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ARTHUR J. WOOD

To evaluate properly many forms of accomplishment, distance is essential, but for loveable personal characteristics, the closer the association the truer the appreciation. To those whose good fortune it was to be intimately associated with Professor Arthur J. Wood, his unselfish devotion in furthering the broad aims and assisting the personnel of his department has been an inspiring example.

The department of mechanical engineering was his life, and he worked long and arduously, faithfully and loyally to make it what he thought it should be. He had high ideals of professional attainment, a rigid honesty and clarity of thought, and a deep and abiding sympathy for the troubles and difficulties not only of his students but of his staff.

When he first entered the profession of teaching he came to it with the background of his father's long career as a professor of engineering and thus with the clear and traditions of the true educator firmly established. He served his ideals faithfully. Proper emphasis upon the fundamentals was of paramount importance and the remarkable growth in the department and the excellent success of the graduates attest the soundness of his judgment throughout his long period of service in the department.

As an engineer among engineers, Professor Wood stood well. His term as president of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers represented a departure of policy in that society in that he was the first non-commercial man selected for this position—a tribute both to the man and to the educator. His fundamental work in the development of methods of measuring heat transmission won him a place in research, and gave him a picture of the value of research which never left him.

To all of his associates and friends, his death has come as an irreparable blow and to his family goes our sincerest sympathy in their time of sorrow. To those remaining, upon whom fall the tasks of carrying on, there remain the stimulation of his example and the program of his hopes for the future of the group he loved and served so well. H. A. E.

THE HOUSE MOTHER

A new institution, the house mother, has gradually worked its way into many national fraternities throughout the country, and has taken a strong foothold in several colleges during the last three years. When a movement for the institution of the house mother was in its infancy in 1929, a report from the Interfraternity conference defined such a motion as "a social mentor for a fraternity chapter who would help in the administration of its house and do such work about the house as the average mother of the members would do about the home."

Although advantages of the house mother are plain as far as improving the moral tone of fraternities, a single fault in the system may sweep aside every factor in its favor. All the advantages are dependent entirely on proper selection. A great deal of care must necessarily be taken before choosing a woman to take up a position within the walls of the modern fraternity house.

Now and then it may be possible to secure the services of a capable house mother at a nominal salary, but under ordinary circumstances it would be extremely difficult to obtain a woman of education and breeding at a cost within the range of the average fraternity. And certainly no other type of woman would be desirable for a position which would require tact and expert management. Many fraternities are operating at a close financial margin and the additional expense of a house-mother might soon become a burden.

A common objection to the house mother is that the presence of a woman in a fraternity would tend to curb the natural expression of students who otherwise would unburden their minds in an unrestrained manner. Where the "house mothering" system has been in effect it has been commonly agreed that members of a fraternity have often concealed grudges out of deference to the house mother.

Proper conduct within a fraternity should be a problem to be worked out by the individual members. The presence of a house mother might raise the moral tone of a group, but only in a superficial and shallow manner.

THE CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

The Clup Phep threw a swell affair Saturday night. All the home talent was there, anxious to perform. They did, too, but we couldn't see them on account of the rows of craning necks in front of us. But judging from the frenzied whoops of the mob and the wild exhortations of Master of Ceremonies Malmred (the Mongoose himself), they put on a great show. Well it was a fine brawl, anyhow, and we're for smaller and better cabaret dances.

Speaking of crowded dancing, Spring brings proof of the true extent of pernicious toe-treading in our peaceful hamlet. The only person we saw wearing unblemished white shoes Saturday night was Jim Trullinger. Probably he wasn't dancing much.

Si Kludo, the Phi Sig mandolin plunkier, had a date last week-end with a stunning blonde who had Duco eyelids and a little, dome-topped, Mexican prairie dog. We saw sundry brothers with the girl while Si was entertaining the canine Austin.

While Froth is judging co-ed attraction and manly dress we want to suggest prizes for two masters of the art of expression, a hitherto unsung field.

For All-College Face Contentionists we want to nominate Mr. Carol Foid, of the economics department. While lost in the processes of "selling his groceries," Mr. Foid makes more and better faces than Lon Chaney ever did. He can express anything from the utter anguish of a cancelled check to the light-headedness of prime securities, all the while squinting merrily in his chair.

And for All-College Blackboard Artists we want to nominate Mr. Mitch, who also deals in economics. By a mere stroke of chalk Mr. Mitch can explain the Law of Marginal Productivity, by a few wiggles he can tell you why prices have risen in Oshkosh, indicating at the same time wages in Brazil and advancing rent in Madagascar. Without chalk the man is practically speechless. But we supply chalk free with this contest. Any other nominations?

Did you ever notice the co-eds strolling to gym? It seems that the homelier ones always have their bloomers rolled up higher (we should have said the more beautiful ones have their bloomers rolled down lower). This is not as it should be, folks.

Seen about town and campus: Hugh Templeton taking a sun bath in the nude on the Phi Psi roof. Ha ha, we saw you from an airplane, Hugh. Also many a co-ed atop Mac Hall. but they were dressed, quite dressed. The Phi Sigma Delta family playing feverish indoor baseball on their lot. Freddy Brand taking a pair of gold evening pumps into a shoe shop to have them re-soled. Demmie Marion James chewing gum at the Ball. Floence Davis chatting with a janitor in the second floor lounge in Old Main. Sue Reeves and her baby talk. The local foresters at Tau Phi Delta chasing out to make war on forest fires which demonstrates the efficiency of this school in providing practical experience for the boys. Flannels bloom suddenly. Who is Penn State's most over-dressed man? Two Alpha Chi Rhos chasing their imports down Locust Lane at 5:30 Saturday morning. Lacrosse season and handaged noses again. Those wide-eyed high school kids here for the press contest over the week-end. from such as these do gaping fire-men grow. Cy Liberman in the underweight class because an anatomy student used him for a skeleton while he was home at Easter. That very fine band they had at Beta Sigma Rho. Fiosh still slaving on lawns. See you later, pals, goin' swimmin'.



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PROFESSOR WOOD DIES OF INJURIES

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1900 to 1902 he was an instructor in the Worcester Polytechnical Institute. During the next two years, he served as a professor at Delaware college. In 1901 he came to Penn State as assistant professor of railway mechanical engineering. In the next fourteen years he was associate professor of railway mechanical engineering and then of mechanical engineering. In 1922 he was made head of the mechanical engineering department.

Funeral Services Today Professor Wood was a past president of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers, and a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He wrote numerous texts and bulletins on research projects. His research on refrigeration contributed much to the modern refrigerator car.

Funeral services will be held from the Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with interment in Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

25 HIGH SCHOOL PAPERS SEND EDITORS, ADVISERS

Representatives at Central Press Conference Hear Journalists

Representatives of possibly twenty-five high school papers throughout the State met here Saturday to discuss their present problems and future hopes among themselves and with others further advanced in the world of journalism.

This central conference of the Pennsylvania School Press association was addressed by newspaper publishers, editors, faculty members, and students in the morning meetings and at the luncheon in the Old Main Sardwich shop.

After the lunch, the representatives, including members of the editorial and business staffs, as well as faculty advisers, were escorted on sight-seeing trips about the campus and taken to see the baseball game. Men's and women's honorary journalistic campus fraternities, Alpha Beta Sigma and Alpha Theta Epsilon, aided in entertaining the visitors.

FINDS CATTLE DISEASE CURE

New methods in curing improper feeding sickness of dairy cattle were announced recently by Prof. Samuel I. Bechdel, of animal husbandry.

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Co-eds Differ in Attempt to Gain Popularity Title

In an attempt to solve the problem of how to be a popular co-ed, women students have divided themselves into two distinct schools, according to a survey conducted last week.

With the opponents of personality ranged against those who believe in being "yes-girls" and attentive listeners, both groups are seeking the same goal although their methods of ensuring the male quarry are radically different.

The personality advocates define that elusive something, as being a distinctive type, specifying it either as cultivated, pseudo, or natural. Those who know and get results add that the type must be vitalized and that the co-ed must live her type work at it twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

While conceding that the personality adherents outshine in individual intensity, their opponents maintain that they automatically reduce the possible number of dates. Basing their theory on the shrinking violet and complex, the second group, with adroit psychology, is firmly convinced that all men will talk when properly encouraged and that the co-ed's date problems are solved as long as she can endure listening to her co-ed talk endlessly about himself.

The survey showed that, while the personality women set the highest dating records, it was the faithful listeners' group which set the best average. Experts, upon considering the report, advised women seeking the co-ed-all-college dating record to use the slower and more reliable method rather than to try the flashing and slippery heights.

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BULLER POINTS OUT MONEY PLACED IN FISH HATCHERIES

"Pennsylvania has approximately \$1,000,000 invested in fish farming," C. R. Buller, deputy commissioner of fisheries, Mount Pleasant, told faculty members and students of the School of Agriculture in a lecture last Wednesday. "Eight fish hatcheries are maintained by the State for the purpose of conservation and re-creation," he said.

With the opening of the trout season last week, Mr. Buller devoted most of his lecture to the life history of this fish. He told in detail of the careful attention given to the artificial propagation and rearing of trout in state hatcheries.

AGRICULTURISTS PREPARE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Five correspondence courses are being prepared or revised by members of the School of Agriculture for distributing by July 1. Thomas I. Mans, of the agricultural correspondence department, announced yesterday.

The courses include one of seven lessons in potato production, one of five lessons in farm drainage, and another of fourteen in fertilizers and farm manures. Courses in home floriculture and poultry husbandry are being revised.

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THURSDAY—Marlene Dietrich, Victor McLaglen in "DISHONORED"

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