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FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Believing that they had not given it sufficient thought representatives of student activities assembled at the Union discussion Wednesday night voted to enter the Administration's proposal to their respective groups for consideration before sanctioning any definite move. Unfortunately, this may lead to an indefinite tabling of the plan unless immediate action is taken to determine student sentiment. As Commencement is little more than a week off and examinations crowd the interim, the tendency will probably be to postpone any move until next September. Enough interest was shown by those at the meeting to merit action within the week, whether it be for or against the proposal of the College.

Doubt as to the need and the place of a Student Union at Penn State was one of the moot questions at Wednesday's discussion. Some type of Union is needed here to co-ordinate the work of the various activities, and its functions, scope, and power should be determined by the students. If the activity groups react favorably to the suggestion that a Union be established, the next step proposed is formation of a tentative Union council to formulate some manner of permanent organization. Many obstacles would confront such a group. A foreboding of this was noticeable at the discussion. Some of the questions advanced at the meeting which the council should answer are whether divisions proposed in the Administration's plan were satisfactory; whether any group would be denied use of Old Main if it did not join the Union, and what financial responsibilities Union membership would entail.

All these problems could be studied by a student committee operating this summer. If action is delayed until fall it means that activities moving into Old Main offices will be disorganized as a whole. The pertinent question is not what kind of Union shall be established. This can be determined by a representative student committee. The question which the groups should decide now is whether there shall be a Union.

The action of the Athletic Board of Control in compelling all students to secure permission to participate in any organized athletic competition during the summer is another instance of the commendable stand of the College in preventing any taint of professionalism from smothering this institution's athletics.

AD INFINITUM

"The time has come," the walrus said, "To talk of many things Of ships and shoes and sailing wear Of exchanges and lungs."

—Lewis Carroll

Although the words in the above bit of poetic wisdom occupy but a tiny niche in the collegiate vocabulary, the substance of thought voiced by the remonstrating walrus carries added weight at Commencement time. Necessary re-adjustment after the usual lethargic college year is ordained as all four classes crawl from within the shelter of cocoons, academic and otherwise, to test their wings before launching out for the summer.

The three underclasses are the most vociferous at present. Vacation jobs comprise the better part of their conversation although a hopeful minority contemplates pursuing the elusive honor point at Summer Session. Two groups have little to say. These two are seniors and the faculty. Perhaps, it is a feeling of dissatisfaction at leaving behind what many realize were the four easiest years of their life that the graduating class keeps silent. Perhaps, it is absorption over the problem of taking a director's chair or starting at the bottom of the ladder. Some have decided definitely to go to work. The cause for silence on the part of the second group is a point of interest. Perhaps, it is from mere exhaustion. Then, again, it may be boredom. After being forced to administer to the mental digestion of the average student, a professor is to be commended for merely keeping silent. Mayhem might be in order if it were not for academic dignities.

By the time September appears on the face of the calendar, all will be glad to come back. All roads will lead to State College except those on which the class of 1930 trudges. Some of its members wish that an honor point necessitated return. But, the semester will start without them and the generalities of the walrus forgotten for another year.

With the first Inter-session scheduled to begin Monday following Commencement and ending three days before the start of Summer Session, Penn State has become an educational plant operating practically the entire year.

THE LION'S DEN

BY DANIEL

Some Sucker!

As the story goes, Leo Houck, our genial glove artist, went into a restaurant, sat down, and ordered a portion of blue fish. The waiter returned—after a wait, of course—with the order and set it on the table. "Say this ain't blue fish, it's mackerel," Leo exploded.

"Indeed, this is blue fish," the waiter returned. "Gwan, I've been eating blue fish for years, and this certainly ain't it," the coach came back. Finally, Leo prevailed upon the waiter to take the fish back, but the latter did so only with considerable remonstrance. After another wait—even longer than the first—the waiter came back with the second order.

"Ah, that's it," Leo asserted, as he started in on the fish. But the funny part of it is that the waiter returned with the same order.

The Professors' Lament

I can't conceive of anything As silly as the campus cop, Unless it's those atrocities Known by the name of "lollipops."

Why is a co-ed?

Collegiate Definitions: Diploma. A diploma is a sure sign that someone is out hunting for a job.

A Suggestion

If voting machines are adopted for use in class elections here, the campus politicians probably will find a new use for monkey wrenches.

Nominations are due in order for the All-American that is purported to be forthcoming.

Another Tragedy

Simon Slutch, a prominent Penn State student, was once upon a time elected president of the Block and Bridle club. Dissension broke out in the ranks, and he was unceremoniously deposed. The rumor has leaked out only recently that his father ran the Ford agency in Punxsutawney.

To the Co-eds, et al

It is not often that our co-eds are so honored, but the following lines are penned to their memory. Not all of them, however, only the starving ones.

Lend ear, all co-eds far and near, To bits of wisdom and of cheer. When in the Corner Room you're seated, And to some food you would be treated, Just look around for to espy And mavin' you will catch the eye Of a handsome, dashing Lochmar, Daintily smoking a big cigar. He'll pay you bill what'er it be Just send it to him C O D.

(Ed Note: The poetry is not so good, but the sentiment is there just the same. Besides you don't even have to be handsome and dashing, you generally pay the bill anyway.)

Wanted: By a student travelling to Europe this summer. Someone to carry his expenses.

Behind the Headline

Discover: Adam's Lost Rib—The Stanford Daily.

Believe It or Not

According to news reports, Earl Liberty of New Freedom was married last week.

Away for the summer.

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All "Letters to the Editor" must bear the signature and address of the writer. If desired, a non de plume should accompany the signature. The responsibility expressed in this column.

Editor, COLLEGIAN: Dear Sir

The letter of B. B. Ashcom '25, in your issue of May 20 seems to need a reply. He is quite correct in saying that "until a few years ago the personnel of the faculty was more important than the buildings," but he states the truth without knowing it. In those days the physical equipment was counted as being of zero importance, so that any attention, however slight, which the faculty got was more than what the buildings got. It was this short sighted policy which made it hard at the time to attract good men to the faculty. Even if college professors were as dumb as Ashcom seems to think they are, they demand safe and adequate buildings, and enough laboratory space and laboratory equipment to care for their classes properly. The good men we now have (and they are rapidly becoming more numerous) were attracted here partly by salary offers of which Ashcom seems to be ignorant, and partly by the promise of an adequate building program.

College professors, like everyone else, would like more income. Like every other profession, the salary is roughly proportional to the man's ability and energy. There will always be some low salaried faculty who don't deserve a raise, and there will always be others on the faculty who richly deserve more salary. If Ashcom will look along Hamilton avenue, Fairmount avenue, and out along Park avenue, Ridge avenue, and Hartwick avenue, he will find plenty of evidence that the more capable men on the

faculty seem to pay expenses somehow. It is to be hoped that they get still more.

As to the quality of the present faculty, Ashcom is condemned by his own illustrations. Bill Dye, Bunny Mead, and Parson Long are all fit successors to the beloved Professor Pattee, Dean Whitmore is even a better man than Swammy Pond. There are more nationally known men in our science departments today than in Swammy's day, and the chemistry students are beginning to step out into jobs whose initial salaries are commensurate with what Swammy got. Dear old Swammy couldn't even pass the present chemistry curriculum.

If Ashcom wants to short skate on his pledge to the building fund, that is a matter for his own conscience. But he shouldn't try to alibi for his attempt to renege by writing a letter so far from just as his letter was (Signed) A PROF

TO REPRESENT CO-ED CLUB

Madison G. Reeser '31, will represent Ellen H. Richards Club and Omicron Nu, home economics honoraries, at a convention of the National Home Economics Association in the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado, from June 21 to 28.

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C. C. C. SHORTENS SILENT PERIOD IN RUSHING CODE

The silence period following the rushing season of women's clubs and fraternities will be shortened this fall as a result of action taken by Campus Clubs council at a meeting in Women's Building Tuesday afternoon.

According to the system in use last year the quiet period extended from the Saturday noon after the last rushing party until the following Wednesday noon.

M. Isabella Yackel '31, president of the council, has appointed a committee of Edna R. Roderick '31, chairman; Laura J. Griffiths, Margaret F. Knoll, and Anne E. McGuire to work out a plan for shortening this period.

ALPHA PI MU ELECTIONS (Honorary Pre Medical) Faculty

Dean Frank C. Whitmore Undergraduates Marvin C. Goodman '31 Samuel B. Braunstein '32 William M. Lutz '32 John T. Millington '32 William Rosenzweig '32 George A. Schumaker '32 Stanley E. Tuel '32 John S. Williams '32



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