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### TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1933

THE SKELETON of "Hell Week" has been dragged from the closet and once again as initiation season assumes top position in campus talk the question will be argued in all corners. The results of the survey of fraternity presidents would indicate that "Hell Week" is practiced extensively, that it is a good thing, and, paradoxically, that it does not interfere with scholastic matters. For several years crusaders among national officers, faculty, deans, and students have been striving to eliminate barbaric initiation practices from fraternities founded as they are on brotherhood. At first glance it would seem that all efforts have been in vain. Further inquiry will show, it can reasonably be maintained, that some progress has been made. The images conjured by the phrase "Hell Week" today are different from those of five or six years ago. With few exceptions the pre-initiation practices have lost most of the eld-time flavor of physical injury. Such rigamarole of endurance that may be retained is kept more for the sake of what it once signified than as an actual test. However, it cannot be asserted that matters of study under the present set-up are not interfered with. As long as there is any initiation at all, formal or informal, interference will exist. Who would eliminate for mere scholarship's sake such a matter as an initiation? The situation reduced to simplicity, shows that 'reassuring progress has been made in bringing fraternity informal initiations to a more reasonable plane. Because it is a human problem and because humans don't do things because they are rational but depend largely on their prejudices the ideal of anything can not be attained in one step. As improvement has come in the past, so will it continue to come in the future-if the ideal is held before the groups long enough.

A DEFINITE PROPOSAL to establish a fund from which all manner of cultural projects could be financed, at least partially, comes as welcome relief from the maze of comment in favor of such things as Artists' Courses at Penn State. If students who hold responsible positions delegated to them, are in sympathy with such a student financed program, the remainder of the undergraduate body will no doubt go along with them. It is common opinion around the campus that this College should offer more opportunity for cultural advancement through visiting artists. Unless these lamentations are nothing more than a feigned interest in things cultural, there should be no objection to the small semester fee that is proposed. At any rate some time there must come a satisfaction for all the demand for an Artists' Course. Whatever way it comes no one particularly cares. The proposal that has received widespread approval of student activity men at least should be considered from all sides.

BECAUSE THE entire system of education in America is built to meet the ability of the average student and to develop him as much as possible, the future for honors courses seems dark. That the system should be tried in some subjects and extended wherever possible approximates the most constructive policy. Educators launching broadsides from all parts of the country bear witness to the fact that the better students are held to the limitations of the average, that the fire of knowledge for knowledge's sake can more easily than not be suffocated by boredom of routine which only the poorer student requires. Worth-while as the raising of the general intelligence may be, nevertheless there is something vicious about a system that hampers the more gifted. The use of honors courses would be a step toward shifting a little emphasis from the average student and using it to benefit the more capable and serious minded.

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## High School Students Rival College Contemporaries as 'Handshakers'

"High school students can hand-nake as well as college students," mare's tail hadn't given out." shake as well as college students," stated Lucretia I. Blocher '33, after stated Lucretia I. Blocher '33, after nine weeks of practice teaching in Johnstown. One young hopeful came carly school every noon to bring his teacher out that he couldn't even give a speech

candy and inquire about improving without reading it. Suddenly, how-his work. Another, after having a ever, the youthful orator stopped, gaz-little difficulty with his teacher in classroom work and completely ignor-ing her, bid her a repentant goodbye when she left.

when she left. Learning the peculiar names of her pupils was one of the most interesting and puzzling phases of her work, Miss Blocher said. In one class she had a Venus, a Plato, and an Electra; while the name Luminary Holliday appear-ed on another class roster. respective fraternity houses and bull sessions! Hats off, people, we give you two of nature's

**OLD MANIA** 

Ah, the ingeniousness of youth! And the utter

naivetee of the powers that be! Not so very long ago

two innocent appearing young gentlemen presented

themselves at one of the larger girls dorms, announcing that they were the brothers of one of the inmates.

Said inmate rushed downstairs and after suitable

greeting they were ushered courteously aloft and re-

mained to cheer the dismal afternoon and evening,

until at last it was announced that all visitors must leave, whereupon they made graceful exit-to their

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his class. Then grasping the back of a chair for sup

disgruntled. Last night my youngster was ill, and I

was forced to walk the floor for some hours with him.

I am not fond of such exercise. In fact I dislike it in-

tensely. At any rate he could not go to sleep and

reither could I. Hour after endless hour I paced back

and forth, back and forth, until I thought I should go

mad with the torture of it! And then-suddenly-

the child slept. As I, too, fell off to sleep (he took a

firmer hold on the back of his supporting chair)--the

phone rang! Dragging myself to the receiver, I

growled a hello. Came a voice, 'Oh doctor, I'm not

ieeling well!' ..... What the ----, neither am I!

And the name is not spelled Ritenour! . . . Let us pro-

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of our sanity are leaving us. In fact, we're cracking

up. Soon there won't be anyone to write such lovely

columns for you, but we have our consolation. Life's

just not worth living anyway. Why just the other

night, we peeked into the Kappa House and there

were three of 'em doing jig-saw puzzles . . . jig-saw

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ceived a certified check for some \$14,000. Whereupon

we immediately put our fertile brain to work dream-

ing of what we could do with such an amount. Our

final decision was to invest it by buying one of the

Liberal Arts buildings and turning it into a gleam-

ing, brass-fixtured saloon, with sawdust on the floors

and everything. The catch is that business probably

wouldn't be any good, because everyone is always late

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on their dates, and such, but we hand the palm to a

certain visitee at the Chi Phi lodge on Sunday eve-

ning. She was the pride of Kappa Kappa Gamma

and who was a lowly Atkinson to keep her awake? She suggested a game of hide-and-seek.' He didn't

wanna, but she hid anyway, and stayed hidden until

closing time, when she was located sound asleep be-

Curds and Whey

Dave Long and Croohe doing their act to the tune of

"The Sidewalks of New York" at the local rendezvous

on Saturday night . . . who was the elderly gentleman

who patted Doc. Ritenour on the head at the basket-

ball game . . . that closed Kappa Sigma dance . . .

Theta been better off if it hadn't rained so hard . .

Warnock come and see us some time? . . . we're goona

**Dollar Days** 

Wednesday to Saturday

THE MANIAC

Why doesn't someone kill that guy Lombardo . .

We've heard of girls being bored and walking out

Yes, we heard about the lad who recently re-

puzzles! . . . Aw, what's the use . . .

in getting to the L. A. buildings . . .

hind the piano! Oh dear ... !

go now!

We think we're going crazy. Daily, the vestiges

"I wish to make apologies for presenting myself in such a condition of sleeplessness, and so evidently

A certain English Lit professor appeared before one of his classes recently in a rather pitiful state. He was sadly in need of sleep and showed it. Pain lay in the depth of his eyes. Somberly he regarded

nerviest noblemen!

port, he began to speak:

ceed with the class."

the name Lummar, -ed on another class roster. "I learned more German in nine weeks of practice teaching than in four years at College," said Elsa P. Karger '38, in describing her teaching experiences in Johnstown. Some of her excentionally bright pupils in first classes were mor, the comic magazine will unveil experiences in Jonnstown. Some of Froth, will be released Friday. Ac-her exceptionally bright pupils in first companied by a deluge of frigid hu-and third year German classes were mor, the comic magazine will unveil ever on the watch for an opportunity the mysteries of the future by depict-to "trip up" the teacher. English themes furnished the most of its features. ing life at Penn State in 1962 as one of its features.

of its features. Eashrouded in glaring color com-the stamp of authority is "Red Eco-binations, the magazine will appear indications of the stamp of authority is "Red Eco-binations, I.R. Knickerbocker and with a cover drawn by Dan Gordon, others with an introduction by Walanusement to Sylvia R. Breneman '33 and Marian I. Gillette '33. In one pa-per, Mass Gillette received: "He en-tered the room and there lay a man on the bed in his fifties shot through the heart.' To Miss Breneman came the follow

Jo Allss Breneman came the 1010W-ing comments on Burns' poems 'Hal-lowe'en' and 'Tam O'Shanter'': "Hugging the darlings around the barns and stables was his idea of pleasure," and "Tam would have

Library To Display Valuable Books in Treasure Collection

which will be displayed in the library. The collection is a step in the plan to catalog all valuable items in the li-brary. Among the volumes in the Treas-ure Collection is a first edition of Hawthorne's "Life of Franklin Pierce" published by Ticknor and cording to the editors. An abund-preprinted in Boston in 1852 and has the ment the features. NEW ROAD FROM BOROUGH TO POTTER'S MILLS OPENEND

als of Congress, containing the pro-cedings from Sept. 5, 1774 to Januceedings from Sept. 5, 1774 to Janu-ary 1, 1776, for the year of 1776, for the year from January 1, 1777 to Jan-uary 1, 1778, and for the year 1781, all of which were published in New York or Philadelphia about 1777.

Other books in the collection are: The Castle of Otranto, first edition of a story translated by William Mar-shall, Gent, and published in London Shall, Gent, and published in London in 1765; Japan, an attempt at inter-pretation by Lafcadio Hearn, a first edition published in 1904 by Maemil-lan, New York; and Kokoro, hints and echoes of Japanese inner life, by Laf-cadio Hearn, which was a first edi-tion published by Houghton, Boston, in 1896.

in 1896.

Speaking Of Books

Vocational and placement guidance are more important than ever in this time when places are few. Some Army.

agencies have been unusually success. full and the story of one and its methods is contained in "How to Get a Job During a Depression" by W. C a Job During a Depression" by W. C. Graham, a record of actual and suc-cessful experience. For the science major in college Edward J. Menge has written "Jobs for the College Graduate in Science" which tells him what courses to take, the personality needed and the types of positions available. Dr. Menge is a biologist and thoroughly familiar with the field and work he is discussing.

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and the international depression as it affects the United States. An

with the ending of the first "Five Year Plan" is particularly confusing when one Bolshevist report acclaims

several authoritative volumes in the

the missionary programs.

PI GAMMA MU ELECTIONS (Honorary Social Science) Graduate

> Undergraduate William D. Balitas '34 Anna M. Dotterer '34 Charles A. Myers '34

and work he is discussing. Turning to economics, Walter Lipp-man says that "War Debts and World Prosperity" by Harold G. Moulton and Leo Pasvolsky is "a thoroughly re-liable American study of the question which is indispensable." It is par-ticularly important for the way in which it brings out the relation of the debts to world economic recovery and the international depression as and the unsubdued Indians of the Yuin catan hinterland."



in Eugene O'Neill "STRANGE INTERLUDE"

Pat O'Brien, Gloria Stuart in Jim Tully's "LAUGHTER IN HELL"

FRIDAY-Clark Gable, Carole Lombard in "NO MAN OF HER OWN" Also LAUREL and HARDY Comedy ad in this investigation of the missio

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THESDAY and WEDNESDAY-Ed Wynn (The Fire Chief) in. "MANHATTAN MARY"

picture of the aristocratic society of which he was a distinguished part. Through his eyes also are seen the France and Italy of his day. Revolu-tionary France is represented in this field by De Segur's "Marie Antoi-nette" and Mahan's "Marie Louise, Napoleon's Nemesis." From "Follow the Leader" 

FRIDAY-"THE ANIMAL KINGDOM" "THE ANIMAL KINGDOM" trip across the Atlantic to Yucatan where Thompson of Yucatan "has "NO MAN OF HER OWN"

binations, the magazine will appear nonice" by H. R. Knickerboeker and with a cover drawn by Dan Gordon, others with an introduction by Wal-metropolitan illustrator whose work has appeared in various periodicals. A The Russian situation at this times. keen insight into the true version of athletic events at Penn State will be presented. Features of this issue include "Harpo and Chico Marx at the Winter Sports," and "The Early Worm Gets the Birdies." . Other philosophical treatises to be presented to the read-ing public for the first time are "How To Raise Bunions in Two Parts," and

Frothy Funsters

Feature Foibles

"Romeo and Juliet with a Capulet Letter."

Feeling that Winter sports at this L reeing that Winter sports at this College have been sadly neglected and Six valuable books, four journals of the Congresses of one-hundred fifty years ago, and a collection of letters are included in a "treasure collection" which will be displayed in the literature of a Winter Sports at the first attempt ings and recommendations indicate the need for far-reaching changes in

the missionary programs. Biographies and autobiographies continue to be among the most nu-merous and popular volumes from the publishers' presses. "Sherman, Fight-ing Prophet" by Lloyd Lewis is rich in ancedetes of one of the greatest American military leaders. `Gwynn's "Life of Horace Walpole" presents a picture of the aristocratic society of which he was a distinguished part

tains not unblished in two volumes by Carey suspended and Lee, Philadelphia, in 1832, are to be seen at the library. The library also contains the Jour-tance from





Tuesday, January 24, 1933

SOCIETY HEARS WHITMORE: Dean Frank C. Whitmore, head of Dean Frank C. Whitmore, head of the School of Chemistry and Physics, addressed the Maryland section of the American Chemical society, at Baltimore recently. On his trip he also visited the Edgewood Arsenal as civilian consultant to the Chemical Welfare service of the United States Army

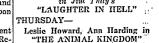
John Barber Hugo Bezdek jr. Walter L. Ferree

made a forty years study of the my-sterious highly developed culture of the Mayas of Central America." His "People of the Serpent" relates his own adventures "with snakes, jaguars

tinee at 1:30—Evening Opening at 6:30 Complete Late Showing After 9:00 p. m. TUESDAY-

Shows at 1:30, 3:35, 6:30, 8:45 Norma Shearer, Clark Gable

its success and another admits its failure. The library has also ordered VEDNESDAY-



# Leslie Howard, Ann Harding in "THE ANIMAL KINGDOM" Mickey Mouse, Abe Lyman Orchestra

field of "the new technocracy" and these will be made available as soor as possible. Perhaps the most important recent volume in the religious field is "Re-thinking Missions," the report of a commission appointed by the "Lay-

men's Foreign Missions Inquiry Seven denominations were represent

Roland Young, Fifi D'Orsay in "THEY JUST HAD TO GET MARRIED"

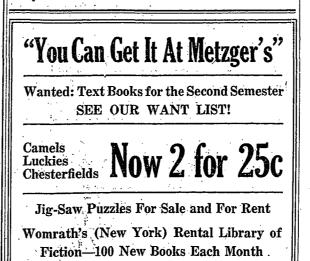
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FRATERNITY representatives will discuss the "graduate tutor" system that has been adopted in many colleges and is actually being practiced in slightly different form at several fraternities here. If guidance can solve the problem of failing students, the tutor system can be of material benefit to fraternities who dread the prospect of losing men through dismissal from college. More than that the assistance of tutors could do much toward advising men who are at sea in their work. Obviously, guidance would be the limit of the tutorial assistance. The work must always rest on the student as it properly should.

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