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EDITOR OF THIS ISSUE ..... MALCOLM E. BARR

## Editorial Comment

### THE REVISED CONSTITUTION

THE proposed revised constitution of the Men's Student Assembly and Council will make its appearance before the male students sometime during this week. This is one of the most important matters that has been brought before the male student body at large. It is a matter which calls for wise discussion and thought on the part of everyone.

There are several things embodied in the proposed constitution which will be explained in detail, one being the matter of the organization which shall be composed of all men students of the college and called the student Assembly. From that Assembly men representing the various classes shall be chosen and represented on the Council, the number representing each class remaining as heretofore. Besides the thirteen men thus represented the Council shall also consist of two members of the faculty, which shall have no vote, but act in an advisory capacity.

Another new feature contained in the constitution is the matter of elections which will take place the first Tuesday following the fifteenth of May for all classes. A regular polling place will be established, ballots and ballot boxes provided and the election will be conducted under the supervision of an executive committee of the council. No student having received discredits during the college year shall be eligible to vote at the annual election.

Another thing embodied in the said constitution are "recall elections" which shall take place on the written request of twenty-five per cent of the eligible voters of the class concerned.

The proposed constitution will also reinforce the powers of the present student council, and shall provide for all future difficulties arising. Discredits ranging from ten to forty may be imposed by the Council for infractions of rules. If the offense is of such a nature as to compel the Council to impose the full limit of discredits upon any student he shall before being punished have the privilege of appealing his case to the student Assembly. A majority vote of the Assembly however will be necessary to reverse the decision of the council. New legislation and amendments may be added to the present proposed constitution from time to time.

The proposed constitution of the Men's Student Council is a step in the right direction and should deserve your thought, attention and support.

M. E. B., '29.

(Editor's Note—We have heard and read much concerning the value of a college education. Arguments pro and con are numerous upon the subject. It is however illuminating to read what one who knows has to say concerning those who are fitted and those who are not fitted for college training. With this in mind it is interesting to read what Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University says.)

### ARE YOU SUITED TO A COLLEGE TRAINING

OUR common belief that college training is suited to everyone and that everyone is suited to college, is one of the great tragedies of American life! Fully half of those whom well-meaning parents send to college would be better off if they never had come.

"None of us can get too much education, provided it is the kind best suited to us. But men are not alike, whereas our traditional college courses are very much alike. We are making the mistake of assuming that education can be obtained only in colleges and that a college diploma is good for everybody.

"Here on my desk is a report from a famous old institution. Only 33 per cent of the students enrolled have been graduated with their classes. Eventually, 38 per cent of the students enrolled have been graduated. In a word, 62 out of every 100 students enrolled in that college have failed to complete the courses. They have gone from college disappointed, disillusioned, some of them embittered, with shattered confidence in self at an age when self-confidence should be highest.

"There is probably no other career for which men are so definitely prepared and in which there is such an appalling proportion of failures. The fault cannot be entirely with our schools. Then, it must be with the students and with the parents. We are sending too many of the wrong kind to college.

"A student should have a capacity and a taste for college. A youth whose desire is to touch elbows with the practical isn't going to thrive on a diet of theory. There are hundreds in our colleges without capacity or taste or desire for what the college has to offer. They falter and stumble through a blurred maze. Their one wish is to get away from it. Often they fail, but the last of home discipline sometimes drives them through. I seriously question if the value of what the college has managed to cram into them is equal to the value of what four or more years they have given out of their lives.

A boy comes to college for social prestige. He wants to be known as a college man, wear a fraternity pin, etc. Often the fraternities do not want him, and his incentive for college gone, he quits in disgust. Still more frequently he fails in the classroom, because the classroom is trying to give him something he doesn't want. Colleges are not training schools for society, but for life.

"Some seek a college diploma as a commercial asset. They reason that the very fact they are college graduates will give them higher standing and larger salary in business. Again they fail in an understanding of the college. A diploma is not a receipt for tuition paid and time put in; it is a certificate of knowledge earned. If knowledge has not been earned, the diploma is of no more value than a scrap of paper—a fact which the world of business is quick to discover.

By no means is it a disgrace not to be of the college type. Not every man is suited to be a lawyer, or a doctor, or a minister, or a machinist, or a miner. Then why should we believe everybody with enough money to pay his tuition is suited to be a college student?

Let us get out of the notion that the college is the one and only road to a worthy education. Some of our outstanding leaders in politics, and some of our best-informed and best educated men in business and industry and finance, have gained their knowledge many miles from college halls. There are dozens of great editors and writers who were never in college."

### WITH THE WITS

I hate to start this column by telling another joke on the Scotchman, but they are usually goodnatured so here goes.

Did you ever hear of the Scotchman who when his Jewish friend suffered a paralytic stroke—counted them.

Quoth the lazy Senior—Don't rush me! I'm no freshman!

The human brain is a wonderful organ—it starts working the moment we get up in the morning and doesn't stop until we get to class!

An eminent physician has this to say about Bake Beans, our Sunday evening dessert, "For a man with an iron clad digestive system they may furnish a standby for hours after being eaten, but for the purposes of study they are a wrong food. We are wondering what defense our dietician would have to make.

According to the evolutionist it has taken nature centuries to make man out of monkey, but sometimes you can give a woman just five minutes—and he's back where he started.

Some Co-Ed—If you can't afford what you want—get a man.

So being on a diet, she swallowed the doughnut whole.

Upper Classmen—Haven't we met somewhere before?

Frosh lassie—I don't know, but you taste familiar.

It's a hard year for the circuses they say! We don't know but we'll make a guess—perhaps all the clowns are engaged in politics.

College men we think have She-faring eyes.

Death and Mid-Semester grades are both inevitable. However death comes only once and is frequently painless.

The Girl friend—You've broken my heart.

The Athlete—You've broken my training.

### BEAT MUHLENBERG!

### BROTHERHOOD OF ST. PAUL BANQUETED AT LANCASTER

Members of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, on Friday evening, attended a reception, tendered them by The Theological Seminary at Lancaster. Thirteen men enjoyed a rousing welcome and the best kind of fellowship. The address by Dr. Richards, president of the seminary, was very inspiring and impressive in its sincerity. He emphasized the fact that the seminary's purpose is to turn out practical preachers and not specialists in any one field, to train men to fit into all circumstances of life, the wedding, the funeral, joy and sorrow, success and failure.

Dr. Dotterer, professor of Psychology at F. & M., made a very fine address on the part of the minister in modern life, saying that he must be a leader of thought, a comforter, a sharpener of conscience, especially in reference to modern problems which fall outside of our older moral code.

Splendid music and sketches were furnished by members of the seminary student body.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship with the men of the seminary and those of F. & M. College, as well as the exchange of ideas and community of thought. The trip to Lancaster will prove an inspiring help to the work of the Brotherhood throughout the remainder of the school year.

### GIRLS' HOCKEY SCHEDULE

November 2—Swarthmore, away  
November 10, Drexel, home.  
November 16—Glassboro, away.  
November 19—Phila. Normal, home.  
November 23—Cedar Crest, away.

Fred P. Frutchey, '22, writes as follows: "I am enclosing a check for my Weekly subscription. I always enjoy reading the Weekly, especially the alumni notes of those I know." Fred is Superintendent of Schools at Eckley, Colorado.

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"It'll be funny, won't it, when you kid him along at HIS expense?"

### S-I-G-N-A-L-S!

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**The Tower Window**

**T**HE movement which originated among the students and which is being organized at the present time for controlling extra-curriculum activities promises a solution of a much vexed problem. Everybody in the college has felt the confusion arising from unregulated efforts along many lines of activity. Embarrassing conflicts, divided support and partial success or failure have attended too many well-meant attempts in behalf of entirely legitimate ends.

The sponsors of this movement have recognized two cardinal factors in view of which they have directed their action. The first is the need of a central board which shall have the power to hold the various classes of activities in coordination and thus maintain them in balanced equilibrium. The second is seen in the purpose to use the vacant week-ends for staging the formal programs and public events of the various organizations.

By according in a general way one week-end a month to each of the subordinate divisions and using both Friday and Saturday evenings, every activity in the college can have ample opportunity for expression, and the students will be provided with varied and enjoyable entertainment.

The suggestion that the two old literary societies be discontinued under this plan is met with stern opposition among the alumni and doubtless there are many persons in college who would prefer to see them maintained and given a place in the general program under the Board of Control. They ought to be reconstituted so as to fit into the present scheme of student life. It would be well if their officers and leaders would give themselves to careful study of the situation and start these societies forward on a new career of usefulness. It would be advantageous, no doubt, if graduate members would take an interest in their rejuvenation.

As for the week-ends it will be a great gain to have them profitably and enjoyably occupied. Some of the old-timers will wonder why it is necessary to have organized expression of student life. They will recall the old days of the simple life when a student with one or two spare evenings to dispose of would get a few books from the library and sit by his stove under the yellow light of his oil lamp and read. There is a suggestion in this for the students of today, yet no one who is familiar with modern youth and social customs will fail to see that something more than this is required to meet the situation. Literary, dramatic, musical and social evening with good programs well-prepared according to a pre-arranged schedule by the several divisions or classes of activities will keep our students together over the week-ends and build them up in worthwhile attainments.

This will open the way also for a more fitting observance of Sundays.  
G. L. O.

**NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL RALLY ON TUESDAY NIGHT**

Next Tuesday night at 7.30 o'clock in the Thompson-Gay Gymnasium the students of Ursinus will hold a rather unique meeting in the form of a political rally. It will be strictly non-partisan and under the auspices of the citizenship committees of the men's and women's student governments. Speeches and platforms will be discussed by the students and a mock election will take place it is rumored. Just like a real old-time political gathering with lots of cheering and singing is promised by the committees.

**URSINUS COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Ursinus, 0; University of Penna, 34.  
Ursinus, 0; Haverford, 8.  
Ursinus, 12; F. & M., Lancaster, 0.  
Ursinus, 7; U of Delaware, 0.  
Ursinus, 6; Dickinson, 7.  
Ursinus vs. Muhlenberg—Nov. 3, at Allentown.  
Ursinus vs. Drexel—Nov. 10, at Paterson Field.  
Ursinus vs. Swarthmore—Nov. 17, at Swarthmore.  
Ursinus vs. Schuylkill—Nov. 29, at Reading.

**ALUMNI NOTES**

E. W. Lentz, D. D., was elected President of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church which held its sessions in Easton, Pa., from October 22 to 25.

M. J. Roth, D. D., T-'93, was President of the Potomac Synod which held its annual sessions at Middletown, Maryland, from October 23 to 26.

Evan L. ("Bim") Deibler, '22, is enrolled at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, where he is taking work preparatory to qualifying for the Master's degree. History is his field of interest. "Bim" took an extended trip "a la Ford" this summer through the southwest and up the Pacific coast.

Margaret L. Richards, '23, should now be addressed as Mrs. Herbert Wakefield, Stenton Hall Apartments, Germantown. The wedding took place on Friday evening, October 12th, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Royersford, Pa. After the ceremony a reception was held at Bungalow Inn, near Norristown. Many Ursinus friends were present. "Dick" has the good wishes of all who know her.

Former Professor R. W. Gawthrop and Mrs. Gawthrop of Wilmington, Delaware, visited at the College over the week-end.

Edward S. Fretz, Treasurer of the College, was re-elected president of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church at the annual meeting recently held at Easton, Pa.

**PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ISSUES THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION**

According to the annual custom, President Calvin Coolidge has again issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation. It reads as follows:—

"By the President of the United States:

"A Proclamation.

"The season again approaches when it has been the custom for generations to set apart a day of thanksgiving for the blessings which the Giver of all good and perfect gifts has bestowed upon us during the year. It is most becoming that we should do this, for the goodness and mercy of God, which has followed us through the year, deserve our grateful recognition and acknowledgment.

"Through His Divine favor, peace and tranquility have reigned throughout the land. He has protected our country as a whole against pestilence and distaster, and has directed us in the way of national prosperity. Our fields have been abundantly productive; our industries have flourished; our commerce has increased; wages have been lucrative and contentment has followed the undisturbed pursuit of honest toil.

"As we have prospered in material things, so have we also grown and expanded in things spiritual. Through Divine inspiration we have enlarged our charities and our missions; we have been operated for the benefit of the world and the promotion of the brotherhood of man through peace and good will.

"Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November next as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer. And I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their daily work and in their homes and in their accustomed places of worship devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received, and seek His guidance that they may deserve a continuance of His favor.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the United States."

**COLLEGE CALENDAR**

Tuesday, October 30  
7.30 p. m.—Non-Partisan political rally in Thompson-Gay Gymnasium.

Wednesday, October 31  
6.30 p. m.  
Y. W. C. A.—Library.  
Y. M. C. A.—Philosophy Room.

Thursday, November 1  
8.50 a. m.—Chapel address by Dr. David A. Robertson, Associate Secretary of American Council on Education.

Friday, November 2  
8.50 a. m.—Chapel address by Dr. Frederick W. Norwood, pastor of City Temple, London.  
Hockey — Ursinus Co-Eds vs. Swarthmore at Swarthmore.

Saturday, November 3.  
Ursinus Bears vs. Muhlenberg at Allentown.

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