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THE PRONOUNCEMENT of Director Bezdek that no sports will be sacrified for the sake of other sports is a comforting sign. While other colleges have tossed upon the altar of the "spectacle sports" games which do not draw so much money, this College sticks steadfastly to the belief that student participation in athletics is the important factor in determining appropriations to the sports. Of course, general student interest in watching the contests must have some influence. But if athletics, intercollegiate and otherwise, do not provide for the particination of as many students as possible, then they have failed to fulfill their original and only valid reason for existence. Too long have the colleges, including this one, catered to the Roman desires of the paying cus tomers. This College broke away. It considers its students' welfare first. It must stay away.

SOME DELICACY is required in dealing with the problem of allowing women students in the fraternity houses at night. The students all believe, and rightly from personal standpoint, that each student should be allowed to determine his own code of conduct and each fraternity should control its own house problems on the question. However, it is apparent in State-supported and public institutions such as this College that these affairs are subject to outside scrutiny and criticism which must be heeded. It is also apparent that the College has an obligation to the parents of young men and young women who come here. The College must show that it pursues the policy which provides the best possible moral and ethical atmosphere for its students. It is difficult to persuade doting parents that a policy of absolute laissez-faire is healthy. Yet, on the other hand, if a strict policy is pursued to satisfy parents and critics, then the student revolts at the restrictions and, is driven to unhealthy practices on the rebound. The solution offered by the Interfraternity Council is no solution. It is just a change. The basic conflict between restriction and freedom still remains. The situation, now as always, calls for no permanent panacea but for student understanding and College tact.

GLOATING a bit might be in order when it appears that the University of Pennsylvania students squeeked a little last week through their newspaper as they began to feel the pinch of their new policy in athletics. The Daily Pennsylvanian advocated editorially the return of athletic scholarships to that institution. After glorying with a great deal of front page newsprint upon their pioneering advance in purity-modeled rather closely after this College's policy which was effective three years before the Gates plan came out-they begin to wriggle now when it means some sacrifice. This College is sacrificing many times more severely. And it does it with good cheer.

THE PROPOSAL to revise the entire student governing mechanism is good if for no other reason than that more students will become acquainted with their own agencies of government. From previous surveys and other indications the degree of student ignorance on his subject is surprising. Few students really know that Student Council members are like Congressional representatives in that they are responsible to constituents in particular schools as the Congressmen are to their districts. Student Board is better known although even its functions are somewhat hazy in the student mind. The Interclass Finance committee seldom, if ever, enters the consciousness of many undergraduates. And so it is that a revision will be beneficial in bringing self-government to the attention of the student body as well as in making the system more up to date.



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win didn't time his big moment in ye Corner Friday night correctly under the gaze of the Campuseer, centlemen, is no place for promiscuous osculation . . . Bucky Taylor confides that not enough of his creditors are passing the buck, and too many are passing the Buck What able EE prof has a very defunct door bell? . . . Why doesn't some public-spirited cit-izen gather up that ex-bottle on the sidewatk out E. Beaver way and throw the pieces over on the DU nock, and a host of other columnar lights, we are immovably convinced that if you have enough clink in the wallet to buy greeting caids, you have enough to buy Christmas seals . . . , Profoundest apologies to Al Knoll, whose name we misspelled Nowell . . . must have been the old Yule spirit cropping out . . . and his pater is still one of the people we would like to be acquainted with Our co-ed friend wishes they would hold some of those night football games on New Beaver Field only without the lights The taxi men labor over jig-saw puzzles in their many spare moments . . . Old Main's Boss Janitor flaunts a green dink We intended to forget this next , the Gravatt hound has a name somewhat longer than that of the King of England, beginning with Yegor and finishing up with Zunovitch Hear about the little Cuban gel that succumbed to rumbatism? . . . And so, in closing the services, let us recall that charming bit of verse written for a resonant top-ofstairs parental baritone

Why such undue ado To do a due adieu?

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SEVERAL CHANGES in the policy of the physical education school are worthy of recognition as furthering the program of bringing physical development to as many students as possible. The women students are deserving of the use of Recreation hall at least on one night a week. By a recent change, Monday night after seven-thirty c'clock is now reserved for their use. It is also possible now for any student to join in the work of a regularly scheduled gymnasium class at any time of the day.

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