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THE ACTION OF THE TRUSTEES in lowering the rates charged for College dormitory accommodations and at the College commons is a logical move in view of present economic conditions. College dormitory rates this year have been consistently higher than those in town, justified in part by the facilities, location, and service offered. However, even these advantages are negligible to the average student during a period of economic depression. The reduction is very likely to result in a greater patronage from the men students of the facilities at Varsity, Frear and Watts halls next year. Similar reductions might well be made in class fees, the debating fee and the damage fee without impairing the work financed by these funds. The surplus shown in the class treasuries this year demonstrates that a continuance of the present efficient management of class funds would make a reduction possible, while the annual expenditures covered by the damage fee are low enough to be met by a considerably lower fee. The size of the debating fee, while small, is nevertheless difficult to justify in the light of general student attendance and interest in debating.

FRESHMEN NEXT YEAR will have a slightly different set of customs than those of the present class, if the recommendations of the Student Council committee are accepted. Dating and dress customs will be a little more lenient, while the smoking and matches regulations will be reinstated. Whatever may be the merit of these customs in the minds of the committee, it is certain that they will be useless without the support of upperclass students. Student Tribunal will no longer serve as an enforcement body, and violations will have to be reported by members of the three upper classes. The final fate of freshman customs, therefore, will be determined by student attitude toward them next year. If the students do not support the regulations by reporting violators, then there is every assurance that the Class of 1938 will be unrestricted. A small minority of the student body cannot be expected to enforce customs which the majority disregard.

DEAN WARNOCK'S REPLY to outside critics of large all-College dances is sound. While other colleges are reducing the number of functions, Penn State is reducing the price of each, thereby accomplishing the same end of lightening the social burden of the student. In addition, there is little justification for the statement that it is presumptuous to give to the Loan fund when students spend so much money on social affairs. As the Dean points out, the students who attend the big dances are not usually the students who benefit by the Loan fund. Since those who do not attend are not likely to turn their saving over to the fund, it is difficult to see how the fund would benefit by a reduction in social activities.

ONE OF THE BEST RESULTS of the new non-fraternity Inter-unit Council will be the organization of the non-fraternity men into a workable group. In the past these men have been unorganized and it was impossible for student leaders to deal with them directly. The council can now sponsor definite activities for non-fraternity men and cooperate with Interfraternity Council and Student Council in matters of College-wide interest. In order to strengthen the contact of the new organization with student government groups, its representative should be recognized as an ex-officio member of Student Council. Certainly he will be in closer touch with non-fraternity opinion than the head of a club which has ceased to interest the majority of non-fraternity men.

THE FIRST AND ONLY REPLY to the invitation in the last issue to comment on war comes from an "Informed Student." It is usually against the policy of this paper to print any letters in which the writer's name is not known, although a fictitious name may be used in the final publication if requested. However, this letter is significant in that it represents the opinion of a certain group of students. Aside from a few personal attacks which do not deserve to be printed when the writer's name is unknown, the letter is published verbatim. It is to be regretted that the writer is so concerned about his "continued existence as a member of the student body" that he did not sign his initials at least. Remarks are easy to make when they are masked by a pseudonym. Meanwhile, where are the pacifistically-inclined students? Certainly there are some who would not agree with the "Informed Student." Or do they confine their remarks to fraternity bull sessions and liberal club meetings? More opinions could be printed in the next and final issue of the semester.

OLD MANIA

"Feet of Clay"
or
"Tidyls and Such"
—By Alfred Lord Maniac

The Passing of Victory

And slowly answered Viet'ry from the barge,
"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And "Bez" fulfills himself in many ways,
Lest some good track team should corrupt our world.
Comfort thyself; what comfort can I see?
but thou,

If thou shouldst never see my face again,
Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer,
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.

For what are men better than sheep or goats,
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round world is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet,
But now farewell"

This paragraph is in the nature of a warning. Have you, and you, and you realized that State College is practically defenseless? Yessir, of all the magnificent military force that so recently graced our fair city, only the Colonel and three sergeants are left. Looks like the only thing left is to put the freshman and sophomore talent to work building a stockade. After all, the women and children, you know"

Not so long ago we were snooping around the Auditorium dreaming of past Thespian glories, and of Johnston belling out "Won't You Be My Valentine?" After wandering around for some time we finally ended up in a dusty, unfamiliar, corner of the place. Suddenly our attention was attracted by a cobwebby ancient placard.

It was a sign bearing instructions as to conduct in the Auditorium and was signed by President Sparks.

Well, Frothy had its dance. And what an affair it was! But the funniest incident in the whole evening occurred when they ran out of chicken and placed a red-hot platter of ham and eggs in front of Mug Greenburg. Skool, Mejsrs. Lachman, Grimshaw, and Wood!

Grackles

McChesney and Shoemaker strolling hand in hand down Allen St. recently . . . ghost writers doing their bit for physical education . . . "Tarzan" Maier entering classes via the window . . . "Pud" Good standing on his head at the Theta Cabin party . . . which is no mean feat . . . Wayland Fuller Dunaway (One) was an S. A. E. Hey! Hey! . . . and Sunny Merrill is attending houseparty with non other than Jolly Roger the Kappa Sig . . . Yeah, we were sore, too, when we finally deciphered the sign floating out behind the laundry advertising plane

—THE MANIAC

AS OTHERS SEE IT

Graduation Speeches

June days are now almost within hailing distance, and already graduation exercises are being held in many schools. This year the commencement address, never a snap assignment for even those most glib of tongue, takes on more than the ordinary formidable appearance. What will the speaker tell the sober young men and women about to be ceremoniously booted out of school into the lap of a hungry world?

These earnest young people are the ones who are said to be fitted to take up the burdens of the world. That probably is true so far as it goes, but the big problem for the graduate is to find some one both willing and in position to pay in these times for the drayage of the world's burdens. Many a graduate will be forced to take shelter under the parental roof until his calling can be heard above the storm of the depression. The graduate of 1933, just as the graduate of '31 and '32, knows only too well what the immediate future has to offer in the way of a job.

It will be unnecessary for the commencement speaker to mention these mundane things, for his youthful auditors already know too much about them. The clever and helpful speaker will spend a goodly portion of his time explaining the value of well-spent leisure. He will point to the unmistakable signs of the abatement of the storm which are beginning to make their appearance. And he will drive home the idea that there always is a demand for sound leadership and that this attainment should be the aim of the present graduating seniors. Job or no job, they can gain nothing by putting their tools on the shelf to rust and idling their time away until times get better. If they do this, they are sunk. If they continue to improve their time, both they and the world will be better off eventually.

—Indiana Daily Student.

The Letter Box

To the Editor:

In response to your invitation to comment on the subject "What About War," as printed in Friday's issue of the COLLEGIAN, I have a few short and sweet remarks to make. In the interest of self preservation as to my continued existence as a member of the student body, I must decline to sign this article; should you care to publish it, verbatim, you have my sincere appreciation.

I agree with Brother Sherman's remark, "War is Hell," but I cannot agree that the next wars will be worse. On every hand we hear supposedly well-informed authorities, and experts in pacifism, socialism, and many other isms prophesying the ruin of civilization in the next war. There is a dirth of pacifists among the student body and unfortunately among the faculty at present . . . Such individuals are seldom opposed by others because of the fear of being called militarists. Likewise such individuals are seldom opposed because most of us realize that fools are never defeated in arguments.

Our former militaristic attitude has largely disappeared, fine, but now there seems to be a trend toward the opposite extreme, pacifism. Why not take a sane view of the question? The authority of the people is vested in our government, which in turn guarantees us certain rights. These rights are guaranteed only so long as the government exists. The government exists by the will of the majority of the people. This majority of the people provides for the maintenance of governmental authority by providing for the armed forces of the United States. Just as cities enforce will of the majority by police systems, and states by means of the militia and national guard, so the federal government backs up the will of the majority by means of the army, navy, and marine corps. The purpose of our armed forces is to enforce the will of such a majority at home, whether some individuals like it or not, and, if necessary, to protect the country in time of war. As you say, we have not suffered a foreign invasion in many generations; it is because of this fact that our armed forces at present, as always in time of peace, are maintained at a strength only sufficient to cope with needs, not foreign invasion. In event of foreign invasion or forced participation in warfare, without time to prepare, such a war would be fought by you and me over the graves of the regular army, navy, and marine corps. For my part, I intend to be there with the bells on in spite of contact with pacifism and socialism on the Penn State campus.

As to the nature of the next war, may I refer you to a sound, logical, unbiased article which appeared in the March 4th issue, 1933, of the Saturday Evening Post entitled "Debunking Marx' Newest Toys." Civilization will not be destroyed in the next war. Cities will not be wiped out by poison gas and airplane bombs over-

night. No death rays have been invented and will not likely be invented. Flying at heights above 10,000 feet, airplanes are exceptionally efficient if they drop 3 bombs in 100 within a radius of 500 yards of their targets (this is contrary to moving picture portrayals). A hostile plane or group of planes approaching any of our cities at altitudes less than 10,000 feet has as much chance of escaping our mobile anti-aircraft batteries as a duck flying 40 yards over the head of an expert hunter with an 8-gauge shotgun. A single 8-inch explosive projectile will do more damage than a 2,000-pound airplane bomb. After the first surprise use of gas in the World War, it became ineffective. A wet blanket hung over a door or window made a gas-proof structure. No gases suitable for military purposes are known now which were not known or used during the World War. Gas masks are available for our army and if necessary our civilian population which give protection under any and all conditions. Gas dropped in city streets would become diluted to a harmless state by air currents within ten minutes, even if we do assume that hostile planes could accomplish such a mission. What nation in time of war is able to engage a hostler its resources on a harmless civilian population? Airplanes, tanks, poison gas, etc., do not win wars, they are merely auxiliary weapons. Wars were won long before they were invented; incidentally bloodier wars, too. Every war in the past has been won by the soldier in the field with a knife in his hand or on his gun, likewise every war in the future will be won by the soldier in the field similarly equipped. All other inventions merely serve as aids to enable the soldier to do his job with the knife or bayonet. From ancient times to the present wars have become increasingly less bloody. Relative to the number of men engaged, each succeeding war has resulted in fewer men killed and wounded. In our Civil War approximately 88 rounds of ammunition were required to kill one soldier. In the World War, over 1,000 rounds were required to kill one soldier.

I state these facts from good authority. I am not interested in whether you accept them or not. I'm merely telling you for my own satisfaction of having done so. I repeat, "War is Hell," but there is no reason why we should let our imaginations run away with us or absorb the prod-

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WALKER ELECTED PRESIDENT

Prof. Elton D. Walker, of the department of hydraulic and sanitary engineering, was recently elected president of Sigma Xi, honorary scientific fraternity, while Prof. R. Adams Dutcher, of the agricultural and biological chemistry department was named vice-president. Prof. Warren B. Mack was re-elected to the secretaryship, while Prof. W. L. Henning, was named to continue his second two-year term as treasurer.

acts of the imaginations of so many individuals who should know better. So long as human nature exists, individual conflicts, group conflicts, and wars will exist. I for one am an American citizen, enjoying the rights and privileges made possible by my country. Should the time come when I am able to serve my country, I intend to do so. I do not believe in militarism or pacifism. I believe in good common sense. Yours very sincerely, INFORMED STUDENT.

To the Editor: I wonder why a freshman student is compelled to buy and use for class work, a magazine advertising 3.2 beer for Mother's Day breakfast.

I wonder where the material for the article "Tight" in that magazine was gleaned. It gives me a wry, not "rye" smile, as one writer recently expressed it. —JUST A MOTHER

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PHILATELIC CLUB MEETS

Marking their first annual dinner, members of the Nittany Philatelic club met in the Old Main Sand-which shop Monday night for a combined stamp exhibition and banquet. Prizes were awarded for the best examples of modern stamps shown at the exhibition, which took place in the basement lounge of Old Main, adjacent to the Sandwich shop.



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

TODAY—Robert Montgomery, Jimmy Durante in "HELL BELOW"

WEDNESDAY—Irene Dunne, Joel McCrea in "THE SILVER CORD"

THURSDAY—Fredric March, Jack Oakie in "THE EAGLE AND THE HAWK"

FRIDAY—Janet Gaynor, Henry Garat in "ADORABLE"

SATURDAY—James Dunn, Sally Eilers in "HOLD ME TIGHT"

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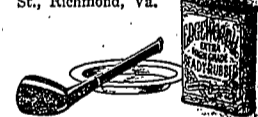


THERE ought to be a law against people like Bill Boner! He even thinks an escapade is a staircase outside a house

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