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**This Is Important
—Read It Slowly**

The problem the Alumni Association faces is a difficult one. So far it has failed in a large measure to realize its full possibilities of service to the College. The College has more than 20,000 graduates and the association has less than 2,000 members.

An alumni association's only reason for existence is to help its college. Don't interpret the motive as too selfish. Help to alumni and help to students are indirect ways of doing this. When we remember that a college succeeds by turning out men and women who will bear it the best possible name, the plan seems fair enough to everybody concerned.

Some persons believe that money is an alumni association's only reason for existence. Money in itself is nothing at all. It may help bring new buildings, increase the calibre and size of the faculty, improve administration, expand research facilities, and increase enrollment but an interested and active alumnus can be just as important in getting these things without himself paying out a cent. Through an alumni association, the work of these alumni should be coordinated.

Interested and active alumni membership is the important thing for the College. Whether members should be dues-paying is secondary and dependent on how the activities of the Alumni Association are to be financed.

If an Association is to charge dues or to ask its members to work in the interest of the College, it must show those members that they are making a worthwhile investment. Alumni must not regard paying dues as a gratuity to the College.

To many men loyalty and service to their alma mater can be its own reward. The Penn State Alumni Association has not capitalized on this, it has not shown the 20,000 alumni what they can do for the College or given them the way to do it. And it has done very little for them.

The solicitation of undergraduate memberships now planned is going to help the association as an educational campaign as effectively as a sales campaign. In this connection, Collegian believes the association will have its best success if it stresses Penn State history rather than Alumni Association history and continued College membership rather than Alumni Association membership.

The association has overlooked something else. In a university as large as this, each student lives in a restricted group and feels his membership in the whole community only slightly. The feeling of belonging to the College is stronger when narrowed at first introduction to a feeling of belonging to a particular department or school. These latter groups are more easily and effectively brought together because they have far more common ground. The association here, however, has failed to organize and encourage these units within itself.

We Fail To Understand

Dear Governor:

Though we subscribe to your political faith, we fail to understand the logic behind your budget introduced last night. You have recommended increases for state teachers colleges because of building expansions. This seems fair enough. Did you forget Penn State? It is struggling to operate the \$5,000,000 worth of new buildings erected here and handle an increased enrollment. Yet not one cent of increase has been budgeted to finance these vital expansions.

The Editor.

LION TALES

"DON'T TAKE A SNAP COURSE"

or

"THE SAD TALE OF JOE BLOW"

"I need just three more credits," Joe Blow said to his chum.
 "Can you suggest something to take That's easy and some fun."

"Oh, I know just the course for you," His friend declared in glee.
 "You're sure to get a three in it. It's simple, believe me."

"The prof is old and almost blind, Can't see beyond row three, And you can cut him all you want And still pass easily."

So Joseph scheduled "Slinging Two," The snap course—so he thought. Though available at Metzger's No textbook had he bought.

He had a pal cry, "Here, sir," When the prof would call his name. It was a great delight to him This small deceiving game.

But after eight long weeks had passed Joe Blow received some mail. It was a yellow paper Saying he was due to fail.

At that point Joe got worried, Thought he'd better see the prof. The guy was not so dumb at that His hat he'd have to doff.

For eight more weeks Joe struggled, Cracked his textbook every night. His classroom recitations Seemed perfectly all right.

He had "one" in a bluebook, And then a "two" and "three," But he worked hard to get them You can take that straight from me.

One day he took the final. It was a whipper-do. And though he thought he'd flunked it, He was glad the course was through.

When Joe went for his grade sheet, There next to "Slinging Two" He saw a big round zero. "Good Lord," he sighed, "I'm through."

There's a moral to the story That's been proved to be true. Steer away from all snap courses, Like Joe Blow's "Slinging Two."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today

Independent '44 party meets in Old Main at 7:30 p.m.

All freshmen Collegian candidates check in subscriptions between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

PSCA Freshman Council, Room 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Thespian dance, Rec Hall, 9 p.m. to 12. Music by Campus Owls. Admission, 75 cents a couple.

Tomorrow

Campus '44 meets in Room 418 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Varsity boxing, Penn State versus Syracuse, Rec Hall, 7 p.m.

Freshman boxing, Penn State versus Syracuse, Rec Hall, 6 p.m.

Varsity basketball, Penn State versus West Virginia, Rec Hall, 8 p.m.

Student Union dance, Armory, 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Engineer's ROTC band will meet every Tuesday at 4 p.m. and every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Infantry ROTC Band will meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and every Thursday at 4 p.m.

Applicants Sought For U. S. Naval Academy

President Ralph D. Hetzel has received a request for information about students from Somerset or Fayette Counties who desire appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

Interested students have been asked to report to the President's office immediately.

For men from Blair, Centre or Clearfield a preliminary examination for a similar appointment will be held on or about February 21. Students desiring to take this examination should write to Rep. James E. Van Zandt, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

INFIRMARY CASES

A check-up with officials revealed that seven persons were confined in the Infirmary last night. They were: John H. Jenkins '41, cellulitis; Robert Kaufman '42, grippe; Paul M. Doty '41, measles; Herman L. Finke, graduate, grippe; Axel W. Anderson '42, mumps; Annabel Boyd '41, laryngitis; Lois A. Wickersham '44, cervical adenitis.

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