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EVILS AND REMEDIES

SO MANY THINGS are wrong with student government that it is something more, even, than a dangerous generalization to come right out and say.

The present proposal, for example, to abolish Forensic Council's subsidization and substitute a blanket fee in its place to aid all such activities has been stewing for months and months in bull-sessions, official and otherwise, without anyone's thinking of doing anything about it.

There is no doubt that a lot of students are dissatisfied with a lot of things here. Yet scarcely any of them realize that student government exists to remedy those evils about which they complain.

In recent years the various organizations that make up government here have tended to atrophy from lack of use. It is significant that there has been no student-administration conflict about how much power the former possesses.

This year a start has been made to remedy conditions. Tribunal will be reorganized; Student Council will probably be changed a great deal; the Election Code has been modified so as to build up student interest in elections.

LINE BUSY

The women wish to extend their appreciation for the recent attention given the housing conditions, shown by the plans for the new women's dormitory and the improvement of the mail service now in progress.

More important for immediate consideration, however, is the phone service problem. At present there are 14 lines (27 phones) for the service of 397 women on campus. The situation is obvious. It is practically impossible to get communication with a dormitory or women's fraternity at night or during the late afternoon.

The women are inconvenienced both by being prevented from receiving all incoming calls and from making outgoing calls when they desire. Such a situation should be remedied at once—even before the mailing system is improved.

The installation of single lines to a fraternity or dormitory would incur a cost of about \$12 per line. Such an expense seems trivial in comparison to the value of the service it would convey. The College may find itself unable to afford the cost of installing more lines or of putting fewer phones on each line to the women's buildings.

The women feel that such a request is justified as a necessity. So we take up again, and with a purpose, the old cry "May we have more phones?"

CONGRATULATIONS TO AN UNKNOWN PRANKSTER

IT WAS PRETTY funny to take that typewriter out of the Froth office Wednesday morning. They had a deadline that night and you would have just died laughing if you had seen those hordes of funny men down on their knees in our office, begging us to lend them our machines so they could get out their issue.

But their deadline is over now and there really isn't much use in keeping the typewriter. The Froth office is open every afternoon.

CAMPUSEER

Survey Shows:

Maybe it was the influence of spring and then again it might have been the glamor of the topic—mumps—which set the COLLEGIAN headline writers on an alliterating rampage.

However, one of the more imaginative individuals indefatigably itemizing the interesting item indicated:

Mumps May Make Many Men Mateless

All this had gone along swell until someone who must have been absent from the amazing allure of alteration announced audibly that perhaps it would be best to inquire about the rumor; whereupon he called up Doc Ritenour and after mumbling into the phone for several minutes returned to his desk and began writing furiously.

Purely Trivia:

The movie "Maytime" brought out several interesting comments... Hilda Hanson explained as she left the show "It was a good show, but no woman can love a man for seven years"...

Bob Carey '36, phi psi, loudly asserts that he doesn't think the COLLEGIAN, and especially the columnists should give a damn what he does... we don't... Prof. Galbraith calls up George Donovan, Student Union information encyclopedia, to find out the meaning of Lakonides...

In our mail we found the cryptic note "Information will be given you concerning the story 'Pecked on the Cheek or Johnny Moeller Goes Home' if you receive certain items from a certain informer..."

The Mania's item concerning Betty Raughley and the flowers brought results when on Wednesday night an immense box was delivered to the Chi O. house. In it were wreaths of grass and dried up flowers... While what the sports writers call the stickmen were batting each other over the head, kicking shins, and otherwise trying to disfigure each other in a sporting manner in the lacrosse game the other day the Harvard rosters gently jibed their teammates to victory with the vocal instructions "Melest 'em"...

Collegiate drunks are rather sad jobs as a whole. They're usually either too loud, too funny or too sick. However, we did admire the fellow in the back booth of one of the local brew dispensaries who was surrounded by numerous pitchers which told their empty story and who was mumbling over a crossword puzzle he was trying to work. He had every space filled except 5 down which was "a five letter word for sezzle."

Penn State Club Sponsors Dance

Regular 'Nite Club' To Feature Thespian Dancers in Old Main Tomorrow

The Penn State Club's "Nite Club" will feature a dance routine by Thespian Peggy, Pat, and Lou when a rumor floated up to the offices that there were fifteen cases of mumps in Mac Hall and that in all probability the place would be quarantined—and I. F. ball just coming up at that.

Bance Dates Dare Dangerous Dilemma As Mumps Mar Many Martyrs.

Secretary Heyl Resigns At a special executive meeting of the club Tuesday night, Russ G. Gohn '38, president of the Club, accepted the resignation tendered by Richard E. Heyl '38, secretary.

Heyl stated that since the reorganization of the Club it had been concerned solely with social activities and in order to clearly establish its real purpose and to prevent any misunderstandings as to political motives he felt that as a candidate for the junior class presidency he should resign his executive position.

Letter Box

To the Editor: The campus is seething with talk of democracy. Worthy talk. But talk alone in most cases produces nothing but more talk and finally no talk at all.

Campus democracy is a great achievement. But at Penn State it still seems to be a long way off. Great accomplishments, like miracles, occur rarely.

Granted that a reconstruction and liberalization of campus politics will aid materially in leading the way to campus democracy. But that is not enough.

Too many times—even on a national scale—people have voted for men only because they have been blinded by prejudice. Republicans have voted Republican only because they are Republicans. The same is true of Democrats.

A synonymous condition exists here at State. Independents have often voted for candidates of "fraternity" cliques, but fraternity men have seldom, if ever, voted for candidates of the independent clique.

What this campus needs is a loosening up of the fraternity system. We need a system more liberalized, more democratized. A system which would throw down class barriers and color lines and give us true campus democracy from top to bottom.

I hope this will not be construed as an advertisement for the American Association of Commons Clubs, which believes in and practices those principles. I only wish to take this opportunity, as a member of the national executive committee of that organization, to assure you that any movement for campus democracy here has the whole-hearted support of the A. C. C.

As far as the forthcoming elections are concerned, the members of the Commons Club will support those candidates who preach—and practice—the most democratic principles, whether they be fraternity men or independents.

If we are to have campus democracy, then let us have full democracy. Remember, we cannot have half-democracy, because half-democracy is no democracy at all.

Sincerely yours, John A. Troanovitch, National Editor, The American Commoner

To the Editor: So that the campus may be as good looking as we all want it to be, I suggest that we all keep to the walks while the grass is getting its new start. If six thousand of us should walk on the grass, there would soon be no grass. No one of us, therefore, should claim a special privilege.

A. R. WARNOCK, Dean of Men

Safety Expert



LIEUT. F. M. KREML

Director of the traffic accident program that enabled Evanston, Ill., to win first safety prize three separate years, Lieut. Kreml will lecture here at the state-wide traffic safety school, April 26 to May 7.

Music Students To Contest Here

Central Pa. High Schools Send Delegates To Compete Here Tomorrow

Approximately 1,200 high school students from central Pennsylvania will compete in the district contests of the Pennsylvania Forensic and Music League tomorrow.

The counties which so far have signified their intention of sending representatives for tomorrow's competition are Blair, Huntingdon, Cambria, Clearfield, and Snyder. There is a good representation of high schools from each of these counties.

Schedule Announced

The following schedule gives the approximate time and place of the various competitions:

At 9, in Schwab auditorium, the piano soloists will perform. They will be followed by soloists on the violin, clarinet, saxophone, and small instrumental groups.

Starting at the same time in the Little Theatre will be the solo contests on trumpet, trombone, French horn and tuba; while in the Home Economics auditorium, also at 9, there will be competitions for vocal soloists and small vocal ensembles.

Dr. Tweedy Will Talk At Chapel on Sunday

"The Right Way to Be Irritable" will be the topic of Dr. Henry H. Tweedy's chapel address next Sunday. Doctor Tweedy, professor of practical theology at the Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., has been a regular chapel speaker each year since 1924. He is one of the authors of "Moral and Religious Training in the School and Home," "Religion and the War," as well as several other eminent religious books.

I. F. Bridge Tourney Stars Friday, April 16

The entrance deadline for the Interfraternity Bridge tournament has been set for Friday, April 16, it was announced today by Philip A. Schwartz '37, manager. Fraternities may enter as many teams as they wish, with the entrance fee placed at two decks of cards per team. Registration is being conducted at Student Union.

Last year's rules will again prevail, with all matches scheduled for the Nittany Lion Inn. A trophy will be presented to the championship team by the Nittany Lion Inn.

Singers To Begin Tour on Monday

Hy-Los, Varsity Quartet, Glee Club Will Give Concert Here on Sunday

The Penn State Glee Club, Hy-Los, and Varsity Male Quartet will leave next Monday on their annual spring concert tour.

Before leaving, these groups will take part in a joint concert to be presented Sunday by the department of music. The orchestra, led by Prof. Hummel Fishburn, will open the program at 3:30 p. m. and will play for the first part of the event. The singers, under the direction of Prof. Richard W. Grant, will entertain for the last part.

Plans Made for Tour

Their first appearance on the tour will take place on Monday evening, April 12, when they will sing a joint concert in Pottsville with the high school choir and choral ensemble. A sellout is already assured.

The next evening, Tuesday, April 13, the songsters will sing at the Boys' high school of Lancaster under the auspices of the Penn State Alumni Club of Lancaster. The chairman of the committee on arrangements is Charles Potts '36.

On their way home on Wednesday afternoon the glee club will be the guests of the William Penn high school in Harrisburg and will present a short program at the regular weekly school assembly.

We Women

By MARION A. RINGER

The recent W. S. G. A. faculty teas were a surprising success. With the aim of bettering student-faculty relationships the teas did make some headway even in the very small groups the girls could undertake at first.

But is the faculty going to leave the whole project up to W. S. G. A.? There are so many students now that they would feel they would be accused of "hand-shaking" if they tried to know their professors better.

There must be some students in classes the professors would consider worth knowing. It is up to the faculty now to approach the students. Professors might entertain a few of their students at different times at their homes or perhaps announce an "open house" which any of them could attend.

Mortar Board and Cwens are now making up their final lists for the girls they are going to tap on May Day. Of course they say that politics are kept entirely out; but little things do leak out. Both honoraries should realize that the basis for each choice is scrupulously enumerated by the campus.

It might be a good idea to have the activities and qualifications of each girl listed for the public so that there are no rumors disparaging Mortar Board and Cwens. TIP to Cwens: We resent the freshmen who make Cwens using the COLLEGIAN as an activity and then drop it their sophomore year. The little work the freshmen do on the COLLEGIAN does not warrant such an honor.

To Mr. Ebert or Miss Richardson, or whoever has charge of putting up the screens on the campus dorms and houses: We would appreciate it very much if the screens were put up, as soon as possible, in fact, tomorrow. The bugs are already here and a nuisance.

L. D. Sophomores Must Report to Room 12 SLA

All sophomores in the Schools of Liberal Arts and Education must report to room 12 SLA not later than tomorrow noon to file their applications to the Upper Division and to receive assignments for the English usage test, Prof. Charles C. Wagner, assistant to the dean of the School of Liberal Arts said. The examination, which will be held Thursday, April 29, at 3 o'clock, is compulsory for admission to the Upper Division of both schools.

Dr. Wu To Speak Here Next Week

C. A. To Bring Chinese Lecturer, Newspaperman to Campus For Two Meetings

Under the auspices of the Penn State Christian association, Dr. Y. T. Wu, Chinese journalist and teacher, will come to this campus on Monday and Tuesday for a series of conferences and public meetings.

Doctor Wu will speak in the Home Economics auditorium at 4:10 o'clock on Monday afternoon on "Trend in Education in China," and in the same room at 7:30 o'clock on Tuesday on "Social Forces at Work in the Far East." Both lectures will be open to students, faculty, and townspeople.

Worked in Customs Service

After ten years of work in the Chinese Customs service, Doctor Wu resigned to enter Christian association work in Peiping. Later he came to this country where he studied at Columbia and at Union Theological Seminary.

At the present time he is editor-in-chief of the Christian Association Press and has greatly aided education and stimulated writers in China. Through his acquaintance with leaders in all types of political groups in the Far East, he has done much to build relationships and interpretations between them and Christianity.

Lewis Writes Article For March Magazine

Willard P. Lewis, College librarian, is the author of an article on fraternity libraries appearing in the March issue of The Fraternity Month, bi-monthly fraternity publication.

Under the title of "Let the Fraternity Library Supplement the College Library," Mr. Lewis explains an experiment carried on for ten weeks in Grange dormitory. Seventy books were placed there by the College Library to find out just how much the students would use them. The results showed that for the ten-week period the total circulation was 253, an average of almost three volumes a girl.

Mr. Lewis goes on to explain the development of fraternity libraries through the promotional program of the College Library. Fraternities are able to purchase books through the Library, thus obtaining the benefit of library discounts. He attributes the real success of the venture to the activities of the individual fraternity librarians.

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