

## EDITORIAL

New years bring with them new ideas. This year it will be the policy of "The Pen" to bring to the attention of the students of this campus certain problems that seem to be confronting the group as a whole. It is the hope of the "Pen" staff to thereby crystallize these problems in the minds of the students in an effort to bring about some solution of our problems. Student and faculty opinion in the form of letters or articles will be welcomed.

Our first problem concerns itself with "The Pen" itself. How many students know how to become members of the "Pen" staff? If a survey of the campus were made, the answer would be most disappointing. More than this, some time ago a number of students led a demonstration with this cry, "We want 'The Pen'!" How very appropriate this was!

As has already been suggested "The Pen" is a reflection both of and on the students of this campus. Consequently, they not only are responsible as contributors to "The Pen" but they should have a voice in the selection or election of the members of the staff of this publication.

Perhaps that is the reason why our "Pen" is not published at regular intervals. "Pen" staff members feel no direct responsibility to any one. They were placed on the staff either because someone already there pulled a few strings for them, or because they were aggressive enough to fight their way there.

When the students on this campus want a better "Pen," a more efficient "Pen" staff, they will do something about reorganizing the

staff. "Pen" staff members should be elected to their position by the campus at large, or at least the editor should; and then, the other members of the staff should be elected by their respective classes. This certainly would take much of the politics and personal feeling out of The Pen and mean a more democratic student publication definitely sensitive to the feeling of the student body. Furthermore it would insure greater efficiency as the staff members would feel a definite responsibility to the students who elected them to their positions.

There is also a feeling that there should be a closer feeling existing between the student governing body and the student publication. Let us not forget that point. However at a later date we shall have more to say about the Student Council as we call our student governing body.

Let us band together now, in a concentrated effort to improve the standard and quality of our student publication. It is ours. It is our reflection to any who chance to read it. Let us be more keenly interested in it. Shall we here dedicate our first efforts to a better "Pen?"

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### WELCOME

It is with pleasure that we welcome to our campus this year three new members on the college faculty, namely Miss G. Baird, of the English Department, Mr. McStalworth, of the Sociology Department, and Mr. T. Mayo, head of the Music Department.