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MOVE-UP DAY

Obviously the yearly advance through class customs and traditions is a gradual increase of individual freedom. The down-trodden freshmen, hemmed in on every side by restrictions on his personal and public conduct, eventually enjoys the privileges of seniority with its unlimited freedom. Looking beneath the surface of class customs and forgetting for a moment personal irritation against restraints upon individual liberty, one sees a progress of a different sort going on. The period between matriculation and graduation witnesses an increase in the assumption of responsibility. From this point of view, then, the freshmen should be the most carefree of the four classes.

Responsibility as well as customs carries with it restrictions upon individual conduct and action. The shade of difference lies in the fact that observance of customs is enforced from without, which is, no doubt, irksome, and that responsibility's only taskmaster is the individual's sense of duty and the effect his actions will have upon his associates' opinion of him. In popular opinion servility to customs smacks of inferiority while slavery to responsibility is commonly supposed to indicate a high degree of ability. Hence the apparent readiness on the part of undergraduates to cast off one set of shackles for another.

Tomorrow members of the four will drop old restrictions and take on new responsibilities at the annual Move-Up Day ceremonies. In high glee and joy they will leave behind them the past year's class customs, but will think little, if at all, about the demands their new taskmaster will make upon them. It is well. There is yet plenty of time to worry about the responsibilities of the future.

FRATERNITY SONGS

Fraternity singing has long lain in a dormant state. Not only has there been little development along this line, but there is also an unusual scarcity of good fraternity songs, songs that may be sung in public without a blush on the part of the songsters. A recent movement to awaken interest in this phase of the Greek-letter man's life has taken the form of an interfraternity radio singing contest.

As yet there has been a lack of interest shown in this competition. Fraternity songs form a colorful and worthwhile part of undergraduate life and Penn State fraternities seem, from the amount of response to the call for entries in the contest to have no songs. Buried beneath the dust in some obscure corner of their houses, they must have both chapter and national songs. Let them unearth the music, harmonize over it and enter the contest before tomorrow noon when all entries must be in.

The Bullosopher's Chair

"Pedagogues who stick to their posts and aim high are quite elated over the fact that education has gone rotary. The late Achievement Test proves it. The peticians prove it. The students themselves prove it. But some of us are sick. It has been only a short while since bookkeepers threw up their pencils and became efficiency experts on education, but in that short time they prospered exceedingly and a system, already wobbling from mechanized methods, was knocked sprawling by the application of more mechanized methods. It was an easy matter for the Carnegie Foundation to pass off its Achievement Test as a scientific experiment. Those who refused to consider the test seriously were accused of prejudice and were warned to remember those who had scoffed at Columbus. The argument that the Educators looked more like weasels than Columbus had no effect. Appearance is deceitful and those gentlemen who do not know Christopher Morley from Kit Mulrow are really capable to tell those who do how literature is to be taught.

"It seems to me that the whole business of blue-printed education has reached a ridiculous state. Unless a stop is put to it the hub, science, as the peterkim wett-nuses facetiously term it, will soon be on a level with ethnopractic, vivance, and other elevated arts. Right now Higher Learning is even up with phenology and going strong, in fact, the only advantages for the latter that I can think of at the moment are that it costs less and that its practitioners have some sense.

"Why, it may be asked, do I not give these educators a chance? Why do I not cooperate? Why do I not become molluscated with their ideas? Why do I not become tolerant and keep my own opinions in suspended animation? It is as intelligent to ask me why I do not do these things as it is to ask me why, if I wish to improve the conditions of the insane, I do not myself become a lunatic.

"I do not share the popular belief that all schools and all professors are endowed with a mysterious wisdom which, if not apparent on the surface, operates furiously beneath it. If departments of pedagogy have any virtues they have escaped me. I have encountered scores of Educators and Embryo Educators and among them all I recall only one who had anything interesting to say. They are nearly all dull, authoritative, and fat-headed. They would make excellent movie detectives. Whether or not they are familiar with a subject, they are exasperatingly cocksure about it; in fact, not knowing a subject is considered a great advantage. It will allow freer range for the methods. Talk to an instructor in educational measurements and he will leave you with the impression that you have been conversing with a prime minister or at the least, an alderman. You may be an Einstein, but however meagre his knowledge of science you will discover that in ten minutes he will be discussing relativity. In twenty he will offer to teach it to you. In thirty he will undertake to christ you vitality and cremate you bones.

"Granting all their preposterous claims to science one cannot see how anything remotely scientific can be obtained from the Achievement Test, even though the seniors of the School of Education tabulate the papers. In the first place, the thing was not an achievement test. Vast portions were palpably designed to give the Aged and old intellectual nonentities a chance to catch up. Vast portions more were so ambiguous and obscure that heads of departments protested that they were unfair and could be answered only arbitrarily. Furthermore, batches of papers will have to be thrown out as incomplete. Even the most enthusiastic (outside the School of Education) had little to say after they had taken the examination. The fever which had led them on to glorious speeches on the moral obligation of taking the test had faded out to a mere sputtering on the stimulating effects the test would have. It showed students how little they knew, and that would stimulate them. The students who had taken the test would knock their various courses for loops, and whenever they lagged other tests would be given. The professors themselves, however, felt no such jubilation. In the clear illumination of the superiority of the senior over the freshman was not after all obvious. They began to doubt whether the Carnegie Foundation was justified in taking two days away from the College's time to prove that it was obvious. Worst of all, they began to doubt whether it was a matter of college loyalty to take the test or a matter of selling themselves for eight million pieces of silver.

"This brings us to the professors themselves. The business of college loyalty is all very well, but it strikes one as being somewhat limited. Why did not the faculty members take the examination with the rest during the two day sweating period? And why, before they had taken the examination themselves, were they permitted to discuss the questions with those who already had taken it? And why did the red apple boys of the School of Education get the privilege (and how!) of making senior papers only? What was the reason for not subjecting the faculty to the same indignity?

"It is rather puzzling, too, why so many of the faculty who opposed the examination should hesitate to say so publicly.

"According to the Dean of the Liberal Arts School, the choice of the school's policy lies with the faculty. And surely an experiment that cuts so deeply and so importantly into the regular curricula is a matter of policy for the faculty to decide. Now, it would seem, is the time to speak up. It may be convenient to have the Carnegie Foundation recommending instead of dictating, but it strikes one that in questions of instruction the faculty should have a say. At it was, a Pittsburgh reporter commented that stacks and stacks of books were piled up and dramatized and the student was left to make what he could of the resulting debris.

"A considerable number of professors, questioning the value of the test, took it merely to satisfy their curiosity and to condemn those who refused to take it. The rebels, they said, were flinching from scientific duty.

"Yet the Achievement Test by the most gigantic grant of grace cannot be regarded in any way as scientific. It can no more be called a test of achievement than rolling a peanut up a hill can be called a test of knowledge. And perhaps the most irritating thing about the affair is the manner in which the Liberal Arts School conducted itself. Not daring to criticize for fear of being criticized itself, the Liberal Arts School put it down as a good joke, somewhat painstakingly it seems and the very absence of critical comment bears ominous proof of how far down true education has already gone. It is high time that someone in authority stop the masquerade. More of these Achievement Tests and it will become as silly to attend an institution of learning as it is now to consult a horse doctor for an appendicitis operation. What the Educators should do is to abandon their frequency curves for a few books in the Library. What they need is a straight right to the jaw. What they need is a cold shower."

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What impressed you most during your College career?

Charles C. Berryhill '28

President of Student Council

"May I say it in just a few words? The greatest thing that these four years of college life have given me is a 'point of view.'"

"What was once of little value is now of great moment. What once seemed of vital importance to life and in 'life's school' is now of little worth in comparison to those values which every college senior should have learned to hold as the chief purpose for our existence. These last four years have given me a broader, clearer, more wholesome attitude toward life at large. This 'point of view' has developed from the books I have read, the contacts I have made with instructors and the associations with other college men whom I have come to know and whose acquaintance to me is worth much.

"As any other college senior, I hold that there are many values in college life which are too numerous to mention here. The friendships which are invaluable, the more or less free and independent life of college, the acquisition of knowledge and all the several advantages of college that make a true man worth the time and expense many times over, have all gone together in forming this 'point of view' which I maintain weighs heavily in the balance of 'College life and what it has meant to me.'"

Thomas J. Costello '28

Boating Manager

"The oft-repeated incident that has left the greatest impression with me during my four years at Penn State is the singing of the Alma Mater at the conclusion of athletic events, mass meetings and convocations. Especially, at New Beaver Field, at the end of an exciting football game is this custom inspiring. If the team has come through successfully the notes of the Alma Mater make a fitting victory song, and then, if a defeat has been administered by the opposing team, the singing of the Alma Mater lightens the disappointment and one looks forward to the next game.

"Class customs may fall into the discard, and Penn State may change in many ways, but the one ceremony that should always remain is the singing of the Alma Mater at the conclusion of all College events."

Wheeler Lord, Jr. '28

Editor-in-Chief of Collegian

"The wonderful possibilities of a fast-approaching future that awaits Penn State is the one tangible thing that impresses me most when I regard this inimitable institution. "Of course, there are cherished friendships, valuable contacts and beautiful memories that consummate four years of college life, but towering above all, is the possibility of the future Penn State."

"Penn State is young. The College is just emerging from an experimental stage. More and more the people of the Commonwealth are coming to realize that Penn State can return enormous dividends for money expended for the greater efficiency of the College.

"The tireless workers who are sacrificing time and energy, and even health, in order to make possible increased appropriation for the greater glory of the College and Commonwealth, certainly deserve all kinds of praise.

"There are many more of us who could well afford to emulate the efforts of these loyal friends. Penn State would certainly welcome such aid."

LINKSMEN BATTLE LOCK HAVEN TEAM TOMORROW

Nittany Golfers Will Engage Strong Clinton Country Club Aggregation

Hoping for a repetition of last week's victory over the George Washington golfers, the College links quartet will leave tomorrow for Lock Haven, where they will encounter the golf team of Clinton County county club. The Clinton county aggregation is composed of all experienced golfers, who play consistently throughout the year, and who will no doubt offer much opposition to the efforts of the Nittany club wielders.

The same men who have represented the Lions in every match so far this season will probably uphold the Blue and White in tomorrow's matches. Captain Jim Bunting will lead the attack for Penn State, playing the first man on the Lock Haven team. Earl Hewitt, who has been performing creditably so far this season, will no doubt follow Bunting in the matches of the afternoon.

If Vernon Fritchman displays the form tomorrow that he exhibited against Alexander of the George Washington team, copping the low medal score for the matches, Saturday, he will prove a salient feature in the power of the Penn State team. Toots Panaceon, who is a new-comer in varsity golf ranks, is improving steadily and will prove an aid for the Nittany golfers tomorrow. Panaceon won his match with Herion of the Hatchet team last week and paired with Fritchman, scored a win in the best-ball foursome.

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Letter Box

Editor, Penn State Collegian, State College, Pa.

I wish to congratulate you for your open discussion in revealing the questionable figures resulting from the recent class elections. For mere personal satisfaction, I investigated the figures from the elections and found that your original editorial was entirely justified from these facts.

That after seven ballots had been thrown out of one school ballot box by the elections committee, as being illegally cast, there yet remained in that school a total in excess of the actual number of students in that school at the present time, the number of students in school having been obtained from the secretary of the Dean. Only after a recent following your editorial did the election committee find the count to be nine less than they originally reported and verified by their first check.

That a number of persons at various school ballot boxes illegally cast ballots for candidates, in absolute violation of Student Council rulings of last year.

It is to be regretted that the elections committee has attempted to refute the facts as stated in your editorial entitled "The Election Problem" and "Figures Don't Lie." Their more progressive policy would have been to openly reveal the case and advocate a reform in our balloting system. The fault is not theirs, it is the system. Trusting that subsequent years may find a change in elective system, I remain, Very truly yours, Non-Student Senator, Nelson R. Adams '28

Library To Institute New Shelf of Books Purposing to offer worthwhile reading over the week-ends, Miss Sabina W. Vought, College Librarian, announces that in the near future a shelf of "Friday Books" will be instituted.

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This selection will consist of a number of worthwhile volumes chosen from the current publications. They will be both fiction and non-fiction and will be placed on the shelf on Fridays to be returned over the week-ends. This service is said to be an innovation in the service of college libraries. Privilege has also been extended to take out books over the summer vacation period but the latter books must not be those which are in popular demand.



Nittany Theatre

(Note: Nittany Closed Tuesday) FRIDAY—Cathaum—First Pennsylvania Showing of "THE YELLOW LILY"

FRIDAY—Nittany—Victor McLaglen, June Collyer in "HANGMAN'S HOUSE"

SATURDAY—Cathaum—Shirley Mason, Ben Turpin in "THE WIFE'S RELATIONS"

SATURDAY—Nittany—"THE YELLOW LILY" REVIVAL PROGRAM MONDAY—Cathaum—John Barrymore in "THE SEA BEAST"

TUESDAY—Cathaum—George Arliss in "DISRAELI"

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