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CONFIDENCE ON CREDIT

The enlightened action of the College in dealing with the question of beer permits the student body to decide its own fate on the matter. Making no effort to stem what many fear as the opening of the malt flood-gates, College officials have placed their confidence in the students. The word temperance because of associations during the drive for prohibition came to take on much the same meaning as abstinence. For that reason the present generation has a confused notion of the word. When someone speaks for temperance it is received in the sense of total abstinence instead of what sane individuals and churches down through the ages have advocated—a reasonable use of all things given to man for use and pleasure.

When the College permits its students the unrestricted use of beer it is furthering the cause of true temperance. That all the work of the past has been lost by the recent prohibition experiment of the American people cannot be denied. Especially convincing does this fact become when it is pointed out that the country is now faced with the problem of learning how to drink for the pleasures of the beverage itself rather than the mere delight in becoming intoxicated. Perhaps the latter objective will always be a problem among College students, the majority of whom drink in pantomime and put on the after effects because it seems so delicately naive.

The Student Board and all who have the interests of the College at heart are not willing to permit unlicensed freedom of conduct in drinking matters. When public nuisances are created, be the cause what it may, bounds of common decency have been passed and summary action must follow.

One factor that deserves comment is that the foes of repeal are watching for reactions to this slight let-down of restrictions. Many politicians and public leaders predict nothing but a hard road for further repeal if the country literally goes dead drunk today. The pendulum will swing back again, they claim. In permitting the students the opportunity to drink conveniently by placing no restriction on sale within town, the College is risking immeasurable harm from critics who only are too observant of anything that might be used to blacken a reputation. The confidence that has been placed in the students is reassuring.

R. O. T. C. AGAIN

Petitions are being circulated on the campus demanding that the Board of Trustees of the College make the R. O. T. C. an optional course. Last year, this same Board of Trustees passed, partially at the request of students, a motion authorizing the College to set up a system of courses whereby military drill became optional and other training in line with the student's academic work was substituted. This new arrangement is to go into effect in the fall of 1933.

Many students, languidly listening to lecturers, have set down their signatures in the inattentive manner with which they sign checks. Of course, it is easy to forget something which happened so far in the dim past as January 19, 1932. But a thing which should be remembered is that any action to stir up feeling on this even sensitive question can do nothing except hinder a satisfactory settlement which has been already authorized.

Most of the students signing recall dimly that something like this matter was brought up last year, but they can not seem to realize that the best possible arrangements have been already made to settle the problem. It is not a thing to be done. It is done.

This shooting off of blank cartridges, the signing of petitions, will kill no R. O. T. C. But it will scare the whole question back into the bushes where it will be a terrible job getting it out again.

CIVILIZATION

Greater sanity in college customs began as a movement two years ago when customs were abandoned for sophomore men and made more lenient for freshmen. The fact that men had advanced this far from the savage stage made the women's Move-up Day demonstration of last year even more inexpedient. Had the embarrassment been confined to meek freshmen who felt their beauty impaired by balloon accoutrements, the movement probably would not have reached its present point, but it was felt to an even greater degree by those who imposed this system upon the freshmen and by the members of the faculty when questioned by visitors. Respect for all these elements and a general feeling that the Pennsylvania State College is outgrowing the antiquated methods of a "cow college" have led to the death of women's Spirit Day.

Becoming of sophomore age will be celebrated by freshman women at a civilized dance on Move-up Day this year. An important step in the movement for sane customs, it is also one indication that women recognize the value of more dignified behavior for a college of this size. This feeling is further evidenced in the recent revision of women's rules, and one other step for which we can hope in the future is that the Student Tribunal will cease to deal out such penalties as the wearing of sandwich cards.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Lots of nice things are happening today. Beer coming back, for example, thus giving the brewers first place among the ex-has-beens of history.

Another bright spot is the fact that you are now perusing the final opus, the dernier cri, of the present incumbent of this column. To those who have been intelligent enough to enjoy our efforts, we extend our thanks. We hope you have had as good a time out of it as we. No use getting sentimental. We might have gushed a bit, though.

In re the decline of Rotarianism, may we call your attention to the recently printed ballot of the State College Rotary club. For vice-president, Joe Rite-nour will fight it out with Neil Fleming. (To be on the safe side, the nominating committee left a blank space, too.) Buck Taylor opposes Jack Harper for secretary, and among the aspirants for directorship appear the names of Ike Gilbert, Fred Weaver, and Dick Kennard.

Addenda to the Maniac's admirable list of dummies. People in Koopp-Baker's hypenated public-speaking class said "emulsion" for "emotion," and "Renaissance" for "resonance." Somebody else spelled "mores," "morace." Might have done worse with "morass." One of Waller's sociologists blue-booked a learned discourse upon the advantages of the Child Saving theory over the Better Dead theory; habits of thrift should be started early, he argued.

The Gridiron Banquet... which Bobby Dengler insists should be called a Raspberry Festival... Dean Kern bought a new tux for the occasion, after just year and years... Tommy Thompson missed the first bluband practice in twenty-five annus or so to attend... Mike Lorenzo remarks to Dean Sackett that "some of these fraternities have as many as forty-five seniors in the house"...

Today may be a momentous date, but tomorrow will be really epochal on the Penn State campus. If you see large numbers of students wandering aimlessly about, looking distraught and kicking pebbles, know that there's a reason. Last year we predicted the chaos that was to come, and now we will feel the full effects of a dance committee's lack of foresight. The 1932 Interfraternity Ball program included in its ample folds a calendar. That calendar expires on April 8, 1933.

The Question, it appears, is now "To boo, or not to boo"... or maybe to boo is taboo... forget we ever said anything about it... The Phiep freshman who came home from chemlab wearing a Theta Kappa Phi pledge button... Our SHEB, after preparing his almost last drawer, cleaned out his desk drawers... and found a drawer key which had been inside ever since September... An off-hand lady walked confidently down the steps and into the wrong door at the Cathaum... And before we go, bouquets to Doc Dengler as the finest Teacher on the Campus, and Galbraith, as one of the best informed and most able... Luck to them... to you... to our successor... and to us.

SCHOOL MUSICIANS TO COMPETE HERE

Entrants Will Engage in Annual Meet Sponsored by State Forensic League

Musicians from eight counties of the State will compete in the fourth annual High School Music contest in Schwab auditorium and the Little Theatre, Old Main, on April 22, according to Prof. Hummel Fishburn, acting head of the music department. Approximately thirty schools will compete in the contest, which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Forensic League to promote music appreciation. Students will compete in events ranging from vocal and instrumental solos to orchestra and band competition. Winners of the various eliminations will engage in State competition at Sunbury April 28 and 29.

Will Complete Program Although a definite program will not be completed until county contests are concluded on April 13, the eliminations will probably start at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, Mr. Fishburn said. While the larger organizations of instrumental and vocal type will be divided into three classes, according to the size of the school, the soloists and small ensembles will compete on the same basis, regardless of the school, the music director added.

Judges for each event will be selected from the faculty, as well as from senior students in the department of music. The all-day contest will include vocal solos, instrumental solos; selections by small vocal and instrumental ensembles, glee clubs, mixed choruses, bands, and orchestras. Schools appearing here as representatives of the central district will be chosen from the counties of Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Snyder, and Union. Nine State districts will be present at the contest held in Sunbury.

W. S. G. A. SENATE TO ELECT WOMEN'S HANDBOOK EDITOR

Under the new combination of the men's and women's student handbooks the editor of the women's handbook will be chosen by the W. S. G. A. senate from the present junior class, it was announced Wednesday.

Three assistant editors will also be chosen from the present sophomore class by the women's senate. Next year, the outgoing editor will recommend a new editor to the senate for approval.

COFFIN TO SPEAK IN SUNDAY CHAPEL

President of Theological Seminary Will Talk Here for First Time at Services

Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, president of the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, will deliver the Palm Sunday chapel address at the regular services in Schwab auditorium at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. This will be Dr. Coffin's first visit to Penn State.

A graduate of Yale University, Dr. Coffin studied at New College, Edinburgh, Scotland, from 1897 to 1900, and then returned to this country to receive his Master's degree from Yale in 1900. He has also taken graduate work at the University of Marburg, the Union Theological Seminary, where he was granted his Bachelor of Divinity degree, and New York University, which awarded him a degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1906.

Following his service as minister of the Bedford Park church, Bedford, New York, he was pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, New York City, for twenty-one years. During that time he was also an associate professor at the Union Theological Seminary, and in 1926 he accepted the position of president there.

As author of more than a dozen books on the church and theology in general, as well as a contributor to periodicals, the speaker has become widely known among ministers all over the country. He has also addressed many student conventions and chapel services, and in a recent nation poll he was judged one of America's twenty-five best preachers.

Who's Dancing

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The School of Education leads in the number of students in the first twentieth of their class, according to the class standings prepared by Registrar William S. Hoffman. The Schools of Engineering and Chemistry and Physics are second, followed by the School of Liberal Arts, the School of Agriculture, and the School of Mineral Industries.

Fifty-seven Education students are ranked in the first twentieth of their classes. This number includes twelve seniors, nine juniors, fourteen sophomores, and twenty-two freshmen. Twelve seniors, nine juniors, fifteen sophomores, and eleven freshmen in the School of Engineering are in the upper five percent of their classes. Their total of forty-seven is equal to the number of students enrolled in the School of Chemistry and Physics who are in the select group. The number

by classes in that school are six seniors, twelve juniors, sixteen sophomores, and thirteen freshmen.

The School of Liberal Arts ranks a close fourth with forty-six in the first twentieth. Ten seniors, eleven juniors, thirteen sophomores, and twelve freshmen are represented in this group.

The School of Agriculture, with seven seniors, nine juniors, five sophomores, and twelve freshmen, for a total of thirty-three, holds fifth place. Mineral Industries students, because of the comparatively small enrollment of that School, holds last place with only twelve men listed as members of the upper twentieth of their classes.



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

TODAY— Sylvia Sidney, George Raft in "PICK-UP"

SAURDAY— Genevieve Tobin, Roland Young in "PLEASURE CRUISE"

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