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Authorities of 16 Colleges Score 'Hell Week' Practice

Dean of Men Censures Rough Fraternity Initiations

'HARM SCHOOL SPIRIT' FORMER CHAPLAIN SAYS

Illinois Dean Attributes Problem To Tradition—Substitutes Suggested Here

Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock yesterday joined with authorities of sixteen colleges and universities in a severe criticism of fraternity "Hell Week" practices. This unanimous denunciation was revealed in a survey conducted by the Collegian among representative institutions in every section of the country.

University of Pennsylvania, Lafayette, and Bucknell were the schools in that State which were sent questionnaires. Inquiry was made of Dartmouth, Rutgers, Amherst, and Cornell in the East while the survey included the Universities of Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan in the middle West. Southern colleges from which information was secured were Georgia Tech and Alabama. The Southwest is represented by Texas University with Stanford supplying data concerning western initiation tactics.

"Fraternities Should Act"

Results of the inquiry show that college authorities regulate "Hell Week" practices at Illinois, Penn., Texas, Stanford, and Indiana. At the other school there is no official interference but in every case the college attempts to discourage the practices.

When asked what the stand of the college administration was on the rough initiation question, Dean Warnock declared:

"Self-government by the students is a tradition at Penn State. The administration is reluctant to interfere with rough fraternity initiations although it believes them detrimental. In my opinion it is up to the fraternities to adopt necessary methods of

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BALL COMMITTEE SECURES FAVORS

May Install Amplifiers for Military Formal—Judges Will Select Poster Winners

As favors for the Military Ball, to be held February 21 in the Recreation Hall, a blue leather combination dance program and memory book with gold lettering has been selected. The committee announced yesterday that the R. O. T. C. crest will appear on the cover.

In order to remedy the poor acoustics of the Recreation Hall, negotiations are under way with the Western Electric company for the installation of amplifiers for the military formal. A new type of long horn amplifier has been guaranteed by the company to eliminate echoes.

Preliminary surveys and bids for the decoration of the hall have been made by the Kohl Decorating company, decorators for the Senior Ball, and the Silverstein Decorating company.

With the poster contest ending today, judges will select the two best posters that have been submitted tomorrow and make the announcement of the winners in the Collegian Tuesday.

DR. WHITMORE TO ADDRESS CHEMICAL SOCIETY TUESDAY

Dean Frank C. Whitmore, of the School of Chemistry and Physics, will speak at the thirty-third meeting of the central Pennsylvania section of the American Chemical Society in the Physics Lecture room, Physics building, at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night.

Dr. Whitmore, a recognized authority in the field of organic medicinal chemistry, will talk about "The Preparation and Use of the Organic Compounds of Mercury." Officers will be elected at the close of the address.

COMPILE COLLEGE HISTORY

Conducting an extensive research, Archibald, senior girls' honorary archery society, is attempting to compile the history of Penn State women. Each member will collect material covering designated years, with reference to numbers of women students, their activities, clubs, and courses pursued.

Phi Delta Theta Bans 'Hell Week' Tradition

Phi Delta Theta this week voted to abolish "Hell Week" practices during the ensuing year, officers of the fraternity reported in reply to the Collegian questionnaire on informal initiations at Penn State.

Rough tactics were discarded, it was revealed, because of the fraternity's growing opposition to what it terms "an obsolete tradition." Its action was commended by responsible college authorities.

PLAYERS PRODUCE DRAMA TOMORROW

To Stage 'The Good Hope,' 4-Act Tragedy, in Auditorium At 8:30 O'clock

A divergence from the two comedies already produced this season, the Penn State Players will present "The Good Hope," a tragedy of Dutch sea life, in Schwab auditorium at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

"The Good Hope" is a four-act drama by Herman Heijerman, famous Dutch playwright. It was written in 1890 for propaganda against the poor conditions under which Dutch fishing sailors were forced to work.

The play recapitulated its purpose by causing legislative reform. The literary value of the tragedy was revealed last year when the play was enthusiastically received by New York critics during its revival by Eva La Gallienne in her Civic Repertory Theatre.

Veteran Players Appear

The leading role of the play is enacted by Ralph Radcliffe '31, who first appeared in "The Royal Family" last Players' production. Radcliffe portrays the part of a young fisherman who has more than average intelligence. After being wronged by unjust imprisonment, he battles the Dutch ship owners who are imposing upon the helpless fishermen.

As the sweetheart of Radcliffe, Miss Phyllis Bendler '31 will share the major feminine roles with Miss Edith E. Jones '30, who enacts the part of mother of Geert.

Miss Anne E. Mellinger '31, as Clementine, and Miss Alice E. Osterhout '30, as Saart, are two veterans of Players' productions who appear in the cast.

NATIONAL GROUP ENDOWS SPARKS MEMORIAL PRIZE

Phi Kappa Phi Confers Scholarship Honoring Former President

Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic society, has established endowment scholarships in American universities, Dr. Frank D. Kern, head of the botany department, reported at a meeting of the local chapter last night.

The endowment was originated as the "Sparks Memorial Scholarship Endowment" in honor of Edwin Erbe Sparks, former president of the College. Miss Lucetta V. T. Simmons, of the German department was appointed as a member of the scholarship committee to complete arrangements for the fund.

UNIVERSITY BARS LIQUOR

As a means of cooperating with college authorities in enforcing rules against drinking, thirty-two fraternities at the University of Virginia voted to exclude liquor from chapter houses.

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COUNCIL ARRANGES FINAL PLANS FOR I. E. CONFERENCE

Dr. Gerstenberg, Chairman of National Body, May Accept Invitation to Conclude

OFFICIALS HOLD MASS MEETING, DISCUSSIONS

Program Includes 11 Speakers, Well-Known in Nation's Greek Affairs

With the acceptance of Dr. G. W. Gerstenberg chairman of the 1939 National Interfraternity conference, expected to swell the total of speakers to eleven, final plans for the second Penn State Interfraternity conference, February 11 and 15, were released yesterday by Malcolm Kirkpatrick '30, interfraternity council president.

At local fraternity groups are cooperating with the nationals at the conference, all of Penn State's fifteen fraternities will be represented at the formal dinner at Gothic Hill country club Friday night, February 11. Presidents and senior I. F. C. and I. M. C. delegates will attend this opening function. Dr. Gerstenberg will probably be the chief speaker. The other guests, who will talk at the luncheon groups Saturday, will include the discussion leaders Friday night. A transportation will be provided to and from the club.

Discussions Planned

The five student luncheons will be held at 11 o'clock Friday morning and the one for faculty advisors is scheduled for 12 o'clock noon. The meeting of chapter presidents and initiators will be held at Phi Kappa Sigma. The discussion group leader is John L. Gans '30, Henry W. Church national president of Beta Kappa, S. W. McGinnis, arch master of Phi Upsilon Omega, and Harold P. Flint, traveling secretary of Tau Kappa Epsilon, are speakers for this session.

The scholarship discussion is scheduled for the Alpha Chi Sigma house and is in charge of Ray Best '31. Norman McLeod, national president of Delta Tau Delta, and B. M. Davis, an executive officer of Phi Delta Theta, will address scholarship chairman following this luncheon.

Chapter treasurers will gather at the Delta Sigma Phi house to hear E. A. Norton of Sigma Phi Sigma and Wilbur M. Waldon of Alpha Chi Rho. A representative of the D. C. Health publishing company will discuss financing of chapter libraries at this time.

Fraternity caterers will enjoy a model luncheon at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

No Change Next Semester

Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock yesterday pointed out that attendance next semester would be required as usual. He referred to the College ruling, which requires attendance at chapel until the final semester of a student's senior year.

When asked what plans had been formulated for future chapel attendance, the Dean said:

"It is a little too early to announce the plan under which voluntary chapel will be carried out next year. Certainly, we cannot afford to let the Sunday chapel tradition die out."

For next semester, attendance as usual will be the rule.

Colonel J. Franklin Shields '32 was re-elected president of the Board of Trustees at its meeting in Harrisburg Monday. Colonel Shields was first named to this position following the resignation of Judge H. Walton Mitchell last spring.

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PRATT INSTITUTE HOLDS FINE ART EXHIBIT HERE

Phi Gamma Alpha, National Honorary Fraternity, Sponsors Display

An art exhibition from the school of Fine and Applied Arts of the Pratt Institute, New York city, will be on display in the exhibition room of Main Engineering building until February 5.

The display is the second of a series of exhibitions sponsored by Phi Gamma Alpha, national honorary architectural fraternity, to be brought here this winter.

The exhibit, which was open shown in most of the colleges in the East, received favorable comments from art critics. It consists of water color drawings, pen and ink sketches, pictorial illustrations, poster designs and interior decorations.

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Committee Named To Study Cut Plan

Six faculty members representing every school in the College were appointed to investigate the question of unlimited cuts by Dr. Francis J. Tschan, president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, yesterday.

Prof. S. McClellan Butt of the philosophy department heads the group as representative of the School of Liberal Arts. Other members of the committee are Miss Edith P. Chance, Dr. J. Ben Hill, Dr. Arthur P. Hones, Prof. Thomas W. Mason, and Prof. Robert E. Minshall.

SMALL SPACE BANS ENFORCED CHAPEL

Compulsory Services Continue Next Semester—No Plans Made For Future

Inability to accommodate more than one-third of the College student body in Schwal auditorium was the reason for the Board of Trustees' action in doing away with compulsory Sunday chapel beginning the first semester of the next school year, Adolph Hertzel revealed yesterday.

The trustees' action followed the recommendation of the College Senate which met last Thursday. Secretary Morse stated. He indicated that an official statement of the Administration's action and plans for future chapel regulations would be made by President Ralph D. Hertzel next week.

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New Grid Coach To Remain In Doubt Until Early Spring

Council Head Names 'S' Banquet Leaders

Martin S. McAndrews '30, president of the Athletic Association, was appointed chairman of the "S" Banquet committee by F. Bruce Baldwin '30, Student Council president, Tuesday night.

John K. McClements '30, J. Neil Stahlke '30, James H. Coogan '31, Ralph Hutchinson '31 and Maxwell L. Kaplan '31 were also appointed to the committee. A definite date for the affair has been set.

BEZ'S RETIREMENT SURPRISES CAMPUS

Friends' Congratulations Flood Coach's Home—Grummen Express Regrets

Expression of surprise and regret mailed the campus reaction to Hugo Bezdek's retirement Monday from active coaching duties at Penn State.

Although cognizant of the impending action, the retired mentor was visibly affected when informed last Monday night that the Board of Trustees had promoted him to the directorship of the new School of Physical Education and Athletics, and had consented to his retirement from football and baseball coaching.

"Bet you would rather call me 'Coach' than 'Dean'," he remarked to his wife, who was sitting nearby.

"Now I won't be able to sit at home and listen to your lecturing up on New Beaver," she returned, with a smile.

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The American Telephone and Telegraph company, the Western Electric company and the Associated Bell Telephone companies will participate in these conferences, while representatives of the Westinghouse Electric company will confer with students from March 3 to 5. Members of the General Electric company will be here in March.

HOMI ECONOMIC STUDENTS TO ENLARGE NURSERY SCHOOL

Reply entering the College home economic department, Phyllis McElroy '30 and Margaret A. Howes '30 will go to the Merit Palm Nursery school in Detroit, Michigan, early next week.

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