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FRATERNITIES VS. LANDLADIES

About this time, or soon after, the annual contest for freshmen begins between the fraternities and the landladies of the town. The latter, fearing that they will lose potential roomers, take every opportunity to keep fraternity rushers away from their houses.

Both the fraternities and the landladies are justified to some extent in taking the positions they do. They are both partly wrong, too. Since it is a freshman's privilege to inspect and join a fraternity if he chooses, it is wrong for the landlady to keep him from doing so.

This is probably the real reason for the present hostility between the two groups. Landladies, as well as fraternities, depend upon a full house for their existence. A realization of this by fraternity men and a more courteous treatment of fraternity rushers by landladies will do much to promote better feelings between students and townspeople.

WHEN THE SILENT period begins at 10 o'clock Saturday night, rushers will have their first real chance to weigh the merits of the various fraternities which have entertained them during the past week.

ON COLLEGE PROFESSORS

Will Rogers, homely philosopher of America's millions, recently made an observation that should be of interest to college professors. In one of his daily bits of newspaper wisdom emanating from California, Mr. Rogers said:

"I believe that Mr. Moley, chief of the 'brain trusters,' getting out is about the starting of the end of college professors in government.

"A professor gets all of his out of a book, but the politician, as bad as he is, does have an understanding of human nature and the mob...

"Theories are great, that is they sound great, but the minute you are asked to prove one in actual life why the thing blows up.

"So professors back to the classroom, idealists back to the drawing room, Communists back to the soap box (and use some of it), but old Congressman 'Hokum' and old Senator 'Hoocy' are still the Mus-solinis of our country."

As often as he has tried to attain the mark, Mr. Rogers has never before reached such heights of asininity. In one stroke he disposes of the value of all theories, all books, all professors, and all idealists, as far as governmental affairs are concerned. By Mr. Rogers' standard, the professor is a political ignoramus even though he may have delved into the wisdom and understanding of human nature which is stored in books.

Such opinions will not bear up under recent experience. It would be more accurate to say that this is the beginning, rather than the end, of college professors in government. Government has become so complex in all its phases that all sorts of experts, many of whom are college professors, are being and will be summoned in an advisory capacity.

In other views, Mr. Rogers represents that type of reactionary which is the bane of all progress. At a time when a great social theory is being tried out, and when idealists have proved themselves very practical, Mr. Rogers and his homespun opinions are a little out of place.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Fish Story

For the last hour or so we've been trying to make up our minds about something. There's a story going the rounds of the campus about Ralph Hetzel and the Guvnor, and we simply can't decide whether it's true. We knew Ralph "way back when," so we know that he knows his place and usually stays there.

Ralph Dorn, Junior, as you all know, has donned the traditional morning coat, white collar, and black foulard to hobnob with Mr. Pinchot as one of his personal secretaries. Well, one bright sunny day Hizzoner tired of answering the pleas of striking miners, and, thinking that the trout might be biting, grabbed Ralph and a can of worms and headed for a lake.

Letters for All

While we were snooping around the A. A. office the other day we spied Miss Bottorf ripping class insignia from numeral sweaters. Immediately, we proceeded to crawl from beneath Neil Fleming's desk to ask demandingly, "Why?" She wasn't a bit frightened by the steely glint in our eyes so she didn't mind explaining.

We don't particularly care for plain sweaters but they gave us ideas. As long as Penn State is going to foster an "Athletics for All" program, why not a "Letters for All" campaign? Personally, we'd like to appear on the campus sporting a fourteen-inch "C." The janitors could award "J" sweaters for excellency in sweeping; the Old Main Bell staff could get up a tricky design with an "OMB" and cut-outs of several bells in action; and the—oh, the possibilities are infinite.

Outline

Barnum was wrong, there isn't one born every minute. At least that's what John E. Ryan, Froth's bus. mgr., is beginning to think. His circulation staff hasn't been doing so well, so he don't think that he'll have the Tar kicked out of him...

Residuum

Peter Gray Meek, of all people, will temporarily abandon the boards to ship as ordinary seaman on an oil tanker bound for China, Africa, India, etc. . . . he sails October 8 . . . and we don't think that he'll have the Tar kicked out of him . . . Bill Wischer, of the Teke house, was observed playing jacks on Neil Fleming's front porch Sunday morning . . . Prof. Watkins of the Englecomp staff has always dreamed of a little English cottage covered with ivy . . . this summer he planted a lot of the stuff around his comfy abode, but the damned stuff turned out to be the "pizon" variety . . . ivy feeling that his little dream has been sort of shattered . . .

—CAMPUSEER

Old Letters Reveal Story of College Unit in Civil War

Freshmen beginning their two-years of R. O. T. C. training—and upperclassmen who have considered those two years wasted—should harken to the tale of James McFarlane as revealed in letters written to his mother while he attended State College many, many years ago.

James, who was born on July 29, 1843 near Reedsville, Mifflin County, in 1860 entered the Farm School conducted by the commonwealth at a little town fifteen miles below Bellefonte. At that time the school was about a year old, and the following spring the Civil War started.

When McFarlane was a sophomore, the Southern army began a drive to the North. All available units of men in Pennsylvania were organized to stop the invader, among them the 125 boys at the Farm School.

Hastily equipped and outfitted, the little company began its march over the mountains towards Chambersburg, in the vicinity of which the Army of the North hoped to stop Lee. On Friday, July 2, the Farm School soldiers reached Shippensburg, from which town we have McFarlane's first letter describing a Penn State boy's war experiences.

"We have had a busy time of it since we left home. The first night we stopped at Mifflin, the next evening we got into Rocktown and yesterday we got our arms and got marching orders for Carlisle and started the march about 7 1/2 o'clock in the evening. It is a distance of seventeen miles. Jimmy Kyle and Carson and

myself slept on the pavement in Carlisle. We are this far on our way to Chambersburg, where we expect to arrive this evening. There were 250 prisoners in Harrisburg that left the morning we got there. They were the hardest looking set of men that I ever saw for soldiers. . . . They are fighting today. We expect to go over the line tomorrow."

But Jim was wrong. The battle of Gettysburg (or Gettissburg, as James spelled it) raged for three days, from Friday to Sunday, and the Farm School company did not receive marching orders until Monday. But let him tell you in his next letter written from Gettysburg on July 11, 1862.

" . . . On last Monday we got marching orders. Went to Harrisburg in the rain, stayed there about an hour and marched back as wet as though we'd been dipped in the creek. On Tuesday we got another march order to march to this place (Gettysburg). We came to Carlisle in the cars and walked to Papertown, about seven miles and bivvacked for the night. About 12 o'clock it began to rain again.

"I had a rather low place anyhow and the water ran in my blanket, wet me to the skin on one side. In the morning it was still raining. We could not make any fire or coffee. Then we had to fall back on the dry hard tack and fall in for another march. It was raining all the time; we were hungry, but had to go."

(To be continued next issue)

5 Years Ago . . .

Following a trip throughout the eastern part of the State, President Hetzel reported favorable acceptance of the \$8,000,000 bond issue. Newspapers promised to lend support editorially to the campaign, which was then reaching a climax.

Dr. Asa E. Martin, now professor of American history, had just published his book, "History of the United States from 1783 to 1865," for use in the history 20 course. A revised edition of the book was published last semester.

Sealed in the corner-stone of Recreation hall were copies of the General Catalogue for 1928-29, bond issue literature of every kind, the annual report of the College comptroller and the President and the COLLEGIAN, Froth, Engineer, and Farmer.

"Lefty" Page, captain of the 1927 Lion baseball team, won his major league hurling debut, beating the Washington Senators, 8-to-5. Playing with Detroit, he permitted eight hits and seven passes.

Under a "Notices" column, the following announcement appeared: "All students will be required to attend church or chapel beginning Sunday, September 23. Seating arrangements will be posted on the bulletin board in Old Main Friday, September 21."

Dean Arthur R. Warnock scored rumors that the ban on student cars would be dropped.

FRESHMEN OF 3 HALLS NOMINATE 4 OFFICERS

Yearlings Discuss Plans Concerning Coming College Careers

Freshman in Varsity, Watts, and Frear halls, who last week held a get-together dinner in the Old Main Sandwich shop, Tuesday night created a new section of their first year dramatic, social, and musical association.

At the last meeting, the first year men had discussed general plans in regard to their coming college careers. Tuesday night they proceeded to nominate men for offices in the Class of 1937. Joseph Foltz was named to run for president with the support of the hall group while Ralph R. Nicholas, Laurence L. Bedard, and Frederick Dorn were also selected to represent the group in office.

Laurence Bedard '37 who was one of the original directors of the get-together banquet, spoke at the meeting, which was also addressed by Ralph R. Nicholas, '37. Further discussion of plans for a freshman dance orchestra, as well as representation in intramural and extra-curricular activities also took place at the meeting.

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Of 7 Professorial Politicians, Only 2 Receive Nominations

As small-town politicians, professors have been known to make good fishermen—as witness Tuesday's elections for local offices, when out of seven professorial aspirants to positions, only two were successful.

Prof. MacLean M. Babcock, of the industrial engineering department, and Frank W. Haller, of the horticulture department, were the victorious candidates. Babcock has as his reward nomination as school director, while Haller will be the Republican candidate for councilman.

Those who dropped decisions to their fellow townsmen were Prof. Harlan N. Worthley, of the department of zoology and entomology, and Charles A. Eder, of the department of civil engineering, who aspired to seats on the town council. In addition, Prof. George F. Mitch, of the economics and sociology department, and Dr. Carroll D. Champlin, of the education and psychology department, were defeated in the race for school director.

Stevenson W. Fletcher, vice-dean of the School of Agriculture, who was running on both the Democratic and Republican tickets, dropped the nomination on both tickets for Burgess to Wilbur Leitzell.

LIBRARY PLANS EXHIBIT OF 50 SELECTED BOOKS

Display of Printing, Bookbinding Art Will Open on Saturday

Displaying several specimens of the printers and bookbinders art, the College library will exhibit a collection of fifty books selected by the American Institute of Graphic Arts. The display will open Saturday.

Sent here directly from the University of Denver, the book collection will be placed in alcove K on the second floor of the building. The exhibit is known as "The Fifty Books."

Other exhibits already planned by the library administration for the autumn season include a collection of Japanese prints, some ivory soap sculpture, and a viewing of mid-century fashions taken from Godey's Ladies' book.

COLLEGE TO CONTINUE 2 NON-CREDIT COURSES

Will Conduct Classes in Shorthand; Typewriting This Semester

Continuing a practice started last year, the College is offering this semester two non-credit courses, one in shorthand and the other in typewriting. The courses were started last year upon belief that many college men and women wanted courses in practical subjects, which they had missed while attending high school.

At the end of registration Tuesday there were as yet openings in both sections of the two courses for more students who might wish to schedule these courses this semester. Scheduling will be conducted through the office of the registrar, according to Prof. Julia G. Brill, who is in charge of the courses.

Plans for the conduct of the courses this semester are for the courses to follow the same general procedure used last year. Fees for the courses, five dollars for the shorthand, ten for typewriting, are the same as last year.



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