

PENN STATE COLLEGIAN

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"TOO MANY HONORARIES"

Friendly critics of honorary fraternities and clubs have often pointed out that there are too many such groups on the campus. Statistical hounds have worked out figures to show that, on the average, every senior has a key when he graduates, and that the gold supply on watch chains at this College would make a considerable contribution to the anti-hoarding campaign. A COLLEGIAN questionnaire two years ago showed that a majority of the honoraries presidents thought that there were too many honoraries. No specific suggestions were made at that time as to what honoraries should be eliminated or what fields were too crowded. Generalities prevailed, and very little was done to improve the situation.

There is real promise, however, in the present honoraries and clubs investigation being conducted by the Honor Society Council and Student Union. Information on nearly every student group at the College has been collected by means of questionnaires and is now being tabulated. When the investigating group has all the facts before it, then the weaker and unnecessary societies will show up in their true perspective. But until that time, there are a few things in the present honoraries situation that can be pointed out as causing a slight question in the mind of a "casual observer."

Without attempting to draw up any recommendations at this time, it can be said that there are certain spheres of activity here that appear to have their share of honoraries and clubs. A few examples will point to this fact. There is a floriculture honorary and a floriculture club; a forestry honorary and a forestry club. Men and women students in chemistry have their separate honoraries. Until recently, there were two education honoraries, with overlapping membership. Home economics students have a club, a society, and an upper-class honorary. There are two competing music fraternities with essentially the same functions. Engineering students have the chance to "make" one of two general engineering honoraries, as well as the honorary in their own department. There is a debating society which elects senior men and women, and one which admits any woman debater. Journalism is one of the fields most blessed with honoraries. There are two general men's societies, one women's group, an advertising honorary, and a literary guild. Finally, there are separate honoraries for high-standing freshmen men and women.

It should not be concluded that some of the societies in each of these fields should be eliminated. Perhaps a great many of them are performing real services which cannot be performed by the other group, even though it may be similar. But it might be questioned just how many of these groups are "honoraries" for those who didn't make an honorary. This evil does exist in other colleges, and it is not at all improbable that it exists here. At any rate, this is one of the problems that merits the careful attention of the honoraries investigation committee.

PATHS, AND SO FORTH

Complaints have been made by the Grounds and Buildings department that students are walking across the mall from the south door of the Armory to Old Main and thereby making an unsightly path. Attention has also been called to the paths across the southeast corner of the Old Main lawn and the enclosed, northeast corner of the Armory lawn. Students should realize that continual walking on permanent grass plots results in costly repairs and that it injures the natural beauty of the campus. Convenient walks have been provided in these particular areas, and they should be used.

This subject of walking across grass and using the present walks, however, has some other implications. An editorial in this paper a few weeks ago pointed to the fact that there are no temporary or permanent paths in several logical places around the campus, and, as a result, students are forced to use improvised dirt paths. This expression was taken by some persons to mean that the present student attitude is one of walking "where they darn please." Emphatically, this was not the attitude intended by the editorial. It did not sanction indiscriminate walking across the grass; it merely suggested that there are a few places where better paths might be constructed for the convenience of students. Student Board also made the suggestion in a letter to the supervisor of the Grounds and Buildings department.

An answer to the editorial was made by a member of the Grounds and Buildings staff in the last issue. He stated that plans have been drawn up for paths between the South Liberal Arts building and the Chemistry Amphitheatre, and between the South Liberal Arts building and the Mineral Industries building. But nothing further has been done and in the meantime students are forced to use dirt paths. Nothing was said about the much-used path from the corner of Burrows street and College avenue to the drill field. Improvement of the road between Center Drive and the Lakes-to-Sea highway will be made as a Civil Works Administration project, but a similar road connecting East Drive with North Drive remains full of dangerous ruts.

The excuse given for the lack of some of these improvements was that they do not fit in with the architects' plan for the Penn State campus of the future. However, none of the improvements suggested, either in paths or roads, was necessarily intended to be permanent. It is difficult to see the sense in maintaining muddy paths and roads full of ruts just because they do not happen to be in the right place in "The Plan" of the future. A few such temporary improvements would certainly be more generally appreciated than some of the "improvements" that the department has made in the past.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

ELEGY

The Old Main Bell
Has gone to Hell;
Sex rears its ugly head.
From Heights it fell;
Now sound the knell,
For Decency is dead.

"Nudism! Sex! Co-eds! Speakeasies! Athletic Purity!" Ha, ha, not in the Old Main Bell, we laughed to ourselves, after reading last week's ballyhoo. That's just a publicity gag. Why the Bell has traditions that are higher and finer than any other institution on the campus. Look at the noble editors that have steered that publication through the stormy waters—there was Morgan, then Freer, then Hetzel—why there's nothing to worry about.

So, you see, we were completely unprepared for the avalanche of shocks and surprises that greeted our eyes when we first opened the magazine. Have the editors of our only virgin publication gone mad? What can they mean by printing an article on the practices of a local nudist cult? Such things, if they do exist at Penn State, should be ignored, not splurged in cold print to be read avidly by the kinderscholastic. Untold harm has already been done. Even now the ugly rumor is going the rounds that our own Dean of Men is Chief Mucky-muck of the "bare-skinned" cult. Something must be done!

Turning the pages further, we found an essay entitled "Reductio ad Absurdum" in which not one of our cherished traditions goes unscathed. God, country, democracy, Christianity—in fact, everything that we hold dear—is ruthlessly trampled upon. Immoral stories concerning dens of iniquity, and vice are crammed into the issue. Merely the title of one article, "Sex and Co-eds", was enough to make us throw up our hands in holy horror and quickly turn the pages of the magazine. Even our own respected financial officers of the College administration were attacked unmercifully in the opening pages. We bow our heads in shame to think of it. And then, as the crowning insult of all, we came across an article "For the Glory" in which Penn State's Athletic Policy was ridiculed. (Even now there are rumors which say that the article was directed at one certain official.) We reiterate, something must be done.

To us it seems that there is, but one course of action. Penn State must banish those responsible for this rapacious publication. Authors and editors alike—none should be shown mercy. After all, there are Loyal Sons in this institution who cherish the name of Penn State and resent anyone who kicks it about in the vilest and nastiest of gutters.

"REDS INCITE CHURCH RIOT"

This was the headline which appeared in one of the New York journals last week. Two Penn State men were partly responsible, and we see no breach of journalistic ethics (cf. Prof. Gibbons) in publishing the names of these damned radicals. We'll tell all! They were: Jules Vernik and Fred Bettleheim!

While these two Destructors of Society were attending one of those ridiculous L.L.D. meetings in New York, the Pastor of the Church of Heavenly Rest, on Fifth Avenue, saw fit to commend publicly the action of Governor Rolph in regard to the recent California lynching. Vernik and Bettleheim, along with some others of their "kind", actually picketed the Church on Sunday morning. Although reporters and crowds of spectators were attracted, nothing was done until some courageous woman in a sable coat came up. She knew right from wrong, and she decided to do her duty by tearing down the signs which the picketers were carrying. In attempting to perform her mission, she was attacked rudely and shoved into the gutter. A scuffle ensued. Hundreds of people crowded the streets and several of the picketers were taken to the police station. Of course, the pastor of the church, a true humanitarian, retracted his statement just to make peace. We regret to say that those Dirty Reds, Vernik and Bettleheim, escaped the police and are still at large.

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LOOKING OVER THE NEWS

And thus ended an era wherein the attempt to ameliorate social conditions was turned instead into a malicious degeneration of individual morality and collective disrespect for the law. Although prohibition was the law of the land for fourteen years, time and again it was flaunted by people who otherwise were strictly law-abiding. Nor were the censure and punishment accorded by society to these legally-termed, "law-breakers," commensurate with the support that ordinarily would be given our laws.

Prohibition—the guardian of racketeering and the bane of orderly society. Whatever good prohibition accomplished through the curbing of individual's desire to imbibe freely was greatly counteracted by the false glamour and feeling for surreptitious adventure which it set up to bait the high-strung youth of the country.

The best way to break up an organization is to deprive it of its greatest activity and reason for functioning. Gangdom will not find another activity so beneficial to its interests as was prohibition. Now at least many truly good citizens will be able to look society straight in the eye with no qualms. The elimination of the malicious inhibitory effects of prohibition will go far toward bettering the nervous stability of our citizens. Perhaps now it will be a little less difficult for our police to maintain their self-respect with the knowledge that the law which they are delegated to uphold is not absurd and not beyond the bounds of enforcement.

Social reform, a crying need in this rich state of ours, and a program which our legislatures have very cleverly evaded in the past, has come before our State law-makers once more. Governor Pinchet has asked the legislature to continue its "lofty spirit of public service, and to refuse to sacrifice the interests of the many to the profit of the few." He has asked for legislation on old age pensions, abolition of child labor, elimination of sweatshops, added aid for the school system, modernization of state banking laws, regulation of dairy industry, and other reforms.

Yesterday the House passed the Blumberg old age pension bill, but the Senate, it is rumored, will withhold action until the adjournment, when there will be a repetition of the same old story.

As Pennsylvania stands out a diamond among the other jewels. It's too bad that diamond cannot be a jewel of beauty for the welfare of its people, instead of a sharp and indestructible cutting instrument in the hands of our phil-own-pockets gentlemen.

B. H. R.

BOTTORF TO PLAY AT WOMEN'S BALL

Panhellenic Council Will Hold Second Annual Function January 12: 300 Couples Expected

Bill Bottorf's orchestra has been named to supply the rhythm for the second annual Panhellenic Ball to be held Friday, January 12, according to Margaret E. Barnard '34, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

About 300 couples are expected to attend the function, which will be formal and admission by invitation only. Invitations will be sent to every member, pledge, alumnae, and patroness of each of the ten women's fraternities.

Final plans for the decorations and location for the dance have not been decided upon. Definite arrangements will be completed by the committee in charge before Christmas.

Two seniors and one junior comprise the committee in charge of arrangements for the affair. They are Margaret E. Barnard '34, Jane Vial '34, and Margaret W. Kinsloe '35.

Florid, Flashy Fauna Form Features for Forthcoming Festival

Pink elephants, gallant stallions, mischievous looking monkeys, un-hunted rabbits, dressed in colorful wrappings and direct from the interior regions of the Home Economics building will be on parade in the lobby Saturday when the annual bazaar of the Home Economics club opens.

The bazaar will open at 10 o'clock and will remain open throughout the day. There will be sale of cakes, pies, pastries, cookies, candy, stuffed fruit, and many novelties, all of which were made by members of the club. A group of hand-woven fabrics from Berea College, Ky., will also be placed on sale. The mountaineer folk who attend Berea have made the hand-weaving of fabrics a true art.

The Home Economics club will also hold an old-fashioned chicken and biscuit supper in the cafeteria of the Home Economics building Saturday from 5 to 6:30 o'clock. The proceeds of the bazaar and supper will be used to send a delegate of the club to the national convention of Home Economics clubs in New York City.

CHESSEY GOES TO CONCLAVE

Prof. William R. Chessey, head of the mining department, will attend a meeting of the National Mine Rescue association to be held in Pittsburgh, December 5. While in Pittsburgh, Professor Chessey will attend a meeting of the Coal Mining Institute of America on December 6 and 7.


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