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TO JOY AND HAPPINESS

Youth comes and goes—it is like a "ship that passes in the night." Tonight, the old makes way for the new. Stand followers of Ye Olden Days will step aside, and allow certain sophomores and pleasure-seeking freshmen to bask in the limelight of social supremacy. For, once again, the Sophomore Hop, the affair of affairs for Penn State's underclassmen, is upon us. And joy and happiness are the passwords for admittance.

The Sophomore Hop marks the beginning of 1926's social era in the Nittany Valley, the beginning, so to speak, of the new 1928 stands erect, and salutes the downtrodden yeoman as he passes through the entrance to the Armory, and recognizes him at last as an equal. The hatchet is buried, and the pipe of peace placed on the table.

Each incoming vehicle today will give to the campus additional color, and fan guests will capture and hold the College for the week-end. The Blue and White will be the melting pot for a mass of feminine pulchritude, rhythmic whirlings, joy and happiness. The COLLEGIAN joins Penn State in making the campus more equal to the task.

ROOM AND BOARD.

Although at present the thoughts of the frater in collegio are devoted largely to the development of neophytes into worthy brothers via the paddle route, it is not untimely to give a little consideration to the augmenting of the ranks next fall. The perennial harranguing over a rushing system has seen no definite method established, and the annual chaotic condition prevalent at the opening of the fall term will be as evident this coming year as in the past unless some immediate action is taken by the fraternity councils.

It is an accepted fact that a large number of Penn State fraternities are anxious to see the policy of laissez faire curtailed, yet it is also evident that a rather large minority are blocking every attempt to introduce a sane rushing plan. How did bugaboos have been conjured by those who relish the open season tactics, but, like the bad men of the nation, they are non est.

The pet argument of the conservatives was blasted last fall when "lead piping" at bus stops was prohibited. It sounded the death knell for the contention that there were insufficient rooming facilities unless the incoming men obtained quarters in fraternity houses. It is doubtful whether a legitimate objection really exists.

It seems only fair that the freshmen should be permitted at least a month to become acquainted with the chapters and only logical that the fraternities be allowed an equal opportunity to select their men judiciously. To those brotherhoods that feel that they can not stand daylight competition, we suggest that they remove their highly polished Greek letter plaques and substitute the room-and-board sign.

TOBACCO EQUALITY.

"Every day, in every way, it is getting easier and easier to be a divorcee court judge." No longer is "the dropped cigarette ashes on my carpet" considered a valid excuse for the legal estrangement of couples, for now women are almost on a tobacco level with men, especially since Vasari has joined the caravan and allowed smoking within its walls.

There are some who will cry out in alarm against this comparatively new vice that threatens the flower of womanhood, and bids fair to extinguish every last vestige of femininity. Fear not, ye older pillars of convention, womanhood is not seriously menaced. You are arguing from a fallacy, because "smoking women" do not conform to your standards. Canon Pritchard of Rochester uttered pearls of wisdom when he says: "It is perfectly futile for us older people to pretend that the standards in force in our comparatively simple generation can possibly be the standards that are useful or suitable to those who are younger."

In addition, great advantages are likely to be derived from the trend toward tobacco equality. Manufacturers of the "filthy weed" will rejoice. The smiling face of the shiek declaring, "What a whole of a difference etc. etc." will be replaced by laughing brunettes, while Milly Murke's testimonials will read something like this, "My husband and I both love to see each other smoke Duchess cigarettes. Who said two can't live as cheaply as one?"

However, there is one other phase to be considered. Perhaps divorcee court judges will hear this, "Every morning when he went to work, he stole my Patmas," and then we will be back where we started from.

Men must be complaisant. They must fortify themselves with two packs instead of the customary one. Mints will ever be in demand. It is useless to utter a protest. The "stronger species" must continue to remain complaisant until the female takes to the corn-cob and the long, black stogie.

Student Readers Set Fiction Vogue

Would you like to know, Collegiana, what the Penn State students read—besides the newspapers, that is, and exclusive of new stand sales? Well, they read nearly everything in the library. Now, that isn't right, is it? Of course not. They are reading the books which are out of the library.

Penn State students have taken from the Carnegie library—either in the conventional way or by theft—all kinds of books. Ask at the desk for the book which was worn so thin as melting ice and then vanished completely,—by accident. A second copy has been purchased, and maybe you can get it—maybe.

"The college students haven't time to read as much as they would like to," says Mrs. S. D. W. Vought, head librarian. Nevertheless, the position of State College makes impossible other forms of entertainment found in cities. Between semesters, there is a great demand for fiction especially.

As to what type of thing the student read, it is true that they read nearly everything, but new books seem to have a particular fascination. Novels are coming into the library constantly and are never on the shelves. Whether it is taken out by students or faculty, the readers, know best. A considerable amount of poetry being added through the English department is always in use. A great quantity of drama is read, part of it as required reading for English courses. It is difficult to tell just what the students read for requirements and how much on their own initiative, according to Miss Vought, because so much reading is necessary for courses in literature.

Critical of books on religion has doubled during the past year, either because of the publicity given the Hamilton fund for religious literature or because of the general public interest in current religious discussion. The Sparks Fund, providing new books on American history, has increased the reading in that field; much of this is probably reference work. But whether it is required or optional, the students will read as long as there are books.

See "THE FIRST YEAR," a comedy, tomorrow night.

REV. MCINTIRE IS CHAPEL SPEAKER

Rev. C. C. McIntire will speak on "The Epistles to the Colossians" at Sunday's chapel services in the Auditorium. The McKee-post preacher is widely known for his deep insight in interpreting the spiritual teachings of the scriptures.

The Reverend McIntire secured his Master's degree from Princeton University and his B. D. degree from the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1901. He is a great-grandson of Governor Kirtland, Ohio's second governor. During the past three years he has devoted himself to preaching to the students of normal schools, seminaries and colleges throughout the country.

According to bulletins received from other colleges the Reverend McIntire is of the William Jennings Bryan type of speaker. Referring to a talk given by him, President McChesney of Cedarville college, Ohio, says, "I desire to thank you for the instructive and inspiring address which you gave here. I can truthfully say that I have never listened to a more thorough and uplifting analysis of 'Colossians'."

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AGRICULTURE EDUCATION STUDENTS PLAN MEETING

With the purpose of creating a greater spirit among the students in agricultural education, a booster meeting will be held Tuesday night in room 100 Hort. Freshmen are especially invited to this meeting so that they may catch the proper spirit of the body.

Short lectures will be given by Dean R. L. Watts, Prof. F. P. Weaver, of the department of agricultural economics, and Prof. W. W. Domes, head of the rural sociology department. A musical program has been arranged for the occasion and refreshments will be served.

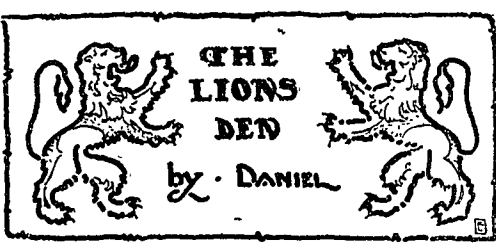
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Your form—it seemed divine,
I tried, but I could not forget,
I swore you would be mine.

And then I learned, that you were good,
The finest in the town,
I plead, I begged—the understood,
And, finally dear, you were my own.

That sweet first day, was months ago,
But still we've stuck together;
Through rain and shine, through hail and snow,
No matter what the weather.

When days were dull, and all seemed cold,
You made my steps all bolder,
In warm cases you would enfold,
As you nestled near my shoulder.

Soon will be spring, and we must part,
The lump sticks in my throat,
But when days grow long and awfully hot,
WHOHILL NEEDS A SHEEPSKIN COAT?

WYE B. KOLD '33

FOUR TILTS OPEN UNIT BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Sections 2, 4, 8 and 12 Defeat Opponents in Armory Tuesday Night

Four interesting games marked the beginning of the interunit basketball season Tuesday evening at the Armory.

The first tilt, played by units 5 and 2 was hotly contested, the final period ending with the score knotted. An extra period, however, decided the game in favor of unit 2 by a count of 11-10. Unit 8 had the better of Unit 17 in a game that ended 19-8. Unit 12, gathering eighteen points to its opponent's four, easily defeated Unit 21. Unit 4 finally nosed out Unit 2 for a 10-8 win.

The second round in the interunit tourney will be held Thursday evening at eight o'clock in the Armory. The game scheduled for that time is:

Unit 3 vs Unit 5
Unit 1 vs Unit 8
Unit 2 vs Unit 12
Unit 24 vs Unit 17

Because there are but eight teams listed in the tourney, two defeats has been decided as the number that will eliminate a team from the contest for interunit supremacy.

Inasmuch as there is a shortage of referees to take charge of the interunit games, the Penn State Club asks that all non-fraternity men who are qualified and willing to referee basketball games get in touch with W. W. Gray '27.

NITTANY GRANGERS TO HOLD BANQUET

Including as guests Grangers from all parts of the state, the Penn State Grange will hold its annual banquet March twenty-sixth at the Centre Mills country club. As chief speaker for the evening the Grange has obtained Dr. E. B. Dorsett, a former State Grange lecturer. His address will be drawn from his wide experience as a Grange worker and in related lines of industry.

Tickets for the banquet can be obtained from W. B. Rentschler or at the Alpha Gamma Phi fraternity. The price of the tickets, \$1.00, includes all charges for dinner, dance and transportation.

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INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS DISTRIBUTE BOOKLETS

Fifteen hundred copies of a circular entitled, "Penn State's Industrial Engineers," which describes the curriculum in industrial engineering and the non-graduating from the course, have been distributed to the executives of all the large industrial concerns throughout this and neighboring states.

The pamphlet is prepared by a senior class in I. E. and is published at the expense of the students in that course. The purpose of this publication is to bring the graduates in the department in contact with the executives of concerns in the industrial world, and to acquaint these executives with the industrial engineering department at Penn State. The pamphlet describes the course in detail and gives a photograph of each graduate and a list of his qualifications and references.

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FOUR TEAMS REMAIN IN GREEK BOXING TOURNEY

Tilts Thus Far Marked by Fast Aggressive Fighting—Finals Carded for Tuesday

In bouts that had the large crowd in a constant uproar, Phi Kappa Sigma and Alpha Sigma Phi advanced to the semi-final round on the interfraternity boxing tournament following victories over Sigma Pi and Theta Kappa Phi in the Armory Tuesday night.

Alpha Gamma Rho won by forfeit from Delta Kappa Sigma while Theta Upsilon Omega drew a bye. The four survivors battled last night but the results of the tilts were received too late for publication.

Sigma Pi Gets 2-0 Lead. Opening the evening's fight program, the Sigma Pi representatives jumped off to a good start when they knocked out the fifteen pound class by forfeit. Following up this advantage Beta Psi gave his team a 2-0 lead by defeating Beta Phi. Both men received plenty of punishment but the winner had the edge over the Phi Kappa Sigma entry with his clever footwork.

Keller scored the first win for Phi Kappa Sigma by besting Holiday in a fast, interesting fight. Keller exhibited coolness in addition to a defense that warded off many well-meant blows of his adversary. The lanky winner dealt his man a severe drubbing in the last round and it was some minutes before the loser had recovered sufficiently to leave the ring.

Robb Proves Man of Hour. Evening up the count for Phi Kappa Sigma, Robb emerged the victor over Gans in a scrap that was a thriller until the final bell. Gans, although handicapped in height, overcame this seeming obstacle and reached Robb with effective jabs. One blow completely knocked the eventual winner off his feet in the initial round and left him in a dazed condition to be saved only by the bell.

Robb completely recovered from the effects of the knockdown punch and soon began proving his superiority over his foe. He took the second round and in the third had Gans helpless as he rained rights and lefts to the face and body of the smaller man.

Phi Kappa Sigma next engaged the lead when Robb, appearing for the second time, scored a win from Zerbe. Both men were experimenting in the opening round with the result that few punches were exchanged. Superior boxing ability began to tell as the bout progressed. In the third round both pugilists stood toe to toe and swapped blows while the spectators, forgetting the rules, howled their approval.

Robb in Ring for Third Time. Clinching the meet almost single-handed, Robb electrified the fans by

insisting that he appear as heavyweight. As a result Heller also bowed before the superior slugging and aggressiveness of the "iron man." Many telling wallops were exchanged and at the conclusion, blood flowed freely from both contestants. In a bullesque, Baltz and Weiland pushed and shoved each other around the ring with the Sigma Pi man chosen as the winner.

Mahon for Theta Kappa Phi showed a superior knowledge of the boxing game to gain the judges decision over Donovan, the Alpha Sigma Phi entry. The score was quickly evened when Baer, Alpha Sigma Phi outgouged McGinty. It was the better condition and coolness that gave the Alpha Sigma man the decision.

Hausesser, Theta Kap, and Dyer, Alpha Sigma Phi, squared off in the lightweight tiff with the decision going to the latter. Few blows were exchanged, both fighters battling with a noticeable caution. This time it was all Theta Kappa Phi when Sullivan outpointed Apger in a bout that was full of action. Both participants were of the same build, tall and thin.

Hard, aggressive fighting marked the actions of the battlers.

That ended the scoring for Theta Kappa Phi. Heigig won the judges' decision from Harrington in the middleweight fight. McAndrews, of freshman football fame, won the deciding tilt for Alpha Sigma Phi when Le out-punched Harrington, another dual performer. They went at it hammer and tongs and it was McAndrews' speed that won him first honors. McAndrews then faced Lesko in the unlimited class and made the final score 5-2 for Alpha Sigma Phi by his quick telling punches.

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