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THE SIDE-SHOWS

Who can conceive of an American college of the present that would have no extra-curricular activities? It is past the belief of the average student and certainly of the people of our civilization. Still it cannot be denied that such an institution, solely for learning, would be a great thing. Extra-curricular activities are the sideshows. They can lead students astray-as well as shower benefits. It is part of the American temperament to demand that the individual be allowed to make his own decision about being misled or not. And so activities not only seem, but are a prerequisite of an American cducational plant.

The fact that participants in the various fields of activity at Penn State are well above the general student scholastic average is something of which they can be proud. It is a retort that can be hurled against those who blatantly condemn all the side-shows. It seems possible that at Penn State a large number of students have been able to find the happy medium between studics and activities. And that balance is the only thing that should determine the extent of participation.

If one argues that there are no advantages to activities or that the advantages are dwarfed by the possibilities afforded in devoting all the working-time to scholarship, then the survey can easily be refuted as an argument in favor of extra-curricular activities. It can be asserted that the only true test would be a comparison of statistics on scholarship both when the man was engaged in an activity and when he was concentrating on his studies alone. But American students, being as they are, seem ill-adapted solely to concentrating on scholastic pursuits.

For that reason activities are justified. They afford an outlet for student energies that is in some degree valuable. The degree varies with the different persons consulted. Activities are thus contrasted favorably against the other time consuming habits that students only too easily fall into when leisure presses on them. And it seems reasonable to assume that students are bound to do something besides studying-and in a considerable portion of their time. That is speaking of the overage student. In his case an activity is valuable so long as it does not encroach on the minimum amount of studying that he would otherwise do if he had no ac-

There are a few students, not average, who have the temperament for profound and deep study. Unfortunately they too often become embroiled in an activity before they know what things are all about in college. To that minority an activity is harmful-not because they are getting no return but because they are losing more from their physical inability to follow their scholastic interests far enough. But they are few. And if the minority alone suffers and the great average, no matter how uncreative and dull it may be, is fairly welloff, then the system is justified under the prevailing American way of thinking. Activities are a great thing for the majority. It is for the few that are misfits that this is dedicated. Do you mind if we cry into our handkerchief?

A REAL RALLY

For the first time in many years an all-College ectively staged at Penn State Credit is due to student leaders who developed the program and gained the cooperation of the student body.

Although the advantages of an outdoor rally were lost because of the weather, the large attendance of upperclassmen definitely marked the meeting as worthwhile and worthy of continuance in coming College years. Only a few persons mourn the replacement of the Stunt Night by this more intelligent "spirit" rally.

Unquestionably the discontinuance of the Stunt Night, in any past shape or form, is another indication that the student generation of today is more intelligent in its pleasure seeking. Certainly it is poor sport that must make physical victims of fellow-students, especially of uninitiated and befuddled freshmen. Parting shots are still to be heard-lamentation for the passing of a "great tradition." It must be remembered that no great change has ever been brought about in the history of the human race that was not at an early stage received with widespread disapproval and, until well established, was not the occasion for the hurling of a few rotten tomatoes.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

No, Julienne, Mr. Smith didn't call Mr. Roosevelt an "old potato" because he intended to put him through a course of sprouts, nor yet because he would make a good masher. Maybe it was on account of he thought Mr. Roosevelt had been spending too much time in damp cellars. As the Penn State Engineer (cans off!) would put it, Hoover Dam site well better be

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To continue-"After all, this method of 'you guess who' is childish and you apparently kidding yourself that the readers 'eat it up'." This one, we'll admit, stumped us for a while. Where does our esteemed scrivener think he is living? In war-time Russia? Or Armenia? We assure him that nothing would alarm us more than seeing some member of the student body strolling about engaged in eating up any part of this newspaper, let alone finding vicarious nourishment in this particular department. The 'COLLEGIAN is printed on high quality paper, but if our correspondent has been attempting to utilize it as a cheap substitute for lettuce, he needn't blame us if he has bitten into some of that raw nature in the ads during the course of his mastications.

"Do you know that Hoover was elected President?" Note: Campaign speakers have shown conclusively that roasting does not remove harsh personalities. "Your readers don't care for a weekly rehearsel. Try to put out a good column even if you haven't the ability." Yes sir, we'll do it. And you may depend upon it that we will stick in an occasional comma and use no more than two "e's" in the word "rehearsal," so we will.

Unfinished Entities

Oldsters prattle through their beards about the famous "21-21-21" game with Harvard . . . now a "32-32-32" contest would be something worth gesticulating about Who was the bright young article who demonstrated how well she could inhale while standing in a lighted doorway? . . . and told the gels she oughtnta be campussed becaused she doesn't really enjoy smoking anyway Have you observed the ingenious child on Beaver ave, who has the nice motor-driven wagon it's the pistachios From the meals our steward has been dishing up, we are beginning to be inkled with the grave suspicion that our butcher is trying to make ends meat Sunday was 2 Jewish holiday, so they had to postpone the IFC trial until Tuesday which turned out to be a Roman holiday Mister Dickson tells us that "necking" was a necessary part of the artistic effect of the Grecian column which is exactly what this column needs our o-hum will probably clamber all over us when she reads this, considering it a light spot upon her hitherto totally black rep

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135 Undergraduate Students Transfer Here From Other Schools This Year

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leges. None of the students admitted had any conditions or failures, Dr. Marquardt said...

Eighty-nine of the group are men and sixty-four are women students. The majority of the transfers are in the sophomore class, fifty-seven registering as second-year students. For ty-seven are enrolled as juniors, thir ty-four as freshmen, six as seniors and nine as special students.

Attracting forty-seven students, the ducation curriculum drew the largest pota. Eighteen of the transfers seected arts and letters, thirteen chose inance, and nine, the curriculum in

The University of Pittsburgh fur-nished fourteen of the entire number while the United States Naval Academy supplied three. Students also transferred from most of the teachers olleges in the State, and from Lafay ADDRESSES HONORARY GROUP

Presenting an historical sketch of Phi Sigma Iota, honorary romance languages fraternity, Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, College examiner, addressed the group at its first monthly meeting on Tuesday night. Prof. David D. Mason, of the romance languages de-

AERONAUTICS CLASS OPENED

Sixty-one students were enrolled i the engineering extension class in aeronautics, which opened recently in Philadelphia. The course is offered in cooperation with the Aero club of

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Marquardt, College examiner.

Although this figure is larger than the total number admitted last year, an even greater number of applications were turned down because of poor records in other schools and colleges. None of the students admitted had any conditions or failures. Details the states have at least one or two representations. tives each.

Who's Dancing

Sigma Alpha Epsilon (Closed) Varsity Ten Tomorrow Night Alpha Chi Rho (Closed)
Blue and White Alpha Kappa Pi (Invitation)
Joe Frabitt Alpha Phi Sigma (Invitation) Bill Bottorf Chi Upsilon (Invitation) Campus Owls Delta Theta Sigma Joe Malloy Phi Kappa Sigma (Closed) Varsity Ten Phi Kappa Tau (Invitation) Arnic Leopold Pi Kappa Phi Penn Statesmen

Tonight

Sigma Phi Sigma (Closed) Blue and Gold

Alpha Tau Omega (Closed) Campus Owls

Campus Bulletin

All groups wishing to enter intra mural football and cross country tournaments must deposit one dollar at the School of Physical Education office in Recreation Hall at once.

Sophomore candidates for assistan manager of wrestling should sign up at the Athletic association office im mediately.

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