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TO BE OR NOT TO BE

"Take a college student, place as much responsibility as possible on his shoulders and you prepare him for a life of real service," said Dean Sackett in effect last Monday night in an address before the class of 1929 at the student government mass meeting. The speaker, a man who has had occasion to come in contact with student government at Penn State time and again, was familiarizing the freshmen with the advantages accruing from active participation in this phase of undergraduate life, and used the foregoing statement to illustrate his point.

It is true that responsibility thrust upon one at the undergraduate stage of life, if carried to completion, will prove invaluable in years to come. However, when the responsibility is placed and the incumbent fails to faithfully discharge his duties, he places a millstone about his neck and at the same time brands his associates with the mark of failure.

In the past, too many undergraduate leaders at Penn State have been content to rest upon past laurels once they were elected to important positions with the result that several phases of student government fell into bad repute. The responsibility thrust upon those men, instead of preparing them for lives of service, assisted in leading them towards a future of indolence, inefficiency and a world-owes-me-a-living attitude.

Although it took Penn State men many years to comprehend both sides of this question, they seemingly came to life last year and recognized the fact that the fault did not lie entirely with the elected—the electors were also to blame. And so it happened that during the early part of May, Student Council awoke from its lethargy and gave to the Penn State undergraduate body a new system of class elections, designed to obtain a truly representative vote and place men in office who would take their duties in a serious manner and fulfill the charge with which they were entrusted.

Should a crisis arise in the future, it is doubtful if student leaders could do another thing to alleviate matters in regard to irresponsible men holding high offices—they have already done as much as is humanly possible. And while the majority of undergraduates sit back in watchful waiting, a small minority realizes that with the student government of 1925-26 rests the future of all Penn State student governments. Failure to discharge duties in a business-like manner this year will mean that not only the leaders, but also their electors who comprise the members of the three upper classes, are totally unfit for even minor responsibilities.

"To be or not to be" might well be applied to student government as it faces the most precarious year in a decade. If undergraduate leaders fail, as many of their predecessors have in the past, a gloomy outlook is the prospect. But if they fulfill their duties as they should and "prepare themselves for lives of real service," then the future is bright and there is nothing to fear.

HELP! HELP!

Just as summer brings mosquitoes, so the opening of colleges and universities throughout the country brings the annual "panning" of the American undergraduate. Clever writers sit back in high-powered limousines, purchased from the checks they receive for their articles against the student, convinced that they have kalsomined the poor public with the proverbial "hokum," and the funny part of it is, they have done just this. One of our humorous magazines gives us a cartoon, depicting flasks and high-ball shakers as necessary school supplies and things of this sort, together with the poisonous articles of the deceptive literature, have more or less turned the American public against the college and university of today.

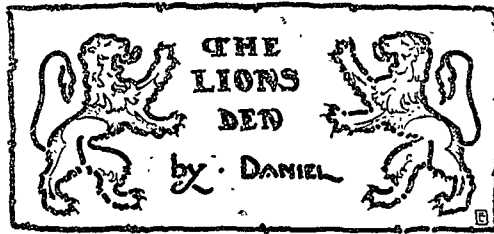
A more critical survey of university life is necessary if the public is to be convinced that all is not gold that glitters. These literary bunko-artists tell us that when Nietzsche, the great philosopher, introduced a wild philosophy at the University of Basel in Switzerland many years ago, students were afraid to attend his classes. Then they go on to tell us that Nietzsche's same philosophy today, taught as Nietzsche taught it, would serve as a magnet for every adherent of this modern "razz-dag." At the same time, they should inform the public that were Mark Twain living today, he would write books entirely different from those that now bear his name. Times have changed, but these manufacturers of fiction cast this point aside in favor of limousines and palatial mansions.

It is probably impossible to change human nature. So the student must go about his way, the non-college public will grasp at cartoons and articles and Henry Ford will wonder why he fails to sell his product to these "undergraduate exponents."

GENTLEMEN

Tell a person that a certain book has been suppressed and he will make every effort to obtain it. Tell a college student to "grow up" and it has the same effect as a request to act the age

of six. In the past, no small amount of rowdiness has accompanied every Y. M. C. A. reception, and it was found that the instigators were men who should have known better. Penn State is attempting to offer men and women not only a text-book education, but also enlightenment along social customs and standards. Tonight, the "Y" will stage its annual reception for freshmen on the front campus and the committee makes but one request, that all in attendance conduct themselves in a manner befitting gentlemen.



IF THIS BE TREASON, MAKE THE MOST OF IT

Dear Daniel,
 What's the matter with Lions Den? Here I've been following the column ever since its inauguration and the stuff is getting worse and worse every time. Can't you get the students to send in stuff which will make the column "student-conducted"? I've contributed several things and the only reason they get in, I suppose, is because you have nothing else to run. Well, if you can't do better in the hereafter, please arrange to have someone throw the "cut" in the pie and take the darn column out of the paper. The name's bad enough now!

Sincerely yours,
 JACK RABBIT.

The only reason we can see that Lions Den is "not what she used to be" is that subtly expressed by Jack Rabbit. Students seem to feel that Daniel is to entertain them by means of his own wit—but even Daniel's wit fails him at times. We invite student contributions but all we ever get is regrets. We, together with Mr. Rabbit, sincerely hope to interest the students in Lions Den. Sometimes it IS funny.

COVER UP

These blanket sheets in the Airmory
 Are long and tiresome,
 They fail, in purpose, to our mind
 Because they are lengthy and
 Uninteresting. But—they give one time to make one's dates.

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Class	Senior	Junior	Sophomore	Freshman	2-Year	Ags	Total
Sch. of Engineer'g	127	210	325	386			1018
Liberal Arts	116	159	218	185			678
Agriculture	79	89	136	137	44		485
Education	105	98	104	100			407
Chem. & Phys.	25	64	91	108			288
Mines & Met.	27	37	33	36			133
Total	779	657	907	952	44		3122
Unclassified							130
Part way through							61
Grand Total							3316

Dr. Dye Is Re-elected Fraternity President

Having already served for four years as grand president of the national Sigma Chi fraternity, Prof. W. S. Dye, Jr., in the department of English at Penn State was unanimously re-elected to the same post at the national convocation of that organization, held at Ocean City, New Jersey from August twenty-ninth to September fourth.

Dr. Dye, who now starts his fifth year at the helm of the Sigma Chi chapter which he helped to organize in 1909. Since its inception, the local chapter has progressed continuously and is now settling down in its new home on the corner of Locust Lane and Foster Avenue.

Dr. Dye is president of the University club, having been elected to head the faculty organization last Fall.

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Alfred Gaskill, former State Forester of New Jersey, recently made a gift to the Penn State forestry department of all the German books relating to forestry contained in his personal library. Thirty-five books are included in the collection. It is planned to place this valuable group in the forestry alcove of the Carnegie Library.

G. F. RUPP GRANTED LEAVE TO YALE FORESTRY SCHOOL

George F. Rupp, instructor in the forestry department, has been granted a year's leave of absence to take up a post-graduate course at the Yale forestry school and will leave soon for New Haven. His position in the teaching staff of the Forestry Department will be taken by W. B. McMillan, a graduate of the Penn

State School of Forestry in 1921. Mr. McMillan took post-graduate work at Cornell last year.

FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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 AN Star Cast
 In Harold Bell Wright's
 "A Son of His Father"

NITTANY
 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—
 LEWIS STONE and VIRGINIA VALLI
 In "The Lady Who Lied"

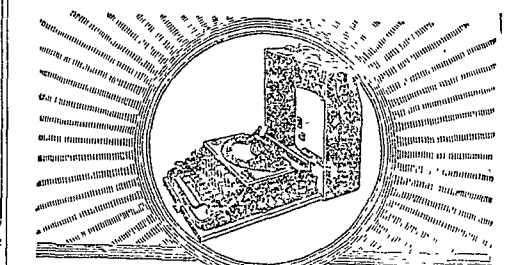
TUESDAY—
 Return Showing of
 RAYMOND GRIFFITH
 In "Paths to Paradise"

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