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Cut Us In

The rule of the hickory stick still applies to College students, only it is enforced more subtly and mildly. Cutting classes is still a major crime punishable by a lusty wallop in the region of student grades.

Yet, we aren't as young as we used to be, so what's the good in keeping us under the Administration's apron strings? What distresses us is that there is no definite ruling, one which is uniform. Each School, department, and professor interprets the ruling as it or he sees fit.

It's about time that someone advances a plan. Here's ours. We propose to allow unlimited cutting for all students who have earned in the previous semester a 2 All-College average or better. It seems to us that those people are conscientious enough to keep up with their work despite the number of cuts they have.

Students having a 1 to 1.9 All-College average would fall into the category of students now being allowed by the majority of the professorial rules just three cuts. However, these cuts are still unsanctioned.

Those who have not yet earned a 1 average would not be allowed to take any unexcused cuts.

Not only would the proposed system encourage us to raise our averages, but it would permit student leaders more time in which to handle the work of their offices more efficiently.

And finally, students would no longer need to worry about taking comprehensive exams now required in many courses for excessive cutting.

With the streamlined three-semester plan for College, each School could get together and agree on new and satisfactory plans for cut rules. Then a decision could be reached jointly by each School Council which would recommend it to the College for adoption.

Here's a chance for the School Councils to show what they can do for their fellow-students. The problem rests with them for presentation.

—R. E. S.

From Little Acorns . . .

With the approval by the Christian Association cabinet of a proposed orientation camp for freshman students this June, a commendable undertaking has been launched. College leaders have prepared an official program to acclimate the incoming first-year men but because of the accelerated schedule, this preparation may not be adequate. The proposed camp plan, if properly handled, will contribute much to prepare the high school students for campus life.

In adopting this camp idea, the Association has recognized the need for a period of transition where time can be devoted to meditation and consideration as college guides and objectives are presented. Undoubtedly the proposed undertaking will facilitate the newcomers in getting started on the right path.

However, we note with misgiving that the physical setup can accommodate only 135 students and that a personal financial cost is also involved. Although expenses will not be high, this will probably hamper prospective campers. Certain students who are well qualified to be future campus leaders will not be able to benefit from the extra tutelage.

If this is merely the beginning of a great idea which is to expand and become a Penn State tradition this minor but nonetheless vital objection must somehow be over-ruled. Can the PSCA solve the question?

—H. J. S.



Lion Tales

When the time comes that this rag decrees there shall be something new added in the way of a middle-of-the-week dirt column, comes the realization that unless it's gossip, it ain't news.

And so to launch into the dustpan's collection of the past week, which died a worse death than the dog that nipped Bill Rapp, DTD, recently. We could pay our respects to this glorious, glorious season of the year.

Hail Spring

Wonderful Spring, Beautiful Spring
God, what laziness it brings.
Cutting classes, guzzling beer,
Why isn't it Spring all year?

Blossoming Forth

Preluding the bevy of brides who will make their way to the altar this summer, is Doris Jean Snow for whom the bells will toll at 5:30 Friday a. m. Frosh Shirley Ives has joined the ranks of the third-finger lefthanders with Bill Ritzel's AKPi contribution. Sister Shi Fink has linked Joe Wasney's SPS sweetheart pin to her Alpha Chi badge. Lenore Ostroski and Phil Martsoff, DTD, have settled down to a pinned existence.

Just when we think profs and everyone else are going berserk, Les Hetenyi always pops up with one better. After pinning Theta Penny Pennell, Les ventured forth and purchased furniture for the nest. That's one way to celebrate.

Al Moses, Phi Ep, will stutter "I do" to a gal from Pittsburgh sometime in May.

Thank God

Overheard from a well-known SPS following the SFE snowball tilt.

"Thank God it's warming up. Couldn't stand it with all those open windows."

Professoresque Speech

Dutch Herrman pulled one the other day when describing the childhood hardships of Andy Johnson, erstwhile president of the United States. Said Dutch, "His father died at the early age of four."

The illustrious Gal tore off the following definition of Bromodosis which, as he says, is just another way of saying "Halitosis of the armpits."

Ain't Cricket

Ruthie Shanes, Kappa doll, returned Kenny Cotton's Sigma Pi pin with a "sorry, but it's more fun the other way." And Spring is supposed to be an incentive.

Tau Beta Pi To Initiate 27

As the feature of their annual banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn this evening, the Penn State chapter of Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honorary association, will initiate 26 upperclass students and one alumnus.

Membership in Tau Beta Pi is limited to high-ranking students in the Engineering or Mineral Industries Schools, according to Walter N. Shambach '42, president of the society.

Juniors accepted in the association must rank in the first eighth of their engineering class scholastically. Seniors must rate in the upper eighth of their class.

Students are chosen on the basis of character, breadth of interest, adaptability, and unselfish activity, as well as scholarship, Shambach emphasized.

Seniors being initiated tonight are Jack E. Darr, Donald W. Emmerich, Carlyle S. Herrick, William R. Mathias, Richard E. Parsels, J. Milton Pomfrett, and Charles L. VanInwagen.

Junior initiates will be Richard C. Allen, William C. Banks, Albert M. Berseth, Joseph C. Bregar, Edsel J. Burkhart, Dennis J. Carney, Donald T. Davis, Jacob R. Herr, J. Edward Husted, William W. Kinsley, Karl Kovach, Raymond J. Kowalesky, Richard F. Markel, Paul R. Richard, Andrew Rostosky, William R. Seuren, Irving S. Snyder, Donald J. Wardrop, and Lada J. Zahora.

James H. Cusack, who graduated in January, is the only alumnus to be inducted tonight.

Frosh Camp

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field, according to their report. Stein last night outlined a tentative program for the three-day camp to members of the committee. Stressed in the tentative program are the consideration of vocational problems by representatives of the seven schools in the college and student leaders.

Other camp mass meetings will discuss fraternity life objectively and make a review of campus activities by captains, presidents and leaders of campus organizations, who will be able to attend the camp meetings, Stein added. Interspersed between the numerous speeches and discussions are periods for recreation. Stein stated that the importance of group play must not be overlooked; previous experience with Freshman camps at other schools has shown that leadership in the class often displays itself when the group gets together and works together.

In addition to D. Ned Linegar, PSCA associate secretary, who will act as camp director, Stein announced the necessity for selecting 13 counselors to help in the orientation process.

The committee would like to keep the cost at a maximum of \$4 per person.

Debaters Confab Starts Tomorrow

Six colleges and universities will participate in the fifth annual Freshman Debaters Convention to be held in the Sparks Building tomorrow and Saturday.

The general topic which has been chosen for debate is "What Kind of a Peace Do We Want?"

Bucknell, Bucknell Junior College, Juniata College, University of Pittsburgh, and University of Scranton are the five colleges and universities, beside Penn State, which will furnish the debaters.

On Friday evening, each of the two committees into which the group will be divided will consider a separate phase of the total subject after which they will draw up a bill. This bill will be submitted as a report to the general assembly meeting Saturday morning.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Persons interested in attending All-College cabin party tomorrow, sign up in PSCA office.

Important meeting, freshman women candidates Collegian editorial staff, News Room, 4 p. m.

WRA Golf Club will hold first spring meeting in 3 White Hall at 5 p. m.

Old Main Open House Committee meeting in 304 Old Main at 4 p. m.

Student-Faculty Relations Committee meets in Hugh Beaver room at 7:30 p. m.

Eastman Kodak lecture on "Paper Negative Process," 309 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Tau Beta Pi initiation and banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn, 6 p. m.

All freshman golf candidates are to report to caddy house.

Ski Club meeting, election of officers, 102 State College High School, 7:30 p. m.

Alpha Lambda Delta pledging, Ath Hall, 6:30 p. m.

'44 Independents will meet, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.

AAUW meets in 110 Home Economics, 7:45 p. m.

Golf Club will hold first meeting in 2 White Hall at 6:30 p. m.

Important meeting for members and prospective members of Penn State Engineer staff, 314 Old Main, 8:30 p. m.

Open Pre-Medical Society meeting featuring election of officers and movies, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Hillel Coffee Round Table Discussion, "What Do You Mean by Democracy" Hillel Foundation, 4:15 p. m.

TOMORROW

AAUW meets in 110 Home Economics, 7:45 p. m.

Hillel evening services, Rabbi Kahn speaks on "Jews and the Modern World," Hillel Foundation, 7:15 p. m.

Senior Engineering lecture, Prof. Arthur H. Reede, department of economics, topic, "Labor Unions," 110 Sparks Building, 4:10 p. m.

Schedule Set

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- classes begin.
- May 28-29—Payment of fees.
- May 30—Memorial Day recess.
- June 8—Registration of Freshmen. Intersession Registration. Intersession classes begin.
- June 9—Freshmen classes begin.
- June 19—Payment of fees, freshmen.
- June 26—Intersession ends.
- June 29—Summer Session registration.
- June 30—Summer Session classes begin.
- July 4—Independence Day recess.
- July 18—Mid-semester below grades issued.
- August 6—Summer Session graduation.
- August 7—Summer Session ends.
- August 10—Post Session registration, Post Session classes begin.
- August 28—Summer Semester ends. Summer Semester graduation. Post Session ends.
- (X)—Freshman Week begins.
- September 7-8—Fall Semester Registration.
- (X)—Freshman Week ends.
- September 9—Fall Semester classes begin.
- September 17-18—Payment of fees, all classes.
- October 24—Alumni Homecoming Day.
- October 31—Mid-semester below grades due.
- November 25—Thanksgiving recess begins.
- November 27—Thanksgiving recess ends.
- (X)—Christmas recess begins.
- December 19—Fall semester ends. Fall semester graduation.
- (X)—denotes date as yet indefinite.

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