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### AN UNFAIR ACT

The earnestness with which the Penn State undergraduates responded to fight the recent fires which occurred in State College has been somewhat dampened by information which points strongly to the movement on foot to place the fire fighting equipment under the control and operation of the town organization.

It has been argued that the student volunteers can furnish fire protection only during nine months of the year and that the local organization known as the Alpha Fire Company is in a position to combat fire the year 'round. While this in itself is true, it is evident that the town volunteers have been slow to build up their organization to a position where they are capable of solely and successfully combating fires such as were witnessed last week.

The borough of State College has been rated as "amply protected" from fire hazard, and this is partly true from the standpoint of equipment, but sadly mis-represented with regard to an efficient organization. The student volunteers have accepted every opportunity to develop a capable fire department, but the lack of full equipment has been a handicap. It was noticed during the recent conflagrations that no search lights, ladders or proper hose lines were provided to combat the flames. This, however, is a matter of authoritative action in the purchase of these essentials.

Argument may be offered that the College is paying for equipment to fight town fires and that the borough company could, with the addition of the fire truck which was donated to the College, adequately take care of any fire menace that might occur either on the campus or in the town. On the other hand it must not be forgotten that some students have unflinchingly braved several fires without recompense for the damage that has been done their clothing and other personal belongings. Also it may be stated that there is no fire marshal who could assume complete control in the case of an emergency to direct those who volunteered to fight the flames, whether or not they be attached to an organized body.

The borough of State College, it is thought, is in a position to furnish and maintain a fire fighting organization that would afford "ample protection" to the town, especially so with what assistance the student company would render. It also has been suggested that the student company need not be abandoned, but would stand ready to assist the town body. This is an erroneous idea. The student company has been well organized, it has shown its willingness to give services at any time of the day or night, and it receives no compensation for its work. Finally, there has been no indication that the students would respond as tirelessly to the call of fire under complete subordination of another organization.

The best plan that has been suggested is one which would provide a paid fire marshal who would be capable of directing both companies and a provision whereby the town organization may have use of the College truck during the vacation periods. There is a sense of unfairness connected with the abandonment of the student volunteers and turning its equipment over to the town. The undergraduate organization has demonstrated its ability as a fire fighting unit, let it continue.

### "AIMS AND IDEALS"

"Fraternity aims and ideals" will be the subject for discussion at the nation-wide Interfraternity Conference which will be held at New York City on Thursday and Friday of this week. The importance of this convention is paramount in that it vitally affects half a million irate men in this country.

As the result of an extensive canvass of all American Greek letter fraternities, it has been found that these are the aims and ideals for which the fraternities strive: recognition of, and proper respect for, the Deity, moral living, discouragement of gambling, discouragement of the use of liquor, a premium upon friendship, emphasis upon the virtues of honest and integrity, and encouragement of the practice of charity.

Penn State, as an abode of fraternity men, has a reason for centering its attention on this gathering. President John M. Thomas, as a member of the committee appointed a year ago to investigate these ideals, will represent the College. In addition, Dr. W. S. Dye, Jr., Head of the Department of English, A. R. Warnock, Dean of Men, and C. W. Taylor '25, as a delegate representing the undergraduates, will attend the convocation.

Penn State is glad to have such notable representation at this convention. Glad because these delegates may find a chance for the expression of undergraduate problems as they are found here, and glad that this conference will present an opportunity to bring back to Penn State the results of the thought, work and decisions that will be forthcoming.

### CANNED!

Again the College man has been attacked. This time the accusation is that he is controlled by mob action and thought. Or, as Count Tolstoi pointed out in his lecture, he does and has everything "canned." The undergraduate's music is canned, his pictures are canned, his thought is canned, all ready for some one to turn the crank or raise the lid. Man chases around in a mad whirl, frantically

trying to do, see, have and think—he thinks at all—as his neighbors do, see, have and think.

There are two reasons for Count Tolstoi making such an accusation. In the first place, foreigners, in contrasting our mode of life with theirs, are apt to come to the conclusion that here in America there is nothing conducive to the development of individualism. And, secondly, individualism is the principle for which Tolstoi's father, who was truly a great man, worked. The development of personality, through freedom of thought and the soul was his conception of a worth-while life. And he did more than preach this, he lived it.

In many ways, this is a particularly pertinent accusation for college students. Young people are great imitators. Let there be a new style, if it is only the tilt of a hat, and in a few weeks, everybody has a hat after the established fashion. But the real danger of this mob likeness is not demonstrated in a mere hat; it goes deeper. The real hazard is that college students think alike or are willing to adopt the same attitudes without thinking. There is too little individuality or originality in their reactions.

### "Y" COURSE TO PRESENT NOTED SOPRANO SINGER

Miss Ruth Rogers Makes Initial Appearance in Auditorium December Twelfth

Apprentice is the next attraction in the "Y" Entertainment Course. Miss Ruth Rogers, soprano, will make her first appearance in Penn State on December twelfth. This will be the third number of the series arranged for the 1924-25 college year.

Although she has made her debut only recently, Miss Rogers is already recognized as one of America's talented singers. As the use of the quality of her soprano voice will not be noted, her vocal ability is well known to all who have heard her.

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### PENN STATE A. S. M. E. ELECTS DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

R. I. Hurlbut '25 was first elected delegate to the annual American Society of Mechanical Engineers convention which will be held at New York City during the Christmas holidays.

This appointment was made at the annual session held last Thursday evening in Room 200 Engineering Department building. Professor L. J. Bradford spoke about the offer of the Pennsylvania branch of the A. S. M. E. to the Penn State chapter of the society.

Following this meeting a photograph of the Penn State chapter was shown illustrating the growth and utilization of composite in modern industry today. The films were loaned to the local unit by the Congressional Society.

### CHAPLAIN METZGER SPEAKS IN BROOKLYN CHURCH SUNDAY

On Sunday morning November twenty-second, Chaplain Metzger preached a powerful sermon at the Brooklyn New York, Henry Ward Beecher, at once a number of the church.

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### ARCHITECTS WILL SHOW IN BEAUX ARTS CONTESTS

The department of Architectural Engineering at Penn State has entered twenty-nine drawings in the contest to be held on December second at the Beaux Arts Institute, New York City. This is the largest number of drawings ever entered by the department in any contest.

A Village House for Social Building and a Guild house are the two problems in which drawings were sent to the Institute. They will compete with drawings from all parts of the country. In a recent competition T. L. Shue graduate architect, now first mentioned in a drawing of "A Country Club" was the first to mention in the department won first mention in the contest.

### BOTANY FACULTY MEETS AT LOCAL COUNTRY CLUB

The Penn State Botany Department held a seminar last Wednesday evening at the Central Hotel Country Club at which Dr. W. H. Benson, assistant professor of Plant Pathology, gave an interesting lecture on the investigation work done on the Apple Scab disease. This work embraces a large number of experiments performed in Adams Park, Chester and Centre counties. The results are being collected in bulletins for publication. R. C. Wilton, head of the plant pathology laboratory in Adams County, spent last week here helping Professor Benson to complete this bulletin.

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### R. A. DUTCHER SPEAKS TO WOMEN'S CLUBS ON SUBJECT OF VITAMINES

Speaking before the Cumberland Valley League of Women's Clubs Professor R. A. Dutcher, of the department of Chemical Agriculture, recently gave an address at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on the subject of "Vitamins." The lecture is made up of five countries and consists of the best women workers in that district.

In his lecture, Dr. Dutcher explained the use of vitamins in building up the body and their relation to the health of children. With the use of lantern slides the interested members were shown pictures of animals used for experimental purposes at Penn State and told how their growth was regulated by the increase or decrease of vitamin foods.

The talk was quite interesting as it dealt with a comparatively new subject which is still in the experimental stage. Dr. Dutcher, however, was able to give them some first hand information because of his study on the subject and to the experiments being conducted by the college department of agriculture.

Will the person who exchanged the keys tonight for a Patrick topcoat at Knoxs Cafe last Saturday evening please call Norman Woodward in the Sigma Phi Sigma House, phone 215.

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**WEDNESDAY**—**ELANDER BOARDMAN** and **RAYMOND MCKEE** and a New Dog Star "PLUR THE GREAT" in "The Silent Accuser" Sunshine Comedy "Theater Equipment"

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**—**PAULINE FREDERICKS** and **CONRAD NAGEL** in "Married Lovers" Our Gang Comedy

**SATURDAY**—**ALL STAR CAST** in Broken Barriers News Weekly

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**—**NAZIMOVA** and **MILTON SILLIS** in "Madonna of the Streets" Sunshine Comedy



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