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IN THE GRASP OF THE OCTOPUS

The octopus of clique politics, which has warmed its insidious tentacles firmly about class elections and made itself felt in other campus contests, has befouled the one realm where it is absolutely undesirable.

Our adolescent politicians, blind to the fact that the Interfraternity Council leadership is one not to be tossed about as a political plum and spurred by promises of future patronage, have lowered the office itself and sullied the purpose of Council.

This editorial is not a discussion of personalities. The new president of the Council may be as outstanding a man as either of the defeated candidates. He was simply the pawn, the front behind which jackals lurked, unable to capture the quarry themselves, but quick to seize the spoils, once success had come their way.

Unpleasant as it is to contemplate, this disintegration of Council judgment has been brought about by the false worth attributed to Ball appointments combined with the balloon-like inflation of campus politics.

It is regrettable that the organization which carried its banner to victory in the Senior class elections must bear the odious stigma cast upon it by those members who could not distinguish between class and Council elections.

PENN STATE—a fraternity college, proud of the fine spirit shown by fraternity men toward one another. THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL—a highly-compact, co-operative organization, free from sub-rosa politics, intent on working for the best interests of the assembled brotherhoods.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Although Shakespeare was often correct in his query as to "what's in a name" there's a good deal in a name when it's wrongly applied to one of the College schools.

Invariably a student enrolled in the Mineral Industries School is dubbed a "miner," and remains a "miner" in spite of the fact that he may take no mining courses in College and never have a thing to do with mining during his lifetime except when he puts coal on his furnace at home.

But one out of six undergraduates in the Mineral Industries School is enrolled in the mining curricula. Of 229 students in that School last semester, 110 were metallurgists, 11 were petroleum and natural gas engineers or geologists, while 79 were truly "miners."

Next year, the Mineral Industries School will embrace graduate, undergraduate, extension, and research work in the entire field of the primary mineral industries, of which "mining" is but a part.

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The final examination schedule appeared for the first time Tuesday. Approximately four thousand students scanned the columns hastily to discover exactly when they must show a certain amount of concentrated knowledge, probably the same number will mentally resolve not to be caught napping at the last minute this year—to catch up on at least two or three courses before the eye of finals—to hand in a few reports on time.

Well, the examination schedule can serve as an omen. It's the traditional warning that's never heeded, when a college is found in which preparation for examinations is conducted beforehand, we'll believe wholeheartedly in all educational devices and the thoughtfulness of the student mind.

OLD MANIA

It's a good thing the LaVie came out when it did, or the Mania would have been up the well-known creek as far as getting dirt for this column goes.

For instance, we always thought that advanced R. O. T. C. was a course, but it's not. It's an activity, like the Y. M. C. A. And here all the time we kept thinking that Miriam Mendelsohn was just another co-ed, when all of a sudden we find that Miriam was Honorary Member of the Town Girls' Executive Committee.

We thought there were too many naked women on title pages, but maybe we're being prudish. Just the same, a lot of strangers and folks back home are liable to get a wrong impression.

So far we've never so much as been elected to one wee little office around here, and it's getting us down. We sink around from one class to another nursing our inferiority complex and shinking every time someone jingles a chainful of keys.

Somehow we didn't quite get around to the May Day festival this year, but we heard that it was a success, as that sort of thing goes.

Spinal meningitis, smallpox, and R. O. T. C., are all in the same boat as far as we're concerned. But speaking from first-hand observation and experience, we can't help mentioning that Captain Hollyer is a great guy, in spite of the insignia on his collar.

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The principal speaker on the four-day program is Dr. O. E. Jennings of the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh. Dr. Jennings will speak on the topic, "Plant Geography of Western and Central Pennsylvania with Special Reference to Plant Migration."

Changes in Finals

The following are the changes and additions to the second semester time table: CHE 403 May 25 10 20 2LA, Mch. 3 June 1 8 300 Eng C, Min 183 By appointment, Fvs 21 June 5 8 300 Mng B 315 MI

WILL CONFER WITH KELLER

Industrial district supervisors of the State will meet next week with Edward L. Keller, superintendent of industrial promotion in the department of engineering, extension, to plan for the fiscal year.

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