

# Faculty Suspended Entire 1892 Class

Relations between students and faculty are bound to become a little strained and the first 100 years of these relations have been no exception.

For instance, in 1892 the entire class of that year was suspended.

It all started when one member of the class failed to return from a vacation. He used the famous Johnstown flood as his

excuse, but the faculty was not aware of the seriousness of the flood and suspended him.

As a protest his classmates cut an examination and played baseball instead. The faculty retaliated by suspending the entire class for insubordination.

The entire class then moved to an open field, pitched tents and set up "Camp Suspension." When the faculty learned the facts of the flood the class was reinstated.

At this time in the University's history the students were subject to strict discipline. One student who was described as having a very fine record developed a toothache and went to the nearest dentist, who happened to be 12 miles away.

The dentist kept him so long that he missed a recitation period and was suspended. Students petitioned the faculty to reinstate the student and loosen up the rules. The faculty refused to readmit the student, but did relax the rules somewhat.

When his suspension period was up the young man refused to come back. He later went on to become a leading citizen.

The only other strike occurred in 1905. This time the students protested against too strict cutting rules. Some of the other factors contributing to the "great strike" were claims by students that professors were so tied up with other business interests and speculation that their classes suffered and the fact that President Atherton required a military salute from all students.

# Government Advances Under Sparks

Student government came into being during the administration of Edwin E. Sparks, eighth president of the University.

A type of student council was established, which was the only body for student representation until 1913, when a student tribunal was set up.

During Sparks' tenure of office many significant advances in student government were made.

The government of women on campus was first accomplished by faculty members. However, in late 1905 the Women's Student Government Association was formed. The established system of student government served its purpose well under separate governmental bodies for men and women.

However, because of the rapidly increasing enrollment, Ralph Dorn Hetzel, University president from 1926 to 1947, made plans to improve the system for better representation and better government in general.

His efforts resulted in a complete revision of the constitution and the formation of All-College Cabinet.

The new system brought together the separate governing bodies of men, women, councils, fraternities, independent and ac-

tivity groups.

There was unanimous approval of the new constitution in a special joint session of Student Board and Student Council on March 10, 1939, with

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## Old Willow Saved Twice By Surgery

The Old Willow has wept on the Mall for 100 years.

But it almost didn't, except for the skill and foresight of a tree surgeon in 1911 and 1921.

In fact, the present willow is only a part of the original tree.

The original one consisted of two large branches spreading out from a thick trunk. In 1911, old-age death of the tree was feared, so surgery was performed.

Later, in 1921, the east branch was blown down in a storm and a shoot of the tree was planted.

This was a timely move, for in 1923, the west branch was lost in a storm and the old tree was just about done for.

The new shoot, however, which was planted two years earlier, grew and the tradition of the willow was saved.

The willow has a beautiful legend and history connected with it. Not only has it stood as a symbol of the University's strength and endurance, but it's origin is imaginative.

Legend has it that it was a shoot from a tree which grew on the villa grounds of the poet Alexander Pope in England.

It was brought to the United States from England by Dr. Evan Pugh, who returned in 1859 to his native country after six years in England to become the University's first president.

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