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CLEANING HOUSE

It is inevitable in the growth of a large institution such as this College that there should pile up a consider able mess of educational bric-a-brac, stuck about in odd corners and clogging the hallways. When an institution grows steadily, these ill-fitting little ornaments cling in their places in growing numbers, ignored in the general progress. But then sometime there comes a time when stock must be taken. Then the place gets a good housecleaning.

When departments, schools, and colleges are being built up, the method of adding courses and curricula cannot adhere to the line of sweet reasonableness. The ambitions of deans and department heads and professors and students take little cognizance of the intrinsic value of their pet pedagogic hobby when they are seeking to have it incorporated in the College catalog. And, in spite of all efforts, College officials cannot always separate that of intrinsic value from the ballyhoo which may be shouted forth by those whose interests will be promoted by the addition of such a course.

'So, by this means and others, it happens that every to often the catalog becomes clogged with courses and curricula which fall below the average that the study here should maintain. Now it is difficult to clean out these when there seem to be plenty of funds to support them all. But when the College faces the sharp curtailment of funds it now must expect, the opportunity appears for it to clean its house and to make every course justify, its existence.

Already the College Senate has adopted some course and curriculum cuts which point the way. And when the Senate survey committee on courses of study makes its report, it is probable that more drastic changes will take place.

It would be well for the committee to look carefully into the schools which are intrenched under State and federal laws and those which have sprung up rapidly within the last decade. Over-inflation is likely to be evident because so much enthusiasm may have attended the building of something new that the real values have lost their power of guidance. And also beneath the cover of blanket legislation, other departments have puffed themselves up like frogs.

There is a danger that a cutting of courses will avoid tender spots merely from the kindly intent of the paring crew-that some spots may be left to belie the sincerity of the investigating committees. There must be a clear, clean, and impartial lopping in order to satisfy the whole College that the only consideration was the greatest good of the entire institution.

The results of the Carnegie tests given to seniors in education are anything but an endorsement of prevailing tendencies in the educational system. One cannot suppress the feeling that the test here was taken in rather a half-hearted manner and depended for its numcrical success on roping in by compulsion students in the education course. Whatever its values, which will be argued pro and con for some years, the test in general has been another indication of the false emphasis placed on method and specialization by modern educators. Content and cultural courses have been waging an unequal battle against the forces of ever finer and finer specialization.

POWER NEEDED

A committee of the Senate has for some time been studying the numerous problems and ramifications of extra-curricular activities. That some improvements may be effected by this group is the fond hope of the appointing organization. No one can deny the fact that a group of men looking into activities with the perspective that only distance can give and with no appreciable bias can really detect changes that would make for greater efficiency, prevent over-lapping, and even eliminate useless organizations.

The purpose of this group then is constructive. The process of its inquiry has been a slow one. Last Spring graduating seniors filled out a questionnaire on activities. The results were interesting for the many queer and unfounded notions that people seem able to acquire even after four years of that intellectual panacen-a college education. Fantasy and imaginings notwithstanding, the questionnaire did do one thing. It furnished leads for the committee to follow. The work of the group during the past semester has been one of interviewing participants of different activities.

Those who are interested simply in improving activities need only hope that the committee may have sufficient power to place some of its recommendations in effect. After a fair review of a situation it seems reasonable that such a group could arrive at the proper decision. Accordingly it seems reasonable to expect an acceptance of its decisions.

OLD MANIA.

Shades of little old New York thought this particular maniac when a gent sidled up to him and offered a ground floor position in the Rapid Prosperity Sales Co. or something like that name the other day. For some time this maniac has been reading with avidity of such a scheme in the metropolitan press and here it was-the golden goose with the fountain pen egg or something like that right in State College. More fellows than you can shake a crooked stick at are now tearing around as Mr. A, B, C, or D, on into infinity-units in this gigantic scheme. If you sell three fountain pens, or shirts, or bill folds, or baby carriages, even cuspidors, after having bought one yourself, you get nothing. The fellow who sold you gets a rake-off. The fourth man you sell is your meat and so are the first three men he sells. All of which is very nice if you can follow it. To complete the sensation of eating the rind off Edam cheese with milk we give you a few statistics how, after fifteen stages, your profits amount to some seven million, no mean sum. On the other hand your product will be in every hand in the country and maybe a couple of times. We don't quite understand it yet since large numbers always stagger us and besides we don't need any pens, shirts, razor blades-no not anything.

While snorting around through the debris on the 'Collegian' floor we came across a letter that brought the tears to our eyes. Tears of old comradeships, of sunset over lagoons, of trysts and the smell of sawdust in back rooms. After all, every soul is a circus. But we wander. "All the best known colleges are renresented in Sing Sing prison," explains some fellow who has written an article on Who's Who in prison, A perusal of the article made no reference to Penn State but we don't doubt the fact that Penn State men have made their mark on prison walls as well as anywhere else. Sometimes we wonder about the little chap our freshman year who was always going off in blue funks and talking about the inherent evils of society and the stupidity of college education. He probably is now writing "I am a Fugitive from a College Education."

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This prison sentiment, the bars and stripes forever idea, made us wonder about other alumni items. Is any alumnus engaged in beach combing and searching the sands for ambergris? Is anyone gouging holes in Swiss cheese? Oh, who cares? We'll be with you after June.

Santa Claus was replaced at one of the local book stores by J. Caesar, S.P.Q.R., who was advertised as "Here Today." Aside from the fact that this was given to us by an old fellow with a long nose, we don't see a thing funny about it since the whole point rests on one of those tripey ideas like Wallace Beery, In the Flesh, Moran in Prosperity around the corner and Life begins Thursday and so on. We always did have a weakness for old fellows with long noses.

Beer & Skittles: after four years Zionts has finally been blessed. He is on record as having hypnotized several freshmen after coming out of a psychology class. The upperclassmen won't be much harder . . . ten at four with the librarians "Tiger" Douglass is the proud possessor of a shiny, new gas cart. Birmingham, here he comes! a pretty sentiment, that Alpha Zet hay ride more vacation circles under the eyes a lot of people got an eddycation this week-end

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AROUND THE CORNER

TRAINED LOAFERS

Those persons who can really loaf, wholeheartedly, wholesomely, and practically, may some day become ideal citizens. According to Keynes, economic intimator of wholesale spare time in the not so distant future, the ability of the human race to amuse itself wholesomely in its leisure hours may some day save our civilization from destruction. While machine production is leading to just such a state of affairs, our universities are as rapidly training men to spend those surplus hours. _

Surely, no son of this university, who has safely maneuvered his week-ends in Chanel Hill throughout four long years can ever be at a loss as to how to while away leisure hours.

For the Saints in Keynes "economic paradise," more reading, travel, works of art, sports, and constructive thought have been suggested. If each and every one of us have not experienced all of these diversifications in one lone week-end, a few experiences have not been representative of general student difficulties. More original ideas for ways of passing the Sabbath have arisen about campus than the number of students seen bumming rides out of town on Saturday afternoons.

Borrowed cars, rented cars, purchased cars, and Austins serve many students in their search for levity and excitement. Library volumes, Sunday papers, novels, and school books keep the more literary of our numbers from joining the ranks of the poker players, bridge players, pitch, and spank-tail heart enthusiasts. The more amorous of our number find Spencer hall, the arboretum, and Gimghoul castle indispensable in lightening otherwise heavy hours of leisure .- L. M. J .- Daily. Tar Heel, North Carolina.

Seniors Will Begin Cap, Gown Ordering

Orders for caps and gowns and for invitations to the mid-year graduation exercises, Friday, February 3, may be made at the Student Union desk in Old Main be tween the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock tonight, tomorrow night and Thursday night, it was announced yesterday by John A. Wood '33, senior class president.

A deposit of five dollars must acompany orders for caps and gowns, Wood said. Edward H. Bohn '33 is in charge of the committee hand-

I. F. Head Approves 1933 Rushing Code

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investigated by the Council later in books.

As a further aid to fraternities, the adaptability to conditions here, Long-enecker said. A survey of the ability to the purchase of any volume or of fraternities here to carry the financial burden entailed by this system of rushing is now under way and the works and encyclopedias offered by results will be presented to the Council, he added. il, he added.

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"Fraternities must keep in mind the necessity of cooperation with the Freshman Week program in carrying out their rushing next fall," Long-enecker pointed out. "Orientation to College customs is just as important as the fraternity orientation period."

PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTS TO JUDGE STUDENT WORK

Work of senior architects here will be judged Friday by a group of prac-ticing members of the profession, ac-cording to Prof. Lewis F. Pilcher, act-ing head of the department of arhitecture.

chitecture.

Grades will be placed by Benjamin
P. Betts, editor of the American
Architect, M. Edwin Green, president
of the Southern Pennsylvania Chapter, American Institute of Architects,
John Hunter and William Caldwell, architects of Altoona, David A. Camr bell, assistant professor of architec-tural engineering, and John R. Brack en, professor of landscape architec-ture, will complete the jury.

BARBER, GAINS \$200 AWARD Everett M. Barber, graduate scholar, has been awarded the first prize of \$200 for the best student paper submitted at the annual meeting of the American Society of Re-frigerating Engineers. Barber, who was the only student to read a paper at the conference, had conducted re earch on lubrication under the dire tion of Louis J. Bradford, professor of machine design, and used this for the subject of his paper.

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copies of the list of titles, and will distribute them to fraternities this

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Library officials, have arranged adequate supervision of the collection.

Fraternity librarians will catalogue and upperclassmen.

Deferred rushing will be carefully chapter may have a card record of its investigated by the Council later in the year in an effort to determine its adoptability to conditions here. Long-

MARTIN WILL LECTURE ON "VALUE OF HISTORY STUDY

Dr. Asa E. Martin, professor of American history, will address grad-uate students in physical chemistry on the subject, "The value of the study

purpose of building up an appreciation of the value of other fields of knowledge in addition to physical chemistry.

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Speaking Of Books

Volumes Distributed

To promote student reading in cooperation with the Interfraternity council recommendation, the College Library has compiled a list of seven hundred books to be called "The Fraternity Five-foot Shelf." Interfraternity council is printing five hundred the content of the present and into the fairy world of the "might have been."

"Truth, they say is stranger than fiction—they mean that fiction is often nearer truth than are the facts themselves." This period of conomic crisis has resulted in the demand for, has also resulted in the demand for, and publication of, fiction which will take the reader out of the distressing world of the present and into the fairy world of the "might have been."

Hence a greater number of readers than ever before are enjoying "Mu-tiny on the Bounty" by Charles Nord-hoff and James Norman Hall—a tale hoff and James Norman Hall—a tale of piracy on the high seas and romance in Tahiti and "Peter Ashley" by DuBose Heyward which tells of Charleston just before the war when feelings ran high—and "Beyond the Blue Sierra" by Honore Morrow, a romance of Lower California in the days of Spanish dominion—and Charles Rollo Brown's "Toward Romance" in which the child of "The Fire Makers" moves out-toward the light—and Duguid's "Tiger Man" being further adventures of the hero in "Green Hell"—and "The Flowering Wilderness" by John Galsworthy, who by the way has just been awarded the by the way has just been awarded the Nobel Prize for literature—and Nobel Prize for literature—and White's "Mrs. Green's Daughter-in-

Other books in demand at this time include biographies like "Earth Horizon" by Mary Austin, "Mozart" by Marcia Davenport, "John Quincy Adams" by Barnett Clark, the "Members of the Control of the Contro oirs of Prince von Bulow" in four oli of Frince von Bulow in for volumes which shed some light on German foreign relations before, during and after the war, "My Friendly Contemporaries" by Hamlin Garland, "Men and Memories" by William Rothenstein which brings in all the or anstory" at the home of Dr. Wheeler P. Davey Friday night.

The address is one of a series of lectures given by faculty members whose work lies in a field entirely unrelated to physics or chemistry. The series of talks are asserted to the study in the series of talks are asserted to the study in the series of talks are asserted to the study in the series of talks are asserted to the study in the series of talks are asserted to the study in the series of talks are asserted to the study in the series of talks are asserted to the study which brings in all the worthwhile people in England in art the series of the study worthwhile people in England in art the study worthwhile people in England in art the series of the study worthwhile people in England in art the series of the study worthwhile people in England in art the series of the study worthwhile people in England in art the study worthwhile people in England in art the series of lectures given by faculty members whose worth lectures given by faculty faculty facult

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COLLEGE SENATE MAKES 8 CURRICULAR CHANGES

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class valued at \$100 was reported at the Senate meeting Thursday night. The other selections as submitted by the Senate Committee on Academic Standards were approved by the Senate last month. A minor change in classifying transfers as to class rating was seen assessed on but the groups. was also passed on by the group.

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Members of the Committee on
Courses of Study making the report:
in addition to Dean Stoddart, chairman, include Director of Athletics:
Hugo-Bezdek, Dean Will Grant Chambers, of the Education School, Prof.
William R. Chedsey, of the School of.
Mineral Industries, Dr. David C. Duncan, of the Chemistry and Physics can, of the Chemistry and Physics School, Dr. Frank D. Kern, dean of the Graduate School, Prof. Charles L. Kinsloe, of the School of Engineering, and Prof. Harry G. Parkinson, of the School of Agriculture.

TUESDAY...

Helen Hayes, Gary Cooper "A FAREWELL TO ARMS" VEDNESDAY-

Sally Eilers, Ralph Bellamy in "SECOND HAND WIFE" Clark and McCullough Comedy

THURSDAY-Chas. Laughton, The Panther Woman "ISLAND OF LOST SOULS" --

RIDAY.... Helen Hayes, Ramon Novarro, Warner Oland in "THE SON-DAUGHTER"

SATURDAY-Constance Bennett, Paul Lukas, Joel McCrea in "ROCKABYE"

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TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY-Edna May, Oliver, Mae Clarke
Jimmy Gleason in
"THE PENGUIN POOL MURDER" THURSDAY-

"SECOND HAND WIFE" FRIDAY-

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