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THE FRATERNITY AND THE FRESHMAN

Tonight Penn State's high-powered rushing season will come to an official close. Tomorrow night nerve-wracked fraternity salesmen will crowd the doorway, anxious to welcome the men of their choice into the mystic circle. There will be setbacks for both the fraternity man and the freshman; but unhappily, the yearling is not fully prepared to meet his particular problems. Regardless, he must bear the burden of responsibility for the most momentous decision of his whole college career.

In making this all-important decision, there are many factors to be considered. One must not be influenced by any single factor; the average college freshman should be capable of viewing the entire situation in perspective. A newly-built house, although desirable, should not carry any weight in the final selection of a fraternity. Rather, the men that make up the chapter personnel should be given first consideration. Another factor often overlooked by amazed plebes is the history, the ambitions, and the ideals of a fraternity. *Daddy's Manual for Greek-Letter Fraternities* is undoubtedly the most authoritative source of this information. Moreover, a fraternity's latent possibilities should compare favorably with its past and present activity. Advice should be sought, preferably from disinterested parties, so that no part of a fraternity's history remains untold.

Complete satisfaction with the fraternity membership, added to this first-hand knowledge, make one's choice simple. However, there are instances when the fraternity of a freshman's choice fails to bid him. Then his worries begin. Perhaps he has other bids to choose from. That makes matters worse. The sensible thing to do is to wait rather than accept an unsatisfactory pledge.

Rushing season, after all, is not expected to produce infallible results. Many a fraternity has overlooked a desirable man during the concentrated drive of a rushing season, only to realize its mistake later. It seems better, then, to await developments rather than jump to an unhappy conclusion. Since bids are generally extended in good faith, there is no need to accept immediately. A short delay may bring a more desirable bid.

Likewise, the youth who is not bid at all has no regrets. He will live a freer life, unencumbered by the bonds of the fraternal group. His circle of friends will be wider and more than anything else, he will have the opportunity to prove his worth and his ability to the satisfaction of everyone. Then he will be sought by numberless fraternities and then he will be able to decide conclusively whether he wants to enjoy the privileges of fraternity life, or multiply his friendships without those contacts.

Beginning early in the third period of the Penn State-Niagara football game Saturday, a steady stream of upperclassmen fled from the stands until the wooden tiers appeared to be practically empty near the close of the game.

If first impressions are lasting, as it is believed, the discourtesy of each succeeding student generation is readily understood.

PENN STATE IN CHINA

The yearly campaign for funds to be sent to Lingnan university, now being conducted on the campus, brings to mind an epochal student mass meeting held in 1911 at which G. W. (Daddy) Groff '07 was chosen to represent Penn State in China as director of the School of Agriculture at what was then Canton Christian college. During the past summer another representative of Penn State Lester M. Zook '29 turned his face westward to join Mr. Groff in the commendable work of educating a backward people.

Never since the birth of the College has the student body entered upon a more worthy project. Every year since 1911 a Sunday has been set aside early in the first semester as a day on which Penn State students may honor "Daddy" Groff and his work and pledge their financial support, so that the work may be continued. And every year since 1911 the name of "Daddy" Groff has become familiar to the lips of every freshman class. To honor his name and his work has become a tradition at Penn State.

One does not need to be in China to realize the value of the work that "Daddy" Groff has been doing. Neither does one need to be there to understand the significance of the service to mankind that Lester Zook may render. Both are self-evident. At the chapel service on Sunday, pledge blanks were distributed. These can still be filled in and left at the Y. M. C. A. hut, an act which would help carry on a Penn State tradition. Then, too, a boy or girl on the opposite side of the world would appreciate it more than words can tell.

THE LION'S DEN

BY DANIEL

Violators of the fraternity rushing code, we are told, would reach from State College to Lemont if placed back to back. The violations are not serious, of course, but they are violations, nevertheless. One of these concerns the time limit of a date.

Even this department has been guilty of that misdemeanor. At any rate, a rival fraternity salesman consulted his watch Saturday night as we passed him with two rushees after 10 o'clock.

For our part it was unavoidable. The rushee insisted upon waiting to see the news reel after which he suggested that we invade a nearby ice cream parlor.

How to break away from a prospect upon a moment's notice, it seems to us, would be an interesting study for the professional fraternity salesman.

Withal, we could claim that our watch had stopped. And for proof that watches sometimes are at a standstill, we could get in touch with the youth who was responsible for the record of "Minutes to Play" on the New Beaver field scoreboard Saturday afternoon.

Tomorrow night will be an eventful night for Penn State fraternities.

That is, in the event that the prescribed quota puts in an appearance for the banquet-like dinner at 7 o'clock.

Pending the outcome of this year's rushing season, Penn State fraternities are prone to accept the present code.

After ten days or more of rapid-fire rushing, we are prone . . .

The most serious violation of the letter and spirit of the code, we must admit, was committed by us. We told an innocent rushee that it would endanger his life if we ventured past Co-op corner. But that, by the way, was the only movie trip we've escaped so far.

It would be heaps of fun to stand in the reception halls of Penn State fraternities at 7 o'clock tomorrow night when unexpected rushees appear for dinner, while others are deflected toward rival dining rooms. Fun, if only for a while.

We are grateful for one thing during rushing season. We have learned to remember names.

Perhaps the dumbest prospect is the one who claims that he can play "Piccolo Pete" on the harmonica.

White, blue and green are the favorite colors of the class of 1933, if we can place any faith in the display of shirts in the freshman stands Saturday afternoon.

Then, too, there are a few freshmen who just can't go without their dinks, not even on Sunday. With them, it's a custom.

Cheering, it seems, is the one way to express appreciation of a feat.

Whether it be only a foot from the goal line.

After the freshmen are safely in the fraternity fold, Penn State proposes to initiate them into the traditional lair of the Nittany Lion.

And it's the same old line, what with encouragement at every step.

PETERS '30 WINS COURSE IN FLYING

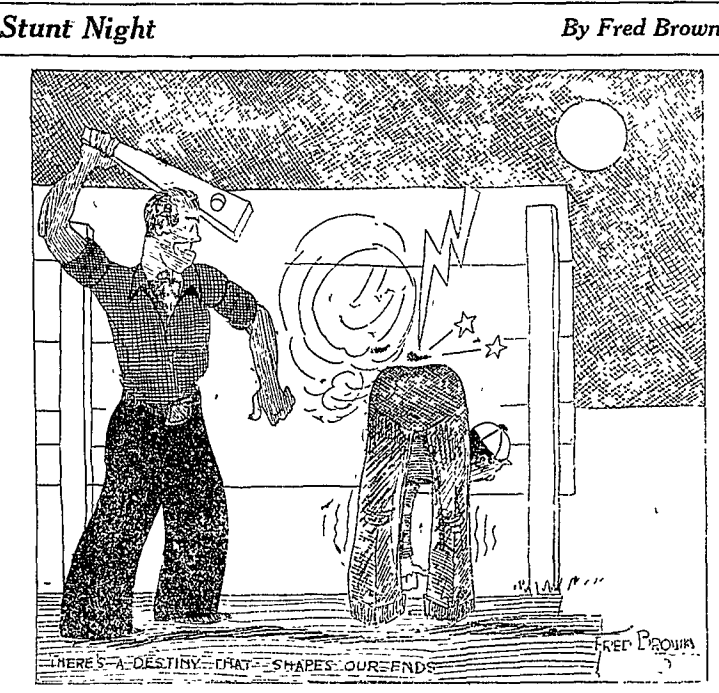
Student Secures Prize as District Champion in Aviation Contest of Nation-Wide Scope

A ten-hour flying course at the Morris Flying school, Pittsburgh, was awarded recently as a prize to William H. Peters '30, winner of the territorial prize in the national college aeronautics contest sponsored by an American airplane manufacturer.

In a statement late last night, Peters said that he would not be able to complete the course as he could not fulfill the requirements for the Department of Commerce pilot's examination. He failed in the government physical examination.

After graduation, he intends to enter the field of airplane construction and design. Peters, a mechanical engineer, is making a thorough study of dynamic forces relating to aircraft. He comes from Girard.

In the contest, which was conducted on a national scope, an Eaglerock airplane and a \$1,000 aeronautical scholarship were the prize awards. Sixteen free flying courses were awarded by the company to entrants receiving honorable mention.



13-YEAR-OLD STUDENT ENTERS NORTHWESTERN

One of the youngest college students in the county, Harold M. Finley, 13-year-old youth of McConnellsville, Ohio, enrolled as a freshman this year at Northwestern university.

The youth was valedictorian of his high school class and graduated with the highest honors ever given at the McConnellsville high school.

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