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A CHALLENGE

With the first call for cheerleaders from the class of 1933 comes a definite challenge to the students of Penn State. Criticism of cheerleading here, much of it unwarranted, some of it deserved, has been loud and long.

Last night, the initial turnout of the candidates was not up to expectations. On Monday another call will be issued and students will have another chance to assemble for training in the art of leading cheers and songs.

At Penn State there is certainly potential cheerleading material. The fraternities here, so eager to send out candidates for managerial posts, quick to size up possible material for athletic teams, should certainly scan their memberships (not forgetting to look behind the bridge tables) for eligible cheerleading candidates.

REWARD FOR RESEARCH

Even the most outspoken critics of the honorary societies at Penn State will be forced to admit that Phi Eta Sigma, fishman scholastic society, made a commendable step forward by establishing an award for unpaid research in the College scientific laboratories.

The unwarded 'Gottlieb' of science among Penn State's faculty will be the first recipients of any recognition for non-subsidized college research. The fishman society will give awards in the fields of both natural scientific research and social science on condition that the faculty member has received no assistance from either the College or any private corporation.

Not only for the purpose of awarding recognition where it is justly due, but as a stimulus for further research, Phi Eta Sigma has made a valuable contribution to the College.

Although not anxious to hammer away at a point until it becomes tiresome, a newly trodden path over a newly seeded portion of the campus made us believe that some students need to be constantly reminded to keep to the sidewalks particularly where seed has been recently planted.

WHY NOT?

Although final examinations are as yet remote afflictions, it is not too soon to herald their approach with the customary criticism of their inconsistencies, unfairness and general deficiencies. Among the most unfair of the practices indulged, is that which gives fraternities a wholesale stockroom of examination samples, and leaves the poor neglected non-fraternity student sans model, sans precedence, in his studies.

While this procedure cannot, quite obviously, be offensive to fraternity men, it is a gross injustice to those who have no available papers over which to delve in the hope of guessing that a question used in 1924 will be repeated this year. Based on the law of equality which demands equal convenience for all, a remedy has been found at last. Why should not the Carnegie library extend its service to include files containing examination papers for all courses, arranged to assist those hapless undergraduates who are otherwise neglected.

The proposal seems practical. Non-fraternity men would reap the greatest benefits; they, too, would then be able to delve into the archives, check and compare and correlate, and pass or fail on the basis of their ability to select accurate criteria for study. While the plan might require some library space, it would compensate for this in the elimination of texts which would be hardly necessary. Such a system might even call to the attention of faculty members the need for greater repetition in final examinations, lest too great variation inconvenience the students.

In fact, only one better solution might be suggested. To simplify the scheme further, why couldn't instructors file their examinations for this year, and cut worry, bother, and needless delving to a minimum?

OLD MANIA

It's getting so we dread going out of this town anymore. Just this week we turned down hills to proms and things at Smith, Wellesley, Vassar, and Miss Spence's School, and here's why. Last year we took a geology course from Professor Robinson (probably the same course in which Noderer had so much trouble with his book). Anyway, it was a good course—all about what causes mountains, and how if it rains long enough they get to be hills. There were a lot of trick words to be used in blue books, like "syncline" and "chert" and "fossiliferous," and after you found out what the words meant and had them memorized, it was easy. There was one word we liked a lot; it meant "hunks of rock which break off the top of a mountain and roll down the side." Well, everytime we get in a car and light out for Pittsburgh or Philly, we pass mountains, and there are always a lot of rocks lying around the sides. And as soon as we see them there, we say to ourselves or to the guy sitting next to us, "Y'see those rocks? Y'know what they are? They're mmmmm. Let me see. It's right on the tip of my tongue. And that's as far as it gets—the tip of our tongue. Usually it sneaks back along the tongue and hides behind a tonsil, or gets in behind a gold inlay and sulks. From then on the trip is ruined. We keep trying to think of that lousy word, and biting our fingernails and snapping our fingers, but it's no use. The week-end is spoiled. By the time we get to where we're going, we're so mentally exhausted that we just get undressed and go to bed until it's time to start back. Sometimes we don't even get undressed—just collapse on a davenport and stay there.

So The Maniac is going to hang around this town until he finds out what that word is and has it absolutely committed to memory, or until someone puts those rocks back on top of the mountain where they belong. If anyone knows what the word is, drop us a line in care of this journal, because we'd really like to make the May Day dance at Blyn Maw. We'd call up Robinson and ask him, but on account of the grade we got in that course, we aren't even speaking to him anymore. Not unless he speaks first, anyway.

The Penn State in China drive for funds is under way again. That's probably a very good thing, and we're all for the Chinese being able to go to College, and perhaps even get an education. After enduring Doctor Teshan's course in Chinese history, we sympathize with them. Any Chinese who goes to Lingnan University and majors in history has a tuff row to hoe—alright, you take History 21.

Just the same, we're pretty old fashioned, and firmly maintain that charity should begin at home. And we haven't noticed that this school is exactly dough-heavy, so we're going to start a drive for Penn State in State College, Pa. Proceeds to be used for buying ping-pong balls for the tables in Old Main.

We've been reading a lot of Ogden Nash's cock-eyed poetry of late, and think it's really clever, don'the know. Or do you know? Anyway, Ogden rhymes words like "beach-of-promisc" with "bed-hot-momms," and "talcum" with "you're waleum." If you don't think that's funny you're probably one of those people who reads Milton's Paradise Lost and enjoys it, and you've got no right poking your nose into a column like this. Well, we think it's great stuff indeed. And it looks quite simple. So we tried our hand at some the other day while sitting in Doctor Dye's class. After fifty minutes of agonizing labor we got this:

There's something spoucke
About Doctor Boucke.
The first thing you know, we'll be writing a book
THE MANIAC

ENGINEERS INVITE 1500 TO MEETING

National Lubrication Delegates Will Convene May 22 In New Hotel

Fifteen hundred invitations to the Lubrication conference, which will be held here May 22, have been sent to all parts of the country and to foreign nations, according to Prof. Elmer R. Quercy, of the engineering experiment station.

Special reference to the College experiment station's research in the application of lubrication to journal bearings will be made in a paper to be read by Prof. Louis J. Bradford, of the department of mechanical engineering.

Six addresses are to be delivered during the course of the meeting which will apply to problems of manufacturers and producers of oil. The conference is considered as a divisional meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Students Go Back To Old Farmhouse After Graduation

That students who have received instruction in the School of Agriculture have a propensity to follow the farming occupation, has been revealed recently in replies to a questionnaire sent to former students of the School.

A map of Pennsylvania, five by three feet, bedecked with numerous colored pins and posted in the office of Dean Ralph L. Watts, is evidence of this fact. At present, 989 of these markers represent the number of Red markers indicating graduates of the four year course in agriculture number 215, while green pins showing those two year students actively working on Pennsylvania farms total 201.

Concentration of four and two year course students in the south-eastern and western parts of the State is obvious on perusal of the map. Graduates are also grouped in Columbia and Montour counties, although the northern section is comparatively bare due to mountainous regions.

Although short course students are scattered all over Pennsylvania, it is interesting to note that they have a tendency to congregate in restricted sections. Such groups are located in Sullivan, Somerset, and Bradford counties.

- SIGMA XI ELECTIONS (Honorary Scientific) Faculty
Prof. Harold A. Everett
Marshall F. Acken
William L. Evans
Cleveland A. Hollabaugh
Albert W. Hutchinson
Paul A. Kuegel
Robert T. Phelps
Elmer R. Quercy
Dorothy Quiggie
Melvin A. Thorpe
Carl O. Tomberg
Alumnus
Pony G. Bartlett

SPORT SHOES at THE COLLEGE BOOT SHOP ALLEN STREET

A New Schedule FOR THE Town and Campus BUS

Jesters To Live! May Day Rituals

Fiddlers, jesters, and maypole will enliven the entertainment at the annual coronation of the May Queen which will be held at 6:15 o'clock, May 9, on the front campus.

Following the procession of the regalia, the W. S. G. A. president will crown Anne E. Mellinger '31, May Queen, while the W. A. A. president will give her a sceptre and the Y. W. C. A. leader will present her with a spherule emblematic of the world. Features of the program include songs, interpretative dances, and a sophomoric and freshman maypole riddle, according to Phyllis G. Beidler '33, chairman of the entertainment committee. Elizabeth Everett '32 and Rosemary Forbes '32 are joint chairmen of the May Day festivities, with Louise Durlington '32 acting as chairman of the ceremonies committee.

DR. PIKE TO CONCLUDE TALKS THURSDAY NIGHT

Will Close Series With Lecture on Causes of Mental Defects

Dr. Horace V. Pike, clinical psychiatrist at the Danville State hospital, will present the last of a series of weekly lectures in the Chemistry amphitheatre at 7 o'clock Thursday night. The subject of Dr. Pike's lecture is "The Causes of Mental Diseases and Mental Defect."

This lecture will conclude an annual series of talks on "Abnormal Psychology and Mental Hygiene," which is under the auspices of the school of education and is also presented at several State teachers colleges.

Students will be given an opportunity to visit the clinic at Danville and to make an inspection trip through the hospital next Saturday. A practical demonstration of the lectures in the mental clinic will be given to all making the trip.

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- Faculty
A. L. Rhoads
Undergraduates
William E. Miller '31
James A. Brown '32
George H. Detweiler '32
William L. Jefferson '32
George W. Goodley '31
John A. Hoch '31
Robert M. Porter '33
Harold D. Reese '33
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DOTTERER TO GIVE FINAL L. A. TALK

Professor Will Speak on 'Shifting Basis of Morality' in Room 107 Main Engineering

Presenting the last lecture in the annual Liberal Arts series, Dr. Ray H. Dotterer, of the department of philosophy, will speak on the "Shifting Basis of Morality" in 107 Main Engineering building at 7 o'clock Tuesday night.

Coming to the College in 1918, Dr. Dotterer taught in the philosophy department until 1926. At that time he was called to Franklin and Marshall college as professor of psychology. In 1929 and 1930, he lectured at the summer schools conducted by Johns Hopkins university and returned to the philosophy department here last year.

Dr. Dotterer received his bachelor of philosophy degree in 1906 from Franklin and Marshall college and four years later was awarded his master's degree. He earned his master's of arts degree from Johns Hopkins university in 1916 and his doctorate from the same institution the following year.

The lecturer is the author of "Be-ginnings' Logic," which appeared in 1921, "Philosophy by Way of the Sciences," and articles in magazines on philosophical subjects.

OMICRON NU ELECTIONS (National Home Economics)

- Hilda V. Bitting '32
Miriam E. Gaige '32
Isabel H. Hall '32
Margaret A. Maule '32
Gertrude L. Ruchr '32

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