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A NEW SET OF VALUES

As another college year draws to a close, thousands of students will find themselves thrust into the world, faced with the prospect of being unable to find employment. After one has spent four years of rather intensive preparation, it seems unjust that there is nothing to which one may turn.

For the past several years, a college education was looked upon as a means to increasing one's income, as a medium toward further advancement in a world of commerce and industry. Now that there are so few opportunities for finding employment, there arises the question as to the practicability of a college education.

It is about the one word, practicability, that a grave misunderstanding has arisen. For the past decade or so, such as education was considered solely as an instrument to further one's way. Graphs and charts pointed out how much one's earning capacity was enlarged by another year or so in school.

Technical, professional, and commercial curricula were stressed, to the partial and sometimes almost complete exclusion of the true phase of college—the opportunity to master a finer appreciation of life, the opportunity to establish for one a sense of values on which to base a philosophy which will make life worthwhile.

It is apparent that man is to have more and more leisure time on his hands. Anything which leads to a finer appreciation of life will prove of inestimable value. A deeper understanding which will mold him into a better companion will come to hold a stronger significance. It has been proved only too clearly in the last few years that riches in themselves are no security. The riches one holds in his mind cannot be taken from him.

It is at college that the youth of today and tomorrow will have an opportunity to accumulate these worthwhile riches. As the realization of such a need becomes clearer, there is every reason to believe that the side of college so long neglected will come once again into its own. The specialized courses will be relegated to their rightful secondary position, and once more the student will be given an opportunity to his rightful heritage—an opportunity to study and to learn to think, not to build solely for commercial purposes.

AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS' uncertainty, the long-awaited statement of policy concerning "consistent cutters" has been released. It is extremely interesting to note that within one year after the proposition of unlimited cuts went as far as the College Senate, action on such a question has not been taken.

A SENIOR GIFT

It has been suggested from several sources that the seniors use their class memorial fund to plant ivy about the campus. There seems little question that at present the campus lacks that certain something which makes a college a picturesque spot. To command the proper respect, buildings must have a venerable appearance.

Undoubtedly, the most attractive building on the campus is the Armory. Covered with ivy, it presents a calm, peaceful picture. There is a certain air of solidarity and age about it that instinctively commands admiration. It stands as a reminder of what the rest of the campus might look like.

Should the seniors use their fund for the purchase of ivy, several eyesores about the campus could be camouflaged. For example, the rear of the library has never been completed. It stands there, a blank wall of red brick. A blanket of green would modify its abruptness greatly.

True, a few vines have been planted about the Mineral Industries building, which has sometimes been likened to a Bronx apartment house, but they will never blanket the edifice. Probably the most typical college spot at Penn State is the men's dormitory group. However, the walls stand bare. A coating of ivy would provide the final touch to architectural perfection.

It would be a waste of time to enumerate every place that could be improved by the addition of a bit of vine—everybody knows what such places are. In all probability, the seniors will accept either the suggestion advanced by a member of the class or some equally constructive one, but certainly the idea seems a sound one.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

All the Artist Coursers who went to see Cornelia Otis Skinner saw a mystery performance as a special added attraction—"The Bat"—starring Hummel Fishburn.

The pit orchestra was swinging through the final crescendo and the audience was canting its respective bodies forward in anticipation of the grand entrance, when the winged menace appeared out of nowhere and swooped low over those on the first floor.

"Oooh," somebody gurgled, "a BAT!"

That started things. Everybody began eyeing the flying guest and passing around the warning. We heard a tough mug say, "Aw, nuts, they don't carry no lice!" A Kappa stared at him coldly, telepathing, "How vulgar!"

Backstage Miss Skinner heard about the "bat." Well! She certainly wasn't going on with all that competition. Examiner Marquardt, in charge of the show, was very tactful. It was getting a little late. He had to do something.

"Oh, come now, Miss Skinner," he said, "I saw it myself and it's only a sparrow. You aren't going to let a little thing like a sparrow steal the limelight?"

It was still a bat to Cornelia O.

By this time it was perched on a ledge in the balcony. It looked as though it might conduct an open forum.

And then, near the end of the balcony appeared St. George Fishburn, who had faced many a tongue of flame while a member of dear old Alpha. He would slay this mysterious monster and make the world safe for Skinner!

Queerly enough, he did. He just reached up, took the bat in his hand, and walked away with it.

"Aw," he told us bashfully, "It was only a moth!"

June Brown, Skippy Diffenderfer, Peg Giffin, Don Ross, "Hot Point" Irons, and Harry Northrup, went shingle town gawward the other day on a picnic, or something. Herr Ross, who is a well-known minnow-lover, would have to observe a little aquatic life. He became so engrossed he never noticed himself falling into the creek, clothes et al. It just happened. The Most Attractive Co-ed obligingly hid herself away while Don disrobed and wrapped himself in a blanket after which every returned to join in the "clothes and steak roast." Somehow Don's pants caught on fire in the drying process, and were partially consumed, but they say the steak was damn good.

So! This is College!

During Junior Prom Norrie MacFarlane met Hal Kemp. Hal was a swell fellow. He permitted Norrie to lead the band and everything. The other night Norrie went to hear Hal in Pittsburgh. Sure, Hal remembered him. Every time Norrie came near the maestro crooned, "The house is haunted . . ."

Letter Box

It is exceedingly unfortunate that we, as students of Penn State, must endure so ghastly a defiance and conceit was brought forth in a recent issue of the COLLEGIAN. The situation is uncommonly delicate and taken as a whole, the actions during the past several weeks of Burgess Leitzell and his whole machine seem to me unjustifiable.

We must admit that some fear has been built up at their sight. Not so much fear within College students but more-so within the souls of small children.

Goaded on by his sense of strange importance and assisted by First Lieutenant Yougel, I am firmly convinced that they have accomplished one of their two platforms.

Leitzell's two platforms were to clean up the town morally and financially. He has succeeded in the latter one to the extent of \$127.75. As for cleaning up the town morally, he has cultivated more harm than good.

It is inexcusable that so large a number of educated voters in this little town should harbor law-enforcers of such dim vision, lacking foresightedness, and possessing an unconquerable fidelity to duty.

Are the people forgetting that the students furnish the total means of subsistence for all families living here? Take the students out of this town and what would happen? Leitzell might call in the National Guards for a beer party; but I am referring to the four thousand people who would be thrown out of employment. Yes! And the amount lost in buildings and investments would amount to millions of dollars. Joy no doubt riots in the large, dark eyes of our two law enforcers when an unjust and unrighteous persecution is administered but even they forget that we students make this town and their position possible.

I have but one hope which I am certain will come true very soon and that is some action by our Dean of Men. After all—he is our Burgess and our Chief of Police. In him only do students confide because we all know his character and ability; and with the students—his word is law to which every student is loyal, obedient, and submissive. Acting through the Interfraternity Council, our Dean of Men can do anything. However, it is just a bit confusing why Dean Warnock has not already stepped in to curb the corrupt manner in which the student cases are being handled.

Last, but not least, as I penned this letter I was definitely aware of all that I was saying. Irony was ten thousand leagues from my intentions, and I feel that condensed in this letter are the views and thoughts of many students who will forever be loyal to Penn State—regarding her always as a foster parent and home.

—A Critic

DRIVVLE

Clyde Bolig, Phi Psi, gets an important telegram over the telephone: YOU ARE A HORSE'S . . . he says he hung up about that time . . . Bezdek gets away with a snappy story at the W. A. A. banquet . . . Tommy White & Libby Schaeffer . . . Pfff! . . . two of Libby's sorority sisters using Tommy's Artists Course season ticket . . . Doc Martin extending personal congratulations to Edward Mark Schwerha for making the hour on the dot for the first time this semester . . . Cameo Weitzel and pal, Karney, have real batons for their "Band-leading Before Your Own Radio" course . . . M. Galbraith locks out latester Rowles . . . but the button on the door was a dud . . . Aren't reports hell? . . .

Groundhog, Weatherman Surpassed As Botany Students Expose Nature

"Both Messrs. Groundhog and Weatherman may excel in prophecy-ing future weather conditions but it takes the botany department to predict just when each flower is going to bud," according to Dr. J. Ben Hill, acting head of the botany department.

Dr. Hill unravelled the mystery of the floral calendar maintained by the botany department for at least fifteen years. The object is to have the students bring in reports of budding and write the dates on this calendar the first time they see a plant or tree in flower. Thus, having all this data on hand, the botanists can draw their conclusions.

"Students of botany are particularly interested this year in comparing the statistics after the severe winter in order to determine just how their predictions check with those of the past four years," Dr. Hill said, "And if Dr. Kelley were only here, I could let you see our prediction chart," he continued.

At this point Dr. James P. Kelley, guardian of the calendars, walked into the office, carrying his valuable data under his arm.

The calendars, each artistically designed for its specific year, date back until 1914. On each card provisions have been made for systematized information under the following headings: common name, scientific name, place found, date found, and observer.

The red maple was the first flower to bud this year, blossoming March 21. The silver maple followed, and the smooth adler, the larch, the cornelian cherry, the hazelut, shepherd's purse, the quaking aspen, glory of the snow, and the American elm each came in succession.

With the exception of 1915, 1920, and this year the silver maple has captured first place ever since 1914, according to the botany department. Last year the silver maple was discovered first, followed by the winter aconite, the crocus, and the snowdrop. In 1925 the silver maple was found as early as February.

Dean Stoddart Favors Unlimited Cut System

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composition, with forty-four students out of 2,933 cutting five or more times, an average of only 2.1%.

In the department of German, an average of 11.1% was recorded. There were fifty-seven out of 513 over the mark. One hundred and sixty students out of 1,614 in the department of history and political science caused an average of 9.9%. In the department of English literature an average of 8.3% was recorded by seventy-six students, with 909 enrolled in the department.

The department of economics and sociology reached an average of 6.4%. One hundred and fifty-one students out of 2,327 cut five or more times. Eighty-three students out of 1,387 reached an average mark of 6% in the department of mathematics. The department of journalism came next with a percentage of 5.3%, fourteen students, out of 264 enrolled in courses there, having excessive cuts.

Next to the lowest was the department of classical languages. Four students out of 135 recorded an average mark of 2.9%. No cuts were reported by the departments of music or philosophy. Dean Stoddart declared that he will take no action in this report, in the cases of individual students.

Last May Student Council sent a petition to the College Senate requesting unlimited cuts for Juniors and seniors. Five of six deans of the various schools favored the proposal. Upon reaching the Senate it was referred to the Committee on Academic Standards, of which Dr. William S. Dye, jr., of the department of English literature, is chairman. According to Dr. Dye, no action on this proposal has been taken, and none is likely to be.

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WHITMORE NAMED SPEAKER
 Dean Frank C. Whitmore, of the School of Chemistry and Physics, will make the commencement address at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, June 14. Dean Whitmore's tentative subject is "Has Chemistry Been a Blessing to Mankind?", based on the human relations of chemistry.

LEWIS NAMED TO COMMITTEE
 Willard P. Lewis, College Librarian, has been appointed chairman of a committee on the standards of public libraries by the Pennsylvania Library association, and at present is conducting a survey of the public libraries of the state by means of a questionnaire.

An Acknowledgement

At this time Shoemaker Bros. take this opportunity to acknowledge and to extend their appreciation to the fraternities of State College for the cooperation that has been received in executing the contract for refuse disposal.

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