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ON FRATERNAL ETHICS

Pledge lifting, one of the strongest arguments against fraternities today, is now before the Inter-Fraternity Council pending the action of the fraternities. What will be the outcome of the discussion? Will the fraternities decide that a three months period of probation following the removal of a pledge find favor? Or will they view the problem from a more narrow standpoint and decide against it?

The cause of lifting may be laid to the aridity with which rushing is done in the fall and to the fear on the part of the rushee that if he refuses the first bid he receives he may not get another. "He seizes the bird at hand, doubtful of being able to grasp the more attractive ones in the bush." If the rushee were not pushed so hard, if the idea of pledging were not thrust upon him so suddenly, the likelihood of dissatisfaction, both on the part of the fraternity and the man, would be greatly minimized.

But conditions to the contrary exist and it is a wise step which attempts to reduce the evil as much as possible. The character of the men who will allow themselves to be lifted by another fraternity is seldom such as to make them of any real worth to an organization. They are for the most part, selfish or vacillating, or easily led—men without judgment who do not know their own minds, who have no power of leadership. In short they are not worth quarreling over; they do not merit the tarnishing of fraternity honor in order that they may be acquired.

Fraternities will continue to make mistakes in pledging men. Likewise, rushees will continue making mistakes in choosing fraternities. But in the most cases these mistakes are possible of correction. Such men or fraternities can be released in an orderly and dignified way. No fraternity will hold a man who is dissatisfied. The member of another fraternity who approaches a pledged man and tries to instill dissatisfaction is doing a dishonorable thing. No self-respecting fraternity will tamper with a man who is already pledged.

Thomas Arde Clark, dean of men at Illinois university, strikes the point in the following excerpt from his book on "The Fraternity and the Undergraduate." "If social conventions require that a widower wait a decent length of time after the death of his former wife before he takes another, so fraternal conventions are best honored when a man who has broken a pledge with one organization shows his good sense by not rushing headlong into another. Having made a mistake once, he might give himself time and opportunity for consideration before risking a second error. A good many interfraternity organizations have recently passed regulations which prohibit a man released from one organization from being pledged by another within a period of six months, and some go as far as to require a year to intervene. Neither the pledge nor the fraternity can suffer by the enactment of such legislation. A fraternity which refuses to abide by the rule is scarcely worthy of respect, and the pledge who is not willing to pay a fair price for his mistakes, is not likely to profit by experience."

With conditions at Penn State such as they are, lead-pipe rushing, beautiful mansions and commonplace dwellings, the passing of a law against pledging a man within three months, or even longer, after his breaking pledge is for the betterment of all concerned. The fraternity that has standing does not need to do it, and the fraternity that has none should not be allowed to do it.

"WITH OPEN PALMS WE GREET YOU"

Three long, loud and raucous cheers for the advocates of "women's rights!" A co-ed martyr from Cornell has raised the gonfalon of her clan high 'er the cowering heads of mere man.

Disgruntled by a broken engagement, angered by repeated insults, outraged by deceptions known only to the feminine mind, finally the worm turned. The man, a junior, exacted justice with the palm of his open hand, returning to his dormi-

tory to pursue the even haritone of his way. The co-ed summoned to her skirt-side four trusty admirers and dispatched them post-haste to the erring knight.

The gentleman with the tingling palm was adverse to receiving company, and he met the posse with an empty expression and a loaded revolver. The gun went off simultaneously with the delegation and the incident seemed to be closed, until the co-ed reported her sixteenth-century escapade and the Court took the matter in hand. The youth now cogitates upon the prospect of dismissing fifty iron men from his service and viewing the world through the bars of the county jail.

Ah! 'twas ever thus. Since Eve, it has been woman's prerogative to chastise admirers should they fail to measure up to standard. Woman has won her way into the very redoubts of man, yet never has she relinquished her exclusive rights. Let man attempt to usurp a single feminine power and the vitriolic vials of womanly wrath are poured out upon his hapless head.

The co-eds have scored another victory, yet mere man is not discouraged. Radio experts from Ithaca have it that Cornell men plan to establish a sinking fund for needy victims of co-ed recriminations. One slap cost fifty seeds, but . . . he who slaps with jack to pay can stay to slap some other day!

R. R. F.

"MUM'S THE WORD"

In words stolen from the mouth of the immortal William, we detect something rotten in Denmark. To be more explicit, a cavity in the jaws of physical education.

Time was when a gentleman was defined as a human being of the masculine persuasion who "never allowed his linen to become soiled by perspiration." Both of these prodigies have long since crashed the pearly gates, leaving modern youth to cope with the problem of excess atmosphere. Flaming youth has failed in its appointed task, if the potency of the Armory locker rooms is any criterion.

Some subjects are taboo in polite editorial columns. "Mum's the word!" In round numbers, physical education students and other athletes are laboring under the impression that sweat shirts and other articles of correct gymnasium apparel are not fit for service if ever they have visited laundrer's tubs. They assume that physical strength can be measured in terms of olfactory offensiveness, and they fan the tepid air of the gym with "walking" socks conclusively to prove their athletic prowess.

Perversion is a habit with college students, so it is not strange that they should have thus aligned themselves with "the great unwashed." The physical education department does not require a clean uniform and socks once a month; and thus our embryo athletes go their odoriferous way unmolested, inordinately proud of their self-supporting apparel. Another generation may bring forth another brace of "gentlemen," but until that millenium arrives—"Mum's the word!"

R. R. F.

The Bullosopher's Chair

SMITHERS—"Say, ole graybeard, my composure was jarred considerably the other night. You know—"

Tut tut, Smithers, you've been having a good deal to say lately about things rather deep for an apprentice Bullosopher. Hark, now, to a few things of decided importance to student life. It pains me to find students so childish, you know. You were right about those beaten paths which Student Council has undertaken to remove from the campus but it seems more as if that group is beaten than the paths. You told me about that cowpath affair in the President's front yard when the snow was still here—you underestimated the unsightliness, Smithers. The snow has melted and we've had such a London drizzle that it's like a bog there now. Still the men and women refuse to use the cinders—until the muck is ankle deep. Mr. Webber, grounds superintendent, is already planning to fence it. But do we have to be engaged in like that, Smithers. A wise man uses his freedom wisely. But our—"

SMITHERS—"I thought you were going to surprise me with something interesting. That stuff's bunk. What's a cow college without its cowpaths?"

-V. A. N.

Overhaul Your Pen and Pencil For Final Exams

ALL MAKES REPAIRED

ALLOWANCE GIVEN ON OLD PEN TOWARDS PURCHASE OF NEW ONE

The Athletic Store On Co-Op. Corner

Seniors Assure Good Music for Formal

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The Ramblers went East and made their debut in Atlantic City. Here the band met with immediate success. Engagements at Rector's, The Palais Royal, Keith's Circuit, Florida and Monte Carlo, France followed in rapid succession. Shortly thereafter, the owners of the Ramblers purchased what is now known as the California Rambler's Inn with the idea of providing the orchestra with a permanent home in the East. In a few weeks the reputation of the aggregation was definitely established in and around New York City.

The orchestra has played for practically every recording company in the country. At the present time is putting out records exclusively for the Columbia company.

Although the Ramblers have established a name primarily as a harmony producing combination, the individual performers included in the band are among the best specialists in the business. A Charleston dancer that accompanies the orchestra is particularly clever. The drummer that performs for the Ramblers is considered by many orchestra authorities as being "the warmest drumstick tosser in the game." Their record section, it is said, is second to none.

Dr. Whitmore Added To Chemistry Staff

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search students from Northwestern university to Penn State, spending several days in the week directing their research and the research of graduate students in organic chemistry. He will also take an active part in the division of industrial research.

Dr. Whitmore graduated from Harvard in 1911 and secured his Doctor of Philosophy degree there in 1914. Before becoming head of the department of chemistry at Northwestern university he worked at Williams college, Rice Institute at Houston, Texas, and the University of Minnesota. Besides being editor of the annual publication, Organic Syntheses, he has published several books, one of which is Organic Compounds of Mercury.

PROF. B. W. DEDRICK TO CONDUCT FLOUR TESTS

Seeking a higher grade of flour, the class in flour milling, under the direction of Prof. B. W. Dedrick, of the Engineering School is now conducting experiments pertaining to the tempering of wheat.

Professor Dedrick has contributed numerous progressive suggestions to the millers of the state and country as a result of his experiments at Penn State. His latest research consists in treating wheat so as to get it in the best condition for grinding. If successful, the tests will produce a flour purer and finer than any now on the market.

Soph Hop Committee Chooses Novel Favors

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each of any size and in three colors. A complimentary ticket will be awarded competitors who turn in four acceptable posters. Posters should be submitted as soon as possible to E. J. Lockwood, Phi Delta Theta House.

WATT'S CROP EDITOR OF PENNSYLVANIA FARMER

Gilbert S. Watts, son of Dean R. L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, has been chosen garden and crop editor of the Pennsylvania Farmer, one of the two largest farm papers in this state. Watts is a Penn State graduate of the class of '18.

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THOUSAND DOLLAR DEBT SHOWN FOR CLASS OF 1926 IN REPORT

According to the annual statement, old system depending on revenue from subscriptions collected by the Class Treasurer. An approximate surplus estimated by the finance committee last spring in the 1927, 1928 and 1929 classes was deducted from the budget for the present year before the class assessment was levied.

The present budget under which the class finances are being operated follows:

Table with columns for 1927, 1928, 1929, and Total. Rows include Administrative (Printing, Sta., and Postage, Student Interclass Treasurer, Student Council and Tribunal) and Operative (Interclass Sports, Band, Intercollegiate Conference, Blue Key, Snow-up Day, Senior Class Day, Senior Banquet, Junior La Vie, Permanent Class Fund, 1927 La Vie (Aid. Assessment), Junior Prom, Sophomore Hop, South-Western Seraps, Junior Officers' Awards, Freshman Smoker, INCIDENTAL (Promulgation, Student Night, Miscellaneous) and Less Approx. Surplus \$31-26.

Floor Flips

We almost decided to change the name of this column to Black and Blue. There's a reason. Floor Flips sounds like Floor Flaps, and Floor Flaps sounds like the truth.

While it would be well-nigh impossible to predict the outcome of the Nittany Lion-Tiger mix-up we will venture the hint that it will be a beastly battle.

Should Foot, Tiger center, get the tap-off on either Reilly or Page, they can write home to the folks that they were outjumped by a foot.

As our attempts to be humorous have fallen flatter than a steam-roller derby (brown) we will now touch upon the serious. You all noticed the addition to the electrically lighted scoreboard. The master mind back of it all belongs to Manager Huffman. It was "Hen" who designed it. The industrial engineering department did the rest, as can be seen.

Umpire Turick, who assisted Referee White in the Gettysburg embargo, paid Mike Hamas a tribute when he called Mike the greatest natural shot he has ever seen. Turick made it plain that he has seen not a few professional stars in action.

Rog Mahoney has been showing a gradual improvement. When he first appeared he looked like a sick bull. Now he looks like a sick elephant and if he ever gets peeped he'll be a mad elephant. God help us if he ever runs amuck down Allen Street.

When Eddie McClure, who is visiting Leo Houck preparatory to a professional career, stepped in against the mountainous Roger, some addled egg started a whisper that went all around the Armory ring. It was a parable about the ambitious flea and the elephant.

Allie Wolff reports a scarcity in 160-pounders. Anybody Leo puts in generally gets slaughtered, and unless Al Albert gets his daily dozing he is likely to stagnate. It's really pitiful to see the way several of his sparring partners stretch forth a wistful paw only to get a punch on the nose.

No, Lydia, a facing in boxing has nothing to do with corsets.

One of the fans whose voluntarily adopted duty it is to amuse his fellows, attempted a bit of wit directed against Penn State's grappling heavyweight. Speaking on the hasty assumption that Soloff looked like a promising prospect for J. A. (Pop) Garrison, the galleryite shrieked, "Send him some life insurance."

Munakata, Lafayette's 125-pounder, seems to have recovered thoroughly from a very grave error committed by and against his own person about a twelvemonth ago. It was during a former Maroon visit to Penn State that the Jap quaffed a draught from a deep bottle groped for, while the proper was engrossed in the bout before him.

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The bottle, supposedly holding a quart or so of approved phlegm-breaker, had once contained an alcohol rub. Munakata, full of woe et al, was hurriedly placed under the care of Doc Ritenour.

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ROOM FOR RENT—2 roomers wanted beginning with the second semester. Sleeping room separate from study room. J. A. (Pop) Garrison, 121 S. Harrows, Phone 225-W. Jan. 21-4 t.

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WEDNESDAY—Mae Murray in "VALENCIA" Also FAYLES and MACOMBER

THURSDAY and FRIDAY—Richard Dix and Betty Bronson in "PARADISE FOR TWO" Nittany Theatre

TUESDAY—Mary Brian in "HER FATHER SAID NO"

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