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THE CLASS DANCE FOLLY

With the 1932 all-college dance schedule arranged in its complete form it is very obvious that absolutely nothing has been accomplished to decrease the financial burden on students by even a slight reduction of the admission price.

Although officials of the various class dances have had their budgets cut in every case, it seems that the Interclass Budget Committee did not recommend or make possible a corresponding cut in the price of tickets, and in most instances the committees are planning their dances on practically the same elaborate scale as in former years.

Of course, we understand that the motive behind this action was to keep up the admission price in order to take care of the expected decreased attendance at the dances this year. This, however, makes it impossible for many students to enjoy Penn State's chief social functions, and makes it necessary for most students to refuse their support for the least popular of the dances.

If we understand the class treasury system the decreased expenditure for the all-college dances merely increases the amount each class will be able to donate to a class memorial fund. Yet, if the earlier dances on the social calendar are well attended, under present conditions it seems almost certain that the later dances will show a substantial deficit.

So far nothing has been done at Penn State as in most of the other large colleges to curtail the social season at a time when students have less money for luxuries and recreation than ever before. The Interclass Budget Committee did well to decrease slightly the class dance allotments. But the reduction in expenditure should have been ample enough to have decreased all admission prices accordingly.

Something is wrong when the faculty and many outside organizations are making every effort to provide Student Loan Funds, and students are planning five all-college affairs in five months at a cost of well over five thousand dollars.

One hardship entailed when the borough began widening College Avenue was the elimination of any movement at the approaches of the main campus entrance. During the autumn this was merely an unsightly spot at the very start of the campus walk. With winter weather, approximately three thousand people will be forced to walk several times daily through the mud and slush accumulated there. Certainly some temporary remedy could be installed at a small cost, in a location where there is genuine need for improvement.

EXEMPTIONS FROM FINALS

The suggestion that students who have proved their superiority in some subjects be exempt from final examinations is an old idea that has been tried at various times in the past. It is true that in general courses, especially in most of all Liberal Arts courses, the value of a final examination as a determinant of what has been learned during the semester is practically negligible. It is possible to acquire a great deal of knowledge without benefit of textbook, and that knowledge is not usually called for in any examination.

Examinations will always be annoying, and their elimination altogether would be highly desirable, according to a great many people. But it must be admitted that in technical and (so-called) practical courses this exemption process does not seem to be possible. Even before the consideration of such a method, the need for diminishing the stress placed upon examinations by some instructors might well be investigated. It is obvious that the time has passed when one-third of the total mark for the semester may be derived from a two-hour bluebook, yet some persist in this method of grading.

There would doubtless be a great outcry if it were suggested that all instructors follow the practice of exempting students. Possibly a move to make the privilege a matter at the discretion of the instructor or the department would be feasible.

Tomorrow Penn State's basketball team prys off the lid of the winter's sports' season. The disappointments of the fall season should be forgotten and the student body should be cheered by the fact that in basketball, wrestling, and boxing the College is represented this year by teams well able to uphold the high standards set by the Lion winter teams of former years.

OLD MANIA

Canada is a very progressive country. They were having a depression long before this country started to think about it. And just recently we learned that students in the C. & F. and Political Science Schools of Toronto University get together and hire a stenographer to take notes on lectures. The students pay a small fee for this service, and receive copies of the notes at the end of each week.

This, we maintain, is progress. As one more step in the right direction, we suggest that the subscribing students form a Sunday Evening Fireside Club, which would meet each Sunday evening around a large open fireplace, and burn the accumulated notes. There's nothing like nice dry fuel for a cheery fireplace.

The brethren at the Tau Sigma Phi house are in a quandary. It seems that over the vacation the house was papered & painted, with a view to brightening up the place and stimulating a spirit of cheerful fraternalism. It didn't, though. Right away somebody strolled jauntily into the phone booth, only to discover that the young lady's phone number had been papered over. Not just that one phone number, but a whole wallful of them—gone! Tuff.

According to our informant, it will take months & months to duplicate the former collection.

In the January 4th issue of the Evening Graphic appeared the following item:

"Morris, who runs the elevator backstage at the Palace Theatre—A natural wit and a lot funnier than many of the comics that he takes up and down from stage to dressing room. Not so many years ago Louie (or Frank) was an orderly in the medical theatre at Penn State. When student surgeons cut up the stiffs he'd pack them up again for removal. Ugh. Ach Louie."

That's the trouble with these damn stiffs—they won't stay packed.

You can pick up a pile of useless information in a racket like this. For instance, there is an honorary dancing society at the University of Kansas. A tradition at the University of Colorado makes it inadvisable to escort a girl to a football game, as the offending party has to stand up before the assembled multitude and explain why he brought her. (And what with tickets at three bucks a throw, we would unhesitatingly classify the last under Traditions, Sensible.) Under Statistics, Department of Useless, we find that thirty-one per cent of the co-eds at Syracuse insist that they have never been in love, of 6318 registered students at Harvard, 112 are Episcopalian, 756 are Jews, and 808 are Roman Catholics.

Wilson College at Chambersburg got a recent bequest of a \$10,000 rug, with the stipulation that it be kept in a glass case, and returned to the estate if any student should walk on it. "Pretty good poetry," says President Copeland of Harvard, "is like pretty good eggs." (And rotten poetry, we might add, is like rotten eggs. We should know.)

Speaking of poetry, we'd like to present this department's latest opus, as follows:

Ladies who are inclined to be amorous Entertain in pajamas.

And one which was contributed by Barvis, Kappr's Perennial Pledge, which goes like this:

We'd like to propose a large, ornate funeral For Student Tribunals.

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Glancing Back

(From Past "Collegian" Files)

25 Years Ago

"... matters of general interest were acted upon at a meeting of the student body... it was the first one to be held under the auspices of the student members of the council of administration. It was voted to cease cutting campus, not only during the winter, but until such a time in the spring as is necessary to prevent any possibility of wearing paths. The matter of paying College fees by semesters, instead of by terms, as is now the custom, occasioned considerable discussion, but action was postponed pending further investigation."

"About ten men gathered last week to organize the Penn State Camera club, a kind of organization new to State... a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution. The club hopes to enroll every student who is in any way interested in photography. A dark room has been secured for the use of the members."

20 Years Ago
"Comparative Growth of College by Classes—1909. Senior 149, Junior 267, sophomore 347, freshman 435... 1910. Senior 201, Junior 274, sophomore 354, freshman 481... 1911. Senior 221, Junior 331, sophomore 319, freshman 538."

15 Years Ago
"The General Alumni association of Penn State, is this fall launching something new in the line of publicity for the College. Through... motion pictures and the 'Penn State Booster Book,' the alumni are personally carrying the facts about the Pennsylvania State College to every district of the state in an effort to overcome the startling lack of information on the College and to substantiate the claims of the College for adequate financial support."

10 Years Ago
"A transcontinental tour for the debating team is becoming a brighter prospect daily and the increased interest which has been shown in the forensic art by the recent acts of Student Council and the two under classes in pledging their support in a financial way is giving a still greater impetus to debating at Penn State... already nine institutions have made tentative plans for meets with the Penn State team. If satisfactory terms can be agreed upon between Penn State and these institutions, the trip across the United States will be practically assured."

STUDENT POLICE ARREST 2 FOR VIOLATING LIQUOR LAW

Two brothers, Mathias 25, and Robert Parker 21, of Scotin, were arrested Monday night by two student policemen, Sergeant Richard Puckey '33 and Private Floyd Minter '31, for peddling liquor to students and townspeople at the corner of Beaver Avenue and Allen Street.

The officers, who were on plain clothes duty at the time watched the brothers exchange money and bottles with customers. The Parkers were immediately arrested and brought to the borough office where they were questioned by Chief Albert E. Yougel. A charge of liquor law violation was entered against the offenders and they were committed to the county jail by Justice Wentzel until the next session of court.

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LEWIS WILL BROADCAST WEEKLY BOOK LECTURES

Librarian To Discuss Late Volumes, Make Reading Suggestions

A regular weekly book chat by College Librarian Willard P. Lewis will be instituted over radio station WPSG in the 4 o'clock broadcast Sunday, Herbert Koehn-Baker, director of programs, has announced.

Librarian Lewis will discuss late books and interesting national library news. He will give a resume of outstanding books published recently and give information concerning the authors.

In his regular Sunday program, Mr. Lewis will recommend books for different types of readers.

Sophomore Edicts Mild Compared to '07 Proclamations

Freshman proclamations today, gently reminding the yearlings of their duties by rhymes printed on multicolored posters, are considerably milder than those issued by the sophomores twenty-five years ago.

The proclamation posted by the "Guardian Angels" of 1907 was printed on cheap green paper and attracted attention with a "Hey Rubel!" at the top of the poster. "You measley, young upstarts," it continued, "whose fond parents have seen fit to place you, their infantile offspring, into the gentle hands of the painstaking class of 1907, have ventured to show your verdancy where it must be endured by your honorable superiors."

"We realize how fresh and green you are," adds the proclamation, "and that these shortcomings are only to be polished off by a series of rubbing and empuing chastisements, by the lordly decree of the sophomore class. With a view of this end we publish the following HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS"

A list of thirteen rules follows. The freshmen are advised not to use tobacco since "green things don't burn and they shouldn't smoke." Another admonition was, "being fresh and green and susceptible to light, it is best to beware of the tender light of a maiden's eyes, so AVOID THE GIRLS"

CORRECTS EXAMINATION DATE

Examination in Commerce 25 will be held on Tuesday at 2 o'clock instead of Friday according to a correction notice from the scheduling office.

INSPECT BELLEFONTE PLANT

Junior industrial engineering students inspected the plant of the Titan Metal company at Bellefonte Wednesday.

Fraternity Presidents

All Proofs-of-La Vic Groups should be returned to the Photo Shop—at once.

Penn State Photo Shop

WPSG SCHEDULE

- Todny
1:00—"Education in Europe," by Dr. George W. Hartmann
"Physical Education Today," by Dean Hugo Henk
Sunday
1:00—"The Three Pennsylvania of Colonial Times," by Dr. William J. Dunaway
by Hasek, Topic Later
Monday
4:00—"Our Changing World of Materials Used in Construction," by Prof. James H. Helme
"Flow, I May Help My Daughter Get the Most Out of Her Home Economics Course," by Prof. Louise G. Turner

TO GIVE ILLUSTRATED TALK

A lecture illustrated by motion pictures on Pennsylvania game will be given Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in Room 100, Horticulture building, by Dr. Thomas E. Winecoff, of the State Board of Game Commissioners. The pictures are to be shown under the auspices of the Poultry club. C. A. Hillel, also of the game board, will accompany Dr. Winecoff and explain the pictures.

LINNINGER PLANS RESEARCH

Dr. Fred F. Linniger, of the agricultural economics department, will conduct research work in consumer demand for dairy products for the National Dairy council this year.

ADDRESSES MATHEMATICIANS

T. C. Benton, of the department of mathematics, addressed an open meeting, of Pi Mu Epsilon, on Wednesday night. His subject was "Conditional Convergence of Infinite Series."

CATHAUM

(Matinee Daily at 1:30)

FRIDAY—Janet Gaynor, Charles Farrell, and El Brendel in "DELICIOUS"

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WEDNESDAY—Chester Morris, Thelma Todd in "CORSAIR"

THURSDAY—Sylvia Sydney, Estelle Taylor in "STREET SCENE"

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