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A MOMENT'S THOUGHT

At 8 o'clock tonight fraternity men will have done all that they possibly could to impress freshmen with the advantages of becoming members of their respective houses. Freshmen will be left safe in their rooms to think over the fifteen days during which they have been sufficed with the highest type of collegiate courtesy. Fraternity men and freshmen alike will have once again weathered a severe storm. Tired and bored with the superficiality and front which they have been obliged to put up, they welcome the close of the period. Everyone believes that something must be done for the better. Whatever it is the change should be effected immediately before interest has died down among freshmen and fraternity men. That has been the case in the past when revision of the rushing code was put off until the second semester.

Only a few freshmen will be fortunate enough in possessing a clear-cut idea of what fraternities and rushing are all about. The remainder, in preference to tossing coins to decide the issue, will try to remember all that has been said to them at the different houses. This year finances will probably play the greatest part in the selection of fraternities—say what one will about fellowship, strong activities' lists, and so on. The one pitfall that prospective brothers should watch carefully for is faulty fraternity finances. Does the fraternity run on a nine or ten months basis? Do the monthly payments, together with the initiation fee, include everything or are there additional assessments for dances and incidentals throughout the year? The answers to these questions should be known before any step is made.

After the rushee has satisfied himself on the financial features of the fraternity he is considering, he should analyze the type and personality of the men who compose the chapter which he may join. Most of the fraternities still place desirability above the mere ability to write checks that won't bounce. Rushees, in turn, should decide whether they will fit in with the group, whether the contacts that they will make daily in the fraternity will be any better than those which could be secured in a boarding club. The freshman will consider the scholarship of the fraternity—if not for his own enlightenment, at least, for the satisfaction of his parents. The activities and general prestige of the fraternity should also come in for consideration.

All this weighing of facts and evaluating has been going on during the entire process of rushing in a haphazard and confused manner, of course. Some opportunity for deep thought on fraternities was afforded in the silent period last week. But tomorrow the decision to join or not must be made. It is imperative that there be no interference with the freshmen during this silent period. The majority of fraternity men are decent enough to appreciate the position of the freshmen. Above all other violations, breaches of the strict regulations affecting the silent period should be reported for prosecution.

THE DEATH OF MOLASSES AND SAWDUST

Those gruesome matted masks of molasses and sawdust which once befouled the heads of freshmen one night each year have been hung back in the gallery of past things. The sordid tradition of injustice and vulgar brutality which hung menacingly over the sensitive freshman each year has died. That old, blind war song which exalted everything that the past had done now is hummed in a lower pitch.

The clear-headed action of Student Board in bidding a thorough good-bye to stunt night in all of its manifestations marks another milepost in the march towards the mature college. In so large a student body as this, stunt night became only a mean little mockery of what was a mockery in the first place. No use bothering with it anymore.

The theory of the thing was that it provided an initiation and a chastening for the over-bearing freshman. The practice of the rite brought only the sensitive and meek to its tortures, and allowed the over-bearing and sophisticated lads to slip away because they were wise to the obvious laxity of the performance.

The idea of a super mass-meeting to replace this other affair has real attraction. It is an explosive gathering calculated to instill pride in the heart of the freshman rather than bitter resentment. And the upper-classes are not above being stirred either.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

If Mister Dickson thought he was going to make this column by audibly hoping that his male progeny, if any, would grow up like Harpo Marx instead of like George Arliss, we just want him to know that he wasn't fooling us a bit. The aforementioned ephemeral young gentleman probably will resemble Harpo more closely than he will George anyway, so why worry. Well, why?

What with the end of rushing season crowding the end of the depression out of its long undisputed place around the corner, there appears to be nothing much left for it but that somebody will have to pay the leadpiper. And how is your plumbing holding out?

One of the fraternities fronting the parking space is planning to change its name to Phi Delta Straighta, of account of how a freshman was dealt a bridge hand of thirteen spades there the other night. To what lengths this rushing will go . . .

Our ex-ho-hum caroled "hello" so amorously the other day, we just couldn't help thinking that the automobile we were driving had something to do with it. It's only fair to explain, you who have become one of our more easily suppressed desires, that our "gas, oil, and a honk of horn" is only in town during rushing season, and furthermore it belongs to one of the brethren who won't lend it out of nights. We're pretty sorry.

It's too bad that Franklin C. "Fling-out-the" Banner and G. B. Shaw, England's best dressed nudist, can't come to an agreement as to the habitability of Russia. Their only point of mutual agreement seems to be that neither allowed any Muscovitish accent to creep into his particular version of the King's Hinglish. An izvoshchik is the same thing as a taxi driver, in case you should have that word sprung on you in a journalism class.

Burgess Lederer as a seer. (There's something to conger with, you 'eel). We found one of the estimable borough official's blotters of some years ago with the inscription "1931 is going to be a hard year for a lot of folks." Why doesn't Eugene fit up his office with dark hangings and buy a crystal ball and hang out another shingle?

Ossipguy . . . The gels at the Gables aren't keeping up appearances . . . thus swiftly does tradition go into the discard . . . Have you heard the "almost human" song . . . Quasi-People . . . A new and louder racket . . . conniving fraters open and close doors on long winded profs at the end of the hour . . . What athlete stopped a freshman on the campus for smoking a pipe? . . . and had to be shown in the bible that it wasn't unethical . . . and still didn't believe it . . . We know a guy who has the low-down on a bird who is acquainted with the gentleman who invited Cherille Merrill to her first Penn State house-party . . . she brought her mother along as a chaperone . . . The Mills Bros. practice in the Pugh street end of the SAE house at a late hour . . . Freshman asks sophomore for a match . . . oh, the flame of it . . . Yours veritably is laboring over a little ditty to spring at the next dance . . . it's entitled "We Got Our Orchestra for a Song, But It Was So Lousy We Left It Flat" . . . Driving a car while enrolled at the U. of Michigan constitutes a violation of a State law . . . You've probably heard the story about how Grit-savage got marooned in a shower compartment in the women's dressing rooms at the Olympics . . . it really was a mistake, he claims . . . If you want to call somebody something nasty and still have time to walk away without undue haste, tell him he's just Achilles' weakness . . . Hi-de-hi for dear old Rutgers.

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Speaking on "China, Today and Tomorrow," Dr. Fletcher S. Brockman, secretary of the Committee for the Promotion of Friendship Between America and the Far East, will address the Penn State in China chapel audience in Schwab auditorium at eleven o'clock Sunday morning.

Dr. Brockman has been associated with missionary work in China since his graduation with honors from Vanderbilt University. He was first interested in this work while travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, and later became the counselor and friend of Sun Yat Sen, the first president of the Republic of China.

Penn State in China chapel services are held once each College year in the interest of Lingnan University, Canton, China. Two Penn State men are members of the faculty of the university, George W. Groff '07 being Dean of the School of Agriculture, while Lester M. Zook '29 is an instructor in animal husbandry there.

Lingnan University, formerly called Canton Christian College, is one of the four large Chinese institutions sponsored by colleges in this country, the others being those of Cornell, Princeton, and Yale Universities. This is the twenty-fifth season that Penn State students will have contributed their chapel donations to the welfare of the far eastern university.

WOMEN WILL ORGANIZE BOARD FOR I. M. SPORTS

Group To Include Representatives Selected by Dormitories

An intramural board to control all women's intramural sports will be organized for the first time this year, according to Reba M. Michener '33, intramural manager.

One representative from each dormitory will be elected to serve on the board, the intramural leader announced. They will cooperate with the three seasonal managers in handling the sports program.

An intramural service ball tournament will be included in the fall activities this year, in charge of Bernice H. Jarek '34, fall manager. Managers for the other two seasons will be selected later in the year.

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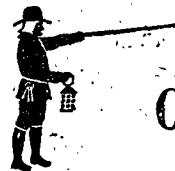
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On The Campus

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Orientation No Problem for Oriental Student, Lingnan Instructor States

Students of Lingnan University at Canton, China, would have no difficulty meeting the problems found in the modern American environment, according to Lester Zook '29.

Zook, who returned recently from Lingnan University where he instructed in animal husbandry during the past three years, was recently made a member of the Penn State in China committee, of which Dean Ralph L. Watts of the school of Agriculture, is chairman.

"Many of the students would be quite at home on the Penn State campus since they dress and act much the same as our own students, although they are, perhaps, more mature since they are seldom interested in activities or social events during their university life," the former Lingnan instructor pointed out.

"Practically all classes, even though taught by Chinese professors, are conducted in English since many modern scientific terms have no Chinese equivalent," Zook said in commenting on classroom procedure at Lingnan.

He said the apparent difference between the Chinese and the American university is found in the architecture. "The campus buildings are typical Chinese; most of them have gracefully curved roofs and are painted in very bright colors," he said.

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