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ON THE MONEY EVIL

The refusal by the members of the Class of 1927 to approve the report of the Sophomore Hop committee may be called a mere gesture, a futile protest against a situation for which they could blame only themselves. The rejection may be so criticized with some degree of justice, for if the traditional procedure is followed an investigating committee may or may not be appointed and the whole subject will certainly be shelved in the Penn State closet of skeletons.

Futile as it may be there was at least a protest, at least a gesture of disapproval, and the incident gives greater promise of starting a much-needed revision of the committee finance system than has been observed on the campus during the present student generation. If the spirit which it indicates is sustained and the fire of criticism kept hot, a really great reform may be accomplished, for the criticism, while directed momentarily at a single group, is actually concerned with a condition which is as old as the campus itself.

The COLLEGIAN may be charged with washing soiled linen in public and with painting the sins of Penn State before the eyes of the world, but the fact remains that for years an astonishing looseness in the management of funds for student social functions has been tolerated by the undergraduate body. Year after year bald evidences of graft and gross misappropriation of class funds have been winked at until it has become a tradition for the committees in charge to "knock down" a staggering proportion of the available sums. There have been notable exceptions, it is true, but they have had little corrective influence and the tradition has developed almost unchallenged; it has thrived on the positive delight of the average student in having the wool pulled over his eyes by a clever man, it has been assailed only when the student felt that he was being the dupe of a clumsy amateur.

This accusation of dishonesty is not leveled at any particular group—it will be resented only by those who feel that they themselves are culpable—for the simple reason that complete, convicting evidence in any individual case cannot be obtained. In remedying this defect lies the solution of the entire situation. The facts must be known!

College men, however devoted to their alma mater, cannot be expected to be immune to the power of the tempting "plums" waiting to be plucked with the staging of these class functions. In the business world, at institutions similar to Penn State, in any well-ordered organization, in fact, the proposal that a group of men be casually delegated to conduct an affair involving thousands of dollars would be laughed at if an unchecked report were the only steadying control. Penn State men, like other mortals, require supervision. Although the payment of a fixed sum in return for their efforts to the members of a committee might enable them to escape the stigma of a dishonest charge and the class might save money, the final solution is to be found in a strict supervision, preferably by an auditing committee of elected students under the leadership of the inter-class budget director.

Strike, Councilmen, while the fire of criticism is hot!

MAKING THE SUMMER COUNT

In one month Penn State will complete its calendar for the winter session and the time has come when students make their final decisions as to the manner in which they will spend the summer vacation. For many the solution is easy; financial pressure dictates the course of finding a job and saving for another college year. This group includes a majority of the men enrolled in the College, for there are few indeed who can feel that their means and experience are such that they can afford to devote the three months to carefree pleasure-seeking.

While the decision between a summer of ease and a job may be easy, the choice of the particular kind of job may present real difficulties. The man who must rely on the result of his own efforts if he is to continue his education is almost forced to take the position which will bring him the greatest income, regardless of the type of work. For some this course is unavoidable. There is no excuse, however, for the man who takes a position which offers no opportunity for gaining experience in his future vocation, if he is not so restricted in his choice.

Theory and practice go hand in hand, the knowledge acquired during the winter should be applicable to the summer job and, in turn, the experience gained during the summer should aid in the assimilation of more knowledge. Despite this generally admitted fact and despite the efforts of many College departments to compel a useful pursuit in the summer months, a surprising number of students devote this valuable period to occupations which have no practical application, either directly or indirectly, to their life work. The post of lie guard at a summer resort, a special favorite with college men, is a shining example.

It is a truism that a college education must be applied before it can be of any material value—a corollary that the success of a college man may be accurately measured from that time when he begins to coordinate his training with his chosen vocation. Let him consider well, then, before he takes a summer job that cannot be a beginning of this coordination, for even though he may be taking advantage of a greater immediate return, he is giving himself a three months handicap in the race to success.

Report Issued by Engineering Dean

The idea that college freshmen are younger than freshmen of ten or fifteen years ago is refuted in the announcement by R. L. Sackett, Dean of the School of Engineering, that the four hundred freshmen in his school average just under nineteen years of age.

Dean Sackett has also discovered that Penn State is truly an All-American college in perhaps any of its size in the country, as only ten of the four hundred freshmen are of foreign birth, a ratio which probably holds true for the remaining seven hundred students in the freshman class.

That engineering is not taking any considerable number of men from the farms is also indicated by Dean Sackett, who says that only twelve per cent of the engineering freshmen come from farms or rural communities. Only forty-eight engineering freshmen report that their fathers are farmers.

A great majority of the fathers of Penn State engineering students are business or professional men, executives or contractors. More than one-third of the fathers are engineers or architects, while thirty-two per cent of them own an independent business.

The pulling power of the Penn State Engineering School, the third largest in the east, is shown by the fact that the average distance to the homes of the freshmen engineers is one hundred and seventy-nine miles from Penn State.

That the three captains of the 1924-25 major sports teams at Penn State are all Juniors.

That the first shop instruction to be given at Penn State was offered by the foreman of Old Main in 1881, the work dealing with the handling of iron.

That eleven separate religious denominations hold regular services at Penn State.

That seven members of the 1921 Blue and White baseball team are at present playing professional baseball.

That more than one hundred acres of land at Penn State are devoted to athletic purposes.

1925-26 "Y" Course Program Reported

Program for the coming season of the Y. M. C. A. course is as follows:
 October 24—Herald Bauer, pianist
 November 17—The Cotton's Saturday Night
 December 1—Paul Whiteman's Concert Orchestra
 December 11—Penn State Glee Club
 January 18—Liquor's Thibault Violin
 January 22—Donald McMillan, lecturer
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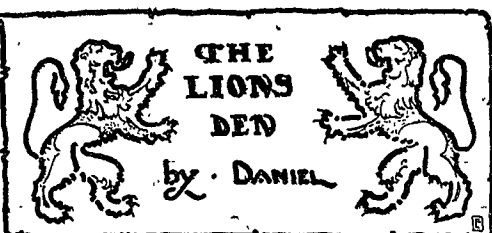
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Almost ready to board this ship of Life,
 To be tossed perhaps, by toll and by strife,
 My thoughts leave this text book and all the others
 And carry me home to my mother of mothers.

She watches, she waits, and she prays for me;
 She's taught me lots as I sat on her knee
 Whenever I'm not well, she's at my side,
 Little nothings come and she sweeps them aside.

She's so plain, so humble, not filled up with lice,
 Trayed by life's duties, and worn by life's race,
 But her heart is of gold and her unaging faith,
 Inspires me always to the narrow and straight.

She had no chance like the one she gave me
 Fades call her uneducated—would they could see
 The insight—character on a foundation strong,
 And a maturity keen sense of right and of wrong.

Depriving herself to the nth degree,
 She's always in planning and thinking for me,
 She sent me here—my mother of mothers,
 To fit me to do great things for others.

"Be strong," she said then, "Don't just dream and drift,
 Show me the struggle—use God's true gift
 My pleasure in you, in moderate portion,
 Be full of sincerity, faith and devotion"

In her everyday way she loves and she trusts
 And I in turn love her, am I, too, just?
 Am I doing my work, am I lifting my loads?
 Would she nod in assent if all were exposed?

I'll square up now and deserve her faith
 The world is before me—it's not too late,
 'Twill be easy to die to fight and to climb
 If I always remember—Mother of mine

Do College Students' Insure Their Lives?
 The Answer Seems to be "Yes"

Do You Know

That in a test recently made with upper-class students of both sexes in fourteen representative colleges, 140 out of 351 said they carried life insurance policies?

It is significant that 40% of undergraduates have insurance on their lives—a notable advance over what prevailed twenty, or even ten, years ago.

This shows that college students and their parents think life insurance is of considerable use in connection with the educational program.

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she will continue with her good work. We think this publishing of confessions would be a good way of making our "column" the most popular in the paper; even ranking above Whos Dining.

We want to issue Apple Sauce that her work most certainly is free verse—she won't even have to pay a cent for printing it. As for punctuation, she has fulfilled most of the requirements. One of the cardinal points in our next style book will be that, absolutely, no capitals, periods, commas, hyphens, question marks and exclamation marks will be allowed to be used with free verse. Our motto is "Free Verse—mostly worse."

But now that Apple Sauce has stated things, let's hear from some more of our readers. Bring all your troubles to the Cave and let Daniel help you. We report let's have more and better confessions.

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