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CLOSED DANCES

Year after year the question of open or closed fraternity dances becomes more and more pertinent to students at Penn State. As the student body increases this problem leaves the class of minor difficulties to be settled by each separate fraternity and assumes an angle of paramount importance—one that requires the serious consideration of Interfraternity Council and some united action on the part of every organization involved.

Some fraternities, no doubt, cling to old ideas of hospitality—laudable in the old days when the student body was small enough to prevent a stampede of the fraternities on dance nights, but a little out of place when a thousand or so Bannymores make the round of houses every week-end. Just a taste of what fraternities have in store for them was indicated by the crowded condition of several supposedly closed dances over the past week-end.

This problem can never be settled satisfactorily unless there is a unified action on the part of all fraternities to live up strictly to the meaning of the "closed dance." We are strongly in favor of the written invitation, and believe that it is a solution to the problem of crowded dances. Hospitality has always been an outstanding characteristic of Penn State fraternities, but hospitality can easily be misplaced when invited guests are imposed upon by an almost equal number of "crashers."

Next week the three upper classes will hold their initial class meetings of the year for the purpose of making nominations for the various class scholarships. In former years the attendance at similar meetings has been pitifully small. Students should realize the importance of these meetings and respond by a representative turnout. Certainly, at no other class gathering during the year, is there any more important business to bring before the classes than the question of awarding scholarships to deserving members.

FILLING THE GAP

To please some of those who have felt definitely the lack of an Artists' Course this year, comes the opportunity to attend Shakespearean performances tomorrow afternoon and evening. In spite of the fact that attempts to present musical entertainment of high quality have failed very thoroughly, we are optimistic enough to think there are still enough people at Penn State with cultural inclinations to support the Players in bringing the Ben Greet troupe here.

There are a great many arguments from the point of view of pure entertainment for attendance at these performances. But one factor especially should stir those who applaud the idea of the presentation without attending from their lethargy. The attendance at these performances might well be taken as an indication of the number who would prefer to see some regular student entertainment course re-established here.

The gap left by the demise of the Artists' Course is already noticeable. It is certain that a great many would like to see the return of some kind of entertainment course. The proof of their desire will be shown in the attendance tomorrow; and a few of those who might attend but will probably let the opportunity slip by might consider this before they walk over the disappearance of the Artists' Course and the decline of College appreciation in their next gathering of the culturally elite. Nine out of ten vacant seats at that production can be pointed out as unfilled because someone would have liked to attend but didn't.

Of twenty-six magazines placed in Old Main lounges, six remain. Equipment for use on the third floor has been ransacked, with playing cards and chessmen among the missing articles. Statistics cannot be denied, and evidently there remain a few who refuse to cooperate with the administration in making the lounges worthwhile to students. Condemnation of these petty thieves, whether or not they are acting without thinking, should be universal.

OLD MANIA

We got this one from Joe Beck, and if you don't believe it you can go around to the Beta house and ask him. Anyway, it's a swell story.

It seems that several years ago there were four very smart lads entering Princeton from a certain prep school (we missed out on some of the grimy details) who conceived the idea of putting Joe Zilch thru Princeton. This was way back in the days when Joe Zilch was not a synonym for John Doe, and Fanny was still a girl's name.

Accordingly, one of the quartet registered as Zilch, Joseph, and Joe's schedule was divided among the four of them, each carrying extra credits in whatever line he excelled at, and registering for the extra courses as Zilch. (The whole business strikes us as being more bother than it's worth, but some people have trick ideas.)

At the end of four years Joe Zilch was on the Honor Roll or whatever they have at Princeton, and was all set to graduate. But lo & behold, when the Commencement exercises were held and Joe Zilch's name was called, no Zilch. This baffled the authorities completely. Here was a guy who goes to school for four years, piles up a big scholastic average, and then doesn't come around for his diploma. So the diploma was put away in the dean's office until Joe should show up.

Finally the four jokers went around and explained the whole works to the authorities, asking if they could please have the diploma for a souvenir or something. The dean or whoever it was said no, he didn't believe it was possible, and the diploma would leave the office when Joe Zilch came & got it.

According to Jack Beck it's still there. As we said before, it's a very good story.

Notes for Greek 25

Altho in Thebes
There were no Hebes,
The wily Greeks
Were full of tricks,
They took great joy
In dance & chorus,
And captured Troy
With a wooden horse.

The writings of the Grecian seers
Hold no thrill for engineers;
Even I, an L. A. student,
Sometimes yawn at them. Who wudent?

Our very efficient Grapevine Telegraph Department tells us that at the Blue Key smoker the other evening the president of the society said that Blue Key "is an organization for assistant managers and politicians like M—." He forgot to add that the assistant managers & politicians like M— have to be members of a certain clique—just one of those details people will slip up on.

For instance, if you're a first assistant tennis manager & belong to the right clique, you may get to be a Blue Key. If you're president of the Junior Class & belong to the wrong clique, your chances are bad.

Tsk tsk tsk And they have such nice hats, too.

Personal to Dean Stoddard: Whaddaya mean, you read the Campuscrer every Tuesday & Friday? Campuscrer my eye. It's things like that that make us want to go off in a corner somewhere and give up the ghost. We haven't been getting along so well with our ghost lately, anyhow.

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Glancing Back

(From Past 'Collegian' Files)

25 Years Ago

"On June 11th the department of Mines and Mining was separated from the School of Engineering, and Dr. M. E. Wadsworth made dean. The rapid growth made advisable the separation from the Engineering School."

"Again has a new college year rolled around, bringing into the life of the college... the class of 1910. In number they slightly exceeded last year's class, having 270 men entered as against 1908's 260 men."

"... four hundred men, composing the cadet battalion, attended the dedication of the new State Capitol building at Harrisburg... headed by the State band, (they) marched to the Board of Trade building, where the arms were stacked."

20 Years Ago

"The School of Liberal Arts is planning to give a play during the winter, and a committee, under the direction of Mr. Dye, is already at work upon the project. A classical play will probably be selected."

"Penn State triumphed over Cornell last Saturday afternoon by the score of 5-to-0. The single touchdown of the game was the result of a blocked kick by (Dick) Harlow on Cornell's fifteen yard line."

"The annual registration of students has been very promptly carried out this semester, and the records show a big increase over last year. On September 21, there were 608 new students, including 477 freshmen."

15 Years Ago

"When the Civic club, in conjunc-

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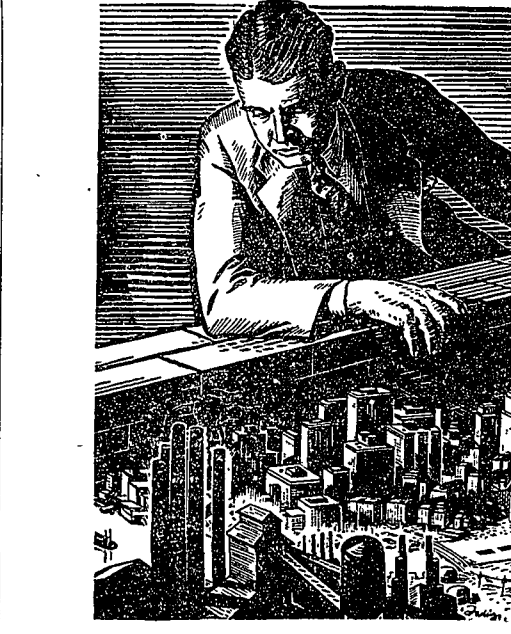
Horses! Horses!
Are Coming to State College
Not a Show---But?
HORSES

Prosperity Checks Are Good at
The Corner unusual

tion with Professor Zook, decided to hold a mock campaign in order to arouse the interest of the students in the coming presidential election, they struck the right key-note, for wherever one may go, the old question of Democratic or Republican is discussed. Two rival clubs have been formed, the Wilson club... and the Hughes club... and now the two clubs propose to hold a public debate on campaign issues... A mock election will be held on or about election day, at which time all students, whether women or men, will be able to cast a ballot for their choice."

"A rough estimate of the excess weight that was carried by the thirty-one Penn State players who participated in Saturday's game on Beaver field can easily be placed at almost half a ton... Hess, the big half-back, tipped the scales at 170 pounds before the game. After lolling about in the mud... he stepped on the scales at the Track House and the beam registered 200 pounds. And he lost five pounds of flesh in the game, too."

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News and Cartoon
MONDAY and TUESDAY—
Warner Baxter, Edmund Lowe in "THE CISCO KID"
News and Football for the Fan
WEDNESDAY—
Phillips Holmes, Sylvia Sidney in Theodore Dreiser's "AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY"
THURSDAY—
William Powell, Marian Marsh in "THE ROAD TO SINGAPORE"

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THURSDAY—
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