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AN ALUMNI POST-MORTEM

A favorite topic rehearsed by alumni at midnight ball sessions, was the contrast between Penn State's student body today and yesterday. For some reason or other—perhaps because last week-end was the Anniversary—alumni waxed more loquacious than usual in their comparisons, condemnations, contrasts, and commendations.

From the maze of customary anecdotes a controversy often arose about a question which is discussed a great deal by the undergraduates themselves. It may be stated thus. Has the Penn State student in his attempt to erase the stigma of being classed as an undergraduate in a "heck" college adopted an attitude of false sophistication which makes him priggish and self-conscious?

Many alumni, fondly reminiscent of the corduroy trousers and flannel shirts which they affected while in college, stoutly maintain that such is the case. They argue that the democratic spirit, Penn State's proudest boast, is failing. They plead for a return to those days when the unpressed undergraduate prevailed. They insist that the students are creating an unnatural atmosphere of affluence about themselves, seek continually to make a misleading impression on those about them, and have deteriorated in many cases to adolescent fashion plates.

Other alumni take the less pessimistic view. They believe that fundamentally the Penn State student is the same now as in their day and that outward manifestations such as dress are but significant of the times. One fact brought out by alumni is that the Penn State graduate of the past seven or eight year period is more polished, and conversant with graduates of other institutions than his predecessors.

Undoubtedly, both sides of this question have some foundation. The growth of the College has done away with much of the personal contacts between students and often gives the impression that the "democratic ideal" have been obliterated. Also, some students here may be affected and overdressed, but the great majority is not. The passing of the "collegiate" era has taken with it the flare for extreme dress.

Much can be explained on the basis that College has approached a more business-like stage.

In a series of discussions for women students planned by the Stanford Y. W. C. A. is scheduled a lecture, in detail, concerning the Stanford male student. An information bulletin issued by the Y. W. C. A. declares, "It would be a tragedy to miss the opportunity to discover what the Stanford man is like."

Such a lecture might be appreciated a little nearer home.

ANOTHER LINK

Another move which links the College closer to the public schools of the State was seen Thursday in the resolution passed by State educators to hold an annual conference here. This action serves to knit Penn State closer to the people that it serves.

Gradually increasing the scope of its service the College is becoming more and more indispensable to the State. Through correspondence courses, extension classes, and other means it is reaching into the far distant corners of the Commonwealth.

This new connection certainly should be of mutual benefit to both the public school executives and the College. It should help the schoolmen in solving their problems and should likewise enable the College administrators to better carry out their program for training the young of the State.

These yearly conferences also will bring to the campus men outstanding in the educational field in this section of the country. These contacts will be valuable to the future of Penn State and profitable to the students of the College.

The whole-hearted support of the student body in turning out for the Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration was gratifying inasmuch as it shows that there is still some spark of the Penn State spirit left. Such fine demonstrations also always serve as excellent advertising of the College's merits.

THE CAMPUSEER

—BY HINSELT—

Governor Fisher, I understand, was initiated into Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society, and Theta Upsilon Omega, social fraternity, last week. During one of the ceremonies, as the story goes, some one pointed to the pledge pin on his lapel and asked what it represented.

"I don't know," the Governor is said to have replied. "You know more about such things than I do."

Wonder if the Gov. has a date for the T U O Houseparty yet.

George Delp '29, varsity football, baseball, and basketball star, had a high old time at Alumni Reunion. He was punched for borrowing one of the 75th Anniversary flags and fined \$1.

The advantages of fraternity are many and varied. A. K. Sher Booth of the Theta Chi combine Saturday night Sher Booth called at the Fraser Street dorm for his date with Jeannette Barwis, only to find that Brother Hammond had beaten his time. Probably Hammond wanted to save Booth some money.

That fifty-three dates on fifty-three nights, achievement of Hugo Frear's, seems to have aroused considerable comment around the U. First of all, Hugo came to me very indignantly and insisted that I under-rated him. He claims sixty-three dates as his record.

From one of the women in the case came the following message:

"Be goodhearted. Don't let Hugo publish the names of his dates. I was one of the famous fifty-three and I'd feel like part of the hash if it were known."

A Very Worried Co-ed

It just goes to prove that a girl can't be too careful with these suave Penn State Romeos. An entirely different reaction, however, is evident in this wretched protest of a down-trodden male.

"I take a pathetic interest in your statement about Hugo Frear. I am a junior and sometimes think I'll die of loneliness. I wonder would he throw me a lifeline?"

Lonely Boy

Don't worry, Lonely Boy. If one of our Venus' doesn't grant you a date, I'll get you one with Rudy Valee.

What are your views on this "tiring" problem? Was Hugo right or wrong, is he villain or hero? Is he typical of a mad, pleasure-struck younger generation plunging heedlessly to its ruin? Write me today your idea.

Seen and Heard About the Campus. Have you seen Harry McCoy, noted "Y" boy, in all the glory of that derby. Only his ears save his nose from serious injury. The Library announces an important contribution to its shelves of good literature, several Sears Roebuck catalogues. Some of the pictures are good, especially in the lingerie section. Edne Roderick, senior sororbird, and Jack Carson, ranking student, sip some coffee at 9:30 every Sunday night. Cam Griffiths needn't laugh at that, either. Who was he going with the young lady up Allen Street at 7:00? Sally Wentzel and Jim Raeburn seem to be strengthening the connection between Beta Theta Pi and Delta Gamma. Helen Buckwalter, the co-ed pixie, all in green. Judy Lasch, Chuck Gillard, and Johnny Ebdorf walking down the Campus, discussing the number of football minutes they have to their credit.



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Letter Box

Editor, The Penn State Collegian.

Dear Sir: I am a student at this College Penn State. I do not go around caressing at dances and things like that because I realize that boys should not go to college for a good time but they should go to class and study instead of going around to dances at fraternity houses. And things like that.

While going around to my classes, I have heard many people whose heads are filled with dangerous and radical ideas say that there are certain things about this college that are not 100% right. And I want to say right now that it is just this vicious attitude that is sending the youth of today straight to Hell. I know that is not a very refined word to use, but it is the truth. The idea that there is anything not 100% right about Penn State is something that there should be a stop put to it. I mean that something should be done about it or something.

For example I will give you an example of what I mean. I was in a class the other day where the professor wore a mustache and would probably let it grow into a beard only that everybody would recognize him for a Bolshevik and that is what he is anyway and he said that those trees on the front campus should not have been cut down, which shows that he is a Bolshevik even if he does not have a beard.

Right now I want to answer that professor and show him that there are still some true and loyal Penn State students who have the true Penn State spirit, and I would tell him in class only on account of last semester's grades I am not in a very good position to go around criticizing

professors even when they are practically Bolsheviks.

In the first place, Mr. Professor, what good is a tree? I mean what good are they? I will admit that trees are very good things to grow apples on, or even quinces if you like quinces, or to saw up into boards and things, but what good are trees on a campus? Does Pitt have trees? And anyway you cannot even grow apples on the trees which litter up our campus. Or quinces either. They should all be chopped down so that people could see the beautiful new buildings on our campus and cut up into boards.

How can Penn State progress if we are going to allow the same old trees to grow on our campus year after year? Does Pitt have trees? And look at Pitt's football team. How can we have a football team when our athletes must go around looking at the same old trees everyday?

We should not go around saying that things are not 100% right at Penn State. And anyway, what good is a tree?

Yours for a bigger and better Penn State.

EDWARD G. ZERN '32

MINING EXTENSION PLACES 5 CENTERS IN POTTSVILLE

With 540 registering for a course in elementary mining subjects, the mining extension department established 5 centers in the Pottsville region last week in conjunction with the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company. A similar school was established for the H. C. Frock Coke company in the Pittsburgh district. In addition to these centers, eight smaller extension classes were started last week in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh and seven will be organized next week in central Pennsylvania.

Freshmen Surpass Previous Score in Psychological Quiz

Surpassing last year's score by 17 points, the present freshman class recorded an average of 105.6 in the psychological tests given to all first year men during freshman week.

A woman student in the Liberal Arts School secured the highest score, making 178 points out of a possible 247. This compares with 186 made last year by a student in Mineral Industries.

Men and women students were tied last year with an average of 103.9 but results of the recent examination show that co-eds have secured a margin of .06 over the men.

Ranking in the separate schools places Chemistry and Physics freshmen first with 109.4, closely followed by the Liberal Arts average of 108.2.

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SHREDDED WHEAT

The Engineering School is third with 107. Three schools did not attain the freshman average of 105.6. Mines and Metallurgy students secured 103.7, while the School of Education with 100.7 and the Agriculture School with 97.2 completed the list respectively. The highest score recorded by one division of students was that of women registered in Liberal Arts, who obtained a score of 120. Men in Chemistry and Physics placed second with 110.1 points.



TUESDAY—Warner Brothers Vitaphone present George Arliss in "OLD ENGLISH"
WEDNESDAY—Helen Twelvetrees, James Gleason in "HER MAN"
THURSDAY—Warner Baxter, Noah Beery, Myrna Loy in "RENEGADES"
FRIDAY—Spencer Tracy, Warren Hymer in A Burlesque of "BIG HOUSE" "UP THE RIVER"
SATURDAY—Edmund Lowe, Joan Bennett in "SCOTLAND YARD"
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TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—Joe Frico, Lila Lee in "THE GORILLA"
THURSDAY—"HER MAN"
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