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After Inauguration, What?

As Robert D. Baird '42, All-College president, and Gerald F. Doherty '42, vice-president, took office yesterday in the third annual inauguration ceremonies, Penn State's student government faces its first real problem.

Both Baird and Doherty seem slated for army duty beginning July 1. This is the first time that Cabinet has been confronted with the problem of replacing its two leaders in case both of them cannot procure deferment.

Practically all of the burden of governing student activities would be thrown upon the shoulders of H. Leonard Krouse '42, senior class president and football captain, who would assume the chairmanship of the Cabinet, not the presidency. Krouse's original duties alone will probably occupy most of his time.

There is one thing that Cabinet can do to alleviate some of the load on Krouse's shoulders. It can make a concentrated effort to initiate new means in directing its affairs from one man and diverting many of his tasks into other channels.

Because election of class officers and school councils have occurred almost a month ahead of previous elections and new student cabinet representatives have been able to sit in on Cabinet sessions, the new All-College Cabinet already will have a fair idea of student parliamentary action.

Although Cabinet will lack the advantage of specific leadership in its first few meetings, its introduction to Cabinet procedure and duties may give the new group the jump on former Cabinets.

In losing Baird and Doherty, the Cabinet suffers a stiff blow, but by the foresight of the former Cabinet in providing for earlier elections of representatives, the incoming group will be better prepared for its initiation into student government.

Paging Carrie Nation

Women suffrage was passed in 1919, but women cheerleaders still are taboo in Penn State. However, All-College Cabinet, realizing that football crowds may be more apt to exercise their voices if a few likely-looking maidens were leading them, passed a resolution to place girl cheerleaders on the squad.

Only one obstacle stands in the way, according to Walter A. Sottung '41, head cheerleader. Penn State coeds, strangely enough, seem to be satisfied with their pre-suffrage roles and have failed to turn out for tryout sessions.

Have courage, girls. She who leads the crowd won't get lost.

"The human world as we know it is the product of work—work with the hands or work with the brain. Its progress is only made possible by work. It is work which has lifted us out of brute life. It may be work which is tiresome, it may be work which brings with it satisfaction and delight. In any case it must be work. Everything depends upon whether the individual human being understands his work and what it means and what part it plays in the human economy, and whether he is ready and willing to do his very best to make his work productive and helpful to his fellow-men." Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, calls restrictions on output of labor



This is a mad bad world, as our Aunt Leda used to mutter after that incident with the swan. Full of gentle old manic depressive waving flags, and adolescent cynics. If we were convinced that it would not offend the delicate, we might suggest that what this world needs is a good five-cent cathartic. Certainly the boys who chronicle our times will need strong stomachs. To put it bluntly, all we've been able to think about recently is King Dzymandias, and the old beggar, has gotten a bit on our nerve. We may even laugh hysterically and pluck at the coverlet.

In the first place, we're fed up with all this balderdash concerning the present hostilities among our brethren across the sea. Apparently truth and beauty are on the sacrificial altars again . . . so many pounds of beauty and so many tons of truth neatly wrapped in cellophane. It occurs to us that truth and beauty spend most of their time being pushed about by diplomats and clergymen. This eternal hue and cry about humanity has been going on ever since Pericles shot off his mouth at a funeral, and probably before that. And people have been making asses of themselves ever since.

Even we, dear children, with the reciprocal benefits of modern plumbing and John Dewey can't seem to be entirely little ladies and gentlemen. The old urge to go forth and smite some poor devil hip and thigh is still hanging around along with the vermiform appendix. This business of fighting wars for beautiful abstractions is becoming a trifle hackneyed. Nobody can stop this war, we realize that, but we rather feel that we may as well go along with our eyes open.

Since we like the way the English manage things we shall therefore do what we can for them; also it would be very confusing to have to change the world's economic standards to meet German criteria. If we are obliged to fight, we shall fight. Simply because fighting for the existing set-up is much less involved than any other course. Unless, gentlefolk, you prefer to believe that truth and beauty are at stake. Right beside the steel industry.

Sigmund Freud, that rare old weird, proved that no matter what, love is all. So why worry? It might be better, in the long run, to leave the whole affair in the hands of the sociologists, who are no doubt prepared to publish a book on it at the drop of a prostitute. We feel kindly disposed toward those gentlemen, for they mean well. And they are, we like to believe, those dim figures we always see when we too are in a fog.

Lest anon we commence to wander too far afield in our meditations, we now conclude this carefully wrought essay on the vanity of human wishes (which we have patterned closely after Juvenal) and slip back into the shadows whence we venture ill-advised to joust with windmills. CASSIUS

Dispensary Use Dropped In April

Despite free Dispensary service this year, student calls for April decreased from the total of the same month last year. Infirmary patients, however, increased slightly in number for the same comparative period, the College Health Service revealed yesterday.

Dispensary calls last year in April totaled 4076, while 3775 were made last month. Of last month's calls 185 were made for ROTC examinations, none of which were included in the report for April of last year. The report indicated a further disuse of the Dispensary for comparative months of April.

The slight epidemic of German measles nearly doubled the number of patients in the Infirmary with 74 last year in April and 140 this year. The comparative number of days spent in the Infirmary last April totaled 193 and this April 475. A 14-day quarantine was necessary for German measles and, hence, increased the number of bed-days.

A decrease occurred in the number of cases that were followed by the second visit to the Dispensary to check effectiveness of diagnoses and treatment. Last April there were 2022 cases which returned and last month 1526.

Groups Must Have Okay To Use Bald Knob Area

All student groups planning to hold picnics or initiations on the Bald Knob district above Boalsburg, including the ski-trail section, must first obtain permission from Max Dercum, ski coach at the College, it was announced today.

Forced to establish some sort of regulatory measures because of the danger of fire and the fact that many groups have left refuse on the property, Mr. Dercum will require some person to be responsible for each group. Failure to register with Mr. Dercum may result in prosecution.

It was emphasized that student groups are very welcome to make full use of the territory after making arrangements with Mr. Dercum.

Portfolio Elects Staff

Portfolio recently elected its new staff which will serve for the coming year. The new staff members will take over the work of the magazine on May 17. The new staff is as follows: Barney M. Weinberg '43, editor; Anne J. Lambrecht '43, associate editor; Dorothy E. Bosley '43, managing editor, and John B. McCue '43, business manager.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Lt. Robert T. Raby of the U.S. Marine Corps will be in the Armory today to interview aspirants for commissions in the Marine Corps.

C. A. Cabinet Women meet with Board Members, Room 304 Old Main, 4 p.m.

PSCA Cabinet, Room 304 Old Main, 8:15 p.m.

Faculty of the School of Liberal Arts, 121 Sparks, 4:10 p.m.

Freshman baseball, Mercersburg, 4 p.m.

Old and new Forensic Council meet in 412 Old Main, 4 p.m.

Tickets for Players' show on sale at Student Union. Prices are 75 cents and 50 cents.

Orders for caps and gowns taken at Student Union until Saturday noon.

WSGA House of Representatives meeting, Room 305 Old Main at 5 p.m. Radio Club, Room Main at 5 p.m.

Radio Club, Room 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Penn State Club executive committee meeting in club room, 7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Cwen meeting, McAllister Hall dining room at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Med Society To See Movies Tomorrow Night

Movies on obstetrics will be shown to the Pre-Medical Society in Home Economics auditorium at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Admission will be by Pre-Medical Society membership cards only. Those who have failed to get cards may do so by seeing Miss Jones in Dean Smith's office.

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