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UNDESIRABLE POLITICS

After discussing with the "open politics" with for the first time two years ago, the Student Council has developed what appears to be the most sensible election code devised here.

Faithful to get away from the stigma caused by a "sub-tro" system, Council swung too far the other way the year ago. It brought into existence an election system which, instead of eliminating objectional practices, merely legalized them. Last year's code had the same effect. While it gave the few directly interested in the elections a pleasurable thrill to stir the political brew, student politics, on the whole, were greatly over-emphasized.

The revised code calls for the elimination of mass meetings, smokers, hand bills and banners. A combined poster carrying the pictures and names of all candidates will do away with the race to plaster the campus and town with campaign placards. These provisions will cut down the colorful, but nevertheless, sensational part of the campaign which, after all, was worth little.

Other portions of the code raise the candidates' eligibility standard, seek to attract a larger vote and prevent illegal tactics. In its entirety, the code should do a great deal toward promoting sensible student elections instead of the pale imitations of adult electioneering in evidence here last year and the year before.

NO SIGN OF SIGNS

Glancing out of the office window this afternoon and seeing many a bulletin board on the campus beautiful we determined to start a campaign fund and place them there ourselves with the resultant proceeds. However, this plan died painlessly soon after when we learned indirectly that the Administration was anxious to determine what kind of bulletin boards the students desired and would probably erect them as soon as these desires were ascertained.

Equally anxious to do our duty, we questioned a few students at random and worked out the following platform whereby the great signboard mystery can be solved. The suggestions, we believe, are quite feasible and will at least provide a basis for some action. They are:

1. Erect as few bulletin boards as possible following a careful study of the more advantageous locations.

2. Do away with the practice of students tearing down "competing" signs by erecting glass-enclosed boards. Also to establish a "cleaning house" in Old Main where signs could be turned in. Every morning, for instance, someone who is competent could obtain the signs from this "cleaning house" make the round of bulletin boards, place new signs, and remove out-of-date ones. While perhaps a little complicated, this suggestion should be workable.

3. A well-painted, well-built bulletin board need not disgrace the campus or violate our sensitive "artistic" senses. While we haven't reached the stage where any sign is better than no sign at all, we would like to see some bulletin boards placed before commencement.

DOLLARS AND CENTS

A recent survey by the Intercollegiate Alumni Extension Service compares the salary scales of graduates from thirteen leading colleges. The figures reveal that graduates of Dartmouth average \$6,123 a year, while graduates of MIT and Princeton get salaries of \$5,500 and \$11,000, respectively.

Although interesting, the main fault of this study lies in its stress upon material success. Its viewpoint is quite characteristic of American codes of values. The dollar mark has come to be the criterion for worldly success, as well as the basis for judging the benefits derived from a college education.

Educational surveys dealing with graduates wealth and prominence are comparatively simple to make. A study that would judge the contribution of a college to the happiness, usefulness, and understanding of its alumni might be difficult if not impossible to make.

The average undergraduate lives in a cloistered world eating little of the economic, political, social or cultural changes of the outside. What students need to be plucked out of their provincial wading pools and thrown headlong into the sea of cosmopolitanism.

Is the average graduate, with his diploma tucked under his arm, ready to meet the world? Has he learned during the past four years how to get the most out of life? A college education often proves most beneficial when it has taught the student how to obtain the most happiness out of life, when he has found something that will prove a constant source of pleasure throughout life. Whether or not he has succeeded, however, cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

It is interesting to speculate on the position that Penn State would be given if such a survey could be made. Where would the high-salaried Princetonians place? Would Penn State find itself upholding the dollar mark as the goal of success?

E. W. W.

THE LION'S DEN

BY DANIEL

New Rushing Code

It is with almost unsurpassable pride that Daniel presents his new rushing code to the fraternities of the Pennsylvania State College. There has been an annoying amount of dissatisfaction with the various codes tried in previous years, chiefly because they were too complicated for the lay mind, and Daniel feels positive that his proposed plan here set forth will do away with all the annoying rules and bonds prescribed by the former systems. In his code there are no rules concerning which the more intelligent brothers will sit up at night and figure out ways and means of circumventing.

It is all very simple. Daniel merely relies upon the power of the printed word and the psychology of advertising. Let each freshman, before he comes to college be compelled to fill out a blank which in turn will be sent to all the fraternities. This blank shall be called the potential pledge form and contain the following information: name, age, high school athletic record amount of father's wealth, size shirt, freshman year, how many cars family has and what kind, kind of house family lives in and where located, any sisters (names, ages, and pictures), allow me freshman will have in college, and a full length portrait of the freshman himself.

This form contains all the information that will be of any value to the fraternity. A special committee (we must have committees if this is going to be official) formed of discriminating brothers will be selected by each fraternity. Sometime before freshman week each fraternity's committee will meet and pass on the coming freshmen. As a committee they will have the power to send bids with enclosed pledge pins to those persons whom they wish to pledge. The bid will look something like this:

PLEDGE PI KAPPA ALPHA!

Our waters sing and our cook dances! Our pin has more pearls and other trappings on it than that of any other fraternity in the college. Our pledges are not required to do menial work about our splendid new house which is going to be built as soon as we pledge you and sell you a bond! You'll love our home life!

or

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As you can readily see, the advantages of this new system are so apparent that Daniel refrains from mentioning them. The prospective pledge merely selects the pin he likes best and then shows up at the house when he comes to college. So you see, Daniel has abolished that terrible season called rushing period. Soon we shall strive in larger worlds!

Selah!

PHI KAPPA PHI ELECTIONS

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Dean Frank C. Whitmore
Prof. Eugene C. Woodruff
Graduate Students
Marshall P. Aiken
Albert W. Hutchison
Evan Johnson
Harry R. Kiehl
Harry L. Kimer
Paul A. Krieger
Walter S. Newman
Elizabeth S. Wimmer

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Allen D. Brandt '31
Merton B. Comp '31
George P. Fitch '31
Florence F. Fowler '31
Murielle Hathaway '31
Edward L. Johnston '31
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Editor, COLLEGIAN
Dear Sir:

It is true that the custom of saying "Hello," once universal among the Penn State men and women, has almost completely disappeared. I am one who means its passing. When I came here as a freshman, this custom more than anything else made me love Penn State.

Yet after all, the college has grown out of the "Hello" stage. In the "Lioner" High School, where everyone knew everybody else, the custom was only natural. After the college was organized and grew, no doubt, the "hello" came to be regarded as a custom, and it has just survived since. But of the body of 5000 students and teachers of today, how many does a simple one of us know? Certainly not all. Then why say "hello" to a perfect stranger, one whom you may never see again?

If there is any good to be derived from the custom of saying "hello" to a hundred or more strangers a day, let us retain the custom. On the other hand we are surely young enough not to accept tradition just because it is tradition, whether it be of any value or not. Therefore, let us examine the custom for its usefulness before we resolve to observe it as formally.

(Signed) JOHN HASTINGS '33

STEVENS LEADS DISCUSSION OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS CLUB

"Is there a need for a third political party?" was the topic discussed at a meeting of the Social Problem Club in Old Main lounge Wednesday night.

Following a historical sketch of third party movements given by Mr. Stevens, K. Stevens, of the history and political science department, a general discussion of the question was engaged in by the twenty-five members present.

Y. M. C. A. SELECTS FIRESIDE LEADERS

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