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FRATERNAL ERRORS

With the general development of fraternities here, as evidenced by the numerous organizations either building new houses or planning to do so in the near future, it might be well to reiterate several remarks made by President Chase, of Illinois, in an address to students of that university.

President Chase hands the Greeks several pretty hard verbal slaps. He cites particularly the "overburden of expense caused by the building of palatial living quarters with luxurious interiors" and the "intentional pressure towards uniformity of pattern and type, instead of the creation of an atmosphere conducive to the forming of individual personalities."

Fraternities have been accused of many things, but seldom have they been accused of placing undue emphasis on the intellectual side of college life. President Chase made it very plain that he believed fraternities exhibited an intense fear and aloofness towards anything intellectual. The Illinois president, in plain language, condemned the treatment of freshmen in a manner "so barbarous as not to be tolerated in any other communities in the civilized world."

Particularly referring to this last citation, fraternities here are not liable to so much criticism. Without doubt, "toughhouse" initiations are on the wane. However, on the other count, fraternities at Penn State can come in for a goodly share of criticism. In building, the Greeks often neglect the fact that their houses should possess some evidence that they are still "homes." Rather than possess this atmosphere the main idea seems to be to provide more space for dancing and card playing.

There is nothing particularly original in the above facts. They have all been presented before, but it has seemed that the fraternal organizations have not taken their faults to heart. They have been content to let matters stand and allow the problems to remain unsolved. It is high time that fraternities recognized these deficiencies and took definite steps towards eliminating a common feeling that seems to exist in their midst—a rather nonchalant attitude toward any educational advance.

Although the remarks made by Professor Fizzell in today's COLLEGIAN are significant, showing that Penn State students are not altogether forgetting the worth of chapel service, it might be well for students to realize that non-compulsory chapel at Penn State is still on trial. It could be pointed out that although attendance has been fairly satisfactory it has nearly been cut in half since the compulsory services were abandoned.

This fact, however, should not be cause for any great alarm. There is every reason to believe that the attendance will increase next year, and that students will continue to realize the worth of chapel and appreciate the fact that the College secures the services of the finest theologians in the country.

CO-ED ATHLETICS

With the advancement of Penn State women in many lines of work it might be well for the co-eds here to take more interest in the work of the Women's Athletic Association, an organization which fills a very definite need on the campus. Outside of the compulsory work in physical education it seems that at Penn State the women are prone to treat sports as if they were something to be ignored.

Although there would be many difficulties to overcome if this suggestion were followed, a plan that might somewhat rectify the situation would be to schedule contests for the co-ed athletic teams with teams of other colleges in the vicinity. There are quite a few colleges near here which could be visited by the co-ed teams without much expense and which would probably be glad for the chance to come to Penn State.

Interannual sports among the women here are apparently not enough stimulus to develop interest in co-ed athletics. Work on the various teams is carried on by a comparatively small group of students whose interests are varied, and not directed towards any particular end.

If just a few engagements in each sport were scheduled for the women with teams from other colleges, interest in athletics among the co-eds would soon increase. It might even be possible for Penn State to sponsor a state-wide field and track meet for college women. At least it would inject more life into women's sports here, develop college spirit, and allow the sportsmanship of Penn State women to manifest itself on the field in intercollegiate competition.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

It seems that you can create a lot of commotion around here just by riding around in a car that backfires. Earnest students will immediately drown out your noise in telling you to keep quiet, people will come out to see what all the yelling is all about, and then if one of the Anderson twins, or somebody like that, is around you can have a pyjama parade.

In general, we don't like pyjama parades because they give the local merchants an opportunity to present the College with bills, thereby lessening the amount of money which could be appropriated for Penn State in China and things like that. Nevertheless we're sorry to prophesy that future parades will be pretty dull.

Probably you didn't watch the people who put the lights out. Well, they didn't go around throwing stones at each and every globe to put them out one by one as the fellows used to do. Nothing of the sort. They simply got at the works of one light, produced a short circuit and had all the lights out in one fell swoop. We're afraid that next time everything will be arranged like that. Somebody will just throw a switch somewhere and all the lights will go out, the fire siren will shriek, plate-glass windows will fall in, signs will collapse, the Senior Class President and the football captain will make speeches by radio, and everything will be over in three minutes and six seconds. And there won't be a thing to do but go out and look at the spoils, which won't be much fun.

Mr. R. G. Beyer and Mr. J. D. Strickland were kind enough to write us a letter reporting that "a person known to his personal friends as 'Sonny Boy' has had one hundred and ninety three (193) dates since the beginning of the school year." They hold that this beats any co-ed record, and add "the amazing part of it is that all of these dates have been with the same girl!" We really don't think that part is amazing, but, of course, we don't know the girl.

Two co-eds were stalling down Allen Street when one of these student officer fellows thumped by. "Do you know anything that looks more useless than the spurs on those clumsy boots?" asked the first observant female. "Yes, I know several officers," replied the other.

In a Philadelphia garage there is a sign which reads:

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About Town and Campus. It is rumored that Anne Burke will be the June bride of a Professor of Agriculture from the University of Minnesota. . . . Bill Diamant, who wants his name in this column, plays golf in the tall grass. . . . a diamond in the rough. . . . Pud Good, Russ Bracken, and Mr. Shloss, of the History Department, butchered each other's hair that way when they were in the infirmary with scarlet fever. . . . That S. A. E. Ford that won't even run down hill. . . . Allie Morrison, the Phys. Ed. instructor and former Olympic wrestler, has a baby daughter. . . . Hey, will you people please leave the ping-pong balls alone?

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Soviet 'Dumping' Menace Exaggerated In Newspaper Articles, Claims Hasek

Although characterized as exaggerated the warning in H. R. Kneckerbocker's metropolitan newspaper articles that Soviet "dumping" of goods menaces the European trade of the United States, Dr. Carl W. Hasek, of the economics department, said yesterday that we would have to adjust ourselves to Russia's increasing trade importance in Western Europe or suffer a decline in our selling to these countries. "Whether it is true that Russia is 'dumping' her goods on foreign markets, as the recent Pulitzer prize winner claims in his 'Fighting the Red Trade Menace' articles, must depend on what you are getting at," Hasek personally doubts that she is, although she is able to sell many articles cheaper than the price at which the home producer is willing to market them," Dr. Hasek said. To prove his contention that a favorable state of affairs exists at present, the economist displayed figures which showed that the Soviet Union increased her buying from the United States in 1930 thirty-five per cent, purchasing \$114,000,000 worth of goods, while this country was investing only \$24,000,000 in Russian commodities. He pointed out that this is a good indication that we are not affected so far as our direct trade with Russia is concerned. "Of course," Dr. Hasek said, "there is a very great possibility that Russia will be able to steal much of our trade in Western Europe if we did not do something about it. Europeans are strongly opposed to American because of our high tariff laws, and would rather trade with Russia, especially if she could charge them cheaper prices than we ask. For this reason and also because of the existing differences among most of the European countries, an economic union to boycott Russia between the United States and Europe, such as Mr. Kneckerbocker foresees, seems to me almost an impossibility." When asked whether a lowering in the present tariff rates would help our situation in Western Europe, the authority answered that it might and revealed that many business men are clamoring for a reduction in the rates. He anticipated the question of what effect such a move would have on our home market by explaining that there could be no damage to home industries in the small amount of commodities we import from Russia at present. "There is no doubt," Dr. Hasek concluded, "that Russia represents a competition of increasing importance in Western Europe. However, since her trade is mainly in raw materials, this could mean an increase in her buying of manufactured articles from us, and there is no reason why, instead of fearing the aspect of her increasing trading magnitude, we should not take advantage of her greater position by selling more and more to her in direct trade."

HOLDS BANQUET, INITIATION

Gamma Sigma Delta, honorary agriculture fraternity, held its annual banquet and initiation Thursday night in the Presbyterian church. Prof. John A. Ferguson, of the forestry department, presided. The speaker was Prof. William F. Gibbons, of the department of zoology. Prof. Henry W. Popp, of the botany department and Prof. Charles D. Jetties, of the agronomy department, were the initiates.

ARCHOUSA! ELECTIONS

- (Senior Women's Society)
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Muriel E. Bowman '32
Dorothy W. Cummings '32
Anne A. D'Olier '32
Elizabeth Everett '32
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'Old Main Bell' To Appear This Week With Play, Familiar Essay

The third issue of Old Main Bell, literary magazine, will be released this week, Roy E. Morgan '31, editor-in-chief, of the publication, announced yesterday. Among the features in the forthcoming issue is a play by Benjamin W. Meliman '31, entitled, "Michael O'Reilly, Politician," which was presented over W.P.S.C. College radio station, by the Penn State Players on April 22. Presenting their reactions to col-

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lege, four students, each representing a class, will tell what college means to them. A familiar essay by George H. Young '32 will also appear in the publication next week.



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