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IT'S UP TO THE FRATERNITIES

Recurrence of fraternity house robberies over the past week-end, the second reported activity of thieves here within a week, presents a problem which only the fraternities themselves can solve.

Two preventative measures are open to the fraternities, both of which may cause some small inconvenience until the system is thoroughly in force, but which will at least give the outside public, which undoubtedly includes those who have visited houses here in the past, the understanding that fraternity houses at Penn State are no longer wide open for petty thievery.

State College police have demonstrated their willingness to cooperate with the fraternities in stamping out the existing evil, and their efforts to apprehend the thieves who visited seven houses over Alumni week-end are to be commended.

THE ENTHUSIASTIC turnout of students to hear Governor Pinchot's address Friday afternoon and to greet him on his arrival at noon must have been gratifying to the State executive and to the College authorities as well.

NO NEED FOR ALARM

While the 33-to-0 defeat at the hands of Columbia Saturday may provide fodder for the chronic objectors to the present football situation, sane thinking will have difficulty in finding fault with either the coaches or the team on the showing at New York.

From a publicity angle, Penn State gained rather than suffered by playing Columbia. The gallant and stubborn battle put up by the Nittany Lion gridgers against their highly-touted opponents drew praise and the contest as a whole served to bring the Nittany eleven into the national limelight—something that games with ordinary run-of-opponents can never do.

In the same vein, gratifying indeed were the compliments on the athletic policy here given by Eddie Dooley who announced the Baker Field game over radio Saturday. As a former all-American quarterback at Dartmouth, Dooley is thoroughly schooled in the business of football, and has a high respect for the courage of this College for being the leader in undertaking non-subsidization policies.

OLD MANIA

In F. P. A.'s (one of our contemporaries) column in a recent New York Herald Tribune, we ran across this squib:

The Superior Messenger

I note that Esquire advertises that it is on sale at the better men's stores and I am sending Gunga Din to get my copy.

Sahib W. L. Werner

Note: Saw Mrs. Werner in a local A. & P. store yesterday Gunga Din-ing for Bill.

We notice that Gov. Pinchot looked rather wan and tired during his speech Friday afternoon. His face was drawn and full of pain although he covered up well and smiled gamely throughout his address.

If you noticed, he favored his right arm and didn't use it for the usual forceful gestures—he couldn't, it was badly sprained from saluting that line of Pershing Rifles between the Prexy's house and Schwab auditorium.

There's such a thing as carrying militarism too far.

Times have changed all right. In the days of our youth things were different. They used to tell us about famous men of the past who gave their lives to make the world safe for democracy; they spent a lot of time teaching us old mottoes and sayings, such as "God Bless Our Home" and "I'd rather be right than President"—Things were different then!

Now even the old saws have been modernized. For instance the co-ed version of "I'd rather be right than—" now reads:

I'd rather be sexy, Than Prexy.

Ah, youth, youth!

Compliments to Major Thompson and Dean Grant! The Blue Band put on the finest exhibition drill that Baker Field has ever seen, (artillery and all) and the Glee club's offering would have been chic if they'd been there, really. State's cheering was rather fine, too, although the singing was weak in spots.

Goose Eggs

Mooves at Columbia... cuss-word for a football team, "Oh, Fudge!"... Cut!... Connie Glace, 427 Mac Hall... Ray Longenecker and Dick Martin searching for giveness... Cook and Gorden Duncan at the "Y" affair... Ms. Steidle really goes for Theta publicity... with an axe... The Phi Kap hears round and about... What's this they tell us about Stegmeier, Old Main and the P. H.?... A co-ed in Corner Room—"I think the Delta Sigma Phi are a very sweet bunch of boys"... So do we!... And what Phi Kappa Sig is now washing the dishes at "Poppy" Woodruff's manse?

THE MANIAC (not himself)

Around the Corner

COSTS VS. MERIT

Several times each year there comes to issue the old question regarding creation of some new student "honorary" group. Finding hesitancy upon the part of faculty on the point of recognition, the student "promoters" have been known to become quite rabid.

The "local" organizations may claim a right to remain in their present status, even though their major functions through a rather long period have been only the annual elections of pledges and officers. Their soundest claim for continued existence is their low cost of operation and entrance.

On the contrary, national honoraries in nearly every case should be made to show some benefits to members in addition to the doubtful honor of membership as such. A number of these groups, which must maintain high initiation fees, make a sizeable gross dent in the student pocketbook each year.

It was said that the local chapters of national honoraries "must" maintain high initiation fees. It should be understood that the high fees are not the choice of local groups, but are a result of enforced assessments from national fraternity headquarters. Failure to meet the assessments of national groups automatically invites a forfeiture of local charter.

That national honor fraternities do not need high incomes for existence is proven by a prominent example. Phi Beta Kappa, parent of all Greek fraternities, charges five dollars for entrance, and within that charges includes the price of a key.

The complaint of any single charter would be insufficient to change the policies of a national group to the point of abandonment of present high fees. It is not improbable, however, that a unified action directed at a national office by a majority of chapters would result in substantial lowerings of assessments now exacted from all initiates.

The fall pledging season for groups represented on the university campus is not far away. Chapter officers would be wise to cooperate with officers in other chapters to force a great reduction in present costs of membership.

-Purdue Exponent

Letter Box

To the Editor:

It was proven beyond a doubt that our friend "Pitt" Van Dusen was correct in his conclusions concerning how utterly humiliated the average college student would be if he were observed taking a sincere interest in religion.

There is certainly nothing naive about Dr. Van Dusen's religious philosophy. What is more challenging to and more demanding upon the resources of the intellect, character and courage than the sticking qualities required by a mature religious life?

The time and energy of many students and members of the faculty and administration are expected to present to us, through some of the greatest minds and most forceful speakers in the country, glimpses of true life and methods of achieving true living.

We are cheating no one else when we do not avail ourselves of the splendid opportunity of hearing such persons as Kirby Pags, Margaret Sanger, Sherwood Eddy, or "Pitt" Van Dusen.

We have been existing, or perhaps pseudo-existing, long enough. It is high time that some genuine thinking and sincere acting is done by the youth of America.

-H. H. M.

To the Editor:

I feel that the letters of "Loyal Son" and A. J. K. look like a feeble attempt to make COLLEGIAN or any publication. Furthermore, "Loyal Son" wants someone to hurriedly and furiously correct his error concerning Leonardo da Vinci's "Sistine Madonna," which is really a Raphael.

If A. J. K. finds this institution so awful why doesn't he transfer? There are more schools just as inexpensive and no worse than he feels this is.

As for Edward Zern—if his idea of culture is an S. S. Van Dine murder serial—and the rest of his list, he doesn't know what culture is. And any alumnus who is so bigoted as to generalize that foreigners are "greasy" and write trash, has spent four years in college in vain.

-Co-ed G. '35

To the Editor:

If you continue your policy of publishing junky letters expressing the horror or pain of irate "would-be students" that must find vent for their crushed ideals by contributing to the COLLEGIAN Letter Box, the readers are again doomed to peruse the offering of a little lad who has "just been wondering." May I begin by consoling myself with the belief that my pain is justified?

This great hurt of mine has prompted me to ask, why do you persist in using good space for such inarticulate cries of namby-pambys when you could more efficiently add to the irony of college routine by renting the space to some beer-joint? Such a change of policy would bring you much needed coin as well as serve as a directory for these above-mentioned nincompoops in finding a brace or two for shaky nerves.

I should like to continue by adding a word or two for the student body in general. I think that it can be agreed that these letters being printed involve a waste of space, time, and money that could be used in the cultural advancement of homeless polecats. To say the least, one must admit that they are chaotic, incoherent epistles, that should be relegated to oblivion in this era of the New Deal.

-R. L. D. '35

CO-EDS TO HOLD FANCY BALL

The McAllister hall Halloween costume dance for women will be held in McAllister hall lobby tomorrow night, according to Elizabeth K. Barton '35, chairman of the dance committee. Dancing will continue from 8 until 10 o'clock.

Speaking Of Books

Winwar—Poor, Splendid Wings.

That a book should win a large prize is no disparagement of the book. But that a book would have been significant without the prize is infinitely more important. The Pre-Raphaelites were so named because they aspired—or at least the beginners did—to return to the simplicity and natural beauty of the artists before Raphael.

Ruskin lent his influence and wealth and suffered. Swinburne became even more dilittante than before. The whole movement and its history is accurately and well and interestingly told, one of the tragic phases of the English literature of the nineteenth century.

The Journal of Gamaliel Bradford.

The intimate story of one of the most abstemious and disciplined of men. He had to be for his life depended on it. And then, too, he was of the great New England Puritan tradition. His Journal is concerned with comment on books and the literary men of his time, with nature and the world around him, and even more than that, his own work as an author.

Kingdom Coming, by Roark Bradford.

The Reconstruction was as hard or harder upon the southern negroes as upon the southern whites. This is the story of "Telegram, Penny and Good News," the experiences and sufferings of one family. An excellent picture of New Orleans and of plantation life from a negro's viewpoint and interesting despite some inconsistencies.

The Master of Jalna, by Mazo de la Roche.

The Whiteoaks are brought down to date in this fourth story of the series, which is also one of the best. The same family bickering is offset by the same family loyalty. Rennie as leader of the clan dominates this volume.

Mr. Pete and Co., by Alice Hegan Rice.

Alice Hegan Rice's first notable character was a woman, Mrs. Wiggs of the cabbage patch, the next a man, Mr. Opps, and there have been other men and women. "Mr. Pete" is like them all. The site is the slums. The people are the people of the slums and Mr. Pete a junk dealer who tried desperately to lift them up.

Hamilton Fish Armstrong.

The author is the editor of "Foreign Affairs" and he makes an unusual visit to Germany. Hence his observations and diagnosis are the real result of study and observation. Hitlerism is the nationalist movement induced by the psychology of Germany's defeatist years and is the triumph of reactionism over communism. Brief comparison is made with Fascism.

Business Under the Recovery Act, by Lawrence C. Valenstein and E. B. Weiss.

American producers and business men are vitally interested in knowing how the "New Deal" will affect the process of their product from the warehouse to the consumer. Mr. Valenstein as an advertising man and Mr. Weiss on the staff of "Printer's Ink" have had close contact with manufacturing and retailing and help to answer the question.

Wonder Hero, by J. B. Priestley.

The author of "Angel Pavements" writes a new delightful satire this time at the modern publicity ballyhoo. Mr. Hubble, the "wonder hero" in the quiet of the less effusive north country he realized what it all meant.

"Contemporary Roumania," by Joseph S. Roucek.

Professor Roucek is serving as visiting professor of sociology at Penn State. A native of Czechoslovakia, he has for years been a student of the Balkan states and their problems. He writes authoritatively, interestingly and revealingly of Roumania, her past history and her present position—her relationship to world economics and politics. Excellent illustrations and striking characterizations of the peasant life and customs add to the interest.

Student's Guide to Good Reading

The Library has recently received the "Student's Guide to Good Reading" through the good offices of Professor W. S. Dye. Professor Dye is the compiler of that section of the Guide devoted to "Essays, Letters and Criticism."

CO-EDS PLAN TO ORGANIZE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Planning to organize as a Junior League of Women Voters, twenty-five Penn State women students have presented a petition for a charter to the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. The group has already organized as a public affairs committee of the Y. W. C. A. here.

The group as a whole has begun work towards the passage of Amendment Number 8, both by means of a local publicity campaign, and by postcards to be mailed to friends of voting age. Elsie M. Douthett '35 is chairman of the organization committee, assisted by Fern A. Shoemaker '34 and Martha J. Bring '35.

PRE-MED TESTS ANNOUNCED

Pre-medical aptitude tests, which are required for admission to medical schools, will be given here on December 6. Last year this test was given

CAMPUS, DOWNTOWN DORM WOMEN ELECT PRESIDENTS

Dorothy I. Mergenthaler '34 was chosen president of Grange dormitory, Bernice H. Jarck '34 was elected president of McAllister hall, while Grace L. Moyer '34 will head Women's building at recent elections.

Of the down town dormitories, the presidents are, Margaret A. Minning '35, 228 S. Allen St.; Frances A. Wick-ersham, '35, of 125 Miles St.; Kay E. Keiper, '34, of 140 S. Pugh St.; Patricia L. Bastone, '35, of 400 S. Allen St.; Mary I. Swope of 301 W. Beaver ave.; Peggy I. Doherty '37, of 224 S. Frazier St.; Ray Van Artsdaler '37, of 138 Frazier St.; and Louise M. Cappolo '34, of 119 Burrows St.

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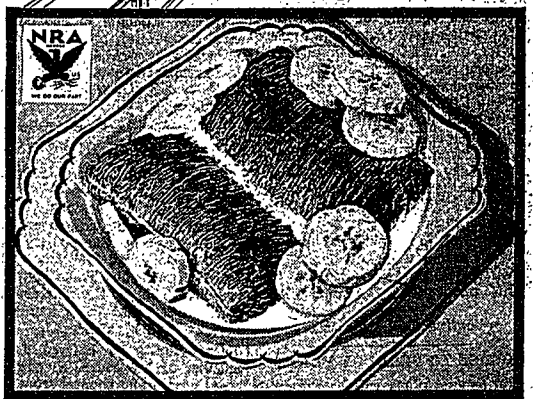
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