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THE AFTERMATH

Penn State fraternities are thoroughly disgusted with the rushing code, an unofficial canvass of the Greek-letter houses last night revealed. The dissatisfaction, President Kirkpatrick of Interfraternity council believes, is chargeable to the sub-rosa practices of a number of fraternities. Moreover, failure to report violations of the code nullified its effect, in the opinion of the Council head.

This dissatisfaction cannot be denied. Nor can it be denied that the letter and spirit of the code was violated. However, it would be a difficult job to prove the guilt of a suspected party. If violations were reported, it would be found that the most serious infraction probably concerned the time limit of a date or the strict observance of silent periods. Furthermore, a thorough investigation would reveal that practically every fraternity was guilty of some misdemeanor, however trivial.

Such an examination would disclose, moreover, that every guilty fraternity could prefer similar charges against one or more other fraternities. Thus strict adherence to the letter and spirit of the code would entail playing a game of tag with rival houses. One fraternity would prefer charges only to learn later that another fraternity had followed suit. And so a royal game of tag would ensue.

Withal, Kirkpatrick is right. It is plainly evident that the fraternities are not cooperating fully with the sponsors of the code. Furthermore it is apparent that the code will not be a howling success until the fraternities accept the responsibility of the code and either adhere to it religiously or promise to report all violations.

Until such a spirit of cooperation is built up, however, the code must be accepted for what it is worth. Because, after all, Penn State is not ready for a deferred rushing system, and that is the only conceivable substitute for the present plan.

SOPHOMORIC IDEALS

With the freedom that comes to a college man at the beginning of his sophomore year, there also occurs a remarkable change in the man's mental make-up. During his freshman year he may have been more or less subjugated to the will of upperclassmen. Suddenly freed of this yoke, quite naturally there is a reaction. With different men the scope and extent of this reaction varies, but few escape. And in no particular does this reaction wreak more havoc than in the man's mind, especially in his ideals.

So evident has been this change with succeeding generations of college students that the word, sophomore, loosely speaking, has come to connote that which is radical. Second-year students develop physically into what they like to call, in street parlance, "hard guys." This is the age when the student seems to think that, to be in style, he must be a promoter of all that is unconventional and contrary to established custom. The world, the student thinks, needs a thorough house-cleaning, with all the dust of the past to be swept aside and new thought moved in. The more brilliant man may assume an American Verney mind, with the belief that to attain any high pinnacle of success in life he must seek to be different from his more staid elders. Church and religion very often are thrown to the winds. The student may think that he has become an atheist, or perhaps, a cynic. Whatever they may be, all his ideals undergo some change, and quite often for the worst.

To say the least it is dull when one looks back over those years, and realizes the mistakes and hard knocks to which such individualistic tendencies may have led. The perspective that a few more years of growth and mental development will give the college man is certain to bring home forcibly the fact that, after all, the "old fogies" were right.

Because they were unsigned, two letters to the editor are not printed in this issue of the COLLEGIAN. All communications of campus interest are welcomed by this paper, but only those letters bearing the signatures of their authors are considered for publication in the Letter Box.

THE LION'S DEN

BY DANIEL

WHY I WALKED SIX BLOCKS IN THE RAIN
OR
MY PLEDGE BUTTON
A Play by Daniel
The Cast

A Smooth Apple.....A Freshman Pledge
I Buzz Hyman.....Nu Nu High Mogul
T. Ledge Yearlings.....Official Greet.

Scene: Nu Nu Fraternity House

Act I—Reception Hall
Act II—Club Room
Act III—Dining Room

Time 7 p m Wednesday night.

Act I

(The house is buzzing with excitement as the brotherhood awaits the arrival of an expected pledge. The officers of the fraternity form a receiving line. The door bell rings and a freshman is bid to enter.)
Nu Nu High Mogul Greetings, Apple, it's a pleasure to see you

A. Smooth Apple: And I'm glad to be here
Official Greeter: Congratulations, Apple.

(O G plants the button in the lapel of his coat.)

Act II

(Brotherhood gathers around Apple as O G escorts him into the club room. All the brothers clamor for Apple's hand.)
First Brother: You sure did keep us guessing, Apple. We thought sure you would go

A. S. A.: Never even considered it. I knew from the start that I belonged out here.

Second Brother: We're damn glad to hear that, Apple.

Third Brother: Get any other bids?

A. S. A.: Only ten. Wanna see them?

Brothers (in chorus): Yeah.

(Brother's son' through cards, announcing the name of each rival bid.)

A. S. A.: I liked the bunch out here from the start. Soon as I stepped in the door, I felt at home.

(O. G. enters with another pledge. The newcomer is introduced.)

Second Pledge: Congratulations, Apple, I'm mighty glad to know you.

A. S. A.: The feelin's mutual.

Act III

(Brothers and pledges walk into dining room. Apple pleads when the second bell rings. A. S. A. and the second pledge sit at the same table.)

X. N. H. M. Pledges, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you into our midst. I know that you are real Nu Nu material, and that you will make the fraternity bigger and better for having been in it. No words can express how happy I am that you have seen fit to come our way, and I can only hope that you will be serenely happy.

(Applause persists for five minutes. Then conversation starts.)

Second Pledge: How many bids did you get, Apple?

A. S. A. (proudly): Only ten. How many did you rate?

Second Pledge: Just this one.

(Curtain)

Moral: One button in the lapel is worth two in the pocket.

Co-ed Chats

CLUB GIRLS IN THE MAKING

Tougher closes one of the most intensive seasons at rushing that girls' clubs and fraternities have ever sponsored. Restricted to the amount of money that could be spent—restricted as to how that money might be spent—still the organized clubs have given varied and unusual entertainment for their rushes.

Some of these rushes have been entertained in some way or another every night this past week; they've been shown cups and awards, been told of wonderful alumnae, met all the advisors but presumably have not been actually approached about pledging.

For a few days now these girls will be left to themselves to weigh the merits of the groups and to decide with which they will affiliate.

On earnest plea to these girls is that they consider the groups as entities and not as individuals. If a good friend or Big Sister does happen to belong to a club but if the other girls are not those with whom you would be contented to spend the rest of your college life don't join just to save the feelings of that particular girl. If she has your interests at heart she would rather see you happy with a group in which you are interested than disappointed with another.

CHICAGO AIRPORT EMPLOYEES CO-ED AIRPLANE MECHANIC

Employed as a regular mechanic at the Sky Harbor airport in Chicago, Miss Helen Mayne, one of the few co-ed graduates from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the first woman airplane mechanic in the country.

Besides this occupation Miss Mayne is a regular pilot and was the first woman to make a solo flight at the Chicago airport. She is now considering commercial flying.

Amazons Scatter As Army Invades Sports Sanctuary

The army has invaded the field of women's sports!

Colonel Walter B. McCaskey, commander-in-chief, approved the plan of using Holmes field, upon which Penn State's Amazons had coveted hitherto, for drilling the cadets after the department of grounds and building decided that the new Mineral Industries building would advance into the O. T. C. territory. The military seizure was sanctioned by Miss Marie Haupt, instructor in physical education for women.

Leaders in both divisions of activity agree that sharing the rolling surface may increase attendance in women's athletics as well as bolster interest in Military Science.

In the meantime, passers-by are bewildered by crisp shouts of command from the drill masters mingled with shrill encouraging cries from cheering co-eds.

"Time out" and "Get that ball!" will be interrupted by, "Left, right, halloo halt, one, two, three"

Haverford Abolishes 'Stunt Night' Custom

A Haverford custom of long standing went into the discard this year when the freshman class at that institution was initiated into the spirit of the college without the usual horseplay and having inseparable from past "stunt nights"

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SWARTHMORE SCIENTIST STUDIES ARCTIC GROWTH

Returning from the summer expedition of the arctic regions made as a member of Captain Donald MacMillan's party, Dr. Samuel C. Palmer, announced last week that an unusual collection of flowers had been secured on the trip through Baffin Land.

For more than two weeks the little oil-burning ship in which the trip was made was caught in the ice field. Other scientific work accomplished on the trip included a study of its life in the arctic and an observation of bird life.

CONSTRUCTION WORK BEGINS ON PIT SCHOOL BUILDING

Stone work on the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh will begin this week, and will be completed in about fifteen months.

Concrete work on the structure will be finished in about three weeks. At the present time concrete has been poured for more than thirty days.

A new chapel on the cathedral plot was made possible recently by a \$500,000 grant from the H. J. Heinz estate.



Matinee daily at 1:30 except on Saturday during football season. Last complete afternoon showing starts at 3:00.

FRIDAY—Matinee at 1:30. Ann Harding, Leslie Fenton in "PARIS BOUND" All-Talking Drama

ALL-Talking Comedy-Romance

SATURDAY—Lola Lane, Paul Pate in "THE GIRL FROM HAVANA" All-Talking Mystery-Romance

MONDAY AND TUESDAY—Matinee Daily at 1:30 Eddie Quellan, Sally O'Neil in "THE SOPHOMORE" All-Talking Comedy-Romance

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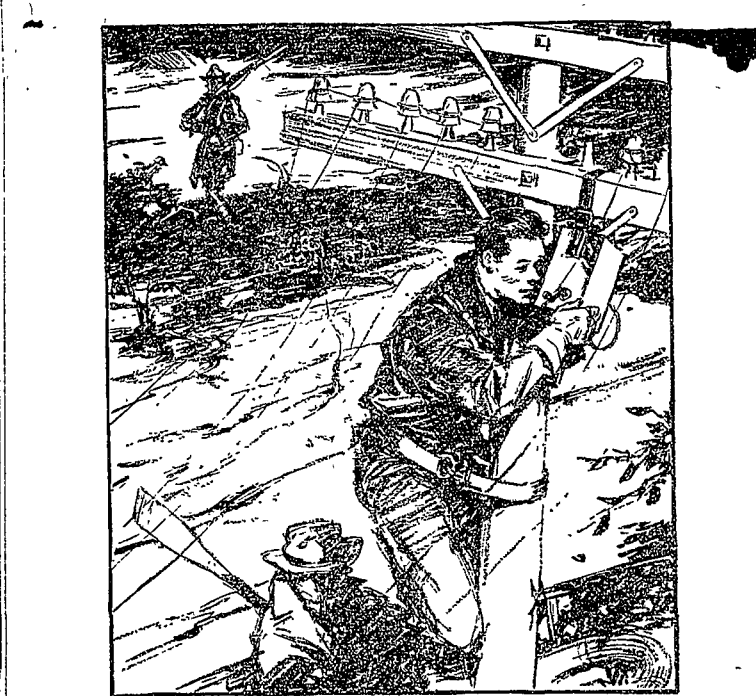
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