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TONIGHT

President Hetzel will be the central figure tonight when the student body assembles in the Auditorium for what will be the first official mass meeting in his honor. The gathering will afford the undergraduates and the new Penn State executive a further opportunity to get acquainted. It will also mark the first official student convocation held for the President since his arrival.

Not long after Dr. Hetzel's coming early in January, he was surprised one evening by a howling, enthusiastic gathering—made up by a goodly portion of the student body—assembled outside his campus residence. His appearance before the group was a signal for a volume of cheers—cheers that meant something more than noise. The normal student reception for Dr. Hetzel on that January night was hearty—Dr. Hetzel's response was just as enthusiastic.

Tonight at the first official mass meeting for the President, the students will again have the opportunity to meet their friend and ally. After the meeting it has been arranged for Dr. Hetzel to personally greet any student who cares to avail himself of the opportunity. The gathering will further strengthen the existing good-will between President Hetzel and Penn State undergraduates.

OUR SOCIAL SIDE

It is to be regretted that the social advantages at Penn State are admittedly not as great as those at other co-educational institutions. Undoubtedly, particularly, are limited while juniors and seniors find it no easy matter to get a "date" thus to enjoy the company and influence of the opposite sex. And the chances one has of mingling at dances and elsewhere with girls is a coil, however small, in the well-rounded education.

Now that the Woman's Student Government Association has revised and interpreted the rule concerning Sunday visiting at fraternity houses by women students, Penn State fraternities are afforded an opportunity that was previously passed up because of a misunderstanding and unfamiliarity with the rule.

At co-educational institutions such as Bucknell, Syracuse, Wisconsin and Kansas, hardly a week passes that fraternities are not hosts to a limited number of women students for meals during Sunday. (And at Kansas, the same privilege is extended on every Wednesday evening when the chapter houses are the scenes of dances, after the meal, until eight o'clock.)

Usually when the Penn State co-ed is a guest at a fraternity, the occasion is a chapter dance. When the girl enters the fraternity on Sunday she sees the chapter in a somewhat natural state. Her presence, however, tends to have a quieting influence on the brothers that is marked. (Imagine a fraternity in which no visitor has been known to enter from one year to the next!)

That many houses are taking advantage of the revised Sunday visiting rule has been evident but as yet no fraternity has been known to have taken the fullest advantage—that of having the entire membership of a girls' campus club as its host for Sunday dinner.

Nothing but a genuine friendly feeling can arise between the women and men students if the Gamma Nu fraternity throws open its doors as host to a girls' campus club every Sunday. A system such as this has been worked with benefit to all concerned at other co-educational institutions. It can be of real value to members of Penn State fraternities. It is certainly worth the attempt.

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTS

There can be no gainsaying the fact that Student Council has acted with admirable foresight in adopting the resolution against delinquent members. Hereafter, members guilty of more than two unexcused absences will be removed from office. A safeguard such as this

cannot be too strongly emphasized for it destroys in a measure the hopes of those office seekers whose activities annually make it unpleasant for everyone.

One of the signs of election time is the sudden flurry of enthusiasm among the would-be members and the grim nonchalance among the old. Move-up Day and other customs regulations, ever with the co-operation of the Tribunal, are in themselves a difficult matter, but when the campus affairs of more than three thousand students are placed in the hands of two score men, the responsibility is not one to be taken lightly.

Still, the bright appeal of the Student Council key is a strong influence; especially since there is no barometer capable enough to expose an office seeker's cupidity. But this temptation will no longer prove a menace: in the future members of Student Council will not receive their keys until they have served one semester.

WHISPERS

One of the more innocent pastimes of our early youth was a game known as "whispers." Gathered about in a circle, we heard a message from the neighbor to our left and then, after sufficiently garbling the casual phrase, passed it on to our right. The message, on completing the circle, finally was announced to its originator, who mirthfully accepted it in a mutilated and unrecognizable state.

Great joy was manifested at the completion of every round. The small contribution of wit from each participant sometimes provided real humor in the final reading of the message. Certain it is that the game was not considered anything but an exceedingly mild and innocent pastime.

Today we are still playing that game of our youth, but in place of the harmless pleasure of the past, we have inaugurated a new and more dangerous form of the game. Straight accounts of incidents come to us directly or indirectly, and we through some malicious spirit within us, seem to take pleasure in garbling and mutilating the gossip tale—never failing to put it back into immediate circulation.

No one laughs now when the message comes back to its source for only a moan being could manage a smile. This game is barbarous and cruel. It is a back-biter's game; devoid of any semblance of sportsmanship. The enlarged account lends interest, perhaps, but interest that only the jaded soul can appreciate.

The next time the temptation comes to repeat the story about a certain well-known girl, the next time that tale concerning a respected class-mate trembles on your tongue, choke it back if you will; it is strong enough and thus respect the harm that inevitably results from a few careless words.

The Bullosopher's Chair

"The motion picture complex is giving me some cause for worry, Smuthers."
Smuthers—You mean that you would like to enter the movies? Or is it that you are getting tired of the same every day "movie" theme? Or are you spending too much time going to the movies that should be put on the books? Or what? Please be more specific.

"No it's about these college moving pictures—films depicting college life and customs. They are a gross exaggeration they do the collegian harm, they give folks who never went to college a misconception, they—"
Smuthers—Now you are talking, Bullosopher, and let me add that one rarely sees a snappy roadster filled with jazz seekers on an all-night party followed by an early morning dip in a sunken pool. Who ever heard of a four course breakfast in a fraternity house? And after all that nocturnal pleasure, the hard-working book-loving undergraduate is ready for an all-day sleep in preparation for another strenuous night that is to follow. That's the bunk—except in the "movies."

Smuthers, your description of Hollywood College was ideal and co-incident exactly with what I have never failed to see every time I go to the cinema. The average working class in the city, Smuthers, see that same picture and the next time they hear the mention of a college boy they laugh. Their thoughts go back, not to ivy-covered walls that just overflow with tradition, but to the fleeting picture of the college man that danced before their eyes in the darkness of a motion picture theatre.
Smuthers—Bullosopher, you're in a too receptive mood today, we can't argue on that point.

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Thespians To Select Final Cast on Monday

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Based on the story of three young men who live together in a studio because of the continual untidiness of the rooms, one of the boys decides to hire someone to keep them in order. It is from this that the play takes its title "Girl Wanted." Instead of a scrub-woman applying for the job, a pretty girl shows up, obtains the job and secures the affections of one of the boys.

It is against the wishes of his two chums, circulates the false story that he possesses the famous Yulansky jewels and is lead from one lie to another in affirming it, until he almost believes the tale himself. Then it becomes evident that the pretty girl who had answered the girl-wanted advertisement is a secret service agent. Later a secret service man appears to ascertain whether duty had been paid on the jewels.

Complications ensue and how they are straightened out forms one of the most delightful features of a fast-moving plot.

Reduced Appropriation Bill Appears in House

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The original bill asking for \$4,223,300 was appropriated in the following manner: maintenance \$2,181,000, agricultural research \$103,500, agricultural extension \$650,000 and buildings \$1,000,000. Reported from the Senate Committee the bill read: maintenance \$2,150,000, agricultural research \$100,000; agricultural extension \$400,000 and buildings \$850,000. "If such a change is not made in the House, the bill will then go to a conference committee representing the House and the Senate," concluded President Hetzel.

Dr. Tschan Speaks on World Economic Crises

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power may be traced back to the North Sea fisheries."

Developing the importance of the sea animal, Dr. Tschan showed how the herring brought about a crisis by forsaking his abode in the Baltic sea to seek new waters, the North Sea. "The crisis was highly favorable to the growth and expansion of the Northern nations. It even brought about the Black Death which afflicted western Europe about 1350 and periodically for centuries later," he stated in concluding the importance of the fish.

Dr. Tschan also attributed the change in human affairs to climatic changes. "That such climatic changes working in cycles, have profoundly affected human progress, speeded up in one age and retarded it in another has been suggested and at a flash on proved. Wet years have, indeed, been shown to correspond with periods in which civilization has progressed, and dry years to correspond with periods in which civilization moved forward less rapidly," was the revelation made by the Penn State professor.

Traces Value of Money
Money, its value, revolution, effects and historic importance was next

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Fraternities Take Part In Radio Song Program

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gave an interesting and well executed program lasting one hour. The club was assisted by Miss Ada Romig soprano soloist. Talks were given prior to the club program by Professor A. J. Wood, head of the mechanical engineering department, on household refrigeration, and by Professor A. H. Espenshade, of the English Department, on his book, "Pennsylvania Place Names." Miss Martha Gobrecht '30, gave several piano selections during this part of the program.

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