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### A FEW SOPHOMORES

Groups of noisy sophomores, delightfully and almost gleefully engaged in the hauling of freshmen to a customs examination, is a familiar sight about the campus during the early part of the college year. Such a scene has been annually staged for many years. It seems to be an established custom. But that is no reason it should continue.

Such a custom is certainly not pleasing to the freshmen. That is natural. But here is a surprising fact: if a vote could be taken, it would be found that almost one-half of the sophomore class would be unwilling to be numbered as one of the participants in the noisy occupation of "whispering" something about the particular destination of a wearer of the dink. A large portion of the junior class looks with disfavor on the molly second-year gathering, while to the average senior it is positively nauseating.

The presence of such groups does succeed in keeping the freshmen "on his toes." Knowing the organization of such a crowd the first-year student makes doubly certain that he possesses the required matches, dink, black socks and tie, and "bible." That is one benefit of the gathering, and the only one. Lined up against this one favorable reason, are many others, that by themselves are reasons for the abolishment of such a practice.

A glance at the personell of this gathering of sophomores would not disclose the highest type of Penn State student. A rather questionable element makes up the numbers of this group that takes especial delight in "dealing with" the hapless freshmen.

Some of the activities that take place within the center of the sophomore campus gathering could be correctly termed, indiscriminate hazing. Indiscriminate hazing is supposed to be taboo, yet here it is happening in plain sight of everyone!

The presence of such a gathering sometimes makes for discipline among the freshmen. Surely, there are other far more sensible methods of creating discipline, of having a customs check-up than by the present rowdy assemblage of sophomore sophomores.

### BEAUTY OR CONVENIENCE?

We searched diligently through last year's files for an editorial concerning something about keeping off the grass. If we had been successful in the search it would have been a temptation to re-print the editorial in its entirety. It seems that every year, sometimes twice his newspaper is forced to publish a dissertation that the grass that helps beautify, a truly picturesque campus, is meant to be viewed in lieu of being crushed under the many feet of hundreds of thoughtless students.

When the plans for the campus were laid out years ago, provisions were made for a suitable number of walks. Evidently the present-day student, in this age of speed and time-saving, thinks that there is yet room for a few more paths about the campus. In his thoughtlessness, he does not realize that he is sacrificing beauty for the saving of a few seconds.

Student Council has it in its power to devise rules and regulations, even punishment, a sa means to prevent any happening that is detrimental to the College. Seeing the formation of new paths where once green grass flourished, it will undoubtedly take action to prevent further development of "grass trespassing."

Rules should not be necessary for college men unless there remains no other way to keep them in check. If unthinking students persist in doing their utmost to replace grass with bare earth in establishing a new route between two given points, then the law-makers have a legitimate right to devise a way towards the prevention of this practice.

### WHY, OF COURSE!

During the first several weeks of College almost every student, particularly the freshmen, is accosted many times and asked to buy this or subscribe to that. Whether he accedes to the request or not depends on the individual student: if he feels a need for the object for sale he will purchase without hesitation, his bankroll willing. The prices of the various objects which it is

hoped (by their individual backers) that the students will buy, vary greatly to say nothing of their quality and value to the ultimate customer. It is unfortunate, but true, that the smaller the price of any article, the less hesitation will the individual display in its purchase. When an abundance of currency is involved the person who is about to be separated from the roll will ponder for some length before making his final decision. And he is a wise man.

But here at Penn State, where one rarely comes in contact with high finance, the prices of sundry articles sold by students for students never exceed seven dollars (the price of a 1927 Junior Prom ticket). And the lowest price is twenty-five cents (the price of a football program). Of course, between those two price limits there are as many articles as ingenious minds can create.

When anyone makes an attempt to present to a State College audience the world's best musicians, humorists, singers, pianists, entertainers, dramatists, magicians, at a price that would buy a seat in the last row of the third balcony in a city theatre, then that group is entitled to the hearty backing of the entire student body. When anyone succeeds in bringing leading "gate" attractions into a community ordinarily deemed, because of location, the privilege of attending such performances, then that organization is entitled to a square deal on the part of students and townspeople alike. The Artists Entertainment Course, sponsored by the Y. M. C. A., is the organization to which we refer as entirely deserving of the support of the surrounding community.

Yearly has the "Y" endeavored to present only the best in the way of entertainment. That they have annually succeeded has been the unstinted testimonial of persons fortunate enough to attend. Each year the profit and loss ledger leans dangerously on the side of the latter, which means that in order to support its array of high-priced entertainers, the Y. M. C. A. has been forced to obtain the balance of the funds from other departments of its none too flushed budget.

The "Y" is forced to put forth an almost prohibitive sum in order to book attractions which will prove a drawing card. Last year with an imposing array of talent on the program, the Entertainment Course was a financial failure. Undaunted, those in charge labored fearlessly, until they are now able to present to the local community a group of individual entertainers whose fame is known the world over. Anyone with a knowledge and appreciation of music will recognize several of the groups of musicians who will appear during the season. In addition, there are dramatists, lecturers and humorists. A glance over the scheduled engagements would tempt the tightest purse strings.

Five dollars will purchase a season ticket entitling the holder to one of the choice seats, while other season tickets may be purchased for three and four dollars. Seats for individual performances will be on sale before each engagement for one dollar and one dollar and fifty cents. If economy were considered alone, it is obvious that a saving would be effected by purchasing a season ticket. If at and appreciation of music were considered, as should be the case, it is plain that the eight attractions would be reasonable at three times the present price.

If the Entertainment Course should prove another financial "white elephant" this year, it would mark the final attempt to promote such a venture. Then the temporary and permanent residents of this community would be forced to resort solely to the cinema for means of amusement. Music lovers, for one, are challenged! But the Entertainment program is so arranged, so balanced to attract everyone in the vicinity.

It would be indeed surprising if a grumble should be heard about the price asked for a season ticket. The quality of each one of the eight attractions is almost without a peer. What more could one ask?

### Grid Gossip

Bez, the philosophical mentor, has a habit of intentionally favoring the team opposing the first eleven for reasons all his own. But Tuesday when Hugo ordered the Varsity penalized for an off-side infringement, Hal Hastings challenged him and asked who was off-side. "Why—er—Green-shields was," stuttered Bez.

There came a deep stentorian "So's your old man!" from the sideline. It was Green-shields on the bench.

From the abundance of humorous cracks that lighten the daily practices on New Beaver field, it seems that the Fiath management might violate the scouting rule long enough to seek out a few first class joke chefs. Chief among the wise-crackers is Matty McAndrews. Mac tackled Joe Wilson during one of the sessions the other day and the ball totee got up again and ran. "Nail him down!" yelled the coaching staff in unison.

"What am I supposed to do," asked Mac, perplexed, "dig a hole and bury him?"

First, second and third assistant football managers who were instructed to keep the gridirons clear of spectators have been making a good deal of the students and not down from the college authorities.

It's a good thing Bez wears a uniform.

It seems that a near fight on the practice field resulted when Adolph, the third ass't m'r, who reported only yesterday tried to eject Emilio, brother but unknown member of the backet team.

Cy Lungren took a neat little piece out of his hip Wednesday afternoon (the undiscovered halfback on the bench) notices that now Cy won't have so much to offer his overseers.

### Bacteriology Faculty Gets Two Assistants

Two new graduate assistants have been added to the faculty of the bacteriology department, it was announced today.

Mr. R. L. Ferguson, a graduate of Kansas State Teacher's college at Pittsburg, Kansas, and more recently of the Iowa Agricultural college, Ames, Iowa, has accepted a position as a faculty assistant. Mr. Ferguson has had several years in teaching work in Missouri and Kansas, and will continue his graduate studies at Penn State in connection with his teaching.

Mr. H. Y. Griffen, a graduate of Ohio State university last year, will also act as a graduate assistant in bacteriology this year and will pursue advanced work. Mr. Griffen comes to Penn State highly recommended by Ohio State.

### Thoughts of Others

Pennsylvania has acquired a new and important educational force.

You are firmly assured of that when you talk with Dr. R. D. Hetzel, newly elected President of Pennsylvania State College. First of all, Dr. Hetzel is exceedingly good to look at.

If he was not a star athlete in college he might have been one with his singularly like and stalwart physique. Young, energetic and wide awake, this college president who has come out of the West to head Penn State appears to be a forceful character.

But I like best the way he talks about what he deems the highest duty of a college president.

"To keep in contact and close contact with the students is my aim."

Which beats by a million miles the role some college president assume, of figuring in the cold and austere posture of top and gown, handing out diplomas once a year to graduates.

And Dr. Hetzel does keep in constant contact with Penn State students.

He has weekly round-table talks with student groups. There they discuss every side and angle of college work and college life.

"I don't believe," said Dr. Hetzel "in fixing hard lines or laying down rules without first talking them over fully with the students themselves. It is better that the greatest possible amount of governing appears to come up from the students and not down from the college authorities."

Boys and girls like that, too, since it gives them the consciousness of helping to work out their own problems.

Dr. Hetzel came from Wisconsin University, which has perhaps the greatest agricultural school in the world. If Penn State does not feel the effects of that tutoring, I miss a guess which seems not a guess at all.

This rich farming State, with its 210,000 farms, will back up a programme of more and better agricultural education.

Where better than at Penn State to inaugurate a really sane method of farm marketing?

I asked Dr. Hetzel about that Penn State cow which had a window in her stomach.

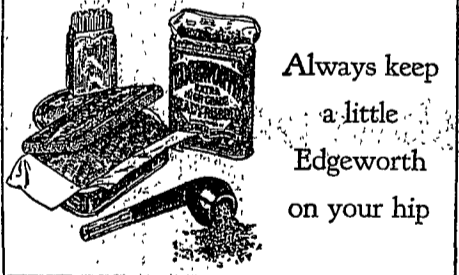
"She's real," was his reply, "and our bacteriologists and others are studying the process of digestion and effects of feed upon cattle through that window in the cow's stomach."

So eating rattlesnakes is not the only novel thing done at our State's only agricultural college.

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DR. KNOTT, EXTENSION AGENT, DIRECTS WORK

At the extreme end of the College campus almost hidden from view, one may see a rather unimportant-looking plot of ground with various vegetables planted here and there.

This unpretentious plot of earth may be said to influence the prosperity of nearly every farmer of Pennsylvania, and indirectly the prosperity of the Commonwealth. It is an experimental planting ground characteristic of the soil found commonly in Pennsylvania, on which are planted new varieties of vegetables. This experimental plot, under the direction of Dr. J. D. Knott, serves the agriculturalists of the State by trying new vegetables first to ascertain whether the climatic conditions are favorable and whether there are any specific advantages of the new species.

In this manner the farmers are spared the discomfiture of the combined loss of money and time through experimentation. Farmers are advised as to the advantages or disadvantages of certain crops through two vegetable extension men working throughout the State.

The question as to whether basic course in military training in the University should be compulsory or elective is still alive.

Two weeks ago the faculty voted to make these courses elective for freshmen and sophomores. At the request of the President, the question was reconsidered but a second vote merely re-affirmed the first.

The same question was put to the Student Council. Its vote was courted to that of the faculty. Petition bearing the signatures of an overwhelming majority of the male students ask for the continuance of compulsory military training.

The rift between the students and faculty is widened. Another question on which the two groups differ has been discovered. Will the faculty listen to the request of the students and accept it as a recommendation or will they consider themselves as the masters and have their way? It has been asserted that personal differences affected the faculty vote on both occasions. Could personal likes and dislikes be forgotten long enough to give consideration to a question concerning part of a college curriculum affecting several hundreds of students every year?

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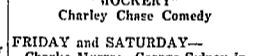
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