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ABOUT DADS AND MOTHERS

At the Student Council meeting Tuesday evening, a committee on Dads' and Mothers' Day made a recommendation that these days, which now exist as separate occasions, be combined into a single affair. The recommendation read that the week-end over one of the minor football games be set aside for the purpose of entertaining both fathers and mothers.

Both of the days which are put at the disposal of our parents are institutions of the students, and it is the duty of the Student Council to improve on the programs whenever it is felt that such improvements are needed. The Council is of the opinion that a combined Parents' Day would hold more advantages than the separately observed events which are now customary.

Foremost among the advantages possessed by the new proposal is that the day would be one of true family relations, and that appeals would be made to family interests rather than to only one or the other of our parents. The College, according to the sentiment of the Council meeting, would do well to foster this family interest and create a strong bond between the College as a family, and the families of the students.

Another important consideration is that of admission to athletic contests. It has been suggested that students register their fathers and mothers at least forty-eight hours before the occasion has its official inauguration. In so doing, students would make sure that a "guest card," as a token of affection, would be turned over to the father and mother, and that the parents would be entitled to full "athletic privileges" for the date or dates borne by the card. The "guest card" would prevent encroachment upon the privilege by outsiders—those who might attempt to take advantage of the Athletic Association should free admission be granted to parents.

That fraternities might have Parents' Day dinners instead of separate banquets on different days is another distinct advantage. In this manner, stronger ties might be made to connect the fraternity with the home instead of with "mother" and "dad." The fact that usually two tables are made use of at houseparty eliminates the objection that perhaps the dining room would be crowded.

Another feature of the proposed Parents' Day is that both mothers and dads would be able to enjoy a football game. The spirit which persists during football season begins to lag during the warm spring, and the advantages of having both fathers and mothers here during the fall are enhanced when one considers the element of college spirit which is present during the gridiron season.

There are minor disadvantages to the scheme, such as rooming arrangements, but these may be overcome if the student body will co-operate unreservedly with the Student Council. A Parents' Day might mean more to Penn State than any occasion other than Alumni Day which the College now observes.

ONCE MORE—"HATS OFF"

Hats are perfectly correct when worn as a head covering during the winter months—that much is agreed upon by every member of the three upper classes at Penn State.

But let any junior come forth with the statement that members of his class should go hatless and thus command the same privileges accorded seniors in this respect, and his request is greeted with a scowl and accompanied by a negative shake of the head by the bare-headed senior from whom he seeks the request.

All this was evident during several Student Council meetings last spring. Junior representatives in that ruling body attempted then to oust the age-old tradition that only seniors were al-

lowed to appear hatless. They failed. Following the defeat of the motion, juniors stated that they, as members of the class of 1927, would do away with the ruling as soon as they assumed the power that attaches to each senior class. Whether these statements carry any weight or are only "sour grapes" remarks is yet to be seen.

In the issue of Tuesday, March twenty-ninth, there appeared in these columns the following statement:

"The motion for a hatless junior class was tabled at the last Council session. Unless the members of 1927 are able to prove to the satisfaction of the seniors that third year men should go hatless there is no hope till next year. Unless the present juniors prove that next year they will be willing to doff their hats, the battle is lost. 1927 has no choice but to take the bull by the horns."

Any action on the part of 1927 will be watched with interest. In the long list of senior bodies that have held sway at Penn State, one class must be a martyr. One class must allow the group below to escape a tradition that the class itself has been forced to endure.

Will 1927 be the martyr, or will 1927 cast the stones?

—W. L. J.

HONORARY—BUT ACTIVE

That at least one of Penn State's honorary fraternities is proving itself worthy of the honored position it now holds is evidenced by the recent announcement of the launching of an annual state-wide interscholastic contest in journalism in secondary schools, inaugurated by the local chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary collegiate journalistic fraternity.

The conception of the project is possible only to a group of live-wire enthusiasts. With no established lines to follow, with no assurance that the contest will be a financial success, the local Pi Delta chapter is braving the risks. And why? Not for any selfish aim, but "to foster the spirit of journalism" and to advertise Penn State in a way that it has never before been advertised.

That the enterprise merits commendation is proved by the men who have consented to act in the capacity of judges. Backed by the good will of the faculty and working through the soundly organized machinery of the student journalistic fraternity, the contest is certain to bring forth the desired results, and Penn State will have benefited by the efforts of one of its honorary fraternities. Pi Delta Epsilon's initiative is to be commended; other honorary fraternities may well follow the example!

The Bullosopher's Chair

SESSION ONE

"Say, Smuthers. Do you know what the next attempt of the Players will be?" I thought your criticism leaned quite favorably toward the organization, and I'd like to go to the next performance, whatever it may be."

SMITHERS.—"Well, Bullosopher, I'm so glad that you added that 'whatever it may be' to the end of your last sentence. Because the next Players' production is going to be 'Medea' a tragedy by Euripides."

"What? Do you mean to tell me that the Players are going to try to sell Greek tragedy to this august assemblage of nitwit students? No, it cannot be. This 'Medea' should be open to faculty members only—they probably will appreciate it. But I doubt that, too."

SMITHERS.—"And I'll say this. That the production manager certainly has taken the biggest job of his career on his hands, and that if the students bang oranges and carrots at the actors, I'll not assume any responsibility for instigating the affair. You and I both feel that Greek tragedy will not go across in this town; the students won't swallow it. The play should be reserved for faculty members—or other classical studies!"

"My boy, I'm beginning to look upon you as a candidate for my Chau in Bullosophy. Your mentality is astonishing. But I deliberate you upon your arrival at your mental majority."

—V. A. N.

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PRESENT PAPERS BEFORE A. S. M. E.

Four Faculty Members Analyze Engineering and Research Work at Convention

PENN STATE PROFESSORS DISCUSS NEW METHODS

Four members of the engineering faculty presented papers before the annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers held during the past week at New York City. Prof. F. G. Hehler of the engineering experiment station spoke about common methods of measuring heat through various kinds of building walls.

Prof. E. F. Grundhofer described one method of measuring low temperature insulation such as is used in refrigeration and cold storage. He compared the instrument developed at Lehigh here with various other methods of measuring heat flow.

A new method for analyzing industrial diagrams of gas engines was explained by Prof. P. H. Schweitzer in order to show more accurately the economy of their performance.

Prof. A. Everett, of the Mechanical Engineering department, discussed the behavior of an at high temperatures and the use of his theory in predicting the behavior of gases in an internal combustion engine. It is believed that his theory will check the actual performance more closely than the theories heretofore presented.

The former head of the Department of Industrial Engineering, Prof. J. O. Keller, now at the head of the Engineering Extension department, prepared a paper entitled "Using the Hebert Pendulum to determine the striking qualities of metal in pressed metal work."

GLEEMEN TO END TOUR WITH BUCKNELL RECITAL

Varsity Quartet and Soloists To Appear Tonight—Joint Lewisburg Concert

Appearing elsewhere for the first time this year, the Penn State Glee Club gave a concert in the Ithaca high school under the auspices of the senior class of that institution Wednesday evening.

In addition to the thirty-five members of the club, the varsity quartet, composed of W. C. Bowie '29; F. E. Ulf '27; J. E. Dickson '28 and D. E. Jenkins '27, sang and S. H. Torchin '27 and Miss Martha Gobrecht '30 played solos on mandolin and marimba respectively.

After inspecting the buildings of Cornell university yesterday morning, the gleemen gave a recital at the Cortland normal school at Cortland, New York. A joint concert with the Bucknell glee club at the Baptist Church in Lewisburg this evening will terminate the trip.

Penn State Christmas Greeting Cards with Sketches of Campus, \$0.05. Other Christmas Cards of every variety from 5c to 50c. Old Main Art Shop.

Remarks by--

YOUNG FOLK, OLD FOLK
William Morrow and Company, By Constance Traves, Sweetman
YOUNG FOLK, OLD FOLK is perhaps, another novel written with the intention of clearing up the supposed problem of the "jazz age," an age which, by any other name, would sound a great deal more charming.

The most outstanding single item in Miss Sweetman's effort is her detection. "To those fortunate parents who understand, because they actually remember, springtime." That, to me, is one of the nicest dedicatory phrases that I have ever run across. It drew me so closely to the thought of the novel that I seemed to remember it as I began each new chapter. Miss Sweetman has come closer to the spirit of the so-called "jazz generation" than any other contemporary novelist. She has created characters whose personations we can see busily engaged about us. Her novel fairly sparkles with the spirit that seems to be in the younger folk, and she gives the reader countless instances of the odd, unbelievable ways in which parents try to impress the results of their own experiences upon the elastic minds of their offspring.

Jerry, the short story character in the book, she is the spirit of the age, the spirit that keeps every generation at a concert pitch, she is the beginning and the end of the whole damed tale. Myne, her sister, is a wonderful revelation. How many times I wanted to shake her, I cannot count—she certainly walks about on the pages of **YOUNG FOLK, OLD FOLK** as if the entire world were the center of her happiness. Ted, her husband, (they really are married somewhere around the first two or three chapters, although it never gets to be published until Jerry spills the beans toward the finish, when the simple plot is unveiled) is a sensible boy whom I was forced to pity because of the hurdles over which he has to jump to please Max.

Robert and Marie, husband and wife and parents of Jerry and Myne are the principals of the story, whether or not you are inclined to think so. Robert is a good stick, but he wants his way too often, and the children of the "jazz age" are not content to be over-ruled—whereas, comes the story. Marie is a good skate, too—she backs up Robert until he throws his daughter Myne out of the circle that surrounds the family nest—then Marie is a mother and not a wife.

What **YOUNG FOLK, OLD FOLK** does, is this: it treats sex and its ramifications with the fullness of Defoe, but in the style of Longfellow. It shows, in certain given instances, how the parent and child differ in opinion—and how the child, because of her (or his) newly-acquired, openly-worn cloak of independence, generally comes out the victor. The plot is thin, an ease rather

than a reason, for the writing of the story. But the action goes early on—from roadhouse to apartment, from apartment to home, from home to Robert's "hell-and-damnation" tirades. Miss Sweetman's novel is well worth your reading, you'll enjoy it and appreciate the natural humor that dots the pages. As an added thought, it may go a long way toward helping your parents understand you.

As far as style and the like Miss Sweetman has no style that is noticeable—and that, no doubt, is an achievement worthy of note. However, she is inclined to be Discursian here and there—although, instead of luptating infinitives, she merely splits them and lets them die, gasping. Awkward sentences abound—but they don't blur the delightful thread of the story in the least.

—The Book Lover.

COSMO CLUB WILL STAGE SECOND SOCIAL OF YEAR

The second social of the year for Cosmopolitan Club members will be held at the residence of Dr. F. D. Kern, 116 West Fairmount avenue, tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. Dr. Kern extends a hearty welcome to all.

The first social event of the Club season was staged in the home of Dr. I. L. Foster. Immediately following the Christmas vacation, the Club will hold an open social for new members, date to be announced later.

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Livestock Judges Take Sixth Place at Chicago

Penn State's stock-judging team, composed of W. G. McBlain, Jr., H. A. Willman and P. J. Manz, all seniors, placed sixth at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. They placed fourteen classes of beef as against the eleven placed correct by Nebraska, the winner. The Penn State team had weak reasons for their selections, lowering their rating.

McBlain turned in a perfect card in the beef divisions. He also won sixth in the individual ratings.

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RYAN TO GIVE LECTURE BEFORE MINING SOCIETY

J. T. Ryan '08 will give an illustrated talk on European mines at the request of the Student Mining and Metallurgical Society Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in Room 139 Old Mining.

Mr. Ryan, vice-president and general manager of the Mine Safety Appliances company of Pittsburgh, visited England and France last year to make a study of mining conditions there. All mining and metallurgy students are urged to attend the lecture.

JOHNNY HINES in "Stepping Along"
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