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TRIBUNAL IMPROVEMENTS

The revisions announced for Student Tribunal will do much to make that body an effective and sensible agency in the supervision of freshman and all-College customs.

Under these improvements, the meetings of the Tribunal will be entirely secret and upperclassmen seeking favoritism will be barred.

In defining the function of the Tribunal, the committee has placed the burden of enforcement of freshman customs squarely on the shoulders of the students themselves.

USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS by various groups has always been a source of friction. Now the report comes that men students and instructors are using the two courts in the rear of the Women's building.

A MAJOR FALL DANCE

The practice began last year of holding one of the major all-College dances before the Christmas recess should be continued again this year.

With the Thanksgiving recess shortened to one day, there is nearly a month of uninterrupted classes between the middle of November and the beginning of the Christmas recess.

If by any chance it is decided not to hold Military Ball this fall, one of the class dances ought to be held in its place.

Other colleges hold major dances during the fall, and do it successfully. It means less time to complete arrangements, of course.

OLD MANIA

"... People come, people go; nothing ever happens..."

One of the better known inmates of Grange Dorm was wandering around the fourth floor a few nights ago clad only in what the inmates usually wear when they wander.

It was a difficult situation. She realized immediately that tact was required. She ran into her room. Her visitor, however, failing to take the hint, followed her into the room shouting something incoherent about "everybody coming out or he'd dynamite the joint."

When the vanguard of the police arrived they came in the front door, only to find that the culprit was gone via a first floor rear window, and that four girls had received minor abrasions, contusions, and such, in the struggle to follow him through the aforesaid window.

The whole affair was rather embarrassing especially as a police guard was placed around the dorm and several of the girls were forced to stay out all night; worse, a couple of them all unaware of the excitement were caught climbing in one of the rear windows.

"Grange Dorm. People come, people go..."
"I'd rather flunk the Wasserman test, Than read the works of Eddie Guest."

Old Song

Which reminds us of an interesting anecdote about Eddie. He had borrowed the racy "Life and Loves of Frank Harris" from a Detroit book-store and was on his way to return it one morning when he narrowly escaped being run down by a speeding taxi; his jump to the curb just saving him.

"Man," he said. "I can just see the headlines. 'EDDIE GUEST KILLED, CLUTCHING COPY OF FRANK HARRIS!'"

Pearls

Sil Runkle's girl has a nice set of false uppers... The Advanced Rotie lad who went to an apartment party, got tight and went home... and woke up next morning stark and blushing in the original apartment... Phi Delt Johnson drinking a pitcher of beer in a continuous gulp... Mad Malmel back in town temporarily... also our old friend Betty Bopp Taylor... and the coy Chi O's... and a surprising number of pretty faces, some new, some familiar... and the innocent, gullible, lucky Frosh.

—THE MANIAC

LOOKING OVER THE NEWS...

Planting a definite disregard for justice the Nazi administration continues with its farcical trial of five Communists charged with setting fire to the Reichstag in February.

Evidence in the trial thus far points directly at the guilt of Nazi leaders rather than the Communist prisoners. Since the Communists were strongly entrenched in the Reichstag they had nothing to gain by resorting to incendiary tactics at the time.

If Hitler is truly desirous of furthering the cause of justice he should openly weigh the evidence and exonerate those on trial. However, the proceedings so far seem to indicate that the trial was begun with only one purpose—to convict those on trial.

After a very wobbly start the Cuban President Grau San Martin seems at last to be directing his government on a more steady keel.

Whether temporary or not, the partial let-up in hostilities will enable Grau to entrench his governmental system more firmly among the people.

If foreign influence desists from introducing further disturbing factors for the government to contend with, perhaps the excited condition now pervading the Cuban people would start to wane, and thus allow the citizenry to employ sane thought in readjusting their state to normalcy.

Pursued by inflationist President Roosevelt has declined to commit himself to any definite action on the valuation of the dollar.

Having met with success thus far as applied in Sweden's monetary system the idea is gaining favor in Roosevelt's mind.

At present Roosevelt is considering a proposal for releasing \$2,000,000,000 tied up as deposits in closed banks through the purchase of preferred stock by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

—B. H. R.

20 Years Ago...

The School of agriculture had just received \$275,000 in State appropriations for maintenance, while other schools received \$530,000.

One-hundred and one candidates reported for football practice under Coach Hollenbach, All-American selection at the turn of the century.

Published in the COLLEGIAN was a lengthy discourse on the fact that hazing and other stunts of the rah-rah were rapidly being controlled, and that they were outlawed—that is, of course, except poster night.

Just twenty years ago students went around the campus saying, "What's going to supplant the annual soph-frosh picture scrap?"

DEMOLAY TO HOLD SMOKER. As the opening event of its fourth year of existence here the Penn State Demolay club will hold its first social function of the year, a smoker, at the Sigma Tau Phi house next Wednesday night.

WILL APPEAR FOR TRY-OUTS. With bandmaster Wilfred O. Thompson directing, freshmen candidates for positions on the first year R. O. T. C. band will appear for try-outs at room 401, Old Main, at 7 o'clock Wednesday night.

Letter Box

The Penn State COLLEGIAN welcomes communications on any subject of campus interest. All letters must bear the name of the sender and should not be over two hundred words in length.

To the Editor:

During the rushing period for women's fraternities, it is customary to advocate changes in the rushing code in order to alleviate as much tension and strain as possible on the part of those involved in the yearly occurrence.

Viewing the matter from all possible angles, fraternities seem to be useless and harmful. They are useless in that they don't accomplish anything; they merely exist. They are harmful because they discriminate against people who can't afford such a luxury or who don't qualify in other artificial respects such as appearance, social savvy, or lack of popularity.

"Perhaps membership in a well-known group might help some to secure a position after graduation which will partly repay them for helping support parasitical national officers in their undergraduate days.

A comparative Utopia would exist if fraternities were abolished. Too much imagination is not required nor too much mental exercise is needed to picture the resulting atmosphere.

M. P. K.

CERAMIC PLANT OPERATORS TO MEET HERE NEXT MONTH

Problems concerning the heat treatment of ceramics will be discussed at a symposium for technical men and control operators of eastern ceramic plants, to be held on October 20 and 21 in the Mineral Industries building.

CLASS CENTERS FORMED BY ENGINEERING EXTENSION UNIT

Class centers will be established in six additional cities this year by the engineering extension department of the college, according to M. T. Bunnell, supervisor of the work.

Taught by individuals selected from the local centers, the class centers are set up at the request of persons or organizations interested in furthering adult education.

DAVEY TO DELIVER ADDRESS

"Mechanism of Crystal Research" will be the subject of a paper to be presented by Dr. Wheeler P. Davey, of the department of chemistry, at the annual convention of the American Society for Steel Treating to be held in Detroit in October.

Speaking Of Books

The House of Connelly, and Other Plays, by Paul Green.

The play which furnishes the title of this interesting collection presents a contrast of the old and the new South—the aristocracy of culture and lost causes versus the democracy and industrialism of today.

The Snows of Helicon, by H. M. Tomlinson.

The search for an ideal as pictured by a beautiful Greek temple on the Island of Corinna. The searcher comes too late to save the temple but in time to perish with it.

Meet the Sciences, by W. M. Malisoff. The natural and social sciences—from mathematics to sociology—are introduced to a supposedly lay reader in the interests of a better understanding of the aims and values of science and its proper place in modern life.

The Farm, by Louis Bromfield.

At least four generations of family life from the Napoleonic era to the Great War are well represented in a succession of pictures and character sketches.

Gypsy Waggon, by Sheila Kaye Smith. A steady ploughman is forced by economic changes through the coming of tractors and the breaking up of farms to leave his ancestral occupation as a ploughman and enter upon a nomadic life with his wife and children.

The Coming Struggle for Power, by John Strachey.

Mr. Strachey disagrees with Mr. Keynes and Sir Arthur Salter. He presents here from the communist view point in an able, academic manner and very well written his solution for the world's economic troubles.

The Mind of China, by Edwin D. Harvey.

The powerful influences of magic, religion and superstition motivate the lives and actions of Chinese citizens constantly. "Every kernel of rice sown, every silk cocoon reared, every ton of coal mined, or tree hewn, every birth or death in China has religious or cult sanction."

Guide to Chicago, by John Drury.

A Chicago newspaperman received the official commission to write the guide to Chicago for the "Century of Progress Exposition."

Vanessa, by Hugh Walpole.

The Herries family and the Forsyte

GOVERNMENT BULLETINS RECEIVED BY LIBRARY

Books, Pamphlets on NRA Subjects Included in New Collection

Information and material relating to the administration of the National Recovery Act throughout the United States has just been received by the College library in the form of pamphlets and bulletins.

Included in the list is the National Recovery Act bulletin, containing information service, of the issue of August 22, and the following books: Tread, Labor Relations Under the Recovery Act; Valenstein, Business Under the Recovery Act, and Wilcox, A New Deal for Business and Industry, a bibliography.

Other material, sent from the government printing office in Washington includes Codes for Sixty-six Industries; NRA Bulletin, Nos. 1-3; Handbook for Speakers, and a supplement to the handbook for speakers.

family are the two outstanding families in the English fiction of the present day. The Galsworthy epic is ironic, the Walpole romantic. Vanessa is the last and in many respects the best of the Herries books.

A History of Spanish Civilization, by Rafael Altamira.

The spirit of Spain looks out through centuries of her economic and social development from pre-Roman times through the nineteenth century.

Protection of Women and Children in Soviet Russia, by Alice W. Field.

The Soviets have insured the future of their race through special privileges accorded to prospective mothers and the careful education and physical program for children. Men and women live on a plane of social equality.

In connection with the exhibit of the fifty books of the year at the College library, Prof. Harold E. Dickson of the department of architecture, will give an illustrated talk on the exhibit in Room 107, Main Engineering, at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night.

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