the boss that order all that is to be.

If you show a trifling and a council I permit. But show me once in a while, of course these things. A time of joy in mine. It'll be just one thing you won't get. More than that I will allow you no complaint.

So just as I show you vision and forget you have a soul. You opinion merely for me and I own. I'll excuse you if you fail to me "the simply droll." In the line in I could not bring but a pawn."

Ever-present Sthenim—My I see the criteria? Den Brother—Prison, but he's out to lunch.

"I can't understand what is so wonderful about a total eclipse," says the blind man. Too often a good examination is made in merely to "king" the stable door after the horse has been stolen.

One of the men who have never met is the fellow who claims he can't get enough paper to complete his list of the things he wouldn't do for half a million dollars.

Daniel tells—tells with a heavy of jungle parities has been returned. The party is optimistic, but one candidate for high honors is the Penn State student who is given in the evening by the telephone operator for keying him a dialing and then call the town.

Are you acquainted with the consummate hypocrite who is always with a grin to be killed for some dumb play or other, then goes home himself with a grin and a grin so wide he's eyes?

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TIME TABLE CHANGES

The following is a list of changes and corrections in the second semester time table:

- A II 28—1-8 take out
- A II 29—1-10 take out
- B I 4—Add T 1
- C I 2—In-out SoAg, meets TTh
- C I 3—Meets WS 10 M 12 L A
- C I 4—Recitation meets MTh 11 20 L Ag
- C I 5—To be withdrawn
- D I 1—Add Ag
- D I 2—PL should be T PL
- D I 3—1-11 in place of F 7 all hours in 122 Main
- D I 4—Withdraw sections 2-1-8
- D I 5—Add Ag 125
- D I 6—1-11 take out Ag 125
- D I 7—Meets MTh 8 F 1
- D I 8—1-11 take out Ag 125
- D I 9—1-11 take out Ag 125
- D I 10—1-11 take out Ag 125
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3 P I 3—Meets MTh 1
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2 P I 3—Should read (gifs) and LA (A-KI)
2 P I 4—Should read T 10-12 in place of Th 10-12
IndAt 57—T 9-11 in place of T 9-11
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P I 2—Meets WS 10 M 104 (In)
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M I 2—Will meet P 1-5
1 P I 14—Should read LA (A-G)
3 P I 14—Should read LA (gifs)
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5 ROTC 2—Should read P 14 (taking Sp 11) A-G (taking P 14)
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P. G. HAESLER BECOMES INSTRUCTOR AT MID-YEAR
Paul G. Haesler, a graduate student in chemistry, will become a full time instructor at the beginning of the second semester.

Mr. Haesler, who is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall will receive his M. A. in science degree at the February commencement exercises.

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