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FOR THE GLORY OF GAMMA NU

The open season for fraternity initiation is at I. The period that has long been awaited by hand. both the fraternity man and the pledge (with dread by the latter) is now in progress. More and more this "Hell Week," "Week of Torture." "Rough-house Week" or whatever you may call it, proving that it has long outlived its usefulness if it ever was useful.

Not long after the freshman accepted the pledge button of his choice, stories, vivid in their herror, began circulating through the halls of dear old Gamma Nu concerning the pains and tortures that would have to be survived by each neophyte before he had carned the right to wear the "theorem" to avoing the output of the survived by the the "badge." Longing was expressed for the "good old days" when initiations were really that --when trips to the hospital went hand in hand with the initiation activities.

Gruesome as all the stories are, it is a fact that there has been an appreciable decrease in the intensity of the preliminary initiation. Years ago, casualties were not uncommon during the height of the week's activity. (Which may ex-plain the reason for the present modification.) Freshman hazing at college belongs to the mauve decade: rough-house week is well on the way. When that objectionable feature to fraternity in-itiations is removed the Greeks will have taken a great step forward.

Were it not for tradition and custom it is likely that the "rough" part would be eliminated pronto from the initiation of the candidate. THE DALLY NORTHWESTERN advances the opinion that "Hell Week is carrying over into civilization of the barbaric custom of torturing young men as a test of physical prowess before admission to tribal war councils." The editorial concludes with "The need for this particular form of examination is hard to discover in the present circumstances.

While tradition and custom play a large factor in the retention of the objectionable roughwho have endured the hardships, pains and humiliations of "Hell Week" are anxious to "get back" at the next class. The truth hurts, the truth is sometimes uncomplimentary, but it is the truth just the same.

Does dear old Gamma Nu intend to impress its greatness upon the unfortunate neophyte by subjecting him to humiliations that are childish. to the paddle wielded when the neophyte is blind folded? A fraternity that follows such a prac-tice—and the majority do—unknowingly lowers ficial effect upon the freshman, "bringing him down a peg" as it were, it creates a lack of disci-pline and respect.

"A fraternity is supposed, by those who know, to be a men's organization with scrious motives and purposes behind it, and the 'rough-house' is mere child's play. It is said that pledges expect in college. is the fact that it cheapens the real ritual. The freshman is very likely to put one on a par with the other and to consider the pledges that he takes as a huge joke.' Like many another unworthy custom which has been discarded, tradition is its only justifica-tion for existence. If, then, horseplay initiation can claim no basic merits, there should be no place for it in fraternity life. The freshman is a man, to be treated as a man and physical abuse is nothing short of insulting to the man of spirit and self-respect.

attends to such matters, will see to it that with-in at least two weeks after the final examinations the grades are posted. Then those students who do not receive the battle's results by special mes-

President at its word. Those members of it who keep tabs on a student's grades regard the student's success

in the examination crucible so gravely that they do not see fit to inform him whether he has made a C or a B or an A until after the Easter holidays -quite a long ways off from the chill February There is of course, always the possibility that

W. Lord, Jr. 28 the powers may know what is best for the student. P. R. Smaltz 28 But the student, after boning, borrowing, or actually passing the course on his merits, feels that fter having withstood the finals for another se-

mester, he is justified in throwing his cap, or dink, or book in the air, and shouting roughishly "We have met the enemy and they are ours." On NAGERS ple, the marks are released four days after the R. B. Kilborn 29 finals. The degree of the grade might prove em-W. J. McLaughlin 28 barrassing in certain quarters, but after all who has created the discomfitting situation? And the office by twelve webers there would be no need to post the grades of les miserables, for these receive special correspondence, penned personally by their deans. More-

over, if posting the grades is too inconvenient a process, they can be mailed to students with no more expense than now. The release of the grades within two weeks (fter the last examination would, perhaps, create a problem for the registrar and possibly for the school deans. But then, are not the grades reconded anyway; and are they not given to the deans; and are not those deans—or their secretars—pestered to death by indomitable students? As we see it there is no apparent excuse for re-

fusing to give the students the benefit of the doubt. For the faculty it means the saving of a good deal of time and patience, the removal of ob-ious annoyances; for the students it signifies a

The Bullosopher's Chair

"The little red school house is better than the little read citizen." And I suppose, the dirty red Engineering buildings, and the other red buildings on the campus are better than having nothing at all read on the campus. That is a rather extravagant pun. Smithers—far fetched, and likely to draw a sneer from the weakest of the collegiate array of wise-crackers. In fact, it is no wonder that we have such a large "Ag" school—if you consider the superfluity of wisearces in our midst, that is ONE thing the college man performs with efficiency— hc has that highly developed sense of Discrepancy which enables him to divest his own distorted humor upon oth-ers (judging by Froth) with the unfailing and happy fac-ulty of seeing no edge and no point in his companion's re-ciprocation!

ulty of seeing no cdge and no point in his companion's re-ciprocation! But-te return to the beginning—which is always a wise procedure for the moralist who gets tangled in his low attack, you know, a reformer must ATTACK, Smith-ers. He can't help himself—it's his curse from the gods! You see it happend this way: Bacchus had a lot of rela-tions—but they were all within his jurisdiction. Well, a certain distant cousin ran out, of festival, supplies, and pro-receded to implore his Imperial relative to lend him a drink. Bacchus refused—because he was giving a party for Venus that night. Whereupon Nilwitus, which was the cousin's name, univited to the party, and without the wine and women for one of his own—whipped in the green-eyed monster and became the first reformer! Whereat Bacchus because preved and commanded his poor relation to go "set" on a tack. And so to this day, Nitwitus, the patron devil of modern reformers has set upon attack. Which so riles all ungodly collegings that all Nitwiti remain set— and the guane gues on just the same. Sometimes, however, when poor Nitwitus tires of setting on the tact of godless people, and upon the tax of godly people—he sets guon an alc, perhaps, or as pike— is related through piker, he feels more confortable there-upon.

The related through part, as its second processing the related through part, as its second processing the relation of the bad not put the "t" in it, he would never have achieved immortality. And that brings us to the natter of things beind read —which we started with. Boys don't like "t" nowadays—and thus they don't read Shakespeare, because modern literature leaves the "t" out of its immorality. Besides, the common vogue "teed" has nothing to do with Shakes-

he common vogue text into a service of the service

The Military Ball Committee

ray. There

Dean Watts Portrays Oriental Student Life few undergraduates hold conferences in which political issues of the day are discussed.

This is the second of a series of spirit" must have been planted there there letters which Dean R. L. Watts, years ago by "Daddy" Groff. Though of the School of Agriculture, is writting they take their work scriously, they ing exclusively for the Collegian from also know how to play and how to get

Soon after the Commission arrived word, for the service was in Chinese, at Canton, we conferred with the Al-it Canton, we conferred with the Al-it was most impressive. The student with Council of Lingman University. We found all the members very earn-est Christian gentlemen, eager to as

rented Christian leaders. Most sig There was absolute agreement influent charges are occurring almost age and the alumni and faculty that daily in this country with four times

Session This Evening

Board of Education, the acting mayor of Canton who is a devoted Christian, the Chief Engineer of Canton who is phets and some say a second John, the Baptist" and to the other was an-wered, "Thou are the Messiah." "However," said the Detroit clergyan alumnus of Lingnan University, a wealthy Chinese gentleman who is president of ten banks in China, San Francisco and New York, a prominent attorney, school principals, business

men, and a Chinese lady, Mrs. I. C. Folk, who is one of the most promin-ent women of Canton. The Alumnae of Penn State will be pleased to know Think Like God, Not Man What the Savior really desired was a kingdom of love upon earth. That in their particular field of endeavor that Mrs. Folk was the second person nominated for membership on the board and that she also was made a desire prompted the rebuke to Peter's ow of fidelity in which he answered. Peter, thou thinkest like man and no they do not have the attributes of the

member of the executive committee. As Doctor Edmunds remarked, "It is a Board of Directors worthy of any American College or University." to the Reverend Niebuhr, is more pow-erful than the instanct of vengeance Associate President Chewag, who especially when the divine equation, which states; "to return evil for evil

Associate President Chewag, who visited State College about a year ago, was elected President of the Univer-sity. Though the management of the institution will be in the hands of Chinese administrators, the Founders or Board of Trustees in America will continue to function and cooperate by sumplying the usual number of forcier. supplying the usual number of foreign teachers. The alumni, faculty, and students of the University expressed great confidence in the new adminitrative adjustments and the contin

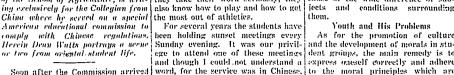
ued success of the institution. We were most delighted by the at-titude and spirit of the college students. A liner or more earnest body of young men and women cannot be found anywhere. The "Pern State Phone 325-W

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ot be a Bolshevist. Then came what might be called he most-discussed phase of the dis

ussion in which modern youth with ts evils and advantages were placed rader fire. To quote Rev. Niebuhr, 'Religious education today is better the government requirements for reg as many people as there are in the istratical should be met fully and as. United Status, and great indeed are promptly as possible. To this end, a the opportunities for trained leader-new board of directors, the majority ship. than it was twenty-five years ago." Women's Freedom Affects Morals "Modern youth is critical and therefore cares not for the deceit and hyporrisy which marked the moral practices of our forefathers, and is itself affected seriously by the break-ing up of the old family ties. The in-

R. L. WATTS, (To be continued.)

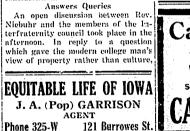
of whom would be Chinese, had to be organized. In about two weeks from, the date of our arrival, this task was accomplished. All members of the Niebuhr To Hold Last beard but one (and he was in Europe) were present for the first meeting. The membership included the chief executive of the Chinese National

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man, "Jesus feared to be called the Messiah because people would then expect more than was his earthly "Jesus feared to be called the mission

like God." The logic of forgiveness, according

"However, it is the civilization that is at fault and not the individual or the university. We are becoming a



layury-loving nation, increasing ou efficiency to such a point that we wil eventually have too much leisure." merely multiplies evil" is taken into consideration.



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prought about a looser sense of mora justice than was the case of a so

alled wholesome frankness.

of today.

"THE GENERAL" VEDNESDAY-

All Star Cast in Gene Stratton Porter's

"THE MAGIC GARDEN"

HURSDAY-Marie Prevost, Charles Ray in "GETTING GERTIE'S GARTER"







"You can't do anything without money," a materialist principle, was he last theory discussed at that conhe stated that cultural conversation was almost never heard among stu-dents of today. For instance, very ierence. "Master I will follow withersoever

thou goest" was the text of the ser-mon at the union gathering of all lo-A contrast between so-called mod-ern book review sermons and the old cal churches in the Auditorius day evening. Under this topic the unity of principle which underlies fashioned revival was dismissed be cause of the wide difference of sub-iects and conditions surrounding the various denominations prought out.

Youth and His Problems As for the promotion of culture

Jesus' "Foliow me." the exhortation to one who desired to wait until his father had been buried, was not as terse or hard-hearted command as might be surmised. Instead it was an illustration of the sacrifice to be express oneself correctly and adhere to the moral principles which are part of, our training. It is possible nade by one who would follow in the coatsteps of the Master. to express one's own opinion and still

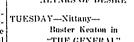
Last night Reverend Niebuhr's top-ie was "Spiritual Light in a Specular Civilization." After his speech, the betroit clergyman spent a short time in answering various questions which menders of the audience had to ask oncerning the subject of his mission

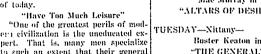


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Nittany Theatre (Matinee Daily at Cathaum)

Mae Murray in "ALTARS OF DESIRE"





DOWN GRADE

Some sunny day when the student adminis trative committee decides to make out a list of grievances and present them to the Board of Trustees, ninety-nine and forty four hundreths per cent of the student body will wish that one item will be included—the other fifty-sixth hundreths per cent will have "flunked out." With ridiculous gravity—if it is allowable to achieve an adjective which history makes inevitable—the psychological quantity in Penn State's soapy contributions to the illuminati will fervently hope (patiently sigh) that the Board of Trustees, or the Registra-tion department, or the college deans, or whoever

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