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FREE FELLOWSHIP

An open invitation has been extended by the Summer Session authorities to all students and faculty members to attend the annual reception and dance tomorrow night. It is with extreme pleasure that we ask you all to go in the hope that we shall meet you there.

Short as the Summer Session may be, there is a belief here that Penn State can offer something that no other college can during its six-week course. Students who have returned to one Summer Session after another say that there is a certain spirit here that no other institution has.

The reception will serve as a means to allow every student to become acquainted at least with those who guide their scholastic destinies during the short summer period. In addition, each one will have the opportunity of meeting old and new friends.

A reception such as tonight's affair has been decided by Summer Session officials as the best means of promoting a spirit of comradeship and fellowship during the session. With this idea in mind they have requested that all students turn out tomorrow night.

May we meet you there

THE STUDENT PLAINT

From time to time a mind-weary student will lift his nose from his text-book and voice the common plaint: "If there is any reason for giving this course, other than three credits, I for one can't see it."

There are too many courses included at present in college and university curricula that reflect nothing but the time-honored tradition that a student needs courses of useless, difficult, and bone-div constitutions "to make him work, to give him backbone, and to round him out."

Alexander Woolcott, one of the most versatile men of letters in the United States today, and a man who can think intelligently on any subject a conversation is liable to take, has expressed himself on ordinary college curricula in this manner:

"The . . . curriculum, like all college curricula that I know anything about, is a mere accidental hodge-podge of courses taught because they always have been taught, lazy automatic leftovers of old expediences. I even suspect that there is no more (and no less) reason for teaching Latin or calculus, for instance, than for teaching ceramics."

"With five million dollars to blow, I would rather put it into a school established by a man who would at least challenge the validity of every single item in the traditional college curriculum, indeed, map out his high-handed use of the undergraduate's priceless time as if there never had been a college since Noah offered to humanity its most recent chance to start afresh."

"I would get H. G. Wells to come over and plan the course of study, select the faculty and linger long enough to preach the first baccalaureate sermon, if (and this, too, would have to be critically pondered) any. In presenting five million dollars to such an experiment, one would feel less as if one were lazily pouring a fortune into a sieve."

Mr. Woolcott would do well (in case he ever gets his five million dollars) to investigate the proposed Bennington college in Vermont which expects to train a highly selected group of young New England women along the lines of their vocational desires.

The experimental institution, although shaped somewhat along the lines of Rollins College in Florida, will differ from any other recognized seat of learning in that subjects touching on the needs of students will be treated as a group.

Fully competent and qualified board members have worked on the Bennington project with the result that when all plans are completed the nation will wake up to find that a child, conceived over a period of nearly four years, has been born to preach a new and revolutionary gospel of education.

It is not to be thought that educational institutions may adopt immediately all the worth-while ideas that are brought out from time to time. Granting that educators are open-minded and willing at least to consider curricula or policy changes, there is another side of the problem to be considered—the public.

Back of nearly every school, college, or university are the tax-payers who have their own ideas about education. There, perhaps, is the forward-looking institution's head's greatest deterrent.

What is needed is education of the bill-footers who make possible the college. Then, with far-seeing educators in immediate control, the collegiate course can be pointed toward a broader but more efficient end through the elimination of useless subjects and wasteful loss of time.

News releases report that the tailskid of a forced-down airplane ploughed up twenty barrels of rum that had been buried in a farmer's field. For prohibition officers it was quite a cache.

SUMMER ALLIES

When To Light A Murd—And How!

Here's a yarn, a bit of lather, a true story without that relates the trouble and embarrassment that comes to dyed-in-the-wool newspaper men, like that sunny chap who tried desperately to sell you a subscription to the Summer Session News while you lied that your roomie, your hubby or yourself had already bought one. The predicament occurred last summer when one of the boys on the paper picked himself an attractive young schoolmarm (oh, yes there were, too) and proceeded to hang her on his arm for the inspection of envious male mates.

Near the movie palace, he met Pat Sullivan, erstwhile newspaper man, and present assistant at the Cathaum. Pat wanted to know if the paper had gone to the press yet and so asked in the journalistic vernacular, "Hello Pat, the baby to bed yet?" And the chap's blonde companion choked and almost stifled, especially since the chap answered, "Yep."

We Run Pictures, Anyway

Chinky, the chunky chicker from South Ca'lina, refused to subscribe to the News because she thought people would make fun of her. Him, anyone knows that the Catholics can read now.

Quo Vadis

We predict an extremely hot summer session. And you may interpret that as a weather forecast or the first lesson in biology.

We Ask You

Is it the previous contact that makes most summer sessions schoolmains act like children?

Many A True Word

Bubbles, one of the more conscious femmes at one of the campus clubs, claims that Lady Godiva was the original bareback rider. All together now, a big hoarse laugh.

Corner Practicum

Hugo Berdek, Penn State Athletic Director, who is conducting a summer course in football, has shown strategy, resourcefulness and practicality all in one breath by demanding that his pupils break through Co-op Corner and back six times a day for drill in real line bucking.

Well, Well!

People in this town make some odd responses but none more queer than that made seriously by a damsel at the Tau house the other night. The waiter (guess who?) was passing coffee and desiring to be polite on the first day, at least, asked, "Will you have coffee, ma'am?"

She glanced quickly about at her companions, looked up sadly at the waiter, stuttered two or three words and then replied, "Er-uh—why, yes. And—uh, half water, please" (They had to bring water for the waiter, too).

Back Again

Flo is back again. Flo is the lassie who was a member of the Dot and Flo duet last summer which duet was called "the smoothest girls in town." Some sap even wrote a poem to them (the heat was terrific) and submitted it to the columns of this newspaper. And we thought male teachers were averse to doing such things. But maybe you'll know why he did it when you meet.

A Philadelphian, Perhaps

Jan, a summer session visitor who is visiting in cognito (location unknown) tells a tale about a great lanky boy friend who went to Norristown on the twenty-second of June to work at his job as Japanese beetle inspector. When he got to Norristown, however, there was no job ready, for he was right except that the day was July 7, instead of June 22. And the location was Allentown instead of Norristown. If he had only gone to the Woolworth store the jumble would have been complete.

Adieu

We must be off on our vacation. Funny, isn't it that we should go to our rest just at the same time as F. P. A. takes his vacation. Well, all good columnists—

L. H. B.

Thoughts of Others

At a recent conference of teachers in England the Archbishop of York made some remarks about the results of higher education in his own country that might well be headed here across the waters. In particular the English prelate was concerned with the lack of interest and consequent ignorance among young people and old, as well, of current events and their significance in the trend of world affairs. Although perhaps a bit exaggerated, his comment on the situation expressed a great deal of truth: "That any one should really care more about what happens in the athletic world than, say, the League of Nations is a public disaster and a private calamity."

What the Archbishop says of people in England applies with equal force in this country, especially, though strange it may seem, in the colleges and universities where one would logically expect the keenest interest in current affairs. Professors on the hill often are discouraged with the apparent ignorance of their classes about such things, especially national and international affairs of important bearing.

Certainly it ought not to be that intelligent and liberal-minded students are more interested in the possibility of the Yanks winning another pennant than in the prospects for farm relief legislation that will help to solve one of our nation's vexing problems. No, ought it to be that these same students are more interested in the outcome of the Ryder Cup matches than in the settlement of the Reparations Commission, affecting as it does the peace and welfare of the whole world. This is not to say that college men and women should not be interested in sports, for they most certainly should be; but rather that they should not be interested in them to the exclusion of more important things. One might state the case redundantly by saying that liberal students should be more liberal.

One of the nation's foremost newspapers, the New York Times, has addressed itself in earnest fashion to the problem of interesting college students in current affairs by conducting scholarship examinations in the leading eastern educational institutions. The examinations are held annually and the winners are handsomely rewarded both in the college and intercollegiate contests.

Probably none of the most sanguine editors of the Times believes that the contest will reform the reading habits of the present college generation, even though it increases the circulation of his own paper. But certainly it will go a long way toward encouraging students at the right direction, especially when the stipends are so handsome. One might even wish that Colgate men had the opportunity to match their news knowledge with the other eastern colleges as the athletic teams match their vigor.

—Colgate Maroon

TRY ONE OF THESE . . .

"The love of books the golden key That opens the enchanted door" —Andrew Lang

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2. All dances must close at 12 o'clock.

3. Women guests will be required to leave the fraternity house not later than 12:15 o'clock.

4. The names of members of the committee, who must be registered in College, responsible for all matters in connection with the dance, must be submitted, together with the names of the individuals who will act in the capacity of chaperones, to the Dean of Women, when the dance is registered and before approval for it is granted.

5. All dances must be advanced not less than two days in advance of date on which they are to be held.

6. The members of the committee will be expected to be present throughout the dance and will be held personally responsible for all matters of behavior and irregularities which are not in accordance with College regulations and principles of good conduct. It is understood that the committee members may lose their College standing if grossly negligent of this duty.

7. No dances will be approved for Saturday night, July 6, the occasion of the annual Summer Session reception.

PLANS STORAGE-EXHIBIT

Proper storing of potatoes, for both seed and table use, will be shown by means of miniature storages erected on the grounds of the Potato Exposition at the College, August 19 to 22.

EDUCATORS WILL MEET

All members of Kappa Phi Kappa, honorary professional educational fraternity, will attend a meeting at the home of Denn Will Grant Chambers, 315 Park avenue, at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

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