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THE NON-FRATERNITY ORGANIZATION

If the mass meeting on Monday night is any indication of what is to happen in the future, then the permanent organization of the non-fraternity men at Penn State is assured, and the "Union" idea will realize a glorious fulfillment. It is quite safe to say that the movement begun on Monday is one of the biggest that has been undertaken at this college for a number of years, and one which means much for the future of Penn State.

Heretofore, only half of the student body has been organized, this half consisting of the men in national or local fraternities. The disadvantage of the other unorganized half has been felt time and again, and in the recent past, several prominent non-fraternity men met and outlined the plan of organization which went into effect Monday night. The movement is backed by Coach Bezdek, Dean Warnock, and "Dick" Harlow, and it is now up to the fellows to show that they can make it a success. Representatives from each district have been elected and the first meeting of the non-fraternity council, or whatever official title may be bestowed upon it, will be held next week.

The benefits of the new organization are many. For one thing, it will better the athletic advantages of each non-fraternity man. By that it is not meant that it will put him on the varsity or class teams without his showing enough ability, but it does mean that in a system of mass athletics, not only will the national and local fraternities be represented by teams, but also the individual rooming and boarding houses about the town. For another thing, the new organization will better the social advantages. Heretofore, non-fraternity men have had the privilege of probably attending one or two dances a year; with their own organization, however, they can create social functions, and gatherings such as dances, socials, smokers, and similar affairs may be held from time to time. In this way, acquaintances and fellowship among the students will be strengthened, and one of the most important phases of college life will receive adequate development. Such an organization will also have potential power, and it stands to reason that any student movement backed by a whole organized student body instead of half such an organized body is just twice as sure of success. Still another advantage will be the ease with which important news can be spread over the college within an extremely short time. Heretofore such news has been spread to the fraternities through their representatives and the unorganized men have found it out as best they could; in the future, however, their representatives will likewise receive the news and carry it back to their boarding and rooming houses, so that it appears the last link in the chain has been completed.

One important question concerning the movement has been asked: "Will this non-fraternity organization create antagonism between itself and the national and local fraternities?" The answer is emphatically NO. The movement was begun because it was one of Penn State's needs and because the future development of this college demanded it. And such will continue to be its purpose. With such an ideal before it, there can be no room for the small, mean, petty motives, which would be present were the objects of the organization different. The non-fraternity men have come together, and their organization will cooperate with the fraternities in the one supreme purpose: That of making a bigger and greater Penn State!

THE CAMPUS AS AN ADVERTISEMENT

Perhaps few among us have stopped to consider just what an important part the campus plays as an advertisement of the college campus. Now, that the idea has been presented, stop and figure out what sort of an advertisement the campus is today. Is the advertisement good or bad? A casual glance around will suffice for an answer. At the present time various parts of the campus, and more particularly the campus paths, are littered with stray bits of paper, broken match boxes, discarded cigarette containers, remnants of signs once posted on bulletin boards, and other kinds of rubbish too numerous to mention. Under the circumstances the nature of the campus advertisement is so plain that a blind man could see it with a cane.

The remedy for conditions as they exist is, of course, to keep the campus clean, and that problem rests almost entirely with the student body. If everyone, regardless of his class or position, will make it a point to see that he, personally, is doing all in his power toward maintaining a clean campus, the problem will have been solved. Penn State has a campus which has as much natural beauty as any college campus in the country, and it is up to each individual student to enhance that beauty rather than detract from it. Get the idea of a clean campus and carry it with you wherever you go. It means good advertising for the college instead of bad.

In the plans which are being made for winter athletics, it seems only fair that some consideration should be accorded the women students. There are at present three hundred girls, this number comprising about one-tenth of the total enrollment at Penn State, and probably about one-ninth of those enrolled in four-year courses. Would it not be a good plan to turn the gymnasium over to them for at least one whole evening a week? At the present time, the sophomore and freshman girls take gym drill twice a week and that is the only opportunity that they have to use the Armory, the upper-class girls having no opportunity at all. For the formation of girls' basketball teams and other indoor athletics, the use of the Armory for some considerable time is necessary, and we are sure that the fellows will cooperate willingly in the giving over of the Armory at least one night per week.

A movement worthy of the support of every Penn State student is the vaudeville show which will be given by the girls on Saturday afternoon. The price of admission is low, each one is sure of receiving his money's worth, and the end to which the proceeds will go is one which is worthy of the utmost support.

The reception to the football team last Friday evening was one worthy of the student body of this institution. As a means of celebrating the victory over Pitt, it was unique and the committee in

charge of the arrangements deserves a great deal of credit. The splendid way in which the students turned out is only another example of Penn State Spirit.

With the close of the football season, athletic attention is now being directed to the indoor sports, basketball, wrestling and boxing. There is great opportunity for the student body, especially most of the two underclasses, to develop into material for the versatility in these sports, and all who are interested in any manner should report.

AS A SUGGESTION

As a quick and efficient method of emptying the Auditorium after mass meetings, lectures and gatherings of a similar nature, why not adopt the plan used in chapel, namely, to have the front tiers pass out first and then be followed in order by those behind? Undoubtedly, a great saving in time would be effected and the crowded jam of people around the doors would be eliminated.

The Letter Box

PRESS CLUB ACTIVITY

INCREASEAS AT MEETING

To the editor of the COLLEGIAN: In last week's issue of the COLLEGIAN was an editorial commanding the men who allowed the girls to make the first trip from Lemont on returning from Thanksgiving vacation. We appreciate that editorial as much as we appreciate the courtesy of the men who allowed us first place. But if we permit the editor of the COLLEGIAN to do our thinking for us, we do not deserve a reprimand of that courtesy.

All we ask of the State College men is that they treat us as they would like to be treated under similar circumstances and, for our part, will try to prove worthy of that consideration.

The girls who came up from Sunbury on the morning of December first did, and do, appreciate the gentlemanhood of the men in regard to the buses, and want their appreciation known. They want particularly to thank Mr. Maguire, the COLLEGIAN, and all other leaders in this new manifestation of Penn State spirit.

JULIA BHILL,
For the Women students.

PHILADELPHIA CHRISTMAS DANCE BEING PLANNED

Philadelphia students and alumni are coordinating to hold a Christmas dance in the Rose Garden of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on the evening of December twenty-ninth from nine to one. The affair promises to be even greater success than the one which took place after the Penn game. All students who desire to attend should see Frank Gladier of Pi Kappa Alpha, president of the Philadelphia Club, or John Eiken of Zeta Theta, chairman of the dance committee. The Philadelphia Alumnae are taking great interest in the coming event and are promoting it to the utmost. The fact that Hirschberg's orchestra has been engaged gives assurance of the highest quality in the musical program. Tickets will be available in a few days.

ENGINEERING FACULTY ATTEND COVENTRY

Professor B. A. Pessenden, Professor A. J. Wood and Dean R. L. Sackett attended the Convention of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York City last week. Professor Wood presented the report of the work of the Engineering Experiment Station on Heat Transmission. The Convention was of great interest and importance, because of the discussion of industrial relations, wages systems and similar topics which are attracting unusual interest because of the present labor disturbances in this country.

Professor Pessenden took a trip in an airplane over Garden City, Long Island, where the Curtis Company was conducting flying field.

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY BACK

Miss Mary T. Nitzy, the secretary to the president, has returned to her duties in the president's office. Miss Lola L. Sternefield who was acting secretary during Miss Nitzy's absence has returned to Washington in order to take up a position with the government, whose employment she left when she came to Penn State.

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