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FAMILY AFFAIRS

In the course of everyday events many things happen that would lead to no good, in fact would be harmful, if they were of general knowledge. Petty difficulties, many of them imagined and the product of misunderstanding, arise in the process of running a mighty factory such as an educational institution. To seize upon them and to display one side or other as wrong is to bring harm upon the institution itself.

Most of the instances where colleges and universities have gained space in newspapers are not about happenings of constructive significance. A student riot, a death from hazing, reputation for riotous parties, graft, and other internal disturbances of unfortunate circumstances are most popular as copy for all but a select few city newspapers.

Fortunately this College has not been embarrassed by many incidents nor by the unfavorable publicity that they bring. Although they are a matter of some chance, nevertheless considerable credit for the avoidance of such publicity is due for the manner in which corrections have been made privately.

Oddly enough, there is no unit of society more swept with rumor and counter rumor than a college campus. Need instances be cited on this campus—where students hold so commonly to the unfounded opinions that political offices are bought, that dance chairmen get enormous cut-backs, that professors get rake-offs on text book sales, and so on down through a list that extends throughout all phases of College activity? To assume that there are no irregularities in such an extensive organization would be too optimistic. But to brand with one fell swoop everything and anything as corrupt is to indulge too much the undergraduate trait of suspecting everything and being able to prove nothing. Where countless students will talk and spread rumor there will be one interested enough to look into the actual conditions. Much harm can be done by these former both to general morale and in being the occasion for further misrepresentation.

To the discerning student a rumor is wrong unless proved right. If a situation does exist that needs attention, the proper authorities should first be given a chance to make the correction. If that fails then an airing of the situation publicly is in order. If a student organization or any responsible office of the College brings by its own negligence such a situation upon itself, it is deserving of negative publicity that it tempts in the press.

But as units in an organization that is being watched so critically, student reformers should offer a chance for correcting evils before jeopardizing the reputation of the College. Rumor makes nice conversation but it is harmful and is talking behind the back. It can hardly be said that persons in authority are above grappling with rumors face to face—either to dispel them when unfounded or to make corrections if necessary.

MIXED OBJECTIVES

It is interesting to compare the final list of objectives of the College as submitted by the committee of the deans last week with the report of a student-faculty committee which recommended certain objectives to the main group.

The deans' committee listed as the first objective of instructional work: To provide education for earning a living. The students and faculty representatives, on the other hand, admitted that 'our present aims are primarily vocational, our education mainly training each person to make a living rather than to live creatively as an integral part of society.' They go on to say, however, that 'the present objectives are too narrow and that they must be broadened considerably if Penn State is to render her best service. More attention should be given to the development of cultural, social and civic abilities. This is not primarily a matter of courses but of clearly defined objectives.'

This report of the students and faculty was written last spring and was presented to the deans' committee for consideration in the formulation of the final report. The deans' committee evidently did not believe that the permanent objectives should be changed from the now existing belief that the primary objective of 'education' in this institution is to learn how to earn a living. The student-faculty committee, composed of members from practically every school in the College, emphasized strongly the need for setting up as an ideal a more liberal and cultural standard.

The clash seems to come between those who are directing the educational policy and those who are actually teaching and learning. Students in their report with the faculty professed a great need for a 'development of cultural, social and civic abilities.'

Apparently the deans' committee did not consider this opinion representative of faculty and students or they thought that it did not matter what the students and faculty believe concerning the objectives of their own College.

OLD MANIA

We always appreciate worthy causes, and recently we got a letter from a young lady here at the institution who seems to be a worthy one indeed. Believing that many can profit by her questions, our tender heart wrung by the pathos of her plea, we consulted Dorothy Vicks, famous expert along such lines. Miss Vicks was a Chi O here at school and thoroughly understands the problems of youth.

Dear Maniac,

I am a young woman about eighteen years old, and hearing how wonderful you have been to so many people I am writing you for advice as I am in trouble.

Recently I have been going with a young man of my own age whom for convenience I will call Philo Heinz. He is very nice and I like him a lot. He seems to think a lot of me, too, but for some reason my parents distrust him. They say he looks too much like a movie picture actor to be trusted.

I am sure that my intuition is better than my parents', and I like Philo a lot; should I elope with him? I just can't bear to see my papa kick him out like he says he will, as my papa has a very violent temper and Philo's pride might be hurt. What shall I do?

"Troubled"

Dear "Troubled,"

You poor child. Once again the age-old dilemma of home factors and the lover has reared its ugly head!

With the exception of smutty college comic magazines there is nothing lower than the slick young man who is insincere about love affairs. Of course your Philo is not of this type, but you must realize that your parents mistrust this boy, and understand their position. After all they are older and more experienced than yourself. Are you certain that he is in love with you—sure that he is all he seems?

My child, study your heart again and study this lad of whom you seem to think so much. If you think him worthy of a woman's love—and there is nothing more beautiful, dear—there is but one thing to do. Tell him he must marry you and at once—no elopement. If he won't do this, let your pa kick him downstairs as he is a menace.

Sympathetically, "Dorothy"

Beer & Skittles: A snooping reporter is authority for the statement that Grange Dorm now boasts a cellar retreat where the dormies can entertain their swains until twelve. . . . Al Miller with gobs and gobs of gold brocade outdid the pack in swank at the Mill Ball. . . . Captain (Muscles) Slusser—a picture of manhood carrying a clinging vine over snow banks to make his social rounds Saturday night. . . . sad experience has taught Dr. Boucke not to look for classes before the end of vacations. . . . and who is responsible for that crack about "Peace breaking out in Mexico?" . . . Cork-inebriated laddies communed with curb stones and fire plugs this week-end, oh sad to relate. . . . and to satisfy our great aunt in Peoria:

Of the graders most menac' We name minus-one Dave Mason or: "A Warnock to the wise is sufficient."

THE MANIAC

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SWEATERS All Wool—\$2.25
MEN'S ROBES Flannel and Silk—\$5.95, \$7.95, \$9.95



Speaking Of Books

"Mutiny on the Bounty"—by Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall

Two fugitive authors, who sought release in the South Seas from the world confusion following the World War, have written a tale of mutiny and piracy which is strangely reminiscent of Stevenson and "Treasure Island." Based on records in the admiralty office as well as on tradition and the imagination of the authors it is history alive in fiction.

"Flowering Wilderness"—by John Galsworthy

Dinny Cherrell and Wilfred Desert continue the fortunes of the Forsytes and the Cherrills. Wilfred almost drags Dinny into coventry with him over a point of honor. But he runs away in time leaving only Poch, the dog, as a reminder of their love. Interesting and well written but it is for "The Forsyte Saga" rather than for these later books that Galsworthy has received the Nobel Prize.

"Peter Ashley"—by Heyward

Charleston just before the war was a place of high hopes and hot blood. The color and beauty of the city are pictured as well as aristocratic southern gentlemen.

"Authors and the Book Trade"—by Frank Swinerton

New books are news and more publicity would help in their wider distribution—Mr. Swinerton to the contrary. While he writes of England's book problem from the standpoint of author, publisher and reviewer, their troubles are so similar to ours that it does not need Mr. Melcher's helpful and interesting comments to make the discussion of interest to American authors and readers.

"Toward Romance"—by Brown

The child of "The Fire Makers" grows from seven to seventeen with the aid of a friendly doctor and an old maid. Then he goes out into the world to find life for himself.

"My Friendly Contemporaries"—by Hamlin Garland

The son of the Middle Border continues his greatly expanded autobiography, chattering very informally of many of the best known literary lights of yesterday. His words on Theodore Roosevelt are significant. "He was, the biggest, most interesting and most versatile man I ever knew. He was in fact five great personalities in one. As I think back over the long term of our acquaintance, I rejoice in our many pleasant meetings. He was of my generation."

"Grover Cleveland"—by Allan Nevins

This is one of an important series of biographical studies and Prof. Nevins has done full justice to an unusual personality and an extraordinary life. What carried him along from mayor of Buffalo to the presidency "was no showy quality, no endowment of personal magnetism, but the demonstration of a sturdy honesty and an unflinching courage in the discharge of public duty which came to seem to millions of discouraged Americans like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Penn State Men Desire Attractive, Not Beautiful Co-eds, Survey Shows

Penn State's ideal co-ed must be attractive but not beautiful, in the opinion of a representative group of men who were questioned about the qualities and characteristics of that Utopian figure.

"The ideal co-ed must be cute, attractive, and well-dressed, with an average intelligence and a good sense of humor," said Ray S. Stein '33, baseball manager. "Of course she cannot be too tall and must have a good opinion of me," he added.

Wayland F. Dunaway '33, track captain, specified that the ideal co-ed should be attractive if not beautiful and must be intelligent. She should have a good sense of humor and be individual, also, he stated. Thomas J. Harper '34, football letterman, merely designated a "nice and sweet girl who is not domineering, is attractive, and has a good sense of humor" as his ideal type.

Martin F. McDermott '33 required reserve, good taste in clothes, and refinement in the ideal co-ed. "She

should be intelligent, attractive, and never giggle," he said.

Fairfax A. Reilly '33, associate baseball manager, thinks the ideal co-ed should be attractive, well-dressed, and a rhythmic dancer. "She should wear clothes which suit her personality and be original," he added. Albert L. Fretz jr. '33, associate cross country manager, specified that the ideal Penn State co-ed should be attractive but not beautiful, a good dancer and a smart dresser. She should be able to converse intelligently and never talk "baby talk," he concluded.

COLLEGE RECEIVES AWARD

Selected from a list of twelve State institutions, the College has been awarded an annual grant of \$2,400 for two years by the American Guernsey Cattle club to finance research work on guernsey milk, according to Dr. Samuel I. Bechdel, professor of dairy production.

HURRELL HEADS COMMITTEE

Dr. Arthur S. Hurrell, director of teacher training extension, has been appointed chairman of the State committee on extension education by Dr. James N. Rule, superintendent of public instruction.

ETA KAPPA NU ELECTIONS

- Paul H. Bertram '33
John Durilla '33
Paul R. Getts '33
William F. Grauch '33
Russell D. Hartz '33
Stanley T. Wepsic '33
Chester L. Zeigler '33
Walter C. Johnson '34
William H. Thompson '34
John K. Walter '34

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BEGINS SOIL CLASSIFICATION Economic classification of land to determine the uses for which it is adapted has been started by Dr. Frederick P. Weaver, head of the agriculture economics department.



- TUESDAY—Gary Cooper, Jack Oakie, W. C. Fields, Charles Ruggles, George Raft, Wynne Gibson in "IF I HAD A MILLION"
WEDNESDAY—Wallace Beery, Karen Morley in "FLESH"
THURSDAY—Joan Blondell, Guy Kibbee in "CENTRAL PARK"
Also Alexander Gray Musical Short
FRIDAY—Edmund Lowe, Wynne Gibson in "THE DEVIL IS DRIVING"
SATURDAY—Nancy Carroll, Gary Grant in "HOT SATURDAY"

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- TUESDAY—Return Showing of Kay Francis, Herbert Marshall in "TROUBLE IN PARADISE"
WEDNESDAY—Return Showing of Fredric March's Prize Picture "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE"
THURSDAY—"FLESH"
FRIDAY—"CENTRAL PARK" and Alexander Gray Musical Short

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