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AT LAST

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that the COLLEGIAN is privileged to inform the student body with today's issue that a new system of class elections has been instituted at Penn State. Meeting last Tuesday night, Student Council, acting upon a report submitted by the committee appointed to investigate conditions governing campus elections, voted unanimously to accept the proposals and the announcement that the new plan will go into effect this spring should meet with the hearty approval of every undergraduate.

Time and again, Student Council has been criticized in these columns for failure to instigate necessary reforms at Penn State and although slow to awake to its possibilities, the undergraduate governing body has finally accepted this much-needed change. Members of Council were quick to recognize the potentialities of the system once it was proposed and prevailing sentiment warrants a word of commendation for these student legislators.

According to the new plan, all candidates for the various class offices are to submit their names in writing to the Secretary of Student Council and a list of office-seekers will be published in two consecutive issues of the COLLEGIAN prior to the dates of elections. Ballot boxes will be stationed in the buildings of the various schools and there can be no excuse for the failure of any man to vote.

In the opinion of the majority of Student Councilmen, the plan of balloting is one of the most outstanding features of the new system.

In an editorial appearing in the issue of March third under the title of "Methodism in Politics," the following comment was voiced in regard to a revision in the conditions of campus voting: "With the plan of placing ballot boxes in close proximity to classrooms, a truly representative vote would be polled—something that elections at class meetings have failed to accomplish in the past."

The change should prevent a recurrence of affairs similar to those that took place at the election of the freshman trial presidents last fall and should witness a balloting that will be "above board" and subject to close inspection. The provision for an extra committee, composed of three seniors, to check the number of ballots distributed and the votes counted is a noteworthy one inasmuch as it eliminates every opportunity for unfair play.

That the plan will be a success is beyond question. But to further insure this success, every student must give his unflinching support and this can best be obtained by a popular vote on election days, a vote that will be truly representative of the various classes and of Penn State.

CLASS DUES—SOLVED

The petition to the Trustees for the institution of a new plan calling for the collection of class dues by the administration with the other College fees at the beginning of each semester will soon be submitted to each of the four classes for ratification. There can be no reasonable doubt that the entire student body will be unanimous in placing its stamp of approval on the new system, for the proposal solves one of the chronic ailments that have endangered the successful functioning of class activities for many years.

A substantial reduction in the fee required from each individual is perhaps the greatest single advantage of the new method of collection. In the past, class finance committees have experienced extreme difficulty in securing payment from even a majority of the students enrolled. Those who did pay were forced to carry the entire burden of expenses. In effect, if not in principle, a premium was placed on indifference and selfishness; the appeal to class pride and loyalty failed to produce results in dollars and cents. With every student carrying his own share, the pro rata fee will not only be cut in half, but special admission charges for the various class social functions will be unnecessary, according to the sample budget submitted for student consideration.

No undergraduate who calls himself a Penn State man, who has the slightest modicum of the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship, can fail to realize the desirability of the new plan. Its unanimous ratification is imperative if effective class organizations are to exist.

TRADITION AND CLASS SCRAPS

An aged Penn State alumnus is reviewing his days as an undergraduate. It is interesting to note the events that have made a lasting impression on his mind. A revelation comes to his listeners as the old graduate recalls experiences in the tie-up scrap, the tug-of-war and other events of a similar nature. A close observer realizes that happenings of this sort have made the most lasting impressions on the old grad's mind.

And while this alumnus revels in the memory of these experiences, present-day undergraduates fail to sense the tradition surrounding the various class scraps, with the result that their support this year has been far from encouraging. Unless better co-operation is secured in this matter, the future of class scraps is seriously threatened.

At the time set for the annual tie-up scrap last fall, less than half of the freshman class was in attendance while the number of sophomores that put in an appearance was little more than a disgrace to the class of 1927. As a result, the encounter was postponed and will be staged tomorrow afternoon. The attendance of each freshman and sophomore is necessary for the successful staging of this scrap, it is the duty of every student to see that the encounter is conducted in a manner in keeping with Penn State tradition.

CHESSMEN CHECKMATED BY WILLIAMSPORT CLUB

Although the Penn State Chess Club went down to defeat before the powerful Williamsport chess club last Saturday night in Old Main by a 12 to 7 count, the score tells little of the closeness of the match and the fervor with which it was contested. Each of the ten players played well and every board was in doubt as to the winner until several moves before the victory.

On board number one R. W. Hurlin '27 and O. R. H. Thomson, Williamsport battled to a draw, one-half point going to each team. In the next two like Williamsport annexed two points when A. S. Bennett and T. J. Miller took 1-0 over T. F. W. Hoy '27 and R. H. Mink '26 respectively. Thomson looked like a certain winner until a sudden turn in the game gave the decision to Miller. R. A. Allen '27 came back strong and gained a counter for his college when he took the measure of R. W. Parker of Williamsport on the fifth layout. W. Liphart decided the match by defeating J. R. Mauer '27.

Plans are now under way to re-instate a contest with the Buckeye Chess club in the near future.

NEW PAINTING SYSTEM RECEIVES INITIAL TRIAL

Used for the first time last Thursday, the DeVilbiss spray painting system purchased by the industrial engineering department, has met with a most successful trial. Those who saw the initial working of this modern device, although obtained a month previously, it was not until recently that it could be assembled and placed in action.

According to Prof. C. W. Biese, the addition of this machine to the department's facilities will permit the instruction of students in painting by factory methods and will be instrumental in doing away with coating by hand which is not conducive with present day finishing. A timely invention the sprayer is essential in applying such finishes as the "Duro" which dries so soon as it is exposed to air.

SMALL HOUSE GREETS THESPIANS IN ALTOONA

Playing to an audience of but several hundred people in the Mishler theater in Altoona Wednesday night, the Thespians staged one of their best performances of "Wooden Shoes" of the year. The house was so full that the orchestra section being only about half sold out.

J. D. M. Levin '25 returned from New York to take the part of Jimmie Donavan opposite S. C. Runkle '26. He played the part exceptionally well, considering the fact that there recently was a death in his family.

At the show the members of the company were tendered a reception at the P. K. Home where the Penn State national student dance. The men traveled in buses to and from Altoona.

PROFESSOR LONG COMPLETES ENGLISH GRAMMAR HANDBOOK

Prof. Mason Long of the English department recently completed a new book on English Grammar. The Handbook on English Grammar is compiled primarily for use in college composition classes.

Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York City publishers will have the book ready for use by September first. Its adoption here at Penn State promises much for the future of the Handbook.

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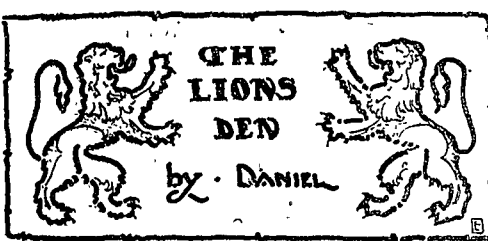
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A TAIL OF MOE

Dear Daniel: In upholding the splendid traditions of dear old Penn State we want to protest against the killing of our campus hounds. It reports the truth of them were ruthlessly murdered in one evening. We the students in general severely criticized for shooting the bull, yet the college deports a lot of publicity to shoot many dogs.

No mark of distinction of Penn State has been more prominently the presence of our campus hounds. We have nourished them from infancy to old age. They have been an integral part of our educational system. Their loyalty has been unquestioned. They have always been here to welcome us when we returned after vacation. They have never missed a class meeting, a mass meeting or an athletic event. Without complaint and without compulsion they have faithfully attended class. Not one has ever been late for cutting a class before or after a holiday season.

Yet they have been sacrificed. No more shall we see their old pals. Never more shall we hear their voices raised in anthems at the morning service. Let it thus that virtue shall be requited. They are gone. Peace to their ghost. Hot Dog.

Four Latin Studies W. W. '25
MORT M'VE

Daniel has been growling around in his den for the last few weeks, rumbling for more and better contributors. If there is one thing that will make him stop, it is a contribution. And lucky he has had occasion to shake his leonine head with much satisfaction with Vanilla, Chocolate Anon and a large galaxy of others crashing through with their super-human. Then today good old W. P. '26 makes his debut. For still there is a big appetite to be appeased. So feed the dog with 12 very home liniments and wise cracks we employ from below.

CONFESSIONS

Janet is very beautiful
Mory has big blue eyes
Eileen is a good cook
Helen is in debt, at putting
Jean has a marvelous figure
Edna has a fifty-candlepower smile
Gertrude sings like a nightingale
Loretta has the noblest intellect
Irene is a Yassu girl
Grace says I'm wonderful
I like Grace

THIRTY RELIGIOUS BOOKS PURCHASED BY LIBRARY

According to the will of the late John Hamilton of State College a fund of one hundred dollars a year was given to the library of the Pennsylvania State College for the purchase of 30 copies of Christian books and literature. Every year this fund has been used. Thirty books of the most recent publications in the field of religion are ready for circulation. The books were chosen according to the instructions of the donor by a committee composed of the college chaplain and the persons of the church of State College.

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And that this college is an American corporation under the laws of New York state?

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SATURDAY—ELEANOR BOARDMAN and HARRISON LOHD in "Proud Flesh" News and Fables

PASTIME—FRIDAY and SATURDAY—ALICE FERRY and EDWIN STONE in "Confessions of a Queen" Mock Comedy—High class

MONDAY and TUESDAY—RAYMOND GRIFITH and VERA FAYNOLDS in "The Night Club" Spotlight and News

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