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INTRAMURAL COUNCIL'S MOVE

Realizing that a supervised code is the logical forerunner of a system of deferred pledging, a majority of fraternities assumed Penn State of an authentic rushing code next year by accepting the plan proposed by Interfraternity Council. There were only ten dissenting votes and, if those fraternities were pressed for an explanation, dissatisfaction with one or two items in the code would be given as the real reason for rejecting the entire proposal.

Pending the acceptance of the code, the proposed merger of Interfraternity and Intramural councils has been hanging fire for the past few weeks. The first move in that direction was made last night when a committee from each group met jointly to consider the suggested combine. It is believed that this committee will reach a definite decision before the end of the week.

A NEEDED RESPITE

With less than a month of school remaining, final examinations are the paramount interest—and worry—of the undergraduate body. Term papers, reading reports, and other research assignments are claiming practically every minute of the student's time as he tries almost vainly to complete outside work before the termination of the semester.

Satisfied after a semester's trial that the plan is a feasible one, the College of Arts and Science at Cornell University has decided that the students may have absolute scholastic freedom during the week preceding final examinations. The instructors have the final word, however, since it is for them to say whether the class will meet or not.

MUSIC AND CULTURE

Penn State music lovers will find worthwhile entertainment in the concert to be presented by the College Symphony orchestra and Mandolin club in Schwab auditorium Thursday night. The orchestra is under the able direction of Bandmaster Wilfred O. Thompson, recognized for many years as the power that has given such high rating to the musical organizations of the College.

Obviously organizations like the College Symphony orchestra and the Mandolin club are an enhancement to the cultural background of Penn State. To the sixty members of the orchestra and the twenty members of the string ensemble come first-hand knowledge of the works of great composers. The symphonies of Beethoven, Mozart, and Haydn, the important orchestral works of Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky, the major compositions of other universally known musicians—all these are mastered, and loved.

Then, too, the College community as a whole benefits through these concerts. In this age of modernized rhythm the layman is afforded little opportunity to become intimately acquainted with the great classicists. What the Symphony orchestra and Mandolin club can do to fill the need for music that is really enduring from century to century should be deeply appreciated by the student body.



Apropos

Now that the spoon man, the barrel man, the cane man and other such college celebrities have been duly elected, we suggest a little propaganda for the selection of a chisel man.

This One Burns

The quartet strolled in the early evening, but did not harmonize soft tunes. Two were Boston boys; two were hosts. Conversation was lagging. In fact, it was lacking, when one of the hosts turned to the more precocious Boston youth and said somewhat cautiously, "I hear you're a free thinker, Robert."

"Yes," returned another who answered for Bobby, "that's because he's Scotch."

There was a voluptuous and uncontrollable roar of laughter, but don't ask us why.

Child's Play

Tap Day reminded one of the old game of tag. And the tapper who hit the prospect on the shoulder seemed to say "Tag, you're it."

And in some cases if the chap accepted, he really thought he was.

This Week's Worst Joke

After ten years or so of decadence, this joke is being revived and used to belittle our much abused Scotchmen. It runs in Scotland, the bakers have found a solution to that age old problem of what to do with the holes from doughnuts. They're using them to stuff macaroni.

Reminiscing

When we read in the newspaper yesterday of a cat who lived some hours with a rubber heart, it reminded us of an old grandmotherly admonition that warned us that some day our hearts would turn to rubber if we didn't stop swallowing our chewing gum.

Talking Shop

One of our prominent student engineers was toast-mastering at a banquet some nights ago. In closing he hoped to leave some thought that would make a final and lasting impression with his fellow engineers.

"Boys," he said in all seriousness, "there's an appropriate thought I dug up from Elbert Hubbard's Handbook." An initiate nudged his partner with elbow.

Strike Two

Then there's the one about the Scotchman whose father went blind with rage when he learned that his son had joined the Liberalist Party.

Animal Vogue

In some of the vivid collegiate stripe suits that were born under Spring's soft wing; we noticed quite a few tiger suits. Now comes the lion suit. Oh well—for the committee.

Many A True Word—

The chairman of the dance committee strolled down the street with the cash box under his arm. Passers by cast many envious glances his way. Many thought of funny things to say. But no one spoke—except one. In a jovial way, he asked, pointing to the cash box, his English not the best, "Is that all bills?"

"Nope," came the casual reply, "half of it's mine."

We're Only Joking

After spending a hectic week-end trying to settle this and that and doing our utmost to please our esteemed delegates, we now know why one of the greatest writers in our history made this classic remark: "Conventions be damned."

Anyway, we had a good time.

"I Do Not Choose To Run"

I do not choose, as lyricists say, To be a modern miss; I do not choose to give away To every man, a kiss; I do not choose to drink or smoke To make a little fun, But when it comes to walking back, "I do not choose to run"

Letter Box

(The Collegian welcomes communications, not longer than 150 words, on any subject of campus interest. The editors do not assume any responsibility for sentiments expressed in the Letter Box, however.)

May 19, 1929.

Editor, Penn State COLLEGIAN State College, Pa.

Dear Sir: Now that Spirit Week is over and the remnants of paddles have been collected by souvenir-seeking Freshmen, I wonder how many members of the class of '32 were "impressed" during the three-day Marathon ceremonies?

The rule states that every Freshman must keep his green ribbon parallel with the ground at all times while on the campus. It is the duty of the Sophomores to see that this rule is enforced. The Freshmen who tried to obey this rule by running were given the same punishment as those who insisted upon walking. During the past week-end even a ten-second man was likely to be punished.

The treatment accorded the Freshmen in the vicinity of the Liberal Arts building was certainly in all respects it was the subject of much comment by faculty members and by broad-minded students. The custom-abiding Freshman who was so impressed by this indiscriminating treatment that he retaliated with a "light to the eye," is to be admired.

Would not a revision of Spirit Week be a decided improvement in the College customs?

Sincerely, (Signed) EDWARD J. BLATT '29

we reason out our choices logically? Do we have out prejudice? Do we analyze our candidates' qualifications and abilities? Do we think of our officers as our representatives among other people with whom we wish to make a good impression? Do they represent all the ideals which we wish to stand for?

These are just a few of the questions which we should consider before finally casting our ballot. We are too prone to have candidates thrown upon us by some unrepresentative group. We think too little about it until it is too late and then we are quite willing to complain. Our class officers should be women whom we should be proud to have represent us anywhere. We should select them with the same air of discrimination which we should use in choosing anything else which stands for us.

Let us think before we vote. Let us analyze and criticize before and then afterwards perhaps we shall all be satisfied.

Collegian-a

"Three Weeks," the whole College is murmuring.

Not in regard to Elinor Glyn's notorious book.

But in proclaiming the short period remaining before the close of College.

So, either the thirst for knowledge has been quenched.

Or the thirst for something else is just beginning.

Lion suits, white, symbolic of the senior's purity, are dotting the campus like great daisies.

And some of them are!

Lion suits are cruelly suggestive.

Of hard labor.

Of unpleasant labor.

One man claims he's been wearing a Lion suit for some years.

His pajamas.

Juniors are wearing blazers.

Or what would you call 'em?

Sophomores are now going hatless.

Although that's nothing new.

And freshmen are going headless.

Which is another well-known fact.

Co-ed Chats

"I don't see why we have to sign up for a 12:30 date five or six days in advance," one underclassman was heard to remark to another. She is not the first girl who has bewailed the waste of time and the extreme inconvenience of this rule under which Penn State women have lived for so long. And this is not the only rule or custom of which girls have been heard to complain.

There is no doubt about the ability of Penn State women to see the faults of many of their rules and regulations. And there is no doubt about their criticism of them. Some criticisms are just; some are uncalled for. The unfair part of it all is that criticisms are usually not made to the proper persons. Women who are chosen to lead should want to hear from those they represent. They are the executives of the student body. Suggestions and criticisms to them should be welcomed for their attempts to carry out as far as possible the wishes of the women.

This is the time of the year when new officers with new plans and fresh vigor start their periods of directing. Their programs for next year are being tried-out. Suggestions now would be timely.

At many other colleges a student who has a suggestion for the Senate or Athletic Board does not hesitate to go before that body and present it. If this plan of cooperation were entered into at Penn State would not both student body and leaders be better satisfied?

The most popular topic for discussions, sensible and otherwise, are the impending class elections. Each of the three under classes will hold these elections sometime during the coming week. Discussions and "sessions" concerning the elections are not only legitimate but desirable. We have no objections to make to reasonable talk about them. The point in the case which we do wish to consider, is the nature of these discussions.

Do we think about our elections as much and as well as we should? Do

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Having paid their dues some time ago.

Whether they knew it or not.

After the track interscholastics, we probably even have some new freshmen by now.

But it's an old, old custom.

Even at old Boston University, we are told, they have such an interscholastic celebration.

But being more frank than we.

They call it sub-freshman week.

Twenty Years Ago

By action of the Council of Administration, the afternoon of Friday May 17 has been declared a holiday in connection with the dedication of the new athletic field.

The girls at the ladies' cottage have been rehearsing and drilling for some time on a play to be given soon in the Auditorium. Fellows who have seen the play produced in other places say that it is sure to be a big hit.

Prof Fred L. Pattee is going to Cornell this week for the purpose of serving as judge at the Woodford Oratorical contest at that university.

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