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ROBBING OURSELVES

The amount of damage to College and Borough property caused by the recent student parade should be answer enough for those "radical" students whose cry last Thursday night was "let them alone; they're not hurting anything."

That these sudden outbursts of enthusiasm are not signs that Penn State students of today are returning to traits of jungle or cradle is recognized by College officials. In fact, these incidents when students "let off a little steam" are anticipated by the administration.

The erroneous idea which seemed to prevail throughout the student gathering last week was that "we pay a damage fee every year—why not make the most of it?" The one dollar fee paid by students every year does not cover damage to town property. Money is taken out of the interclass treasury for this reparation to local merchants.

Student uprisings are infrequent at Penn State and usually quite harmless. Nevertheless, many who are not so familiar with the College, are likely to get the idea that students here lack respect for property and law.

DEFICIENCY FOR ALL?

State universities may not expel students for scholastic deficiency, according to a decree of a supreme court in Ohio, which holds that the only legal action is retention of such students in a lower grade.

Based on the assumption that state universities must offer education to all who fulfill the requirements of residence and high school training, the belief is sound only where university facilities are extensive enough to cope with the situation.

The instance is another item in the conflict between theory and practice in courts of law. Often strict adherence to theory makes legal opinion a barrier to progress. If universities cannot use their own judgment in dispensing the benefits that they were established to disseminate, they must acknowledge a serious handicap.

It is to be hoped that the application of the Ohio decree will not be construed as a basis for similar judgments in other states without consideration of the limiting factors which should be noted.

The selection of Penn State's new librarian may prove a milestone in the development of cultural benefits at the College. Mr. Lewis is accepting a position which has come to be considered of importance as the need for library improvement has been recognized more fully.

CLASS DAY

When College officials decided to hold the graduation exercises Monday afternoon and move up Class Day to Monday morning, seniors were given more opportunity than ever before to really observe a custom which has been gradually dying out at Penn State.

This year Class Day officials have made every effort to revive interest in this traditional event, and if for no other reason than the sentimentality attached to the last formal meeting of the seniors before graduation, it should be well attended.

Next Monday student leaders of a strong class will assemble for the last time. These leaders have been elected by classmates to fill their last official class role. Seniors should feel it their duty to gather for the last time at next Monday's Class Day exercises.

OLD MANIA

This department has always had a suppressed yen to do something big around this school in the line of artistic endeavor. Well, we did. If you don't believe it, take a run up to the third floor of Mann Engineering and look on the wall at the north end of the exhibition room, and there you'll see a blue-and-white sketch labelled Old Mania. It was drawn by Professor Dickson, probably while he was waiting for Mrs. Dickson to show up with the keys to the car or something, and it's a very satiric little jigger.

BULLETIN!

World has just come through on our Grapevine Telegraph that censorship has reared its ugly head again. We ran up to Mann Engineering just to get the straight dope, and sure enough, Mr. Dickson's swell sketches were gone (even Old Mania). Well, don't bother going up to see the exhibit. By the time you get there, the chances are the authorities will have removed Dickson's still life of a basket of pears on the ground that it's a slam at the Ag school.

A party handed us a poem last night, same being here presented:

Tell me not in mournful numbers What my "finals" grades will be, Do not spoil my sweet illusions, Built on hopes so trustingly.

Do not speak to me of zeos, Nor of minus ones and twos; Spate me from prosaic figures So akin to college blues.

If you must, though, only tell me If I take a two or three In the dancing class of phys ed, Or the dull of rho tissee.

Withhold all my other marks, but Compliment me, if you will, On becoming so much smoother Or my work has been nil. —Author Unknown.

Well, here it is the end of another school year. Somehow it seems to us that there ought to be something significant in that. We mean that after all, the end of another school year ought to signify something, but does it? Sure it does. For us, it signifies that we will have to go back home and work all summer, instead of idling about the tranquil little village of State College, serendipitous fair co-eds with our gutta, putting chewing gum in Pevy's unwell, watching the football team overwhelm Pitt, cheating and singing lustily at pep meetings, thumbing our nose at any professors we accidentally come in contact with, and generally leading the life of a college boy.

Some time ago Charlie Speidel called up the Department of English Composition. He wanted to know whether the well-known soliloquy was from Hamlet or MacBeth. For a minute or two the Department was stumped, no one was just sure which play the soliloquy was from. Finally some brightly stepped up and said it was from MacBeth. Charlie said thank you, that he and Leo Houck had been arguing about it, and hung up. He didn't say which one had been right.

Every once in a while Mt. Cloetngh Puts on a play that's actually worth nothings.

GEOLOGISTS OPEN CAMP ON JUNE 10

Prof. Chesleigh A. Bonine To Serve As Instructor for 8 Weeks Of Summer Course

Twelve men studying geology and oil and gas production at the College will leave June 10 for the annual summer camp conducted by the department of geology. This is the first year that the camp will be conducted for more than the customary three weeks.

Professor of geology Chesleigh A. Bonine will serve as instructor for the petroleum engineers during the first three weeks and for the geologists during the remaining five weeks of the summer camp which is located near New Paris in Bedford county.

Research work accomplished by the College students will be in cooperation with Dr. George H. Ashley, State geologist. The men intend to map the region and expect to publish a report of their work within two years.

Penn State is not the only institution conducting a summer camp or field trips in central Pennsylvania as Cornell operates a camp at Spruce Creek and Princeton, Harvard, Ohio State, West Virginia, and Pittsburgh sponsor field trips in the State annually.

PROF. ALLEN BAKER ELECTED TO AGRICULTURAL HONORARY

Prof. Allen L. Baker, of the department of agricultural extension, has been elected to Gamma Sigma Delta, honorary agricultural society, at Ohio State university in recognition of his scholarship and leadership.

Professor Baker has taken graduate work at Ohio State and is now completing his thesis for a master's degree from that university as a non-resident student.

RETURNS FROM LOUISVILLE

Dr. Howard Triebold, assistant professor of agricultural and biological chemistry, returned from Louisville, Kentucky, Monday where he read a paper before the American Society of Cereal Chemists. He spoke on the rancidity of fats with special reference to the spoilage of bakery goods in storage.

ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

Prof. Ralph U. Blasinger of the agricultural engineering department has been elected first vice-president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, and has been selected to act as toastmaster at the annual meeting to be held at the Iowa State College, July 21.

HAZZARD '33 GAINS POSITION

Contrary to the statement published in the COLLEGIAN Tuesday, William E. Hazzard '33, and not William W. Hazzard '33, will be one of the three first assistant managers of the gymnasium team next year by election of the Gymnastics executive committee last week.

THETA ALPHA PHI ELECTIONS

- (Honorary Dramatics) Townsend C. Anderson '32 Benjamin J. Conard '32 Marie L. Fruehan '32 William H. A. Laudenslager '32 Gertrude L. Ruehr '32 Margaret E. Tschan '32 Phyllis G. Boudler '33 George C. Garmen '33 John J. Voorhees '33

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Season's Cases at Infirmary Number More Than 14,000

Over 14,000 visits were made to the dispensary up to May first by students wanting treatment, according to Dr. Joseph P. Rittenour, College physician.

More than 12,000 of these were made by men students, the freshmen leading with 4200 visits. Seniors requested treatment the least number of times, totalling 2911.

The College health service gave out 2079 excuses from classes during the period from October first to May first. Physical education excuses totalled forty-two, while 36 permanent excuses from R. O. T. C. were given.

In addition to the 1170 physical examinations made during Freshman Week, 675 other students were examined. Those receiving vaccine treatment numbered 75 while 18 students were under observation for small-pox during the year.

ELECT HECHLER PRESIDENT

Prof. Fred G. Hechler, of the engineering experiment station, was elected vice president of the Centre County Engineers society at a meeting here last week. Arthur O. Hewitt, of Bellefonte, succeeds Prof. Harold E. Shattuck, of the civil engineering department as president of the organization.

SEEK BLIGHT IMMUNE TREE

Working in cooperation with the Bureau of Plant Industries at Washington, D. C., junior foresters at Mont Alto recently have planted 6,000 Asiatic chestnut trees in an attempt to discover a species that can survive the chestnut blight.

WILL TEACH IN COLORADO

Prof. Clarence S. Anderson of the rural education department will leave State College shortly after Commencement week for Fort Collins, Colorado. He will teach summer courses for research students and special methods of agriculture in the Colorado State college summer school.

DETWILER NAMED WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL SPORTS HEAD

Virginia E. Detwiler '33, was elected intramural sports manager for next year at a meeting of the W.A.A. board held Tuesday night. This office, which has been provided for in the revised W. A. A. constitution, makes Miss Detwiler responsible for the scheduling and playing of all inter-dormitory hockey, basketball, and baseball games.

Carol A. Inslee '33, was chosen rifle manager while Frances S. Inman '34 was elected Trekking Club manager, with Fern A. Shoemaker '34, as her assistant.

SKULL AND BONES ELECTS

William W. McMillen '32, was elected president of Skull and Bones, upper-class campus society, at a meeting held recently. He succeeds John P. Laverzy '31, retiring president. Roy S. Maize '32 was named next year's secretary.

ROBERTSON GIVES LECTURE

A lantern slide lecture on "The Anisian Fisheries" by Prof. Burtis L. Robertson, of the electrical engineering department, was a feature of the last meeting of the local branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers recently.

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