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THE CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

It was seven-thirty Saturday night. In my little Tap Room nook I pondered on the duplicity of human nature as our prominent Greeks prevaricated to each other about the success of their rushing seasons.

"Great season," laughed one, with a dolorous knell sounding in his voice. "Got six men, but we only needed five."

"The nuts!" declared another, though rather uncertain. "Only bid four and we got two of 'em"

And sadly did I shake my head as each made a bee-line for the door, hot on the trail of unaffiliated frosh, murderous pipes of lead clutched determinedly in hand

Ed White, one of the lads who sits up nights with *The Rag*, suggests as a fraternity theme song "Rushing, With Tears in My Eyes" Ed thinks the boys could sing it *con espressione* about the end of the second rush period.

Still another tale of a pernicious plebe Coming up to the Sigma Nu house last week, one bright fellow inquired:

"Is this the Beta house? No? Well, that's all right. I had a date with you fellows anyhow."

All students are urged to sign up for Com. 33—especially managerial candidates. The course will be taught by Joe Kling, Acacia's astute politician and the same chap who so firmly plants you in that movie seat on the extreme left. The book is the work of Deke Herwick, who chizzled his way out of College last June only to return as Pat Sullivan's right hand man at the local cinema palace

I don't think your college education is complete without this one. It is titled "Principles of Hand-shaking, Recitation, 2 hours. Practicum, Your Schedule."

"Why," arglely complains one prominent senior co-ed, "don't they *tee-break* those birds on the front campus?"

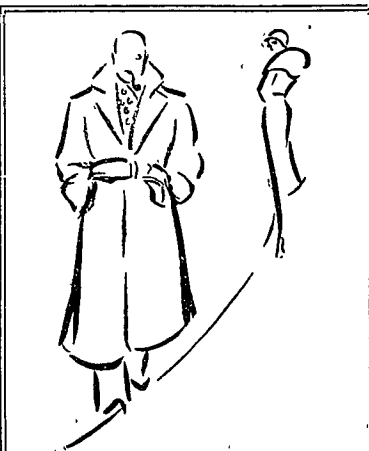
I hear a special train is being considered for that far away western jaunt to Iowa. How about offering free passage as a prize for the one who makes the most Redskins "bite the dust"? The boys could use their R. O. T. C. popguns for target practice

Seen and Heard About the Campus Jim Trullinger and Perce Belfield, two D. U. Romeos, in a very sweet conversation concerning Ruth Nibel and Phyllis Beidler . . . Harry Lightstone with a toothpick in his mouth on a sanctimonious day of fast—Harry has a bundle of alphas, but don't take any stock in them . . . Ridge Riley, the Theta Xi hop, is very much interested in Towanda, Pa., lately—If I remember aright, Anne Spalding, who received her sheepskin last June, hails from Towanda . . . Ray Bov ers, the Pink House Pope, looking mighty pleased about those sixteen pledges—Ray denies the report that the Dollar Sixty-Five's are hiring Grange Dorm as an annex . . . Jack Lindsey, *Old Man Bell* business boss, casts a critical eye over stock market reports . . . Bob Keeler started College a bit late, but better late than never . . . Wouldn't we like to see Bob with a dink on his head? . . . Al Lewis looks over his plebe charges with that fatherly air—just as though he were meeting a Navy boxer on a dark street . . . Bobby Vincent, a sweet maid of '33, had a free hour last week and she wasn't on the golf course . . . Bob Porter '30 and Helen Keepers '30 dropped in for a movie last weekend . . . Bob Tree and Dolly Motter, another of last year's couples, returned for a bit of football and reminiscing . . . the Kappas are strutting about importantly.

When preferential bidding was adopted by Council it was hailed as the cure-all for many of the evils of the then existing code. Its adherents believed that it would eliminate last-minute "lead-piping," give the freshman an opportunity to make a choice, and still protect fraternity ego by keeping the rusher in the dark concerning the identity of houses that bid him unsuccessfully.

In many cases, preferential bidding did check "lead-piping" during that short period between the time the freshman received bids and appeared at his chosen fraternity. But the freshman who did not hand in a preference card (a contingency unforeseen by Council and a common occurrence Saturday) was still fair prey for the "lead-pipers." Yet the most unfortunate result of preferential bidding was evident at the A. A. office Saturday afternoon when freshmen handed in their cards and learned if they had been bid. Many freshmen, hopes fired by fraternity orators, had put but one choice down only to learn that a bid from that house was not forthcoming. Others, certain of getting a bid from their first choice, found that they were mistaken and were required to take the second best. Dissatisfaction followed. This was evident when they made their appearance at the fraternity they had rated second. In many cases this situation was evident to the fraternity. Strained feelings, extremely unfortunate at this time, resulted.

The most devastating, yet intangible effect of preferential bidding was that it allowed a freshman's hopes to rise, forced him to express them concretely on a preference card, and then, in many cases, dashed them to the ground. Under last year's system these hopes need never have gone beyond his own private thoughts. The effect this year, though intangible, was disastrous to many freshmen. Preferential bidding may protect the fraternity's pride but it's mighty hard on the individual freshman's self esteem. The 1929 code gave him the opportunity to examine his bids in the privacy of his room, to make his choice with certainty and in leisure. The good points to preferential bidding are in great danger of being outweighed by the drawbacks.



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I. F. HEADS DIFFER ON RUSHING CODE

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der existing conditions, was the opinion of Sterling E. Brown '31. He objected however, to the length of the rushing period and suggested that rushing begin during Freshman Week.

Both Raymond E. Best '31 and Nelson E. Bauzenberger '31 considered the present code more effective and satisfactory than the old one but found it weak in several particulars. Bauzenberger felt that fraternities, unless they resorted to sub rosa tactics, had no way of determining which men were likely to accept their bids and as a consequence were forced to bid many more men than were needed in order to insure obtaining their quota.

Best pointed out that more than half of the freshman class had failed to turn in preference cards and thus extended the rushing season further into the school year under the open system. He believed this condition existed either because the freshman was not acquainted with the workings of the present code or had not been able to make up his mind in the allotted time.

TRANSFERS BOOST COLLEGE CLASSES

Dr. Marquardt Announces Increase of 33 1/2 Percent—Graduate Pupils Number 263

With an increase of 33 1/2 percent in the number of graduates admitted from other schools, L. Carl E. Marquardt, college examiner, announced a total of 443 transfers to the present date.

Until October 9, 1929, 197 graduate students from other institutions were admitted. This year 263 had already received admittance to the College.

There were 116 men and sixty-one women undergraduate transfers admitted this year. The freshmen represent 48 accepted applications, the sophomores sixty-five, the juniors forty-seven, and the seniors fifteen, while there was one special student.

Transfers were received from Santa Anna, California junior college, University of New Hampshire, University of Porto Rico and the University of Hawaii.

COLLEGE CONDUCTS LONGEST EXPERIMENTS IN POMOLOGY

Experiments now being carried on in the College orchard are believed by Roy D. Anthony, professor of pomology, to be the longest continued group of experiments in pomological research in existence.

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LIGHTSTONE LEADS SENIOR SCHOLARS

Williams Heads Juniors—Davenport Attains Best Average for Sophomore Students

Leading the senior class in scholarship, Harry W. Lightstone has secured an average of 2.91 for the last three years, according to figures of class standings compiled by Registrar William S. Hoffman.

Florence P. Fowler '31, who transferred to Penn State last year, has maintained a three average during her career of two semesters here. Walter F. Nicodem with 2.72 and Joseph W. Siphron with 2.71 follow Lightstone for senior honors.

Standings of members of the junior class show that Robert W. Williams leads his class with an average of 2.89 for the first four semesters. Donald A. Shelley and John S. Williams are tied for second position with 2.78 each.

Oscar M. Davenport leads the sophomore class with a 2.97 average while Robert E. Tschan follows with 2.89. Carl E. Ostrom is third with 2.8.

ALUMNI WILL HOLD ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION

The Horticultural show, annual affair for the past twenty years, will be held in Room 100 Horticultural building October 24 and 25.

Fruits, flowers, and vegetables will be placed on display by graduates of Penn State, and the home economics department will hold a competitive undergraduate exhibit of pies, cakes, and other delicacies.

FOREIGN STUDENTS TO MEET

Plans for a reception for all foreign-born new students are being made by the Cosmopolitan club. Manuel M. Pinciro '31, president of the foreign campus society, announced yesterday. Pinciro will call a meeting of the club next week to consider plans for the coming term.

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DAIRY TEAMS TO ATTEND 2 NATIONAL EXPOSITIONS

Champion Cattle Judges Will Enter St. Louis Intercollegiate

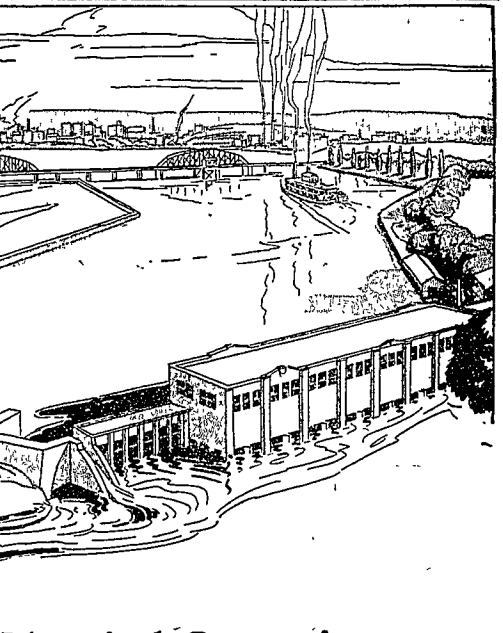
In an attempt to gain greater honors in dairy cattle judging, Penn State's champion cattle judges will travel to the intercollegiate contest at the National Dairy Exposition at St. Louis, Missouri, Friday and Saturday.

The team consisting of James D. Bohn '31, Henry E. Betchel '31, Harry J. Poorbaugh '31, and Clayton G. Shupe '31, placed first in the Eastern States Exposition last month. Bohn was second high man in the contest.

The College dairy products judging team will enter the national contest at the Dairy Industries Exposition at Cleveland, Ohio. Members of the team are Ross F. Lesh '31, Herbert A. Connelly '31, Fred M. Greenleaf '31 and Kenneth E. Miller '31.

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WEDNESDAY—  
Warner Bros. and Vitaphone present Dorothy Mackall, Lewis Stone in "THE OFFICE WIFE"

THURSDAY—  
Constance Bennett, Lew Ayres in "COMMON CLAY"

FRIDAY—  
Rube Goldberg's All Star Comedy "SOUP TO NUTS"

SATURDAY—  
Benny Rubin, Ned Sparks in "LEATHER NECKING"

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