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THE BEAUTY OF THE GREEKS.

The time of the fraternity informal initiation is here! In accord with time-worn custom, the fratres in collegio of Beta Tau Mu are setting out to impress their freshmen with the honor which is to be conferred upon them. For the brothers-to-be are to learn the sacred mysteries of old Beta Tau; soon they will be told the lofty ideals which make the fraternity the greatest among the Greeks. Does not Beta Tau stand for all that is beautiful, for honor, courage, justice, purity of mind and body? Are not the brothers banded together for the stamping out of all that is unclean and cowardly in the world? Beta Tau is almost a holy order and surely each freshman should be made to appreciate the solemnity, the deep significance of his initiation into its mysterious beauties.

So the young men chosen for the honor are prepared for their vows. They are humiliated in their own eyes and in the eyes of the world, by ludicrous stunts; they are treated to the ingenious rith accumulated from the fostering brains of a hundred generations of dear old Beta Tau Mu; they are branded, ever so lightly, with fire; they are beaten with paddles until the blood shows purple through the skin of their legs. Beauty!

For Beta Tau is the greatest of the Greeks and its vows MUST be taken seriously!

HATS OFF?

It is true that one hesitates to do away with a college custom that has grown up with the institution. However, while the committee on the revision of customs did an excellent piece of work recently, there are still a few regulations which have grown obsolete and should be discarded.

The COLLEGIAN has favorably endorsed college customs at Penn State, has favored strict enforcement and always has backed the Student Tribunal in all of its decisions against rule breakers. Yet it is felt that there is one regulation here which is particularly offensive to the average undergraduate, which has outgrown its usefulness with the growth of the college, and which should be tossed aside—the custom requiring sophomores and juniors to wear hats.

There are two grounds upon which any class custom may find justification: as a means of discipline and as a means of perpetuating class distinction. On the promise that disciplinary measures are desirable, a proposition which is debatable even in regard to freshmen regulations, the wearing of hats, obviously can have no foundation. The advocates of hat-wearing, however, more often claim that the custom is for the strengthening of class distinction, that seniors may be recognized by the fact that they are not required to wear head-gear. To this argument the more progressive members of the student body reply, and with good reason, that more seniority in itself can no longer command any particular respect, and that class consciousness has no conceivable relation to the spirit of Penn State as a whole. In any case, the class blazers now being introduced will care for the situation in a more desirable fashion. The elimination of hats will, in fact, add to the effect of the blazers, for bare-headed undergraduates always lend atmosphere to a college community, an atmosphere which has formerly been signally lacking at Penn State.

Progressive steps have been made in class customs here year after year, with 1925-26 in the vanguard. There is still opportunity for improvement. For the three upper classes, hats off!

HOMO BOOBIENS.

Is going to college something to be proud of, or is it a bugbear with which to silence little children at night? To judge from correspondence printed in "The American Mercury," we choose the bugbear theory.

The letter mentioned was written by a Harvard graduate and is worded like this: "I would advise 'Manufacturer' to send his idiot son to Harvard. I am a recent Harvard graduate myself, and I wish to assure him that there is no university in the country where it is easier to get by with a minimum of work. It is an actual fact that throughout my entire four years I read no more, in the aggregate, than fifty small pages of large type, and that I skipped eighty per cent of the lectures I was supposed to attend. I not only did not fail to get through; I graduated CUM LAUDE!"

Take it from any college graduate of this age, there is not much studying done in universities today. Most "students," to use a borrowed current expression, do not go to college to get an education—they go to become educated.

No one can tell the man who slides through that he is getting absolutely no education from his college course—he KNOWS it! But knowing it is no reason for him to mend his ways—he's going to rely simply on the name and reputation of his Alma Mater when he graduates, not on his own mind, a mind supposedly educated to a greater extent than those of the persons who he thinks are classified as HOMO BOOBIENS. His college "education" is not great enough to permit him to realize that of the capitalized genus of man, he is the personification.

OXFORD AWARD OPEN TO PENN STATE STUDENTS

Rhodes Scholarship Offered to Men Here Not Residing in Pennsylvania

In spite of the fact that this year Pennsylvania is not one of the states from which students will be elected to receive Rhodes Scholarships to Oxford, those men who are enrolled at Penn State and reside in states holding elections, are eligible.

Elections will be held on December eleventh this year in thirty-two states. The stipend of the Rhodes Scholarship has been increased to four hundred pounds a year. Information and application blanks may be obtained from the Dean of Men with the proviso that all applications must reach the St. to Secretaries before October twenty-third.

A Rhodes Scholarship is tenable for three years to the winner and those elected will have an unrestricted choice of the studies which they will take at Oxford. All Rhodes scholars are appointed without examination on the basis of their record in school and college.

Eligibility Rules. To be eligible for a Rhodes Scholarship, a candidate must be a male citizen of the United States, unmarried and between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five on the first of October, 1927. The candidate also must have completed his sophomore year in college.

A candidate may apply either in the State in which he has received at least two years of his college education or in his home state. The guidelines which will be considered in making the selection are: academic character, public spirit and leadership, literary and scholastic ability and attainments, and physical vigor, as shown by interest in outdoor sports or in other ways.

PHI SIGMA IOTA BOOSTS MEMBERSHIP TO TWENTY

The local chapter of the Phi Sigma Iota, National Honorary Fraternity of Romance Languages, now has twenty active members. Two facts must be accomplished before one can become a member. First, it is necessary to attain a high average in one or more of the romance languages and second, all other colleges must show pair ratings.

Programs of an intellectual type are executed regularly by the active members of the Society. Although all colleges are not open to the public, the fraternity will hold two open meetings after Easter vacation at the second Dr. J. P. W. Crawford, head of the department of romance languages at the University of Pennsylvania, will deliver an address on the "Ideals and Rogues in Spanish Literature."

AWARDED RESEARCH PRIZE

The February number of the Journal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers contains the prize article on a metallic research submitted last year by W. S. Montgomery '25 and J. E. Lindes '25. This article is based on experiments conducted by Montgomery and Lindes for the E. G. Budd Co. of Philadelphia, during the last semesters of their senior year.

ENGINEERS TO HEAR OF INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS

Prof. C. L. Kinsloe, head of the electrical engineering department, and W. B. Watkins '26 and E. R. Quisenberry '26, will be the speakers at a meeting of engineering students in room 200 Engineering D at seven-fifteen o'clock, Wednesday evening.

The theme of the meeting will be a presentation of a complete picture of an engineering graduate during the ten to twenty years following his graduation from college. Many questions will be answered thoroughly, among them being, the magnitude of starting salaries, the probability of holding more than one position during the first five years following graduation, the elements of salaries and possible levels to be attained by the ordinary and exceptional engineer. The meeting will be conducted by the E. E. Society and all engineering students are urged to attend.

CHESS CLUB WINS FROM TYRONE IN FIRST MATCH

Team Leaves For Bucknell U. Tomorrow—Manager Gives Out Schedule

The Penn State Chess Club, captained by N. R. Adams '28, won its first match of the season from the strong Tyrone Chess association by a score of 5-2 Wednesday night in 28 games. The team is composed of Adams, captain and first man, I. Knudsen '28, R. S. Leach '26, J. M. Heller '28, L. R. Plotts '27, J. R. Musser '27 and E. Hiley '29.

Because of the absence of two of Tyrone's players, Captain Anspaicher, of the visitors, played three games, winning one and drawing two. He was the only player on the Tyrone team able to cope with the visit attack of his youthful opponents. Captain Anspaicher's two draws and one win scored Tyrone's only points.

Tomorrow the team will journey to Lewisburg to play the Bucknell University combination. The expense of the trip will be defrayed by the members of the team, as they have so far received no recognition from the college authorities.

The following schedule has been arranged by President Leach:

February 20—Bucknell—away.
March 6—Williamsport—away.
March 13—Faculty—at home.
March 18—Tyrone—Tyrone
April 10—Bucknell—at home
April 21—Williamsport—at home

SCARABS MAKE ANNUAL AFFAIR COSTUME BALL

The Scarab Society will hold its annual ball at the Omega Epsilon fraternity house on March nineteenth instead of February nineteenth as formerly planned. Although complications arising in the department of architecture have caused this postponement, the committee in charge is completing arrangements to make the dance a success. The architects will follow the custom set by chapters of this society in other colleges by making this year's affair a costume ball. Music for the function will be furnished by the College Glee.

DEAN WATTS ADDRESSES ALUMNI AT HARRISBURG

Graduate's Service to College Is Subject of Educator in Formal Talk

Dean R. L. Watts of the School of Agriculture presented a formal address on the topic "Our Relationship to the College after Graduation" at a banquet conducted by the Alumni Association of Harrisburg last night.

In the course of his speech, Dean Watts laid special stress on certain pertinent phases of the student's obligations after his college career. In his appeal, the Dean expressed his regret for the graduate's lack of interest and loss of familiarity with Alma Mater. He further declared that the alumnus should, in the true sense of the word, know his college and should manifest an ardent interest in the departments in which he majored.

According to the local educator, alumni members can render certain valuable services to their institution. It is within the power of the Harrisburg alumni, said the speaker, to aid in the fulfilling of a recent request made of the Legislature for financial support.

In concluding, Dean Watts urged each member to elevate the scholastic standing of his educational institution by helping to secure for it an enrollment of students with outstanding ability.

KAPPA DELTA PI HEARS DEAN W. G. CHAMBERS

Combining the regular business meeting with a program of entertainment, Kappa Delta Pi met Tuesday night at the Aeaea house. Dean W. G. Chambers delivered the principal address at the meeting and spoke on recent changes in the curriculum of Barnard college.

Elections were held by the fraternity to fill the vacant treasurer's office created by the graduation of Miss E. L. Kistler, and Dr. C. W. Marquardt was chosen to the position. The petition of the University of Denver club for membership was voted upon favorably.

Seven representatives of the local chapter will depart for Washington next week for the national convention of the fraternity.

METHODIST CHRISTIAN SOCIETY ARRANGES WEEK OF SERVICES

Holding their first meeting Sunday evening at seven o'clock, the young people of the Methodist church will conduct a week of services as a follow-up of the talks given by Dr. Gilkey. The services will be conducted under the slogan "Taking Jesus in Earnest," and many interesting speakers have been secured. With the exception of Saturday, February 26, when there will be no service, the meetings will start at seven o'clock.

The Blue Moon



INVITES YOU

Lecture Institute of Dr. Gilkey Ends Here

(Continued from first page) After his arrival Tuesday afternoon, Doctor Gilkey journeyed to the Centre Hills country club where he was the guest of the local Rotarians.

Following a short talk with the business men, he returned to the campus and spoke at a combined meeting of the Interfraternity and Intramural Councils at the Chi Phi house.

Speaking at the convocation exercises Wednesday morning, Doctor Gilkey used "What is There in Religion" as his text. Using a vivid and forceful method with which to illustrate the comparison between mountain tops and religion, he showed how the same effort is required to gain religion as to scale dizzy peaks.

Dr. Gilkey remained "Just as the spirit of adventure, changing first to discovery, then to revelation, urged one to the investigation of mountain tops, so the human spirit goes through the same process upon gaining religion."

In the second major lecture, the University of Chicago pastor used "What is Christianity Anyway?" as his subject. He stated, "People often ask what Christianity is, but seldom can they be made to understand that religion is learned from people who are religious." Answering this universal question, Dr. Gilkey declared that "Jesus Christ is the Christian religion." A short verbal questionnaire was held after the lecture, Dr. Gilkey giving answers to many queries.

In his farewell speech last night, the campus minister likened Lincoln to a small seed planted in "his own garden" from which a great tree grew. Dr. Gilkey's final bit of advice to Penn State students was: "Sow the seeds of the Spirit in your own garden—whatever the soil—and the harvest shall not fail."

Included in the prominent scholar's itinerary during his three-day visit were short talks before several small Penn State audiences. Wednesday noon he was entertained at a faculty luncheon at the University Club and yesterday at Varsity Hall. The Cosmopolitan Club also shared in entertaining the noted lecturer, receiving him as guest of honor Wednesday night following his address in the Auditorium.

Dr. Gilkey said before leaving for New York last night: "In all my experience as a traveling college lecturer, I have always wished to visit your school. During my stay, I certainly was favorably impressed with Penn State."

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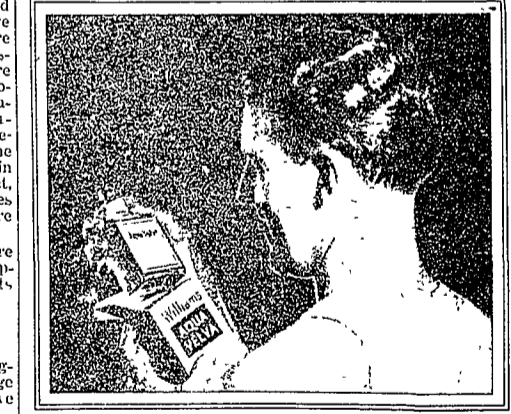
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