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WHAT HO! THE BELLES

The ballyhoo is over—the main show is about to commence. Today, the College opens wide its doors in a burst of genuine welcome to the hundreds of fair visitors who come to State College from this and other states to revel, for all too short a time, within the shadows of Mount Nittany. The Junior Promenade—ever the crowning event of the Penn State social calendar—is on the threshold!

Penn State automatically throws itself open for inspection. Hundreds of girls, of all descriptions and sizes, and coming from towns of the same, invade our community today. Officially their title is guest, but somewhere tucked away in their personalities is the critical: their powers of observation are great—they notice all that is favorable, all that is unfavorable. These impressions are carried back home—and broadcast!

Be that as it may. The week-end is beginning. On such occasions serious faces are a rarity—which is as it should be. Revelry abounds. It will know no limit tonight once the harmonious strains from either a Garber or a Goldkette combination start reverberating through the disguised Armory. First Goldkette, then Garber, then Goldkette again and back to Garber. A large evening!

To the Prom girls, we say: Welcome! You are about to experience two days of never-to-be-forgotten entertainment. You will cause many a heart to flutter. You will be occasion for brand-new shovels to start excavation. You will be responsible for dollars passing out of your escort's pocket. You will receive honorable mention in countless "bull sessions." You will have a good time. You will be glad you came. You will want to come again. You will think Penn State is a pretty nice place.

The cordial hand of hospitality is outstretched to the countless number who are visitors on the Nittany campus this week-end. We are sure "a good time will be had by all." It can't be otherwise. It's in the cards.

THE LAMB OR THE LION

Probably one of the most distracting and perplexing sentiments a college newspaper has to face is that sickly opinion, expressed for the most part by professors and coy Y. M. C. A. executives, that to do the most good the college organ must blink its eyes to embarrassing deficiencies and render what in any case cannot be mistaken for anything but Constructive Criticism. The idea underlying this dictum is that reform can be accomplished only by the meek: all others need not apply.

Were it preferable, the COLLEGIAN would have assumed long ago the gentle role that has been advocated for it, and even, on an occasion last year, was forced upon it. But from experience, board after board has discovered that to point out a mistaken policy, or an error in administration, it is advisable to leave the shallow groove to the College wardens and strike out boldly.

Yet often where the need for bettering conditions is so obvious as to become frightful, no amount of denunciation can bring any action, or, indeed, betray a whimper. And so, since we feel that in certain matters the controllers of our destinies cannot be ejected, nor even reasoned with, we beg of them that in the matter of final examinations may they be at least vigilant, even if it means forgoing constructive criticism, and we beg of them to remember that integrity cannot be bartered for mercy.

We have, as can be seen, started early this year in attacking the present system of many institutions, more especially, of final examinations. But it is not because we enjoy playing the Puritan: it is simply because it is distracting and perplexing.

MORE ABOUT THE A. A. CONSTITUTION

When a much used bridge becomes antiquated and in danger of collapse, little time is wasted in making the repairs that would restore its original usefulness—if those interested are wise. When anything vital to those in the immediate vicinity is in need of change, it is usually not long before

the remedy is forthcoming—provided that the necessary interest is followed by the will to do.

The much used bridge in this particular case is the constitution and by-laws of the Penn State Athletic Association. Faculty, student and alumni committees have acted in the role of workmen in bringing about necessary changes in the A. A. Constitution—the revision of which has long been needed.

The proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws of the Athletic Association are printed in their entirety elsewhere in this issue. These should be read by every undergraduate in order that he may vote with some degree of wisdom when the polls are open for that purpose on Monday, May ninth.

There is nothing complex about the proposed revision. The student body merely votes pro or con on the A. A. constitution and by-laws as they have been changed by the three committees. At each of the six polling places in each of the six schools, there will be a copy of the new amendments for the convenience of the voters.

It is necessary for forty per cent of the student body to vote on these amendments, and for a two-thirds majority to be cast favorably, in order that the new Athletic Association constitution may become effective immediately. If the interests of the students are properly focused on current campus affairs, then the balloting will near the hundred per cent mark.

There is a duty for every undergraduate to perform on Monday, May ninth. Otherwise an embarrassing situation might result.

WE RISE TO SAY THAT—

A short time ago, the Y. M. C. A. conducted a campus balloting for the election of officers for 1927-28. The names of the nominees were announced in two consecutive issues of this paper and then two days of voting took place. The election over, the successful candidates came in line for congratulations—which is as it should be. The Y. M. C. A. has annually followed this procedure of electing officers to head that organization—which procedure, to our way of thinking, is not as it should be.

The men working to fulfill the duties of the Y. M. C. A. on the Penn State campus (and that is a most worthy form of endeavor) are rarely well known about the campus, prior to their election. The men with whom they work throughout the year are far better fitted to vote on the respective merits of the candidates for election than is the average student who does not even know the man for whom he places an (X) in the square across from his name. So saying, we will sit back and watch the Y. M. C. A. again hold an all-college ballot for the election of officers for 1928-29 when the time comes next year.

The Bullosopher's Chair

Smithers:—"Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Grover Cleveland would never have received degrees from modern American universities."

Smithers:—"What?"

Smithers:—"Oh, I'm merely quoting."

Smithers:—"Quoting? From whom?"

Smithers:—"A professor. In some newspaper."

Smithers:—"Ah!"

Smithers:—"Why the knowing "ah!"

Smithers:—"I'll bet it's Nicholas Murray Butler."

Smithers:—"No."

Smithers:—"William Lyon Phelps?"

Smithers:—"No."

Smithers:—"Glenn Frank, Alexander Meiklejohn, Percy Marks?"

Smithers:—"No. You'd never guess. I never heard the name before. It's Professor Whittlesey of Princeton. He thinks that Lincoln was too poor to have come to college today, that Cleveland was not sufficiently glib, that Jefferson and Franklin would have been expelled."

Smithers:—"Expelled?"

Smithers:—"Prof. Whittlesey believes that 'the present aim of the college is to stratify students; socially, scholastically, and in their standards of conduct.' Here's the reason. Both Franklin and Jefferson would not have submitted to the restraints placed upon present day students. According to the newspaper story Prof. Whittlesey says 'If the tendency of the colleges to turn out a uniform type of mind continues, their graduates will soon be, nothing but Ph. D's.'" Say, Bullosopher, what are you laughing at?"

"I was just thinking of Franklin and Jefferson in a pants scrap."

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Nominations for Class And LaVie Offices Due

All nominations for class, student and La Vie offices must be in their names to E. L. Splitter at the Chi Upsilon house before six o'clock tomorrow evening.

Student Council Gives Class Election Rulings

All names of those breaking the above rule will be reported to the Student Council and published in the Collegian. In case of a violator of the rules obtaining office, the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will be installed.

Election hours will be between nine and twelve-thirty in the morning and one and four-thirty in the afternoon. Two members of the Council will be in charge of each poll. One of these will give the voter his proper ballot according to school and class while the other will check his name from an official student directory.

From each class there will be elected a president, secretary, treasurer and student council members. Sophomores will also vote for executive members of the La Vie. In the election for presidents of the various classes, the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be Vice-President.

In the La Vie election, the two candidates receiving the next highest numbers of votes for editor-in-chief, shall be associate editors; and the candidates for business manager receiving the second highest number of votes shall be advertising manager.

All the names of those who have turned in their names for the various offices will be published in the next issue of the Collegian.

Lacrossers in Need of Conditioning—Paul

During the past week, the Lion charges have been practicing intensively inspite of hindering weather conditions. Defense and attack plays occupy the greater part of the practice sessions. Coach Paul has been polishing the ragged teamwork that made itself evident in the opening game with Lafayette last Saturday.

Although the Nittany stickmen displayed a strong defense and trimmed the Maroon cohorts in decisive fashion, the offense was not at its peak of power and the passing and general teamwork appeared ragged and erratic.

Coch Paul has made a few changes in the line-up and will probably start Maschal at the in-home position instead of Pecori. Geiswite may receive the call as first attack while McIlvane, Griffin or Rheinhold may be inserted at second attack. The remainder of the line-up will be intact.

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Mother's Day



Sunday May 8th

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Thespians Return To Stage "Girl Wanted"

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S. C. Runkle '27 and J. L. Nelson '27, as Jimmy and Constance, singing "Just Making Believe" and "Deep in Your Eyes," were another outstanding couple in what Thespian officials believe to be the best presentation in the history of the dramatic club. As the liping country girl on her first visit to New York, J. D. V. Nieda '29, was one of the most comical characters in the cast.

Peek's Singing Praised

The rich, clear voice of E. N. Peek '27, who played one of the leads, was praised by interested critics wherever the singing son of Thespis recited. R. G. Kennedy '28, was the female feature of the show and was commended for giving an almost unexcelled characterization of a girl. H. G. Sapper '28, performing the black bottom number, gave a professional account of himself according to a Broadway showman attendant.

The same cast that negotiated the program on the recent trip will take the boards for tomorrow night's showing. The curtain will rise promptly at seven o'clock.

Proposed Amendments To A. A. Constitution

(Continued from first page)

and Secretary shall be chosen by the active members of the Association in a general election to be held on the second Monday in May each year.

The Board of Athletic Control shall consist of fifteen (15) members: three (3) students; four (4) members of the Faculty; five (5) members of the Board of Trustees of the College who shall be ex officio. The Graduate Manager of Athletics shall be the Secretary of this Board.

The faculty, alumni and trustee members of the Board of Athletic Control shall be chosen by the organization which they represent in the spring of each year, and in accordance with the requirements for election in the by-laws of their respective organizations. This section may not be changed without the express concurrence of both the Senate and the Alumni Association.

Nine members of the Board of Athletic Control shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A minimum of ten days' notice in writing shall be given for all meetings of the Board.

The student representation on the Board of Athletic Control shall be—The President of the Athletic Association, the President of the Senior Class and the Head Cheerleader.

Immediately after the organization of the Board of Athletic Control it shall proceed to choose a Graduate Manager of Athletics. This action is subject to the approval of the College Administration.

The Executive Committee of each branch of sports shall consist of the President of the Association, the Graduate Manager of Athletics, and the Coach, Captain and Manager of that sport.

Duties of General Officers. Section 4. Graduate Manager, amended as follows:

Graduate Manager—The Graduate Manager shall be the financial agent of the Association. He shall make all contracts and be responsible for all business transacted in the name of the Association. It shall also be his duty to receive all moneys, to sign all checks in expenditure of association funds, and to maintain a detailed account and records of all financial transactions.

The books and accounts of the Graduate Manager shall be audited annually by a competent accountant. He shall make an annual financial report to the Association and he shall submit to the President of the College and the Board of Athletic Control for approval, the annual budget of the general association and its departments, and shall also submit quarterly financial reports and the annual auditor's statement. The Graduate Manager shall be required to furnish a bond of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars, the fee for securing which shall be paid out of the association treasury.

The Board of Athletic Control can at its discretion increase the amount of the bond required.

Duties of General Committees, amended to read as follows:

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IX.—Method of General Election. Sections 1 and 2 amended to read as follows:

There shall be six polling places, one in each of the six schools of the College, and the Election Board shall comprise thirteen members consisting of a Judge, six Tellers and six Clerks. The Judge, or the election board shall assign a Teller and a Clerk for each polling place.

Method of Selecting Team Officers. Section 3 added—The Coach shall be chosen by the Board of Athletic Control, subject to the College Administration.

Change "Advisory Committee on Athletic Control" to "Board of Athletic Control."

Requirements for Insignia Awards, amended to read as follows:

Track (five) members of a winning Cross Country team who enter in the Annual Interscholastic Cross Country Championship, or to a man who places among the first ten.

A sack two inches in width and running diagonally across the jersey from the right shoulder to the left hip, together line on a white jersey or white on a blue jersey, shall be awarded to those members of the Varsity track squad who score points in the Annual Interscholastic Cross Country Championship.

Inset a new Section 23, and advance the present sections 22, 24 and 25 one number.

Championships. The major sports "S" shall be awarded to the members and manager of a wrestling, boxing, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, or golf team winning an Interscholastic Championship.

The Football Telephone Returns Committee, and the Freshman Managers shall be awarded an insignia as set forth in Art. XVII, Section 2.

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Restrictions.—The Committee on Awards in conjunction with the Board of Athletic Control have power to withhold or take away at their own discretion the privilege of wearing the "S".

Forms of Athletic Insignia, amended to read as follows:

All minor sports insignia shall be worn in the center of the sweater. The Football Telephone Returns Committee and the Freshman Managers' insignia shall be an "S" 2nd, and shall follow the dimensions of the minor sports' insignia.

By-Laws. Art. I.—The Major and Minor Sports, amended to read as follows:

The major sports shall be Football, Baseball, Track and Basketball.

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