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ELIMINATING KEY CUTBACKS

Several months ago it was suggested in these columns that the petty graft in key and favor contracts be eliminated by inaugurating a system of competitive bidding.

Now, however, when the student attitude seems to be against such practices, it is time to set up a system which will prevent the return of the cutback game.

Competitive bidding, therefore, would operate in this manner. The organization desiring a key would invite all the jewelry companies represented here to submit sealed bids for a certain design and grade of key.

Such a plan is distinctly more business-like and fair than the present procedure. It would probably save each organization a small amount on key contracts by securing lower prices.

RUSHING FRESHMEN WOMEN

Once again comes the inevitable discussion of second semester rushing for freshman women. This question is now facing the Panhellenic Council, and what is more important, the Student Welfare Committee of the College Senate.

In previous years it has been brought up for consideration, and then, after a sufficient time, dropped very politely and inoffensively but not very conclusively.

One of the strongest arguments for second semester rushing of freshman women is that under the present circumstances no attention is paid to these students who have just left high school and are now immersed in a new order of living.

The freshmen, left to their own devices, are first bewildered by the strangeness and then become despondent and go home; or they stick it out, but acquire at the same time a distorted perspective of the importance of the various sides of their college education.

A women's fraternity has, of necessity, certain standards of scholarship. A freshman taken into a group such as this would be urged to study, and perhaps even taught how, if necessary.

Then, too, every women's fraternity fosters extra-curricular activities as a means of broadening its members' views and acquaintances. Too many freshmen become so narrow that nothing outside of their own room and friends holds the slightest interest for them.

OLD MANIA

Peace of Mind

There's a heap o' hummin' around the office of our graduate manager of athletics these days. As a rule, this absent-minded professor business turns out to be a lot of movie lukewarmness not worth its salt.

To begin, Neil isn't a professor (check this): He goes downtown every noon for a paper, however, and leaves his car motor chugging while he completes a deal.

If anybody sees Fleming before we do, tell him where his car is. Tell him it's just where he left it... in front of the Times office, a couple doors from ex-Burgess Lederer's hangout.

We Choose a Mar

They don't waste words at the University Club. A spade is a spade down there, and not a hoe, card, pen, form of shovel or technical label for how fast you're going.

Forever and forever, little bits of human interest will crop out in newspaper copy baskets. Our ever-vigilant captain of the advance guard found this particular bit buried beneath some less important stories such as the bombing of the library and the assassination of the entire Administration.

"Carl Bechdel '36 is terribly hard to get out of bed in the mornings to go to his math class, his father, Dr. Samuel I. Bechdel, of the department of dairy husbandry said in an interview with the COLLEGIAN last today."

That word "late" really makes the story.

A Musketeer Survives

Aramis and Porthos are dead these many years. D'Artagnan, long may he ride, is living right here in our midst. Of course, he's incognito; if you knew the D'Artagnan of yesterday, you will recognize him as one of our little family today.

Craving saddle leather and the feel of a whip in his hand, Winner made off to the local livery where he rented a "rein-it-yourself." He loped blithely around the bounds of Mt. Nittany until he was tired, then rode a spell to relieve the monotony.

"Well, what the hell," thought Winner, "I'll take him swimming." Frustration again. There were no horses allowed in the pool during mixed group hours.

"Okay," went the Winner brain, "we'll charge up to Grango Dorm." So thinking, he galloped away to a hitching post on front of said dorm.

The Maniac is a bitter-ender. He's a mugwump, a renegade, and there no difference between a mugwump and a renegade. There is a difference between the Maniac and a guy what's had fifteen-years of education, though.

unearthing of a personality, perhaps even a leader. If fraternities were allowed to do this, fewer freshmen women would leave College because of homesickness and the number of valuable girls in each succeeding class would be noticeably increased.

Second semester rushing of freshman women would also be much better for fraternity women. Instead of three rushing periods, one for sophomores, one for transfers, and an illegal one for freshmen, there would be just one period for all women—at the beginning of the second semester.

Why not give the fraternities a chance to become a force for constructive work among the freshman women, and why not give the freshmen a chance to make the most of the possibilities they bring to college with them? The best interests of the women may lie along this course as much as along the one which has caused dissatisfaction for the past four or five years.

—M. B. D.

M. I. OPEN HOUSE PROJECTS STARTED

Visitors To See School in Full Operation During First Affair, March 21

Penn State students and faculty members will have their first opportunity to see the Mineral Industries School, including research projects and experimental work in full operation, at the first Mineral Industries Open House, in the School building here next Wednesday night, March 21.

To present the open house, which will be the first affair of its kind ever to be held here, faculty members and students will cooperate, so that every facility of the School will be in action. Work on senior theses, graduate research, and undergraduate demonstrations will be displayed to visitors.

A total of twenty-eight research projects now underway will be seen at the open house. Included in the projects are exhibits of metals, as well as coal, glass, oil, and brick materials. Faculty members of the School will conduct most of their experiments as demonstrations for the visitors.

Included among the special features to be exhibited during the display are a peg model showing a sub-surface of Western and Northern Pennsylvania, a working model of a pumping well, a geologic relief map of Pennsylvania, a demonstration of oxy-acetylene welding, and a demonstration of off-hand glass working from a glass pot.

Among the undergraduate demonstrations which visitors will see are an exhibit of the various oil and gas sands of Pennsylvania, a demonstration of the physical testing of metals, and showings of crushing and grinding experiments; testing of air drills, fuel testing, and microscopic studies of thin sections of rocks.

In room 203, according to the program which will be distributed to visitors, will be found demonstrations of natural gas measurement devices, natural gas pressure controllers, determination of gas densities, operation of a miniature air-gas lift for oil production, precise fractional distillation apparatus, and oil testing apparatus.

DR. JONES SPEAKS IN CHAPEL SUNDAY

Rebuilding of Soul Through Insight Into Eternity Advocated by College Professor

"The major task of our generation is to rebuild our souls by reaching through the temporal and getting an insight which will enable us to live in the domain of eternity," Dr. Rufus M. Jones, professor of philosophy at Haverford College, said at chapel services yesterday morning.

The speaker compared present day scientists to small boys putting together a jig-saw puzzle where some of the pieces were missing. These pieces he identified with the aspects of eternity.

"We must conquer the world whenever it threatens to defeat our spirits," the visitor declared. "Something has chilled our optimism and baffled our minds," he added.

"You can't build a great life on relativity," Dr. Jones cautioned his audience. "I call up you to be 'ambiguans,' or beings who live in the two worlds of man and eternity," he said in closing.

BEDENK, WERNER, HIBSHMAN SPEAK AT ALUMNI MEETING

Coaches Frederick J. Bedenk and Charles D. Werner, of the School of Physical Education, and Edward K. Hibshman, secretary of the Alumni Association, were guest speakers at the meeting of the Cambria County Alumni Association held at the Jenny Wade restaurant in Johnstown Thursday night.

Coch Bedenk spoke of the athletic developments of the College and prospects for next year. Coach Werner related the experiences which he has had since taking up his post of track coach at Penn State.

Speaking Of Books

Turning from fiction to other fields, it is well to mention first a new book on Russia by Maurice Hindus, than whom there is no more notable interpreter of the new Russian life and institutions, particularly when it relates to agriculture.

The outstanding characteristic of literature in the twelfth century, according to Professor Werner, is its tendency to experiment with words, with punctuation, with plot, with ideas in the novel in poetry and in the drama.

Many kinds of people are enjoying reading Halliday Sutherland's "Arches of the Years." It bears a certain similarity to "San Michele" but is more normal, more humorous, more interesting.

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"Race in the World Today" was the topic at the student conference at Haverford College, which ended yesterday. Representatives from the P. S. C. A. were: Roy M. Decker, of the agricultural extension department, Harlan J. Smith '36, Grace Hawlett '37, Beryl S. Hicks '37, and Dorothy J. Mergenthaler '34.

Union Will Continue Investigating Cases

The Student Union investigating committee will hear representatives of three societies and clubs regarding their apparently high fees in Room 305, Old Main, tomorrow night, beginning at 7 o'clock when the Penn State Aero club will be considered.

At 7:30 o'clock, the committee will hear Gamma Alpha Mu, gymnastic society, and at 8 o'clock, representatives of Discobolus, physical education society, will present their case.

WERNER EXHIBIT SHOWN IN ROOM K OF LIBRARY

Other Contributions Made By Wood, Nichols, Mason For Display

Illustrating various phases of contemporary American literature, an exhibit composed of material possessed by Prof. William L. Werner, of the department of English literature, is now on display in Room K of the College library.

First editions, rare books, autographs, letters, facsimiles, maps, and magazines from the '90's until the present time are included in the collection.

Nine first editions of Ann Vickers from as many countries is one of the items that is especially interesting from a collector's viewpoint. An issue of The Seven Arts magazine in which O'Neill's first and one short story appeared, illustrates one of the examples of literary development in the exhibit.

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BEZDEK MOVES TO DROP SPORTS TAX

Petitions Requesting Removal of Federal Assessment Sent To State Senators

With a view toward having Federal taxes on attendance at College athletic events removed, athletic authorities here are making efforts to bring about action on all dual and intercollegiate programs, it became known today.

Letters have been sent to all Pennsylvania Congressmen and Senators at Washington, D. C., asking their support in having action taken upon a bill which would eliminate admission taxes on all athletic events in Recreation hall and New Beaver field. Replies have been received, with nearly all giving their sanction to the idea and promising support or giving indication that they "will study the matter closely."

Expect Action This Week

It is not generally known when the bill will be introduced in the House of Representatives for preliminary consideration, but College authorities expect action on the measure sometime this week. The bill, however, will probably not receive final action for enactment before April, it was understood.

The efforts of the College are not being taken entirely on its own behalf and other colleges and universities in the East are cooperating. Director Hugo Bezdek, of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, is in charge of the negotiations here.

In sending letters to legislative representatives, the College has pointed out that the ten per cent amusement tax on gate receipts here is working a hardship on the financing of intercollegiate athletics. The tax was placed on all intercollegiate sports events in 1932.

Arrival of New Shipments of Spring Hats and Swagger Suits. MOORE'S DRESS SHOP, East College Avenue

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