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THIS CLASSICAL ADVERTISING

With each succeeding day the Armory is undergoing operations that result in the casting off of an age-old head-piece for a covering of which any building might have just cause to be proud. Clean, sturdy slates are replacing slabs that approached antiquity ten years ago. The re-shingling of the Armory marks the beginning of but one of the many proposed renovations made possible by the granting of the four million dollar state appropriation.

Judging by the unsightly numerals formerly adorning the roof that had held sway before the present repairs, it has been more than twenty years since the old roof was in its infancy. No sooner had the new shingles been applied twenty years ago, than class numerals began to make an appearance.

There used to be a class scrap, in which, on the night prior to Baccalaureate Sunday, freshmen would attempt to ascend the roof, there to make a successful application of the class numerals. Sophomores, stationed in the vicinity of the Armory, would attempt to repel all such attempts. It was a traditional scrap, and quite a merry one, so we are told. Gradually as the years passed out of the "dark ages" into more familiar times, the sophomores failed to gather around the Armory on the appointed night—the freshmen had a clear track to the Armory roof. Soon it became only a matter of selecting the best painter to do the job. Class rivalry failed to enter into it. Numerals yearly appeared on the roof without any opposition whatsoever on the part of the sophomores.

We are not advocating a revival of this long-forgotten class scrap—the present ones are attended only by a mere handful as it is. We would like to see an end of mural-painting on the Armory roof. Years ago, there was the romantic, the uncertainty in the placing of the class numerals on the Armory roof. Now, there is no one to offer the slightest opposition. It is a simple matter to paint four numerals on an unguarded roof, it is also easy to relieve an infant of candy.

No possible benefit can result from any class placing numerals in a position where they would prove an eyesore to campus visitors as well as students. The wear and tear on the roof, caused by collegians yearly scrambling over its surface, takes its toll.

A new roof will soon cover the Armory. Will it remain new, free from all classical advertisements or will it be an annual resting place for the numerals of each succeeding class? The answer lies with the members of each of the four classes now holding sway at Penn State.

OUR HATS ARE OFF

Editorials appearing at irregular intervals in this column during the past fifteen months have attempted to portray the feelings of this newspaper toward the wearing of hats by members of the junior class. The hat question has proved a source of many editorials and without an exception, each favored the abolishment of the custom that allowed only the seniors the privilege of going bare-headed.

It is only natural that this column should join in rejoicing with the rest of the College, all because Student Council finally voted to allow the members of the junior class the privilege of going hatless. A year and one half after the issue was first vigorously presented, the Councilmen finally saw their way clear to take the step that, although extremely radical, was equally as wise. Next year the junior and senior classes together will enjoy the delightful privilege of going bare-headed.

It cannot be denied that a senior class depends, to a great extent, on the junior class for co-operation in the fulfillment of regular undergraduate administrative duties. With the juniors restricted from going hatless, there was a natural barrier toward any

common meeting ground between the third and fourth year classes. With the adoption of the new Student Council ruling any barrier that may have existed is raised; the juniors are no longer forced to undergo the discomfort of wearing a head covering. A strong concentration between the two top classes, the upper classes, will result from the new ruling.

As a reward for emerging the victor in the annual tug-of-war in future years, the sophomores will be allowed to doff their hats immediately, as part of the Move-up activities. Should the second-yearmen lose then they will continue to wear hats until the following September. This phase of the new regulation will add zest to the last of the underclass embroglings. The sophomores will turn out en masse to put forth a bitter fight in an effort to enjoy a period of three extra weeks without having to bother about any form of head gear. On the other hand there will be the usual host of freshmen present, doing all in their power to prevent the class above from a premature discarding of hats. The spirit of the tug-of-war will be enhanced.

When a custom of long standing is finally tossed into the discard, one class must act as martyr. One class must willingly waive all personal thoughts of selfishness and freely grant the class below all immunity from a custom or tradition that the first-named class was forced to undergo. When such a procedure comes to pass then the class that decided that a particular tradition had outlived its usefulness, truly earns the title of martyr. Such is the class of 1928. In the Student Council meeting Tuesday night members of the class were sounded for their opinion regarding the "hat" question. Not a dissenting voice was heard regarding the abolishment of a clearly out-lived and useless custom. 1928 makes a sacrifice for subsequent classes to profit.

No hats for juniors next year! Truly this College is striking a measured gait. It is headed down the right road. It is really a college. Individuals that make up the personnel of both Student Board and Student Council are in line for congratulations. Within the past week, the two groups faced a severe test; the crisis has passed and student government stands supreme.

SWIMMING AND ICE SKATING AT PENN STATE

Penn State has never been known for its swimming facilities. Penn State has never been considered as the most sensible place to which to bring ice skates. All this, simply because there was no body of water in the vicinity of sufficient size to carry on a program of water sports. Artificial means have been employed at various times but, for one reason or another, all plans failed to materialize. In recent months, however, a plan has been gathering momentum that has all the earmarks of success.

As its memorial to the College, the Class of 1927 has set aside the sum of three thousand dollars as its share in the construction of a large swimming pool. The proposed pool will be located at Thompson's springs at the east end of the town.

The Board of Trustees, if assured that all the other classes now in College will pledge their support, have agreed to borrow enough money so that the project may be started immediately. If this were done, it would mean that by next spring Penn State would be next door to a swimming pool of more than ordinary size. An optimist might even venture that when the winter months roll around, Penn State would also be within easy walking distance of a large skating rink. But let's return to the present, the junior class at a meeting Wednesday night enthusiastically accepted the idea and pledged its support. It now remains for the two underclasses to fall into line. When the sophomores and freshmen give their consent to enlist class aid in the proposition, then serious operations will begin.

Not only does the plan call for the construction of an artificial body of water but it provides for beautification of the location, such as the planting of shrubbery and similar applications of the science known as landscape architecture.

A swimming pool in the midst of a garden spot will soon be a reality. When the winter months put in a chilly appearance, the same locality will become a rendezvous for skaters. The idea is a brilliant one, but it happily is fast changing from an idea into a fact. The outgoing senior class has paved the way for the project that will bring double pleasure for all members of succeeding classes.

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Letter Box

Some time ago there appeared in the Collegian an editorial referring to the uselessness of the Student Tribunal. Evidently the writer of the editorial neglected to pass judgment on an institution supposed of a higher character than the Tribunal. The personnel of the Tribunal is chosen by Student Council, an august body consisting of men who have flattered themselves into believing that they are good legislators. The student body has placed faith and responsibility in this organization. It feels that members of the Council will give time and intelligent consideration to all problems that may come up from time to time.

However, as a member of Student Council, I feel that this body has been as big a failure as the Tribunal. Although I am a senior I have a strong desire to see that Student Council functions in the capacity of a very strong governing body. We would have little faith in our State Legislature if we thought that a law passed today would be rescinded tomorrow. Less faith would we have in our Board of Trustees, if today they decided against compulsory Chapel, and tomorrow they should reverse their decision and again compel us to go to chapel. In either case we would say that there is something radically wrong with their personnel. That is just the trouble with Student Council.

At the meeting held last Saturday at noon Student Council undertook one of the most important problems of the year. If Student Council didn't, then the college authorities would. But the boys showed their stuff and decided to act for themselves. A wise move I say.

The Student Board which should get no more credit, after several hours of untiring thinking, put before Student Council a number of just and reasonable resolutions which had to do with the ridiculous piling up of Co-op of valuable personal property.

Chief among these resolutions was one which compelled the delinquent

freshmen to continue taking freshman customs until the end of the year. Now truthfully this was unjust, but at the hurried meeting the members of Student Council unanimously adopted these resolutions as a just punishment to the freshmen. However, just as unjust these resolutions were, it showed that the Council was wide awake and exercised a power which surely made it stronger than it has ever been.

Dean Warnock and President Hetzel deliberated with the Student Board in drawing up these resolutions and were satisfied with the action taken. But with all this praise for the Council I must say that the action taken by it on Tuesday night more than offset the good work done on Saturday.

Tuesday night the meeting was called for eight forty-five because of the Y. M. C. A. banquet given at seven-thirty at which some of the members were to be present. At seven o'clock the meeting was called to order and in a half hour we had to decide two important issues. One was whether or not juniors could take senior customs, and the other was whether the resolute compelling freshmen to continue with customs should be rescinded. It is unnecessary for me to say how these issues were decided. But I can say that they were decided within the half hour.

I venture to say that if a resolution to abolish all customs were brought up on Tuesday night, it would have gone through because the men were in a hurry. But even if this had happened it wouldn't worry any of the members for at the very next meeting, or at a special meeting it could be rescinded.

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Gentlemen, can you depend on the action of Student Council, can you place your faith in its members? Personally, I should say NO. And how about the juniors taking senior customs? Where has the class distinction and spirit gone? What do you think of a sophomore taking junior customs on Move-up Day? I ask all Penn State men, what is happening to our boasted Penn State TRADITIONS? Ask Student Council.

Penn State Club Plans All-College May Dance

(Continued from first page) ing awarded the winners. The design of the programs is to be a novel one, different from those of past years. All persons who expect to design posters for this dance should submit them to W. L. Fielder '28, at 234 Pugh street, before May twenty-sixth. These designs must be in two or more colors and for every two accepted a free ticket will be given. According to Fielder, those who have taken dancing instructions through the Penn State club are especially invited to attend. Tickets costing one dollar and fifty cents may now be procured at Whitey Musser's.

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Interfraternity Board Holds Yearly Elections

(Continued from first page) cher, meals at hotels and restaurants, out-of-town parties, and the like.

B. No freshman shall be permitted to room in the house, nor stay over night in the house, of a fraternity that is a member of the Council, from the period beginning the opening day of Freshman Week, and ending twelve noon on the Wednesday that pledging is allowed to take place.

C. No member of a fraternity shall entertain a Freshman after eleven p. m., or entertain a freshman at breakfast.

It shall be considered an infraction of interfraternity courtesy for any fraternity to call upon a freshman while he is a guest at another fraternity.

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