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JUMPING A STONE WALL

Annually scholars and others in each of the three upperclasses are nominated and selected for John W. White and Louise Carnegie scholarships; the meetings for elections, no matter how much energy is spent in securing a representative quorum, are farcical affairs.

It is fairly obvious that even if students did care, to exercise any judgment on the question of whom they considered worthy, personal prejudice and clique methods are sufficient to make student votes almost useless.

An investigation of the situation last year, with a view to diminishing the difficulty by establishing a student-faculty committee, culminated in the discovery that the deeds of gift for these awards could not, as it is said, be changed. These deeds made allowance for selection in class meetings, and no other method could be substituted.

By limiting these class selections to a mere nomination of candidates, without omitting any names by any voting process, it would be possible to present the faculty committee with a complete list of those who wished to petition for scholarships.

THE FOUR-QUARTER SYSTEM

Although the relative merits and demerits of the four-quarter system as opposed to the semester system now in operation here have been matters of debate among Penn State's faculty for a number of years, few undergraduates have the least idea concerning the qualities of the two opposing views.

The four-quarter plan divides the school year into four terms, autumn, winter, spring, and summer. The average student would schedule three courses each quarter, each course usually involving five recitation or lecture hours per week.

A questionable issue deals with whether the committee appointed to study the quarter system accomplished its research at institutions which have used it in a "pure" form or whether its research was confined to colleges which have attempted the system and failed because, after dividing the school year into quarters, they still scheduled classes under the semester plan.

On the other hand, those definitely opposed to the quarter system cite the fact that the conditions under which it has worked successfully at Ohio State University and Chicago are vastly different from those under which it should be forced to operate at Penn State.

There have been many arguments presented both for and against the quarter system. From an educational standpoint, it has been pointed out, the concentration of courses would be extremely beneficial, particularly in mathematics and language. The new plan would also afford more opportunity for students who are earning their way through college to drop out for a quarter at any time during the year.

There will be, no doubt, much controversy before the question of the adaptability of this system to Penn State's needs is settled. But the suggestions offered, both pro and con are at least worthy of student discussion.

OLD MANIA

We came across the cutest little catalog the other day. It's called Abstracts of Studies in Education at the Pennsylvania State College, and it's put out by the School of Education. There aren't any pictures, but there's a lot of very valuable dope.

Well, on page 59 there is a study in education called Reactions of Ten Nursery School Children in Play with Blocks and Kiddy Kars. This article says that the correlation between age and kiddy kars is -515 (We had suspected this all along)

On page 51 is a study called The Effectiveness of Keeping After School as a Means of Correcting Failures in Mathematics, in which a party named Betha Swartz uses a formula six inches long to prove that making a high school student stay after school doesn't improve his algebra.

These are all abstracts from theses for Master's Degrees and show conclusively that the School of Education is right up on its toes. Not to mention Dean Stoddard's.

In Mr. Shearer's politz class, the talk got around to possible methods for getting people to vote. Someone made the suggestion that an Amendment be added to the Constitution which would absolutely prohibit voting, and the polls set up in back alleys, with peepholes in the doors, and cards necessary for admittance.

For instance it seems that President Hoover recently congratulated Kemal Pasha, Turkish ruler, on the birthday of the Turkish Republic. Mr. Brisbane says, "Kemal deserves congratulations for wiping out much nonsense, veils on women's faces, control of human beings, on earth by a religious personage, supposed to represent the prophet Mohammed, and especially for ending the rule of a viciously corrupt, cruel and murderous Sultan."

Now when President Hoover wipes out Empress Eugenie debts, Amice Semple MacPherson, and Alphonse Capone, Kemal Pasha can turn right around and congratulate President Hoover, and everybody will be happy.

In this country there seems to be some direct association between buns and coffee. (The School of Education should look into this.) Judging from the Packard that Al Buono & Frank Tejan, Froth magnets, are driving around, there seems to be some direct association between buns & coffers.

The bun is the lowest form of wheat.

THE MANIAC

Glancing Back

(From Past 'Collegian' Files)

25 Years Ago

"Saturday, (October 13) for the first time in State's twenty years of football history, a varsity eleven was played to a stand still on Beaver field. The plucky aggressive team from Gettysburg college accomplished this feat in their great 0 to 0 game. . . . Never before have State's students seen their team unable to cross the goal line on Beaver field.

This present season makes the twentieth in State's gridiron annals, and during this period the eleven representing the White and Blue have won no less than fifty-five football games upon Beaver field, with never a defeat nor tie game to mar the record."

"The Cadets won new laurels for the College at the dedication of the capitol building in Harrisburg on Oct 4. . . . In the reviewing stand were such prominent men as the President, the Governor. . . . The Battalion marched by, turned around and said to the Mayor. . . . 'I have never seen a better drilled body of cadets in my life'."

20 Years Ago

"One of the social events of the coming Thanksgiving season at Pittsburgh will be the concert given by the Musical clubs of Pittsburgh University and those of Penn State. The clubs. . . have been working for the past four weeks. . . and it bids fair to be a contest for supremacy."

"Last Saturday the first agricultural train sent out this year by the Pennsylvania railroad completed a three day's tour through the western part of the state. The heads of the various departments in the Agricultural school gave lectures at (numerous) . . . places along the line."

15 Years Ago

"with the beginning of the second week of school there are seventy-five girls enrolled in the freshman class. . . . The majority of the new girls have expressed their desire to take up the study of domestic science while a few are taking up agricultural and liberal arts subjects."

"One of the most important things to be grasped by the new students this year is the Honor System. . . . This system was made effective during the spring of 1915. . . . The rules (include) . . . 'If a student detects any apparent dishonesty in a quiz or examination, he shall at once quietly inform the offending party. . . . Should the offender persist, the attention of at least one other person should be called. . . and then the case shall be called to the honor committee. . . . The instructor in charge of the quiz. . . remains in the room or leaves at the option of the majority of the students present. . . . Should he remain, he cannot act as a proctor.'"

10 Years Ago

"Penn State is taking a prominent part in one of the foremost questions of the day and has the honor of being the originator of a College student movement that will have no small influence on the future history of the world. The largest colleges and universities of the country are taking a lively interest in the question of limiting the armaments supported by the different nations. . . . Penn State and Princeton are leading in this far-reaching movement and both have planned conferences although the plans formulated by the

5 Experts Carve Intricate Design On Stone Pillars

While the walls of the new Home Economics building are mounting rapidly, a small but important bit of work is being carried on in the little shelter next to the roadway in front of the building. Here the figured cap stones that will grace the tops of the front columns of the building are being carved by five expert workmen from New York City.

A full week is needed to finish the carving of one side of a square cap according to Peter Calagni, one of the five carvers at work. Intricate designs as well as delicate relief work are cut from the huge blocks of Indiana limestone by means of chisel and hammer.

Calagni is a native of Italy although he has been in this country since 1893. Born in a small Italian village near the Switzerland border, he began his apprenticeship in Milan at the age of twelve. His thirty-eight years in America have been spent following the trade of stone carver and he has visited all parts of the United States while plying his trade.

"Work isn't as good as it used to be," he commented as he paused from his chiseling, "the rich people of the city are living in apartment houses instead of building homes of their own, and most of our work nowadays is done on public buildings such as this"

different institutions vary in certain fundamentals and both have their strong adherents. . . . The student body and Student Council adopted the plan. . . . and invitations were sent to twenty-three of the leading institutions. . . . to take part in the program."

"Educational extension courses for school teachers will be established throughout the state on a large scale and the annual summer session for teachers will continue in its present popularity when Dr. Will Giant Chambers takes up his duties at Penn State within the next month. Dr. Chambers was for eleven years dean of the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh and he comes to State College as dean of the Liberal Arts extension courses and director of the summer session. . . ."

PLAYERS TO CAST FOR OPENING PRODUCTION

Will Conduct Tryouts Beginning on Monday—Candidates Report

Tryouts for the first two productions of the Penn State Players will begin Monday and continue until Friday.

Registration for tryouts will be held tomorrow afternoon from 1 until 5 o'clock in Room 413, Old Main. At registration, each aspirant will be assigned a time for a tryout some evening next week. The office will be open for registration every afternoon next week from Monday until Thursday.

The two plays in which parts will be assigned are the "Black Flamingo" by Sam Jenney, and "Holiday" by Philip Barry. Prof. Arthur C. Clocching, director of the Players, will have charge of the first play to be given on January 16.

CATHAUM

(Matinee Daily at 1:30 o'clock)

FRIDAY—

Jean Harlow, Loretta Young in "THE PLATINUM BLONDE"

SATURDAY—

Greta Garbo, Clark Gable in "SUSAN LENOX"

Song Cartoon and News

MONDAY and TUESDAY—

Will Rogers, Greta Nissen in "AMBASSADOR BILL"

WEDNESDAY—

Lionel Barrymore, Elissa Landi in "THE YELLOW TICKET"

THURSDAY—

Clive Brook, Kay Francis in "TWENTY-FOUR HOURS"

NITTANY THEATRE

FRIDAY—

"MY SIN"

SATURDAY—

"THE PLATINUM BLONDE"

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—

Ruth Chatterton in "ONCE A LADY"

THURSDAY—

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