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ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS

Some students have been hoaxed. Usually when such a catastrophe (being hoaxed) happens, it falls to the lot of the freshmen to be the victims of the hoax. And this perpetration was no exception. Last Saturday several hundred students, while in the act of purchasing their green dinks were separated from an additional one dollar and fifty cents in return for which they were the surprised owners of recognition pins.

At the time of the purchase the majority of customers erroneously believed that these coat-lapel "ornaments" were traditional; that their purchase was compulsory; that they were as necessary a part of a freshman as the dink and black tie. When the truth finally was out, the picture presented hundreds of yearlings muttering to all who would listen that an injustice had been done. The hundreds, the masses realized that they held the lantern. The realization cost them one dollar and half again that amount.

It has become one of the campus topics. To all those who discuss the case it has been a matter of speculation whether the trinkets cost three cents or seventy-five cents. But the price is beside the point. The sale would have been much less had it become generally known to the individual freshman that he would not be breaking a Penn State custom by refusing to purchase the pledge (pardon) recognition pins.

When "salesmen" are permitted to sell recognition pins falsely implying that freshmen must buy them, then it is time that Student Council should point out the mistake, politely, and beg for an explanation. After three or four years it may be forthcoming. Meanwhile we shall declare it a custom that freshmen must wear green garters, must buy all student publications, must wear their dinks in barber shops, and must buy recognition pins at a price we see fit to set—lest we paddle them severely and give them haircuts.

PLEDGE PINS AND DINKS

Any time after twelve o'clock tomorrow and the rest of the college year, many freshmen will be required individually to make a definite decision as far as fraternities are concerned. If that decision be in the affirmative then his lot will have been cast—the "yes" meaning that he has placed an unwritten signature to an unwritten contract signifying that he seeks the company of a certain group of thirty men to either endure or enjoy for the length of a college generation.

It is serious business, this pledging. There is scarcely a more tragic sight than to witness a student attempting to struggle along in the "wrong" crowd; and he has said "yes" when the only reply was "no" and from that time on he was busily engaged doing his best to make a square peg look at home in a round hole.

Scholarship, fellowship, campus prestige, finances and activities should be but a few of the many requirements to be met by the fraternity in the eyes of the pledge-to-be before that being should even consider accepting an invitation. There are few who ponder over the various requisites of a fraternity—the average "lushee" can instinctively tell whether or not a given fraternity group is his type. At least he thinks he can.

Instinct fails even the most intelligent sometimes. When that happens it is just too bad—and too late.

A FRIEND

The mere mention of Governor Fisher's name is sufficient to arouse a certain amount of enthusiasm from the grateful friend or undergraduate of Penn State. The presence, however, of this chief dignitary of the commonwealth should arouse the undergraduate to spontaneous cheering.

Governor Fisher will visit Penn State tomorrow for a brief inspection tour of two hours duration. It is hoped that he will be able to meet the student body as a group. If such is the case he

will be assured immediately of the high regard in which he is held by the undergraduate.

Everyone realizes the existing friendship between Penn State and Governor Fisher, a friendship that has been frequently tried and never found wanting. Governor Fisher is our friend. A friend is always welcome.

1928—VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES—1928

The class of 1928 that only yesterday was known as the freshman class is about to start its last swing around the circuit. At the completion of this impending voyage, the fragrant month of June will have arrived and the class of 1928 will have been turned loose on the world outside. If the "breaks" continue to be against the present seniors in the year, to come with the same frequency as during the past three, then the members of the class may confidently expect almost anything to happen in the form of misfortune or bad luck.

Before the present fourth year men even set foot on this campus plans were under way to install what is now impassionately known as "The Honor Point System." Its working is already well-known. Bad break number one for 1928.

As freshmen, the present seniors wore the great good dink and accompanying black socks and tie for the full year. The next year, Move-up Day was started, thus shortening freshman customs by three weeks. Bad break number two for 1928.

Last year it was a source of dissatisfaction to be required to wear a hat during the junior year. 1928 was the last junior class to wear a headgear during its junior year. With the start of this year, members of the two upper classes may go bareheaded. Bad break number three for 1928.

It is rumored that seniors shall be required to take the final examinations in June. The rumors have substantial backing. Never before, in recent years, have seniors been required to take final examinations. Bad break (to be), for 1928.

The Bullosopher's Chair

Smuthers:—Howdy, Bullosopher, what's that book under your arm?

"The Novello of Masuccio"

Smuthers:—When? Pretty shady isn't it?

"Scarlet"

Smuthers:—Inside and out, what sort of book is it?

"Well there are certain people who, seeing it, would glare at me with the same air of outraged decency that goes so delicately with the discovery that someone has been peeping through the keyhole. Masuccio has what is called a quaint outlook. He implies that love for many women consists mainly of a vanity case, a sofa, and an agreeable but not a too insistent lover, and his observations that the lechery of the seventeenth century clergyman amount almost to a research it would seem that the supposed gentry of those days when pious Elmer Gantlys that their actions were animated less by their brains than by their loins."

Smuthers:—Say, ear I get a hold of this book at the library?

"Certainly not, oh perversed one. But frankly, I don't think you'll enjoy it. Where Bocaccio treats the habits of the contemporary clergy with no attempt at peddling morals, Masuccio pantingly tries to improve the fathers of the flock by setting forth unabridged their sexual proceedings; of their spiritual inadequacies he says nothing, for to him their code is irreproachable—only their conduct appears deplorable. So I say, read Bocaccio. He is to Masuccio as a star is to an asterisk. If Bocaccio's feet are in the ditch, which many of our English professors are so fond of imagining, at least his head, quite luminously, is among the clouds."

SESSION TWO

"As I grow older, Smuthers, I grow also disillusioned. I wonder if wisdom consists of punishing the chimeras of youth? Most people, I suppose, would call me pessimistic; but I am not—at least I don't think I am. Pessimists are supposed to be unhappy, and I am happy."

Smuthers:—I feel in my bones that a discussion of religion is coming on. Excuse me, I must be going.

"Yes, it is religion. Religion, it would seem, like so many other arts, is a limable so long as it remains unpracticed. That's right. Look properly against. But by the bones of Shelley it's so. In State College, for instance, it amounts to a crime (punishable by heaven knows what) to play golf or tennis on Sunday. It is understood that if one plays golf the spirit of religion is in some way likely to be injured. To work out one's own salvation is, of course, heresy."

The Corner Room

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Conveniently located on the beaten path to and from classes, athletic events, and all campus activities

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Grid Gossip

Bez will introduce a little backfield magic in spite of the fact that footballs are disappearing fast enough already.

Says Smitty, the Gotham gridiron groom, "The footballer who goes around with a chip of wood on his shoulder has just had it knocked off his block."

Since the goal posts have been moved back ten yards, it's a safe bet that some nimmies will be yelling for a touchdown when the ball is four yards over.

Note from Ag Hill: RENEW BARE SPOTS—Lawn should be gone over now to rid them of bird spots. Rake the lawn well and throw seed on the thin and bare spots.

Keep well sprinkled for a few days so there will be enough moisture to germinate the seed quickly. This bit of direction applies to Green fields.

Freshmen who are wise should notice (before Stunt Night) that the entire third team line of Hugo's quilters has an exclusive sophomore make-up.

Brownlee, plebe aspirant for end can catch the oval on the nose with one hand. Incidentally, tangle great for Bez who for years has been looking for wing men who could snare the pug-klin with two mitts.

Berne, the assistant manager, vehemently denounces the "Bill-bark" as a sobriquet for Maity McAndrew. Who ever heard of a hawk with a pug's nose, is the query of the plebe driver who has five violins to match his dandruffless hair.

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Hoffman Gives Steps In Matriculation For Three Upper Classes

Registration for the three upper classes started yesterday and will continue today in the Armory from eight-thirty in the morning to twelve o'clock noon, from one-thirty to five o'clock in the afternoon and from seven to eight o'clock in the evening.

In order to facilitate matriculation, Registrar W. S. Hoffman announces the following method: first, all students will report at the office of their scheduling officer and secure an approved, signed schedule, second, go to the Armory and fill out a blank information sheet, give it and the

approved schedule to the Registrar; third, pay fees at the Treasurer's booths.

After tomorrow, late registration hours will be announced by the respective officers and a fee of five dollars will be charged for registration after ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

Cathlam THEATRE AND Nittany Theatre

TUESDAY—Billie Dove in "THE STOLEN BRIDE" Bea Turpin Comedy

TUESDAY—Nittany—Return Showing of Jack Mulhall, Charlie Murray in "THE POOR NUT" Max Davidson Comedy

WEDNESDAY—Johnny Hines in "WHITE PANTS WILLIE" Hal Roach Comedy

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY—Nittany—Harry Langdon in "THREE'S A CROWD" Our Gang Comedy

THURSDAY and FRIDAY—Return Showing of Norma Talmadge in "CAMILLE"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—Jack Mulhall, Dorothy Mackall in "SMILE, BROTHER, SMILE!"

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