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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1930

### FOR A BETTER "LA VIE"

The proposal of Fred C. Schwerer, editor of the 930 La Vie Supplement, to place future La Vis elections on a strictly competitive basis certainly is deserving of considerable thought. That the suggestion is devoid of bias—and motivated by an earnest desire to place responsible campus offices in the hands of worthy and capable students—is unquestionably true. It is evident that such a plan would have distinct advantages over the present one: an editor under the proposed system would be capable of producing a better yearbook after serving an apprenticeship of two or three years.

That is but one of the many advantages cited by Schwerer in favor of his plan. One other that alone should carry weight with interested students is the opportunity to remove a publication activity of recognized merit from the fiele of fraternity politics. Extracurricular activity should be a cumulative process that requires the display of marked ability. La Vis is perhaps the outstanding exception to this rule on the Penn

This condition has not seriously affected the publi cation, however, for the annuals of past years compared favorably with any publication of like nature in the country. Former editors agree, nevertheless, that inexperience cost them valuable time and labor. There a reason to believe, therefore, that a well-trained editor would surpass the best efforts of his less-fortunate predecessors. Surely the plan is deserving of Student ouncil's attention.

### "CRAM! CRAM! CRAM!

One week of 8 o'clocks and fraternity meals has ought the last of the student guard back into line. and now attention is being turned to the Senior Ball and the between-semesters lay-off, with occasional mention of the less-thrilling "finals." To make the interval more interesting, obliging instructors have consented to call in term papers and other like assignments. Now and then, though, we stop to consider a current problem.

The problem for this week is "cramming." Should endorse the practice or deride it on the grounds that it is unethical and opposed to the best principles of higher education? We should like to declare purselves for the latter but, finding ourselves in poor circumstances, we hereby join the throng and shout "Cramt Cram! Cram!"

### "HELL WEEK"

Voicing ton sentiment of a new school of thought, Jalcolm Kirkpatrick, president of Interfraternity Counil last night rapped Penn State fraternities for their ppen toleration of "Hell Week" practices, and indicated that that question would receive considerable attention during the forthcoming conference of College fraternity men. The Council head affirmed that "roughhouse" tactics were diametrically opposed to the more progressive policies of the Penn State fraternity system and he expressed the hope that this purposeless practice would go the way of other undesirable customs.

There are those who consistently maintain that "Hell Week" is the redeeming feature of a fraternity initiation, and attempt to justify its existence under the pose of "character-building" and similar "awe-inspiring" effects. To be truthful, the practice is timeworn. To quote the Daily Illini of the University of Illinois: "It is a vestige of the period featured by the enter rush, the flying wedge, tandem bicycles, and nandolin quartets." Certainly it has not kept pace the past five years. Rather, it is a "hang-over" from the "old days."

Because of an existing misconception, freshman azing is often linked with freshman training. On the contrary, freshman training is a real institution created or a real purpose. It is the undeniable duty of the fraternity to guide the yearling into fruitful paths, to help him shoulder his new responsibilities, and to make m a better man for having been in the fraternity. Does "Hell Week" serve this noble purpose? Emphs. tically no. Sleepless nights, physical torture, and like absurdities serve a quite different purpose, A puroose, of course, that is detrimental rather than beneficial to a wholesome fraternity spirit.

# THE LION'S DEN

### New Year's Resolution

Daniel hereby informs the entire world that never during the year 1930 A. D. will he print, nor allow to be printed, in this column anything that is actually humorous.

But, of course, everything that resembles a New Year's resolution is broken occasionally. Daniel is human, too.

Start the new year right-by sending Daniel shout a thousand contribs.

During the Christmas Holidays Daniel, in common with other infamous columnists, had occasion to do a little traveling. He visited Chicago and saw nothing more dangerous than a fire-cracker. That is why this column today isn't filled with more crack-

During his wanderings Daniel visited the University of Illinois, and made the acquaintance of the editor of the Bucknellian whose lair is a cubby hole in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. But the day Daniel met him he was abnormal. Also of the party was the "Campus Scout," columnist of the Daily Illini. Both men admitted that they, too, were allegedly humorous. Open letter to each: "Heigh, ho, rum!"

"I shall never sin." "How do you know?" "I can't taste my Adam's apple."

Simile "As busy as a one-armed paper-hanger with the

### Recipe

To make the editor of a humorous magazine pay for a joke, think of a good crack, laugh loudly, and telegraph collect.

"This is my last match," thundered the divorcee as he threw away the empty box.

Add: Simile

"As tipsy as a lame man walking down the aisle of a moving train—"

Happiness is golden-dollars.

Altend

A bald-headed man is considered successful because he has come out on ton-

We are glad that the Penn State campus is not the Penn State crampus, but at the present time the most beautiful spot on the Penn State campus is any

## Height of Embarrassment

Johnny combs his hair each night before going to bed because he's afraid he'll meet the girl of his

Add 1: Simile "As thin as frog's hair-"

Definition from Webster "A fraternity is a group of men

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A freshman at one of the fraternity houses wants to know whether he is a pledge or the janitor.

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In Your Opinion Would Unlimited Cuts Be An Advantage To The Students

Liberal Aris:

"I think that the unlimited cuts system would benefit the student beholastically because it would place him on his own initiative, which is the altimate purpose of a college education."

HARRY W. LIGHTSTONE '31-

that a certain average be maintained for the first three years."

# Freshmen Attain High Standard in

### CUSTOM DECREES AMERICANS SEND CHILDREN TO COLLEGE

The American people have acquired

"Fear Drives Men,'

"Fait in the provision the provision to college because it is the thing to do, not for education acquired, in the provision of the Men To college of the University of Nebraska.

The majority of college students, according to Doctor Hicks, do not come to institutions with a fixed desire to learn. The average student, he also an it the business world.

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# **HOME QUALITY PASTRIES**

THE ELECTRIC BAKERY

# Co-ed Chats

"The cultivation of physical excel-Psychology Test contests" President A. Lawrence Low-

In Your Opinion Would Unlimited
Cuts Be An Advantage To The
Students

DR. FRANCIS T. TSCHAN—
Professor of History—Liberal Arts
"Although my opinions concerning unlimited cuts have not been definitely formed there seem to be severage score of 103.9 in the proposed system. I do not believe that unlimited cuts would be good for the average styden. I do not believe that unlimited cuts would be good for the average styden to nife.

College should fit the student for his life work. Consequently it should be viewed as a busines proposition. In business it is impossible to cover advanced work expecially in the Liberal Arts curriculum under such a system.

"On the other hand the unlimited cuts awards of the consecutive systems is designed to develop initiative in the student, The real student would not, probably, take my composition and students would not probably, take my composition in the other hand the unlimited cuts system is designed it to devole in that light attendance dents this year is cancity the same dents the year of the proposed of the opportunities offered him to slight his work. It woul

Students at New York university carned more than \$29,000,000 last year, according to the annual report of the bureau of employment, released recently. Their jobs ranged all the way from low-paying house-cleaning to sales work carrying a salary of \$3,500 a year.

McCORD TO ATTEND PARLEY Prof. John E. McCord, of the De-partment of Agricultural Economies will represent the agricultural depart-ment at the outlook conference to be held in Washington, D. C., next week

RIDAY and SATURDAY-Matinee Daily at 1:30 Victor McLaglen, El Brendel, Fifi Dorsay in
"HOT FOR PARIS"
All-Talking, Laughing Comedy MONDAY and TUESDAY—

Matinee Daily at 1:30 Ronald Colman, Ann Harding, Louis Wolhelm in "CONDEMNED" All-Talking Romantic Melodrama

WEDNESDAY .... Lupe Velez, Monte Blue,
H. B. Warner in
"TIGER ROSE"
odrama of the Northwest Mounted

HURSDAY... Dolores Costello, Jack Mulhall in "SECOND CHOICE" All-Talking Romantic Drama

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FRIDAY—
Comrad Nagel, Lila Lee in
"THE SACRED FLAME"
SATURDAY—
Grant Withers, Marion Nixon in
"IN THE HEADLINES"
Newspaper Comedy-Drama
TUESDAY—
Olice Person

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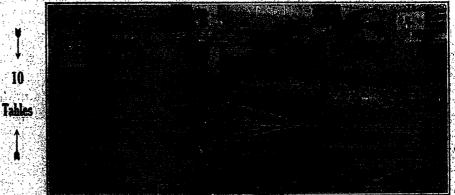
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