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A PARALYZING BLOW

It is inconceivable that men and women in public life who are in the least concerned with the well-being of the State will allow the paralyzing blow of a fifty percent appropriation cut to fall unabated on the College. In a time when the great industrial Commonwealth is struggling to start its wheels whirling, it is disastrous to dry up the sources of industrial progress. In a time when the widespread agricultural interests of the State are gasping for the light to go on, it is folly to snatch away the very foundations of agricultural progress. In a time when nothing is so needed as men and women with foresight and training, it is blindness to strike at the institution which fosters such as these. The College is an essential member of the State.

Realization of the dire results of such action must be waked throughout the State. If the College were a parasite upon the State, taking its money and giving back nothing, the matter would be different. But, no, the College each year pours back into the industrial, agricultural, commercial, and cultural life of the State an endless stream of richness. New thoughts, new methods, new ideas, new energy flow out ceaselessly to quicken the life and prosperity of the State. To paralyze the source of these streams would cripple the recuperative powers of the Commonwealth incalculably.

It is a certainty that the results of such a blow would combine to stifle for many years the forward march of a College that has been fast flourishing into a great institution. And it is also a certainty, reassured by the most summary glance at the list of the College's achievements, that the retarding of the College would be reflected a hundredfold in the retarding of the Commonwealth.

The paralysis would strike at the entire institution. Instructors, already struggling under low salaries, would probably receive even less. Whole sections of certain departments would probably be lopped off. Research which is just becoming pregnant with possibility would be stricken dead. Students, many of whom are even now barely able to pay the fees, would probably face multiplied costs at registration. The whole current of the College would run sluggish with hopelessness.

Created by the citizens of the State to further their best interests, the College has ceaselessly devoted its resources to that purpose. Now by a single hasty and capricious gesture is this College of the Commonwealth to be paralyzed?

The single way out seems to lie through the possibility of an extra session of the legislature at which the clamor of those who realize the importance of the College would ring so strongly that there would be a just dealing made. There must be a call now to save this essential of the State—the College.

SOME PROGRESS

Freshman customs are fast becoming reasonable in the larger Colleges of the country. The elimination of a few minor rules and the shortening of the period is the principal contribution of the new Student Council to up-to-date customs here. Probably reflecting very accurately the conservatism of the general student body, the council members were just a little more mindful of their mechanical, reflecting feature than of their duty of leadership.

Dress customs were rightly retained. They, together with a few restrictions necessary because of physical conditions, are in keeping with the trend for more reasonable customs. A few rules which really are nothing more than matters of common etiquette are left on the records only to take away some of the dignity from the other customs. In the matter of allowing freshmen to date, the Council majority made some progress in shortening the restricted period to the end of the first semester while holding the other rules until Easter.

That, in the vote on the dating rule, over one-third of the members favored removing the restriction seems indicative of increasing sentiment for more freedom to freshmen in personal matters. The next step will be the elimination of the restriction when the student body is ready for it.

However, the retention of the rule will leave custom in a weakened state next year. Few violations of the dating rule ever are punished. The few violators who are punished certainly will never receive hair-cuts. Those days are gone—if sentiment in Council is any indication. Some new set of reasonable punishments must be set up if customs are to be enforced. Student cooperation may be secured on dress and other rules next year but dating will remain the weakness in enforcement. Next year will no doubt have its lessons for even further progress.

OLD MANIA

Time was when this dept., more glibly than it is now, would hear about the Power of the Press, the Pen being mightier than the Sword, &c., and would chew the end of its pencil reflectively and think my oh my, wait til we get a chance to break into print. We'll tear things loose. Fur will fly! Hell, as you Americans say, will be loose! Hmummm . . .

Here's a year gone by, and what? The Army still goes on making provisions for a second edition of The Hero of It. The School of Education continues to turn out custom-built teachers. The Liberal Club can't bring a pacifist to speak because it would be one-sided, but the Reserve Officers' Training Corps bring a howling preparedness advocate, gives him a loud-speaker, and turns him loose on some two thousand underclassmen, whose audience is compulsory. Mr. Wood's seat & pipe are still missing. Power of the Press my eye.

In the last issue of The Old Man Bell you may have noticed a story called "When Lilacs Last In Papeete Bloomed" or "The Autobiography of Lincoln Papeete" or what was it. Anyway, it was a very swell story, all about a lad who wanted to be bounced from college so that he could go places.

The only weakness in the tale lies in the half-hearted method the protagonist employs to incur the wrath of the Dean. For one thing, he goes around drinking gin and things all over the place, without results. For another, he tosses a rock through the plate glass window of a local store—the sort of thing any high school sophomore would think of doing in a case like that. We fear that while the lad's idea was essentially sound, his ingenuity was rather trifling.

Our own solution to the problems would be simply this: we should put a generous charge of gunpowder in the cannon in front of the armory, along with a heterogeneous assortment of nails, horseshoes, nuts & bolts, spikes, and set-up iron, we should then assemble all the campus cops in the north end of Main Engineering, we should then touch a match lightly to the cannon, thus blowing the north end of Main Engineering, campus cops & all, to hell & gone, we should then report to the Dean's office, and be duly dismissed from the institution, we should then go to Papeete.

This is called The Triumph of Mind Over Matter, or The White Whale.

The Syracuse Daily Orange recently conducted a presidential straw vote, with the following results, Norman Thomas 151, Herbert Hoover 143, Newton D Baker 105, Alfred E. Smith 79; Franklin D. Roosevelt 40; William Gibbs McAdoo 11, Ritchie 10; Gurnea 8; Foster 5, LaFollette 5; Bolton 4, Young 4, Nicholas Murray Butler 3; Pinchot 3, Hoan 2; Coolidge 1, Fether Cox 1, Engdahl 1; Will Rogers 1, Cantor 1; Murray 1.

We feel that the vote cast for Will Rogers had more intelligence back of it than a great many of the ballots to mention to people like Ritchie and Roosevelt, not to mention Pinchot, Cox, Butler, Murray, &c. We imagine that Will, who is accustomed to performing on a stage before an audience of not-more-than-average intelligence, could do very well in going before Congress in person to deliver his messages. He has a fine sense of humor, which will be a remarkable help to the person who becomes the next president. He would photograph well on the White House Lawn, clad in cowboy regalia and twirling a rope. He might even kid Congress into doing something.

And besides, Norman Thomas is a Socialist or a Bolshevik or an Anarchist or one of those things, isn't he? Ugh. The very idea.

Which just about concludes our career as a columnist. College is over. We're going off and write a story about our tuxedo, to be entitled, "Now It Can Be Sold" THE MANIAC

Who Said Depression?

- *Acacia Tech Wagon
*Alpha Chi Rho-Tau Kappa Epsilon Colonial Senanades
*Alpha Chi Sigma Joe Vannucci
*Alpha Gamma Rho Fitch Brothers
*Alpha Kappa Phi-Pi Kappa Phi Syracuse Night Hawks
*Alpha Phi Sigma Red Carter
*Alpha Tau Omega Dan Gregory
*Alpha Zeta Russ Nace
*Associated Commons Club Rosch Stoolkey
*Beta Sigma Rho Skin Duffy
*Beta Theta Pi Dick Coy
*Chi Phi Gordon Robinson
*Chi Upsilon Dick Moul
*Delta Chi Gwilyn Heller
*Delta Sigma Phi-Sigma Phi Epsilon Jack Albion
*Delta Tau Delta Tom Carr
*Delta Upsilon Varsity Ten
*Kappa Delta Rho Zack White
*Kappa Sigma-Sigma Nu Cy Cummings
*Lambda Chi Alpha Blue Moon
*Omega Epsilon Campus Owls
*Phi Delta Theta Horace Gelach
*Phi Kappa Pi Sunset Park Orchestra
*Phi Kappa Psi-at Nittany Lion Taylor's Dixie Serenaders
*Phi Lambda Theta Red Peppers
*Phi Lambda Theta Silver Snippers
*Phi Mu Delta Frank Carr
*Phi Pi Phi Walt Sears
*Phi Sigma Kappa-Theta Chi Jan Carlson
*Phi Sigma Alpha The Cavaliers
*Sigma Alpha Epsilon Al Hollander
*Sigma Chi Clark's Pennsylvanians
*Sigma Phi Sigma Floyd Mills
*Sigma Pi Bernie Casteel
*Sigma Tau Phi George Dobby
*Tau Phi Delta Pasadena Club Orchestra
*Theta Kappa Phi The Strollers
*Triangle Joe Malloy

CLASS IN LITERARY READING TO GIVE RECITAL TOMORROW

Presentation of four original literary pieces will be a feature of the recital by the eight members of the literary reading and interpretation class in the Little Theatre Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Admission to the recital, which is being directed by Joseph P. O'Brien, the class instructor, will be by tickets which can be secured free of charge at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Prof. John H. Fitzrell, head of the public speaking division, will act as chairman.

The Penn State Players

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PLAYERS ELECT OFFICERS

John J. Voorhees '33 was elected president of the Penn State Players, at a meeting in the Little Theatre, Old Main, last Wednesday night. Phyllis G. Beidler '33 was named vice-president for next year, while Lillie A. Kell '33 was chosen secretary. The treasurer for next year will be Philip S. Turner '33.

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