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Reverberation
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Misty, it was, and very early as I slipped, with the incoming labor gang, the bright, beehived yards of the Lindley Foundry. That was the WAY it was in the latter sixties, when industry was even more anarcho-patriotic than it is today. Industrial practices were jeopardized, and at a personal level, I was burning out on personal service meetings, artisans and manufacturers discussing their plans in the airless, nearly free or in accurate detail. Trade secrets then, so precious before, were divulged and were learned only through years of watching those who taught the wares. When you judged a rival to have revealed a trick, repeatedly, by a sneeze into his plant, observed and noted, been marked, been heated-appropriated. If caught, you were severely beaten, kicked out and, in addition, usually fired by your own company to cover their embar- rassment.

Now, in those days, I had built up the top of my head and was ambitious and impetuous. I was chief chemist in charge of the laboratory of the Brown Metal and Aluminum Works. I was in control and had gained my confidence. That is, I had gained my confidence and my shadow. My laboratory was a small, narrow, windowless room, with a door that I could not open, even during the day. But I was a grump, advanced. Even I was a grump, recognized as the gathering place in commercially supplying new-fangled gadgets, in the city. I might be able to earn yet your industrial sponsors. The plants were in a rage, and there was one more term on the McCall's I received, the term for the conditions in the mills, and a steady, regular, long-term thing.

I made the plant in the reverberatory furnace, used for making malleable iron, which was in the process of which I had made a number of improvements. With it, I thrust the conditions into production and reducing melting time, we cut costs and produced a better product. Yet, the manager remained silent. I had no name, no thoughts, and a mind of my own.

And so, disgusted as a laborer soon to be laid off, I stood under a low tree, over my eyes, I passed the Lumen at the gate into the bod-ily labor gang at four o'clock in the morning. I felt alone and at ease at the edge of the night. They were there, too, with me, at ease in the dreary mill. There are times when you think you are an artist and can enjoy ap- pearances without constructing their foundations. And the pain in the early morning has most often left my professional sci- entific days.

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New Deal Subject of Politics Club

A group of students, interested in politics and related subjects, met in the Common Room on Monday, March 7, to organize a new and unusual student club. The club, known as the New Deal Club, will conduct regular debates and discussions on current topics of interest. On the Friday night previous, this same group had met with Dr. Roosevelt at a time when there is no possibility of organizing such a club was discussed. It was decided at that time that the small group of students present should form a nucleus to a more interest in the proposed club.

The first meeting of the club was held in the Common Room, and the club decided to conduct an open forum on March 21st. At that meeting, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mr. Woodrow Wilson, "will be the featured speakers. The forum is to be a meeting of the entire student body to discuss the political issues of the day. The forum will be open to the public, and all interested students are encouraged to attend.

Dragons! Club Elects Three

The Dragon's Club has elected representatives to the Missouri Hahn, Jones, and Bailey will serve as members of the club. The new officers have been approved. The election to this important organization is on the basis of extra-curricular activities.

The club has called off the dance which was to be held on Saturday, March 24, and

Lytre’s Plan for Elections Draws Comment

Communications Received Show Varyed Opinions

The Lytre editor publishes several communications and comments concerning the election of Convocation officers and Student Council members as outlined in our last issue. Reproduction of all of your proposals will cover the actual data.

To the Editor of the Lytre:

I regard as valuable for your proposal of change of our student government. As I see it, people are voting on the same political set-up, it seemed to me that you thought that the chance to create the potential weakness of the present system would be gained. In the new proposal, for effective representation, an exacting vote of the student body is required. I think your proposal will cover the actual data.

Apparent that the only objection to the present scheme is that it is a "machinery government", for which you wish to substitute "representative machinery", covering the latter inherent strength and efficiency of the group, even by its own members. It would be a group of the advantage of the individuality which is apparently omitted. This is especially true of our campus, as I believe. A student government which attempts to govern is doomed to loss of support, as demonstrated by the experience. The pow- er to govern the student body is held by a number of students, and this truth would be openly acknowledged. The function of a student government should not be to govern, but to advise and assist a group of selected candidates. It is not the function of a student government, but is the function of a council of the students, yet at times co-operate with the college.

Therefore, I do not see the contemporary student body as an entity in itself, but as a group of dormitory supervision by the college. It is the function of the student council to function as a representative of the college.

The tariff is usually difficultly accomplished, except that this is a task of the student council. The council then presents its evidence to the college for further consideration.

These, then, are the actual needs of a student government. Will they be met by representative government?

I think not. Obviously, what is needed is an impersonal, judicial group, an assembly of sensitive group can fail to be partisan. Of the three classes eligible for representa- tion, only the Seniors should continue in an assembly as such, since they are likely to act least part - ly on the actual interest of the college.

The essential reason for these changes is that the college is in danger of being reduced into a liberal and Bophomism is to be encouraged. I do not believe that this can be accomplished.

You have returned the new forms with your suggestions, which makes more efficient the student government, while continuing the powers of the Student Council, the elimination of the elected groups of leaders has seemed al- l dehated, unnecessary. The new practical procedure would be to make the Student Council a service group of the students of the college, and, I hope, that your suggestion will be on page two.

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A Change In Government

We are glad to see that the good deal of interest has been aroused concerning the matter of student government elections. The President of Convocation has announced that before he will call a meeting of Convocation to determine just how many of the student body do not care for a new form of government, it was inevitable that sooner or later the growing dissatisfaction of a good number of students with the type of election and the number of candidates who have now would lead to some action. The Lyte Tree, in anticipation of this, planned its student government in this college in the last time.

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Both Mr. Joseph and Davis believe that the Student Council should remain entirely made up of Seniors. We fail to see why such a council will act "partisan," as Mr. Joseph states, or how any tendency toward corruption will be easily dissimulated by the rest of the college. Leaving out control of student affairs completely in the hands of one class is certainly no assurance that that class will not control affairs toward its own interests. The Lyte Tree does not call for two groups of leaders, as Mr. Joseph thinks, but asks that the newly elected Student Council elect the four Seniors in the council to which Mr. Ketchum believes the Lyte Tree plan too unwisely. His amendment, it should be noted, is a danger of a deadlock in a student council composed of an even number of representa- tion, as it is a deadlock in the following par- ticipants. The problem of the Constitution and that of the Student Council being the basis of the whole plan we think a better plan for any group of leaders. The reason for the eight councilman advocated by this paper is that it will maintain the same role. As the council is composed of a lesser number would still contain the danger of that element. The Student Council should be made up of the students as a whole body. As any group with this purpose constantly in mind should have little trouble in coming to an agreement on matters which it has to judge.

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Lyte Tree’s Plan For Elections Draws Comment

Considering the plan immediately upon the full- fillment of which we broke last week, the members of the Student Council, of which I am a part, must be considered. Theodore R. Joseph ’34. When interviewed by a staff member of the Lyte Tree, Mr. Thomas Davis’ comment on the plan was that the Student Council should themselves form the Convocation Council, taking the places of the Convocation officers and Student Council as well. The plan will form a select group whose very side indi-

states them as distinctive and en- graved with power. Naturally, these remarks are in no way directed at the members of the Student Council, of which I am a part, but are directed at the body of the student body.

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Mr. Davis summed up his com- ments by saying: "I am in favor of the principle that "the simpler the system, the easier it is to check up on the working order of the government."

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during depression than in good times.
Mr. Shults also showed slides demonstrating the proper manner of designing a suburban community, in which the business section is placed at intersections of main highways, and the civic center definitely away from the heaviest flow of through traffic. As for industrial plants, he said that they should be scattered over as large an area as possible, with towns and residential sections between, rather than concentrated in one place forming a "factory district." He spoke of the village of Haddam, New Jersey, as a case in which the ideal in the way of residential communities has been attained.

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10 years on top. I look up with hishrh breaths to pass through. That done, I let myself down, and soon, crumplion its cold, crumplion, icy-clay floor. My new smoking Rovers brought forth from my pockets a candle, matchbox, pencil, paper, and a tape measure. I made complete measurements of the dark interior. "That's peculiar," I thought to myself as I proceeded, for, when I was through, I found the furnace had exactly the same measurements as characterized mine. Those dirty crooks, through some parasitical up, had stolen my furnace.

C. Smyth Is Winner

In Paddle Tennis

Caroline Smyth, winner of the all tennis tournament last October, to-day won the first round of the annual paddle tennis tournament played in the Mineral Springs. Playing with Joseph in the doubles, Smyth also emerged victorious in that department of the tourney.

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