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ADVISORS VS. SIGNATURES

How many advisors are no more than men who sign their names to a schedule after they have been assured that it is satisfactory? There is a story of a scheduling officer who discovered by chance that one of his junior charges, supposedly in good standing, had flunked out.

Friendly advisors who were interested in steering us into a proper preparation for life gave us an incentive to learn. The discovery that some did not even check scholastic averages proved all the more bitter for that reason.

It isn't often that a new department in the COLLEGIAN meets the whole-hearted approval of both faculty and students, but such is the case with the new column "Speaking of Books."

THE ELECTION CODE

Designed to further independent voting, and to conduct a fair and efficient election, the 1932 Election Code will be placed before Student Council tonight.

Elections in the past have been far from perfect at Penn State, but each year a change for the better has been noted. No doubt flaws will be picked in this year's code, but every effort has been made to profit by the mistakes made in other elections.

To insure independent voting as far as possible all electioneering on the campus at election time has been prohibited. To give each candidate a fair chance, voters have been deprived of the opportunity to vote a straight party ticket.

In adopting a code and in enforcing its measures Student Council has reached the limit of its powers. The political cliques at Penn State are obligated to place before student voters men who can best shoulder the responsibilities of class offices.

OUR CHEERLEADING CHANGES

Amendments that are mere statements in a constitution are both forceless and meaningless and fulfil no ultimate purpose. Just such a condition exists in the revisions brought about last spring in the Athletic Association constitution.

Among the new changes were the calling for sophomore associates in September in order that they might be more properly trained and that the effect of such training, might cause a trend toward better Penn State spirit.

Another change instituted was the naming of two senior associate cheerleaders who would receive circle letter "S" awards. These two seniors were expected to lead the head cheerleader throughout the year.

A proposal by the head cheerleader is to hold off all awards until elections, for by that time all candidates will have earned their letters or numerals. Such a plan is worthy of consideration at the coming Athletic Association election.

D. P. D.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

April 1 at the Phi Psi house had its pranks moments, as twenty of the guests who arrived to dance in swanky formal attire found out. They were pretty peeved when Eddy Zern and the rest of the boys pranced out in sport shoes.

Snapshot studies at the Pi Delta initiation banquet Sunday night. Ted Scull and Stew Townsend fight their way in just in time for the formal banquet, sans tuxes.

It seems that Helen Bortoff, Neil Fleming's efficient secretary, answered the phone one day last week and thought she heard a familiar voice on the other end of the wire.

We hear by rumor that Chief Zarger, of the Campus Unmounted, is holding a rummage soon. It seems that he's going to sell all the old Campus Cop uniforms and turn over the proceeds to the Student Loan Fund.

Prof. Cloetingh out-Greeking the Greeks with his Electra show. We hear that it will just slay you with the love affairs of the ancients.

"Spring styles and appropriate coiffages for 1932 will be shown in the Flower Fashion Promenade," according to a front page story in this rag.

Signs of Spring. Ex-Staunton boys on horseback. A few co-eds on horseback who never should wear riding breeches.

About Town. Whitley Yoder posed for an advanced art class a short time ago. Lots of Deltas and Thetas expected to convene in town this week.

GLEEMEN ENTERED IN CONTEST FRIDAY

Will Leave Tomorrow Morning For National Tournament At St. Louis, Mo.

The Penn State Glee club will leave tomorrow morning for St. Louis where it will represent Pennsylvania at the National Intercollegiate Glee club contest there Friday afternoon and night.

Under the direction of student leader W. Jay Kennedy '32, thirty picked men will sing the numbers which won them the State contest in Philadelphia recently.

First tenors who will make the trip are Thomas W. Averell '33, Robert E. Casey '33, John H. Good '33, Richard McFalls '33, Harold J. West '33, John H. Tieder '34, Marvin L. Eshelman '35, William C. Harmon '35, and Robert H. Woolston '35.

Edwin Longene '32, Earl J. Brubaker '33, William H. Stone '33, Robert H. McFalls '33, and John O. Linton '35 compose the first bass group, while second basses are Donald C. Prew '32, John N. Gaiber '32, Roy F. Gersler '32, Herbert E. Opper '32, Robert G. Boyer '33, Carl M. Fiske '33, Wayne R. Vanum '34, Henry E. Warren '34, and J. Fred Getz '35.

BEAMISH WILL ADDRESS JOURNALISM STUDENTS

To Talk on "State Capitol as Source Of Feature News" Saturday

Secretary of the Commonwealth Richard J. Beamish will address students of the journalism department Saturday on the topic, "State Capitol as a Source of Feature News."

Having been affiliated for some time with the Philadelphia Record as a political feature writer, Mr. Beamish will confine his talk to journalistic work in the political field.

Members of the Mining Society will hear an address by Robert F. Pursel, who recently returned from South America, in Room 315, Mineral Industries building at 7:30 o'clock tonight, when he speaks on "Mining Conditions in South America."

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To The Editor THE PENN STATE COLLEGIAN

Dear Sir: The College library will be grateful if the suggestion relative to intercollegiate book contributions in the editorial or last Friday's COLLEGIAN is followed up.

In many respects the acquisition of correct reading habits and an interest in and knowledge of good general books are as important to the average student as his program of studies.

It is important that the library must look forward to a very considerable increase in its book budget. It is also important that we make careful record of all the books that are available at present.

Many small groups of books in departments are being catalogued through the cooperation of the faculty members. A campus census of periodicals—bound and unbound—is being taken and at the end of this record there will be a list of some research periodicals owned by faculty members which are not elsewhere on the campus.

The library must also look forward to an increase in the number of gifts and endowments for books. Perhaps a future graduating class will see fit to leave a small endowment for books on some special subject or on a general nature as a parting gift to the institution.

We hope some one of the big foundations which have been so liberal to the libraries of endowed colleges recently will see fit to come to the aid of Penn State.

We should be glad to furnish a buying list to the fraternities and to provide a special book-plate and to provide space in the Open Shelf Room where the books would see the greatest service.

WILLARD P. LEWIS, College Librarian

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WPSC SCHEDULE

- TODAY 11 15-Campus News Briefs
TOMORROW 11 15-Agricultural News Notes
11 00-Registrar William S. Hoffman speaks on "Accrediting of Pennsylvania Secondary Schools"
Dr. Carl F. Marquardt, College Examiner speaks on "The Importance of Scholastic Success for College Students"
THURSDAY 11 15-Campus News Briefs

ARCHITECTS WILL CONVENE MONDAY, HARRIS ANNOUNCES

With two sessions arranged, the Southern Pennsylvania chapter of the American Institute of Architects will hold its spring meeting here Monday, Prof. Clinton L. Harris, head of the department of architecture, has announced.

Julian Millard of Harrisburg, head of the fine arts commission of Pennsylvania, will address the architects at the afternoon session, while Dean Robert L. Sackett, of the Engineering School, will be the principal speaker at a dinner meeting.

BONINE ELECTED HISTORIAN

Prof. Chesleigh A. Bonine, head of the department of geology, was elected grand historian of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, national honorary mineral industries fraternity, at the ninth biennial national convention of the group here over the week-end.

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