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REPRISAL

Considerable difficulty has been met by students not enrolled in the Education school when they sought to schedule some courses in that division. Although many complaints have been made in different quarters nothing much seems to have been accomplished by way of clearing the matter up as a general rule.

Two arguments may most logically be presented by the Education school in making it difficult if not impossible for students enrolled in other schools to take the courses required for certification as teachers by the State. The one, that the teaching profession is already too crowded, can be rejected with the point that teachers should be subject to the usual competition for positions with the best men winning out.

Certain other practices resorted to and required before allowing students to register for courses in the Education school at least give rise to the question of whether or not the school must resort to conscription to increase its enrollment. Courses in this school should be made easily available to students in other schools. If reprisal had been made by other schools for the harsh treatment of their students at the hands of the Education school, certainly undergraduates in education would have suffered greatly.

Freshmen first learn of the sportsmanlike conduct of the student body in their meetings during the orientation period. They are taught to think of it as a tradition. Visitors, too, have been impressed in the past by the gentlemanly conduct of the students. The fame has spread abroad. When outbursts occur, such as those recently, in which officials, visiting teams, or even the varsity groups have been jeered, there is cause to wonder whether this reputation for sportsmanship is anything more than a product of wishful thinking.

THE LIBRARY GROWS

From earliest times no educational project has been complete without its library. The early monasteries became centers of learning because it was there that treasured books were accessible to the student, and with each advance in the educational system can be traced a corresponding development of the library. Today, it may well be said that the educational service of the college and university is centered in its library, for there are few if any students who do not at sometime in their four years of study call upon the library to furnish them with data of some sort.

Recognition of this fact prompted the College authorities to take definite steps toward advancing the College library facilities more than a year ago. That their efforts have not been in vain is apparent today, since it is questionable whether any one part of the institution has made a more rapid advancement in the past years than has the College library. Under the direction of the present librarian the entire policy has been changed, and the effect may be felt in many departments of the College. As a preliminary step the arrangement of the library plant was changed in order to make better use of the available space. The reserve book service was given a major place among the library functions, branch school and departmental library activities were placed under the supervision of the central unit, and a "browsing" room where books of fiction were easily obtainable have been made features of the new system.

Not content with these improvements, however, the library has gone a step farther. It has undertaken the task of increasing interest in reading and it has attempted to do its share toward adding to the cultural program of the College. Special exhibits of books, manuscripts, and interesting collections are on display at all times; a series of fireside readings was inaugurated this year; and fraternities are being encouraged to build up individual libraries for the convenience and pleasure of their own members.

Much still remains to be done before the library reaches its rightful place at Penn State, but there can be no doubt that this objective can be and will be reached under the present program as additional funds become available.

G. S.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

The Complaint Angle-Assumer

Please Mr., don't, I've a blr. on't.

LaBelle Malmed, our silken-lashed boxing manager, etc., returns from Harvard convinced that a not-too-scrupulous Animal Husbandryist dressed for class looks like a fashion plate compared with the average Harvard student. It is bruited about that the Crim-son maulers refused to consider an engagement here because they were afraid of being incarcerated for vagrancy.

It is related that, after the crowd had been assembled and waiting for some ten minutes, the Harvard boxing manager suddenly recollected that he had forgotten to inform the referee as to just what time the fights were to start.

The culture-bound fall for the L. A. Lectious. While engineers find them not at all infectious, and scan the columns of the trusty COLLEGIAN For a talk by an expert on televegian Long-jawed scholars of the genus Polits Poro o'er exchanges of international bulls. Agriculturists be-overalled caper in the snow Distributing of the nitrates and finding rows to hoe. Others profess interest in erudition higher, But they all desert their sacred posts to dash off to a fire.

This one came out of Journalism 22 class. We're so much in sympathy with the gentleman's viewpoint that we think we'll print it. He calls this effort "To a Church-Mouse."

I had a nice date for the Ball, But I've bats in both belfry and vestry. If her posterity can't all Lay claim to Puritan ancestry

-R. S.

One of our less trustworthy but more diverting observers reports seeing Dean Whitmore, crowned with a dunce cap and frantically blowing a tin whistle... entertaining the kiddies... We wait with ill-concealed trepidation the advent of the physessders scandal sheet, which is to be called the Discobulus Gazette, or something... we wonder will they expose G—'s and the N—y L—n waitresses as being responsible for the lack of enthusiasm displayed by some of the lesser mitmen?... New use for co-eds... Somebody had one at work filling his pipe in front of NLA... The Senior Ball date of one of the justly celebrated footballers came to town looking a little plumper than usual... we won't tell how we found out, but the padding not only worked an improvement in the lady's figure, but served effectually to foil probing officers of the law... The Triangles can't get the brothers out of bed any other way, so they are having a breakfast for certain co-eds this morning... perhaps the Great Engineers figure that if the girls are invited to breakfast, they will be ashamed to ask for an invitation to dinner... Why and concerning whom, did Isabel Rhein write on her blotter, "I can't quite fathom him"... hint: he may be deep, but he's certainly not at all wide... Congrats to Mister Hafford upon blessed event No 4... is he going after Don Rose's record?... The distressing little blizzard Tuesday morning... during which a co-ed folded up in front of the Dairy bldg... just in time to be caught on first bounce by an alert freshman... The Beta Kappas plot a new house, while the Phi Lambda Thetas look Locust Lane-ward... Sue Porterfield was officially out of town Saturday night... echo answers, what town?...

The Letter Box

Thursday, February 23, 1933.

Editor, The Penn State COLLEGIAN, Pennsylvania State College, Dear Sir:

I take this opportunity to submit the financial statement of the Senior Ball which was held on Friday evening, February 17, 1933.

Several of the items had to be estimated since the final bills have not yet come through. The item of catering which was corrected by refunding the \$3.50 catering charge to each fraternity that had signed up and having general catering in place of the usual individual booth service.

Few people realize the amount of expense involved in holding a dance at the Recreation hall. Many think the only expenses are the ones incurred by the orchestra and decorations, but as can be seen from the report other necessities amount to more than these two items.

This is the first Senior Ball over a period of the last seven years that has shown a surplus, with the exception of the Senior Ball of 1929, which had a slight surplus. I wish to say that the present system of management for dances is to be highly commended. The students still have the power of selection—being advised, not dictated, as to whether or not the matters will coincide with the budget drawn up by the various student governing bodies.

The matter of lower admission price is a good thing. However, it is hard to say if it was the only major factor of the financial success, but it should be given a fair trial.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN H. GOOD '33, Chairman Senior Ball Committee

Ritenour Announces Plan for Students Doing Own Cooking

Students who have been cooking their meals in their own rooms will have an opportunity of having at least two meals a week well cooked and properly prepared; according to plans being laid by Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician, and Miss Edith P. Chace, director of the home economics department.

Classes in camp cookery will be formed under the direction of Prof. Edith V. Harding, of the home economics department. It will be given in the Home Economics building two nights each week, according to the tentative plans.

Students who wish to take the course may obtain registration cards at Miss Chace's office. The enrollment fee will be five dollars. According to Dr. Ritenour, the students may bring meat or other food sufficient to last several days and prepare it under competent supervision. A list of menus contemplated by those in charge of the project will be given in subsequent issues of the COLLEGIAN.

Y.W.C.A. PLANS 'TEACUP HOUR'

A monthly "teacup hour" to be held Sunday afternoons is being planned by the Y. W. C. A. These informal teas, which will begin early next month, will enable women students to meet groups of women faculty members who will be guests.

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Bull Sessions Remain Same Even in Exam Week, Student Survey Shows

Final exam week, held by many to be the biennial seven days when even the homo colégi, in the face of grim necessity, must drop his clever colloquialisms and soberly speak of matters academic, has been investigated with regard to conversations by a student who lived through it to announce the principle that, "regardless of the stress and strain, bull sessions do not vary."

This student, aided by secret agents, managed to gain daily reports as to the conversational nature of five fraternity houses and one non-fraternity group during the recent week of mental fatalities. Day after day, data concerning the subjects of table conversation, as well as those of sessions, was amassed.

Despite professorial warnings, parents' pleas, and visions of a minus sign preceding the digits 1 and 2, the student's conclusions irrefutably show:

WILL GIVES PENN STATE GRATUITY

Dr. Colfelt, Former Professor of College, Bequeaths Estate Valued at \$20,000

Penn State has been named in the will of the late Dr. Lawrence M. Colfelt, former pastor and professor of ethics, constitutional law, and political economy at the College from 1896 to 1898, according to an article in the February issue of the Penn State Alumni News.

Dr. Colfelt, who was eighty-four years of age, died at Winchester, Va., on December 30. His will, probated in Bedford, bequeaths one-third of his estate to a nephew, and the remainder to his housekeeper for the period of their lifetimes. Upon the death of both, the principal is to be given to the College. The estate has been valued at \$20,000 by the Bedford County Trust company.

According to a stipulation in the will, the principal when received by the College shall be used for "the education of poor and worthy young men" in a manner to be decided at that time by College officials.

Prior to his service at the College, Dr. Colfelt filled pastorates at Allentown, Washington Square, and Oxford churches in Philadelphia. In 1899 he established The Pennsylvania Hawk-eye, a semi-weekly newspaper at Bedford, which he conducted for several years. During this time he was a member of the College board of trustees from 1900 to 1903. In 1903 he returned to the ministry in Philadelphia until 1915, when he retired to reside in Winchester, Va.

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ed dances, women as such, automobiles, radios, jokes, bridge, personal experiences, sports, and what "the gentleman from North Carolina said—" as the subjects which supplied the most fodder for the sessions. Professors and classrooms were honored from time to time in the conversations, according to the report, by discussions of such highly relevant material as the value and best means of succeeding in the arts—of chiseling and cribbing. How to pass final examinations without studying was also given some consideration.

One group did contain some academicians who were given to uplift. The report of this group was demarcated between marriage, sports, and jokes, representing the house ho-polo-i, offset by talk of salaries for first-year jobs, possible examination grades, and the value of practical experience in preparing for a profession. According to the student investigator, little oral analysis of the current depression and its attendant hardships was attempted in the discussions of members of the various bull sessions. Most of the "sessionists" who essayed to discuss their lack of monetary resources were deterred and consoled at the same time by the quick, and obviously witty, query, "Who cares?"

WOMEN'S DEBATING TEAM WINS OVER OHIO WESLEYAN

Supporting the negative of the question, "Resolved, that all intergovernmental war debts, including reparations, should be cancelled," the women's debating team won an audience decision in the contest with the Ohio Wesleyan women's team in the Home Economics auditorium Wednesday night.

Margaret E. Barnard '34, Jeanne S. Klockner '35, and E. Marion Tomlinson '35 composed the Penn State team. The meet was the second for the women debaters, a tie decision having been gained in a debate against the women's team of William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va., earlier in the season.

FARMERS TO MEET JUNE 15

June 15 has been selected as the date for the annual Farmers Day sponsored by the School of Agriculture, according to Prof. Thomas I. Mairs, of the agriculture experiment station, who is in charge of the program.

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ARTICLE ON GAS FIELDS FEATURED IN 'ENGINEER'

February Number Contains Several Contributions by Faculty Men

Featuring an article on the newly discovered gas fields in Potter county, and several short contributions by members of the faculty, the February issue of the Penn State Engineer was released Wednesday.

Entitled "Developments of Gas Fields in Potter County" and written by Jack Gaddess, geologist for the North Penn Gas company, the feature article describes the newly discovered gas fields and the work of development. A story of the modern manufacture of blown gas commodities is also found in the issue.

Prof. Philip X. Rice, of the electrical engineering department, gives the story of his war-time experiences in France in "Stealing the Railroad System," while Amos E. Neyhart, of the industrial engineering department, recounts his difficulties in erecting an industrial plant in the story "A Penn State Inspiration."

115 PERSONS TREATED DAILY

Averaging 115 cases daily, 10,897 students were given treatment for minor ailments in the College dispensary during last semester, according to Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician. Figures for first semester of last year reveal that 8,287 cases were reported.

CATHAUM A WATER PROVES THEATRE

(Matinee 1:30—Evening Opening 6:30 Complete Late Showing After 9 p.m.)

Table with 2 columns: Day and Show Title. Rows include FRIDAY, SATURDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY.

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