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FOR THE I. F. C.'S CONSIDERATION

Metropolitan newspapers last week carried an item concerning discussion which has sprung up in the ranks of the New York University Interfraternity Council...

The revision of the rushing code—always a difficult problem—has been dealt with effectively. Intamural sports have been handled competently. But, the Council has side-stepped one issue...

This would include an investigation of underclass visiting, open versus closed dances, and satisfactory provisions for the care of the wraps of guests...

The most serious complication to arise this year, however, is the stealing and general disorder prevalent at crowded open dances. Two houses reported thefts over this week-end...

All letters which are written as contributions to the Letter Box must bear the signature of the author. If desired, the signature will be withheld and a fictitious one supplied...

SPORTS OUT OF SEASON?

In keeping with the primary purpose of intramural sports—to provide athletic training for students not quite up to varsity standards—a plan whereby tournaments could be held out of the regular season for the sport is worthy of consideration.

A problem confronting intramural sports is lack of coaches and supervision on the part of experienced officials. Away from the sport's regular season, teams representing fraternities and other organizations would receive the benefits derived from attention on the part of varsity coaches and lettermen from the regular squads.

It cannot be denied that lack of equipment is another serious detriment to intramural sports at Penn State. Particularly in football, if the grid tournament were held during the lull in sports between the winter and spring seasons, the much needed equipment would be plentiful, and an increase in the number of participants might result.

Although the idea of combining intramural squads for possible varsity material should not be emphasized in view of the fact that it is only a secondary consideration the fact remains that while not a motive of intramural sports, the development of varsity material is an inevitable result of massed student participation in athletics.

On the other hand, the possibility of lack of interest in a sport out of season should certainly be considered before a distinct change in athletic policy is undertaken. Basketball games in the fall might be unpopular with the average student, and it might be difficult to arouse sufficient interest in spring intramural football.

THE CAMPUSEER

—BY HIMSELF—

The Soph Hop proved to be the most overcrowded success we have had so far this year. The human race was well represented by a decidedly inferior class of imports (our own excluded), several hostesses from the Schnapp-zimmer, a dark-haired menu vendor from the College Sandwich dispensary, local talent from Altoona, Bellefonte, Tyrone, Lemont, Gum Stump, one-half the 1930-'31 College Directory, and our own inveterate Soph-hopper, Dean Watsonck.

Here's one from the math department a professor, expounding a problem to the class said, "Now watch the blackboard closely and I'll go through it again." Evidently Houdini did not die in vain, nor is Einstein living so.

Friday afternoon one of those red and yellow barges lunched into the Co-op harbor with a cargo of assorted femininity for the Hop. A crowd of shippers who had anxiously been awaiting the shipments immediately dashed up and claimed the freight. After final adjustments had been made and the superfluous greetings and other debris had been cleared away, three items of womanhood, XX quality, were left unclaimed in the middle of the street.

A sparrow, one of the little things in life, flew into the midst of a wrestling bout Saturday afternoon and received almost as much attention as the wrestlers until he took a particular dislike to one of the trainers and flew up among the steel rafters. Third assistant wrestling managers will be supplied with Dancy air rifles in the future, and an effort is being made to obtain sparrow insurance on the wrestling equipment.

Dr. Moore played a victrola record in psychology class the other day, which was intended to put the class to sleep by hypnosis. We think he takes too many pains, we know a lot of profs who merely lecture.

About the Town and Campus: Why did Duke Morris take his music teacher, Marion Kerr, to the Hop? Tommy Eastburn and Colonel Anne performing a maneuver on the dance floor. Veto Arthur Aluse, listed in the Directory as rooming at Mac Hall, concerning which we wonder, was the first to don a paper hat at the dance. Bob Heves in a swallow tail coat and wearing white gloves— he had on other clothes too. Two of our local aesthetes, Hummel Fishburn and Frank Neusbaum, were the first to get inside seats at the boxing match. Lola Had chewing gum violently and fascinatingly at the meet (picture that if you can). Cy Sobler asks us to mention in this column that he had a cane. So did our Dad, Cy, and we can vouch for the fact that he knew how to use it. Isn't there some way of designating fraternity booths so that they can be found more easily? Tommy Shoemaker tries the experiment of seeing a gold digger on himself. Howja like it Tommy? What a weekend this last one was—the Navy was here in the afternoon and the Army in the evening and we feel sure that we heard a girl exclaim "Will the matinee never come?"

Montgomery's Get Clothes Scrutiny. And they deserve it— There's a heap of effort goes into a suit of Montgomery's. The young men who wear them are mighty particular we're more particular to please them. Any wonder we're boasting about the new ones? SPRING'S FINEST \$25 \$35 \$45 MONTGOMERY'S at Nittany State

NATIONAL INSTALLS NINTH GROUP HERE

Agricultural Education Society Established Chapter at College Yesterday

Alpha Tau Alpha, national professional fraternity of agricultural education, installed a chapter here last night following a dinner in the Old Main Sandwich shop yesterday at 5:30 o'clock.

Thirteen seniors, two juniors, two faculty members, and nine county teachers and graduate students were initiated at the ceremony of installing the ninth, or Theta chapter of the fraternity.

William A. Broyles and Clarence S. Anderson, professors in the department of total education, and Donald C. Henderson, of the agricultural extension department, were members of the organization before coming here, while Professor Harry G. Parkinson and William F. Hall, of the rural education department, were initiated yesterday.

Begins at Illinois The national president of the organization, Dr. Aretus W. Nolan, acted as installing officer. He is head of the department of agricultural education at the University of Illinois.

Alpha Tau Alpha originated at the University of Illinois in 1920 as a local fraternity for men showing professional promise as agricultural educators. Since then it has acquired chapters in eight other colleges with rural education departments.

Seniors who were initiated are John C. Billick, Arthur G. Campbell, Joseph R. Cook, William C. Criswell, Hugh C. Hayes, Kermit B. Hess, John L. Klatzeit, Theon V. Lewis, Norman P. Mannes, Elmer H. Schriver, Robert H. Stearns, Albert R. Simkins, and John L. Stooker.

Junior and Melvin L. Blish and Ralph L. Rudy, Associate members chosen from county teachers, and graduate students were E. H. Dalz, John W. Decker, Lyle J. Hayden, W. S. Jeffries, W. E. Newman, George R. Paxton, Donald L. Rexrode, H. A. Troutman, and Daniel R. Womer.

COLLEGE LEADER TALKS IN CHAPEL

University Head Urges College Men To Overcome Covetousness By Attitude of Mind

Urging college men and women to think together on present economic, religious, and spiritual questions with an attitude of mind that overcomes covetousness, Dr. Maurice W. Johnson, president of Howard university of Washington, addressed the regular chapel audience in the Auditorium Sunday morning. "Religion does not penetrate rightly into present day fields of economic endeavor," Dr. Johnson pointed out. "Religion must spread over all of human life and its products which include economics and ethics, for only in this way will western civilization continue to dominate the world." International relations of today deal with the struggle for oil, iron and coal, and are therefore, of an economic nature in contrast with political nationalism of previous historical periods, the university president added.

Letter Box

Editor, COLLEGIAN:

Many criticisms of compulsory R.O. T.C. training have been made from many standpoints, but I believe one very important one has been lost sight of in the wealth of criticism available. This criticism is made from a practical standpoint and it shows to me that R. O. T. C. training has little or no practical value.

The purpose of the basic course, as set forth by the College catalog, is to provide systematic military and leadership training which will be of value to the students in civilian, industrial, or professional careers, and of military value to the government should the nation call upon them in time of emergency to act as leaders of its defensive forces. A broad aim, but how far it is followed and fulfilled is easily determined.

As far as leadership training and disciplinary training is concerned, it is plain to be seen that no positive result at all is obtained. In this part of the course no attempt is made to incorporate any practice in leadership, and any such attempt would be bound to result in failure, for, since no more than five per cent of students continue this training in the advanced course, it is evident that no more than this number are sufficiently interested in the course to cooperate in it. The discipline is lax, and necessarily so, for the students rightly feel that it is already too much of an imposition for them to be forced to take the course.

The military value of the basic course is negligible. The training administered is that given to a private, is highly technical, is of use chiefly in trench or similar warfare, and much of it is obsolete. This training, moreover, is easily forgotten, and most of it is lost even before graduation by those not interested in the course. The little technicalities of scouting and patrolling taught, which would have at most only a very slight application to modern warfare, are unnecessary because they are made chiefly of an ordinary grade of common sense. I have the word of an im-

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structor that the automatic rifle, to which a considerable portion of the instruction is devoted, is obsolete and has been replaced by a much improved model.

To top it all, a majority of the students who are compelled to take the course would, in the event of war, have no place in the regular army. Chemists, engineers, industrial leaders, teachers, farmers, and farm executives all would belong on their jobs. The chemist making the gunpowder, the executive directing the construction of airplanes, and the farmer saving the food has each a high position in the combative man-power. Since this college produces technically trained men chiefly, when we subtract these from the total we have left surprisingly few who might go to war. I personally compute, from enrollment data in the College bulletin, that out of a registration of 3432 men only about 711 or less than 21 per cent could belong in the regular army (of the remaining 2721, over 79 per cent) a few might be in specialized government service—medical, chemical, etc.—for which no military training would be particularly needed, but the vast majority of the remainder would be in civilian positions for which no military training whatsoever is necessary or even useful.

(Signed) Charles E. Stevenson

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How about some loyalty to "Dear Old Self"? It's fine stuff to jump up and down for alma mater, but what use are you to her, if you are not loyal to "dear old self"? In fact, good health is essential to good letters, whether they be on your sweater or on your mid-year report! Give yourself the daily treat of two Shredded Wheat biscuits in good rich milk. For breakfast they give pleasant nourishment that keeps you on your toes all morning. Late at night—when the gang goes out for a final bite, make your order Shredded Wheat and see how well you sleep. Nothing you eat is more easily digested than Shredded Wheat. Try this happy way of cheering for yourself and see how much more valuable you are to everybody! NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY "Uneeda Bakers" SHREDDED WHEAT WITH ALL THE BRAN OF THE WHOLE WHEAT