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ELIMINATING KEY CUTBACKS

Several months ago it was suggested in these colnns that the petty graft in key and favor contracts be eliminated by inaugurating a system of competitive bidding. There has been definite evidence even this year that jewelry salesmen are still offering small sums of money to student organization heads in return for the key contract. This practice is a hangover from the days when the key job went to the salesman with the biggest offer. The salesmen, on the other hand, were forced to do this in order to survive, for the one who gave no cutbacks received no business.

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. The original objection to the competitive bidding scheme was that dies for keys would cost too much and that the jewelry companies would be unable to compete on such an uncertain basis. This, however, is definitely not the case. The profit on individual keys is enough to cover the cost of the die, even if the contract is held for only one year.

Competitive bidding, therefore, would operate in this manner. The organization desiring a key would invite all the jewelry companies represented here to submit scaled bids for a certain design and grade of key The bids would then be opened at a meeting of the executivo board of the organization, and the contract would automatically be given to the lowest bidder. The same process would then be repeated every year.

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. Furthermore, it would eliminate petty graft among students by awarding contracts on the basis of lowest price instead of biggest cutback Finally, it would give the jewelry salesmen a chance to compete on the basis of quality and price of goods rather than on the basis of favoritism and chiselling, as in the past.

RUSHING FRESHMEN WOMEN

Onco 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. Yet every year some courageous soul starts the futile attempt of revision all over again. Let's have some final action on the matter. The women's student body has been trying to further the best interests of the freshman women in this respect for a long time. Perhaps this year the Senate committee will feel qualified to come to a definite decision, and then the matter can rest for a few years.

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. Unfortunately the members of Cwens, the sophomore society which is supposed to look after the freshmen, are themselves being rushed by the iraternities so that they have little time to dwell upon the needs of the freshmen.

The freshmen. left to their own devices, are first bewildered by the strangeness and then become despon dent 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. Either they spend all their time in studying, or they go wild over the dating facilities offered by this institution, or they become so absorbed in activities that they neglect everything else.

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. We've never before questioned the lucidity of Neil Fleming, but he's eligible at last. Oyez, oyez. Come in closer.

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. Not so long ago he was returning to his oil burner, paper in arm, when he was greeted by Chick Werner, who had something to tell him. They talked a while. They talked another and still another while In the bitter end, Chick offered Neil a ride home. Chick's a gentlaman. Neil was tired. He accepted, and they churned down the street, leaving Neil's buggy purring away at the curb.

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 Mag They don't waste words at the University Club.

A spade is a spade down there, and not a hoc, card tern, form of shovel or technical label for how fast you're going. The U clubmen were selecting a group of magazines to decorate the library table when the "Nation" slipped in on the list. But it didn't rate at all. Three or four of the gang wrote "too radical" on the approval slip.

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Forever and forever, little bits of human interest will crop out in newspaper copy baskets. Our evervigilant 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. It was written by a freshman gal reporter whose sincerity we admire greatly. She tried and she succeeded. She didn't write her little gem for this department, but we have it, and if it were possible, we'd have it printed in capital letters of pure gold. Here 'tis:

"Carl Beehdel '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 late 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. His alias is "Fred Winner" and he's down from Dartmouth.

Craying saddle leather and the feel of a whip in his hand, Winner made off to the local liveries 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. Hunger brought him back to State College finally. Evidently, he was thinking about the horse too, because he tried to take him into the angle room for a three-course dinner hay to bran. They absolutely would not serve the horse at the angle rm.

"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 Grangs Dorm." So thinking, he galloped away to a hitching post on front of said dorm. Frustration jr. "Scram," the dorm contents said, and scram he did. It's a pity he had to end it all by jogging home, a sorrowful, youth, a gentleman and a soldier of mettle, Why couldn't he have put his steed to bed and made a novel out of an incident?' Anyway, we like

the stuff in your veins, D'Artagnan, and we hope you'll remember us to your two nals. * * * 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. Head bowed, ostracized and hued a deep red, he apologizes for dangling a participle in your porridge. Never again, he swears, only speak to him, somebody. Tell him it's all right, and "there's -THE MANIAC a good fellow."

unearthing of a personality, perhaps even a leader. If fraternities were allowed to do this, fewer freshmen men would leave College hecause of ho acialmo the number of valuable girls in each succeeding class ould be noticeably increased.

PROJECTS STARTED Visitors To See School in Full

THE PENN STATE COLLEGIAN

M. I. OPEN HOUSE

Operation During First Affair, March 21

Penn State students and faculty, members will have their first oppor-tunity to see the Mineral Industries School, including research projects and experimental work in full opera-tion, at the first Mineral Industries Open House, in the School building here next Wednesday night, March 21. To present the onen house, which its in Soviet Russia. The first glamour has worn off and the new govern-To present the open house, which will be the first affair of its kind ever Will be the lift all hir 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 re-search, and undergaduate demonsta-tions will be displayed to visitors. social order surmounts crises which 28 Research Projects Underway

A total of twenty-eight research rojects now underway will be seen t the open house. Included in the rojects are exhibits of metals, as well s coul, glass, oil, and brick mater-als. Fraculty members of the School will conduct most of their experiments 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 Pennsylva-nia, a demonstration of oxy-acetylene welding, and a demonstration of off-hand glass working from a glass pot. • To Exhibit Gas Devices

To Exhibit Gas Devices Among the undergraduate demon-strations which visitors will see are an exhibit of the various oil and gas sands of Pennsylvania, a demonstra-tion of the physical testing of metals, and showings of crushing and grind-ing experiments, testing of air drills, fuel testing, and microscopic studies of thin sections of rocks. In room 209, according to the pro-gram which will be distributed to vis-itors, will be found demonstrations of natural gas measurement devices, natural gas pressure controllers, de-termination of gas densities, operation of a miniature air-gas lift for oil pro-duction, precise Tractional distillation apparatus, and oil testing apparatus. To Exhibit Gas Devices

DR. JONES SPEAKS

After all the best part of his book deals with a similar of a produce at home. "Life in the Making," by Dr. A. F. Guitmacher, is an interesting and out-arading volume on medical science for the mentally adult reader writ-ten by a leader in his profession in Enditish of unysual excellence. Science for the author is an exciting adven-ture and he has managed to convey "The major task of our, generation is to rebuild our souls by reaching through the temporal and getting an longer, professor of philosophy at Hav-generation of etograty," Dr. Rufus M Jones, professor of philosophy at Hav-generation of etograty," Dr. Rufus M Jones, professor of philosophy at Hav-generating and the insist bat our pres-restrict to small boys putting to gether a jig-saw puzzle where some of the pieces were missing. These of eternity. "We avert consume the mean the were the world Today" was "We avert consume the mean to be support the world restrict with the aspects of eternity. "We avert consume the mean to make the world Today" was "We avert consume the mean to be support consumed to be barden the support of the support of the support of the support the support of the support of the support the support of the support of the support of the support the support of the support of the support the support of the support of the support of the support the support of the support

pieces he identified with the aspects of eternity. "We must conquer the world when-ever it threatens to defeat our spir-its," the visitor declared. "Something has childed our optimism and baffled our minds," he added. "You can't build a great life on rel-ativity." Dr. Jones cautioned his au-dience. "I call up you to be 'amphi-bians,' or beings who live in the two worlds of man and eternity," he said in closing. n closing.

BEDENK, WERNER, HIBSHMAN SPEAK AT ALUMNI MEETING

Coaches Frederick J. Bedenk and Charles D. Werner, of the School of Physical Education, and Edof Physical Education, and Ed-ward K. Hibshman, secretary of the Alumni Association, were guest speakers at the meeting of the Cam-trin County Alumni association held at the Jenny Wade restaurant in Johnstown Thursday night. Coach Bedenk spoke of the athletic developments of the College and prospects for next year. Coach Wer-ner related the experiences which he has had since taking up his post of has had since taking up his post of track coach at Penn State.

Does Your Watch Need Repairing?

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 in-stitutions, particularly when it relates

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Approximately \$300.00 was contri-buted in a drive among faculty mem-bers for Penn State in China, accord-ing to Prof. William A. Broyles, local faculty administrator. He said the res-ponse was very gratifying for the project and was due mainly to the work done by George W. "Daddy" Graff there. Graff there.

Arrival of New Shipments of Spring.

Hats and Swagger Suits



"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 depart-ment, Havlan, J. Smith '36, Grace. Hawlett '37, Bery' S. Hicks '37, and Dorothy J. Mergenthaler '34.

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The Student Union investigating committee will hear representa-tives of three societies and clubs regarding their apparently high fees in Room 305, Old Main, tomor-row night, beginning at 7 o'clock when the Penn State Aero club will-be considered. 7:30. o'clock, the committee

Union Will Continue

will hear Gamma Alpha Mu, gym-nastic society, and at 8 o'clock, representatives of Discobolus, phy-sical education society, will present

IN ROOM K OF LIBRARY

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 some-time this week. The bill, however, will probably not receive final action for enactment before April, it was understood.



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BEZDEK MOVES TO Investigating Cases **DROP SPORTS TAX**

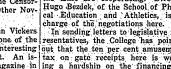
Pétitions Requesting Removal of Federal Assessment Sent To State Senators

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 admis-

sion 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



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. Likewise, the social education of the freshman woman would not be neglected. Sho would be encouraged by her associates in the fraternity to take part in the social life of the College.

Then, too, every women's fraternity fosters extracurricular 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. A fraternity's guidance here would sometimes mean the

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Second semester rushing of freshman would also 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 emester. This would give the fraternity women a hance to do something besides running after prospective members all year. It would also make it far more economical for the fraternities and much easier to abide by the rushing regulations.

Why not give the fraternities a chance to become force for constructive work among the freshman men, 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 his course as much as along the one which has caused lissatisfaction for the past four or five years. -M. B. D. 1

