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EVOLUTION

Underlying the proposal to weld together men's and women's student government on the campus are two fundamental considerations. The first is the alleviation of the strained feeling traditional between men and women students here.

For many long and weary years, the men on the campus have been resenting the feminine invasion with a bored and unreasoned insistence inherited from the days when hairy-chested farm students revolted at the idea of having to cast aside evil-smelling and ancient shirts so that women could exist side by side with them in the classrooms.

It is axiomatic among political theorists that the neatest way of breaking down differences between factions is to join them in seeking some political ends. The quickest and most practical action toward crumbling the old Co-ed Complex is to merge the women into the men's political system.

Secondly, the women who are interested in the problems of government and in the realities of the political community are now being trained in a false atmosphere when they deal only with institutions made up of women.

Women's campus politics are just now entering that nasty stage of surreptitious clique maneuvering from which men's cliques have emerged and which if left on the present trend is sure to bring on a period of bitterness despite all artificial panaceas.

AN ENCOURAGING SIGN

Current support for honors courses in the School of Liberal Arts is reassuring. It comes as an encouraging sign to those students who, engulfed in the mediocrity of the lecture system, have just about given up hope that college could whet their intellectual appetites.

Certain misconceptions about the honors course idea need to be cleared up. Honors work would not attempt to replace the lecture system entirely. Rather, individual research—the essence of an honors course—would supplement classroom instruction gained previously.

Honors courses will not be a panacea for all our educational ills. They will do one thing: They will give the superior student an avenue of escape from the three-times-a-week arrangement which too often regards the undergraduate as a receptive unit intended to be crammed with information, quizzed periodically, and then graded according to some theory of distribution.

If one or two honors courses are to be made elective in each department for only a select group of students, there is no reason why a few cannot be put on trial here next semester. Critics of the proposal may say that it would take too much of the instructor's time. But only occasional conferences with the student would be necessary, since he does the work on his own initiative.

English universities have used similar courses for many years. Likewise, the more progressive American institutions employ some form of the honors course plan. It is no new idea in educational circles. Six years ago it was recommended for trial here by the Liberal Arts faculty.

-C. A. M.

OLD MANIA

With all due respect to the co-eds we think that there's such a thing as spoiling them. We have reference to that trio of violin, saxophone and voice specialist that spent its nights during the recent Hell-week in wafting forth sweet music under the windows of dormitory and sorority house.

The palm for the best "Hit of the Week" goes to little Mary (Dynamite) Simpson. It seems that there's a part in the new Thespian show in which "Buffalo" Bill Edwards insults the little flower girl, Mary, upon which she calmly turns around and slaps his nasty cheek, so there! They carefully explained the act to Dynamite.

"Do I hit him hard?" "Oh, sure... sure..." "How hard?"

"Well, pretty hard. Aw yeah, hit him as hard as you like," the last with a glance at Mary's mere five feet of height.

Whereupon she did. It's taken a crew of workmen three days to get the the Auditorium back in shape; and Doc Ritenour, Doc Dietterich, one dentist, a crutch-maker, and three plastic surgeons to fix Edwards so that he can struggle around again.

That's technique!

Leo Houck and Nate Cartmell have organized a brand new type of fraternity. The pledge pin is one of the pink or blue contraptions which you find on the non-business end of a lamb chop in any of our higher class eateries.

With the long-threatened union of the Student Governments looming up as an actual possibility, we're becoming rather worried, so we are. Just suppose they get a feminine official in there and someone starts a sale of new spring hats. Then, too, suppose that the feminine and non-feminine contingents just can't get along. What a picture it would be to see a bobbed-haired treasurer chasing the president down the campus waving a rolling fascis or something, and crying, "Down with Vincent (Burp) Lopez and his twelve bands. We want Guy Lombardo!" Just suppose.

Flotsam & Jetsam

Good old Red Mathews is back at the Door again... that deadly ladies man "Barny" Barnhart with Isabel Loveland at the A. T. O. affair... congratulations Angie... wish this Allen girl would leave so we'd stop getting her mixed up with the Kappa pledge... who started the pajama-pants fad among the co-eds?... the Hell-week freshman who refused to shine shoes and took them all down town to have it done... firemen smoking cigars while working... June Brown taking the Belleville Boy for a joy-ride... guess we'll get us a leather coat like McAndrews'... hats off to "Jingles" and Heist... who called Marge Miller the "flaming flamin'..." we're Nagana say any more...

-THE MANIAC

Champlin Finds Puerto Ricans More Eager To Learn Than Students Here

"Students at the University of Puerto Rico are more desirous to learn and to cultivate knowledge than are students at Penn State," said Dr. Carroll D. Champlin, of the School of Education, who returned from Puerto Rico recently. "Although handicapped with a meagre supply of literature and lack of technique, they are filled with enthusiasm in politics, law and science," he added.

The institution, of Spanish origin, has an enrollment of 2300 students, more than half of whom are women. In commenting upon their expressive temperaments the education professor pointed out that they are fond of mild publicity.

"The Puerto Rican is given no chance to work his way through college, because of the relatively low wages paid on the island," remarked Dr. Champlin. "The student is either aided by scholarship or financed by some rich sugar plantation owner. The institution has four social fraternities."

In commenting on the athletic policy of the university, he said that few contests are held because of the humid weather. While there are no indoor activities, a little baseball, track, tennis, and soccer is played on an intramural basis.

All class lectures are conducted in English because it is the official language of the university, he continued.

114 Co-Eds Earn Total of \$10,555, Survey Indicates

One hundred and fourteen women students, enrolled here during last semester, collectively earned a total of \$10,555.05 in various forms of part-time employment, a survey conducted by the office of the Dean of Women reveals.

Twenty-five of the women students were engaged in dormitory service, ten worked in the library, four aided in the care of children, eight earned money doing general housework, and three as saleswomen. The occupations of waitress, office worker, clerk, and telephone operator each gave part-time employment to two women students, while one student engaged in musical entertainment and sixty-two earned room and board in private homes.

Women students found employment during the summer of 1932 in all the types of work listed, except dormitory service, selling, and musical entertainment. Additional summer occupations were mill and factory work and summer camp and playground positions, while one student was a governess and another an assistant in a chemical laboratory.

Daily Laundry Boxes Would Pile High as Power Plant Stack

Laundry cases which are handled at the State College post office in a single day would form a pile higher than the power plant stack if they were placed one on top of another, according to figures announced by Postmaster George Glenn.

Approximately five thousand of the cases are received at the local office each week, and as many as one thousand five hundred cases are handled during the busier days. The average cost of postage per case has been estimated to be fifteen cents.

The majority of the students mail their laundry on Monday and Tuesday, while the delivery men find their duties the heaviest during the other four days. Three trucks are required to make the deliveries.

State College is the smallest town in Pennsylvania to claim the distinction of having a first class post office. With the ratings of the offices based on the receipts from sale of stamps, money order and cash on delivery fees, the local office compares financially with offices in towns several times greater in size.

Statistics also reveal that Penn State students spend much of their time in writing letters, for more than two hundred thousand letters are mailed each month. More letters are mailed Monday than on any other day of the week.

BRACKEN TO SEEK DEGREE

Prof. John R. Bracken, of the department of horticulture, has been granted a leave of absence for this semester to work at the University of Michigan as a candidate for a master's degree in landscape architecture. He will conduct detailed research of plant structure, specializing in work concerning the landscape treatment of small farms and its future development.

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Speaking Of Books

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The second volume of Arnold Bennett's "Journal" has appeared and the third and last is promised for April. In the Journal he recreates himself as a character more vitally than any of the well-known characters of his books, and his adventures in authorship are an inspiration to all young authors.

"The Bright Land" by Janet Ayer Fairbank is a historical novel picturing the story of westward expansion and the Civil War in the life of an American family. The stage coach, the canal boat and the primitive railway all appear as means of transportation.

The place and purpose of the men of great wealth in the American scene has often been the subject for heated dispute and they have not always been faithfully presented in biography. "God's Gold" telling the story of John D. Rockefeller by John D. Flynn presents the oil king in relation to his times more justly and impartially than the average biography of wealth.

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How To Avoid BONERS BACCHUS WAS A FAMOUS GREEK BOOTLEGGER TRY to forgive him. Poor chap, he really means well, even if he does think his posterity is the thing he sits on! If you're really sorry for Bill Boner, give him a pipe and some good tobacco. That will straighten him out - for a pipe filled with Edgeworth Smoking Tobacco clears the brain for straight thinking. As you know, Edgeworth was proved by a recent investigation to be the favorite smoking tobacco at 42 out of 64 leading colleges. The college man likes that distinctive flavor that comes only from this blend of fine old burleys. It's different. It's a soothing, relaxing sort of smoke that makes the job in hand just a little easier. EDGEMORTH SMOKING TOBACCO

PROF. KELLER TO SPEAK AT NEW YORK SAFETY CONCLAVE

Prof. J. Orvis Keller, head of the department of engineering extension, will deliver the opening address at the Greater New York Safety conference, in New York City tomorrow. "New Methods of Employee Training, and Their Applications to Safety Instruction," will be his subject.

Following the New York address, Professor Keller will address technical students at engineering extension department branch schools in Reading and Allentown on the subject of "Implications of Technology."

It also goes into great detail in describing the development of the oil business and credits Mr. Rockefeller with unusual business and executive ability in his work.

Another volume bearing on international relations tells the story of "John Slidell and the Confederates in Paris." The intrigues of Mason and Slidell in the Trent Affair are well known. But not so well known are the further adventures of Slidell as he plotted and schemed for the confederacy in France afterwards. It is a historical account which is fully exciting as fiction.



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

- TUESDAY— Janet Gaynor, Will Rogers, Lew Ayres, Sally Eilers in "STATE FAIR"
WEDNESDAY— Ruth Chatterton in "FRISCO JENNY"
THURSDAY— Irene Dunne, Charles Bickford in "NO OTHER WOMAN"
FRIDAY— John Barrymore, Myrna Loy in "TOPAZE"
SATURDAY— Ben Lyon, Mary Brian in "GIRL-MISSING"
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