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TO THE NEW COUNCIL

Today marks the end of the strife and tension that invariably attends every campus election and once again, the undergraduate body will attempt to resume its carefree attitude in regard to everything that speaks for the betterment of student welfare; it will go on with its petty politics and selfish squabbles unless the winds blow a little differently than they have in the past. Nevertheless, the COLLEGIAN congratulates the successful candidates and especially those men who have been elected to Student Council, and hopes that they will force the winds "to blow better" during the coming year.

Since the advent of a self-governing student body at Penn State some fifty years ago, many undergraduates have been content to take their election only as a matter for congratulation and seem satisfied to rest on past laurels. Once placed in office, they apparently disregard every obligation incurred in their election to that particular position. And with the 1926 Council rests the task of enlightenment, of proving to those who sit back ready to tear down at a minute's notice that student government here is everything it should be.

Too often has criticism of student government been entirely justified. In many cases, Student Council has been entirely satisfied with the knowledge of its powers, paying scant if any attention to its duties. It seems content with placing a slight veneer over duty as a guise for accomplishments, forgetting in its supposed responsibility that even punk will take a veneer.

The first duty of Student Council is to encourage progress, progress among its own members and among those whom it governs. Failure to accomplish this primary function testifies to the utter lack of appreciation of the remarkable opportunity that is offered those men who have attained important positions in student government; it marks the man who is willing to "get by" in undergraduate responsibilities as well as in academic interests.

An editorial in the Tech of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology states that "anything short of a man's best is time wasted and that includes student government." While many believe, however, that the cause of student government at Penn State is hopeless, it is apparent that not in many years has there been offered more ground for hope. Never before has there been such a generous opportunity offered to constitute lasting reforms for the betterment of student welfare than is presented to the incoming Council.

To the 1926 Council, we offer our whole-hearted support. With it rests the duty of awakening the student body from its state of inertia, establishing customs and reforms that are sorely needed at Penn State, restoring the proper status of student government and, lastly, proving that it is as it should be—a Council active!

POLITICS IN EDUCATION

The dissatisfaction with the recent appropriation measures of the State legislature is a perfectly natural, inescapable phenomenon resulting from a situation which has only long-standing convention as an excuse. Ever since the legislatures of the various states have been called upon to provide some of the funds necessary for the operation of educational institutions, it has been customary for the trustees of the colleges to fight for increased appropriations while the legislators take the role of fighting to maintain the former amounts or even decrease them.

On the surface this fighting seems to be the age-old difference between the man who wants money and the man from whom he wants it. Between colleges and legislatures, however, this difference has no justification, for both are working for the interests of the Commonwealth even though the interests of the people are too often obscured by myopic, selfish political ambition on the one hand and petty, rah-rah jealousies on the other.

There can be no possible doubt that politics and jealousy, disastrous in the past and promising more disasters in the future, should be eliminated from the problem of fixing State appropriations. How it can be done is suggested by Mr. Glenn Frank, editor of the Century and newly appointed president of the University of Wisconsin. "The real hope of putting the knowledge of the university at the service of the life of the state," he declares, "is dependent upon an extensive decentralization of public affairs, a decentralization from politics back to the functional groups that are doing the work of the world. The art of government consists in bringing knowledge and power into a working partnership."

The State of Pennsylvania made one step toward this decentralization "from politics back to the functional groups" when it brought into existence the State education committee, a disinterested group that could make its recommendations without fear of political pressure. With these recommendations, however, its powers end. To further their own interests, the people of the State may well consider giving this committee means to enforce the execution or at least the careful study of its proposals.

In fixing appropriation figures, the factors should not be what Such-and-Such University will get, nor the Honorable So-and-So's prestige among his constituency, but what the people feel they can invest in higher education.

Letter Box

266 S. Atherton St.
May 19, 1925

Editor,
Penn State COLLEGIAN,
State College, Pa.

Dear Sir—
Last Monday night witnessed the proof that there are very few gentlemen on the Penn State campus. Had my stopped to think when the crowd of Penn State gentlemen—educated and is educated is they are supposed to be—some would have justly asked if the much-cited sportsmanship of the Penn State student were not a figment of an idle brain.

The editors of the several hundred students who were gathered at the "Mack-Murphy" production last Monday evening showed them to be more original than civilized, more bute than gentlemen in less of a spirit than a wolf. Given the average mob at the additional ones (we are told by history) had compassion on a beaten man who had fought gallantly. Not so with this mob of young bloods and blue. I held it the plea of an old gentleman last night. Indeed that term would do justice to most of that mob. Only the desire to have this printed in the Penn State Collegian, a few of the more appropriate titles for those "gentlemen" who pride themselves upon their culture. They believe their college spirit their sportsmanship. In six of their should be ashamed of their behavior, their unbecomingly, their obedience to the call of the wild, their total lack of backbone.

I cannot say anything about the "Representative of Law and Order," for no one man unless armed and despotic could have restrained that howling bunch of small-souled fillets from laughing at the attempts of those who honestly wished to entertain and make a few dollars out of a holiday. I started for a woman what unnamed pun could have stopped it? Even when a pretty little girl of about ten had the nerve to face that opposition her shouts were almost made futile by the abetting of some ones in the semblance of men. And yet it is to the college student that the world looks for its big men of the future. God grant it is not all colleges have the type that attends Penn State at present.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM J. TURNER '27

To the Editor,
Penn State COLLEGIAN,
State College, Pa.

Dear Sir—
I feel that the future of Penn State is in your hands and I desire to bring this message of appeal to the ears of our school. Our Alma Mater which we all love and its name which we all like to praise is being thoughtlessly yet very shamefully discredited by the actions of inconsiderate persons.

Critics—The honor and name of Penn State lie in your hands and I appeal to you to exert this influence which is yours to remedy this sad condition caused by the indulgence of the men in intoxicants. It is yours to commend the highest ideals of man and let me urge you to exercise this right fully by demanding total abstinence in your presence on the part of all your friends. Not only does the use of intoxicants cause a deficiency in the ability of man, but it also produces a moderate effect on the nervous system often making the person responsible for his actions. To protect the finer things in life this pitiable condition must be eradicated. Let us preserve the higher ideals of life.

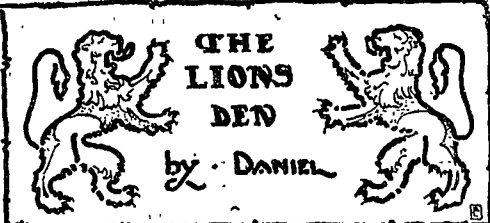
A STUDENT

ENGINEER ORGANIZATION
HOLDS INFORMAL DINNER

Meeting at five-thirty-five o'clock tonight at the University club. All members of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education will hold an informal dinner and discussion of timely topics.

All members of the faculty, whether or not, who teach engineering students are invited to attend the dinner. Reservations should reach O. K. Hinton Room 206, Engineering C not later than noon today.

FOR SALE—We have two very desirable building lots with walks put down, on Prospect Avenue and Laurel Lane that can be bought at this time. Will sell one or both. Terms cash or payments can be arranged for. Call Bell 282.



Dear Daniel—
From all indications I judge you are running a subtle column of Dorothy DA mysteries. From the amount of written matter which you publish and which concerns your readers not in the least you must have much to do down at your office except laugh and chuckle when you read the stuff that comes in. Sometimes I might even think that married women whom their troubles to you with sheets of paper showing all the earmarks of having been kept upon. Perhaps you'll next be busy buying shoes for the dear little ladies.

Of course, you must have some traits that belie your cultured appearance. For instance, I believe that you have a white beard which hides your eyes—darkening white hollid which from the curious noodes in the soup, and I do suspect that perhaps you are the least bit flat-footed. I hope you don't smoke because if some day you should happen to have your snowy shuddled what each fire and your collared edit burst into flames then where would 'she den' be?

If this personal communication ever makes appearance in your rural newspaper, I'll be down at the office to see the window pane that the linotype operator scratched with his fingernails and I'll also be on hand to wrap a chain of eighteen point type "O's" around your neck.

Yours, till I have to a cleared somewhere in Tennessee,
JOEL F. CASHION

VERSES—TREE OF DEM—IN DIALECTCKD

Rode vants 'go 't de teater,
She sez she vants see a dezent show
Able sez, 'Dei shows us nod so dezent
Put of you buy dei tickets, I vill go'

Rode sez 'Im nu mit you mine Able,
I link I'll look up dei fetter called Sam
He, at his des dezent me like I did,
He even buys me sam-velchez mk him.

Had 'dang comes der hereo, dei Haldi
And sez dei ten live as cheib is vum
And now dei have dei own Haldi teater—
Mit fifteen dawters and vum, Hiddle son.

J. E. W. '25

DERELICT MOONBEAMS

Moon's a-weepin' through the clouds—
'Least 'gin'
But a moment it enshrouds
Mortal men
With its golden vernal light
In the cloudy hush of night,
Curling su'ring steps alight
Lifting then
Like an infant eyes out
At its birth,
Softly moonbeams route
From the Earth
E'vil darkness with its gloom,
E'va the nonee life opens Deith's tomb—
Where was sorrow now is roos'
But for Merth

J. E. W. '25

PROF. H. G. PARKINSON ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Prof. H. G. Parkinson, head of the department of agricultural education, represented Penn State at the annual National South Atlantic conference of state directors of agricultural education in Boston last week. The conference was called by the Federal Board of Vocational Education for the purpose of discussing certain matters of policy which have arisen within the department of agricultural education. Prof. Parkinson is the chairman of this division and was appointed to an important committee for the conference.

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CHESS ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED UNTIL 1925-26 SEASON OPENS

Closing the season after they had cancelled the first match of the year with Bucknell University, the Penn State Chess Club decided to suspend all further business until next fall at the meeting last week. R. S. Leach '26, president, is expecting to have a stronger organization next year. He will build the team around several visiting players who have been showing up well.

BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB HOLDS LAST MEETING OF YEAR TONIGHT

The last meeting of the Block and Bridle Club will be held tonight to consider plans for next year. The Club held its annual banquet two weeks ago at the Centre Hills Country Club. President John M. Thomas and several faculty men spoke.

Until last year the club was a local organization but is now a branch of the National Block and Bridle Club of America.

Did YOU Know—

That only 107 letter awards were given in all in inches of sport at Penn State last year?

And that two men won letters in three sports, while there were sixteen two-letter men?

That Nite Cutnell won the worlds amateur track title in 1909 for the 220-yard dash?

And that he ran that same year in future races in "Dago"?

And further that after joining the professional ranks in 1909 he set a new world's professional record by winning the 220-yard sprint in 21 5-10 seconds, and this on a curved track?

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