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ANOTHER LOCAL PASSES

As another national and local fraternity merger is announced, it is merely indicative of the change which has taken place in the College during the past few years. Today but two locals remain on the campus—less than two years ago there were six.

During the decade of prosperity not so long ago, Penn State, together with all other institutions of learning, expanded rapidly. New buildings shot up rapidly; the enrollment increased; and the number of fraternities enjoyed a similar rapid expansion.

At that time, many freshmen came to College eager to join fraternities and financially well able to do so. This was the period during which many locals were established. The lot of a local fraternity is a peculiar one. Their ultimate desire is to petition, and to be accepted into, some national fraternity that they consider their ideal.

In the period of their awakening, when members of the local have as their goal nationalization, the fraternity enjoys the healthiest days of its existence. In an effort to become worthy of its objective, the house takes on an enthusiasm for scholarship, activities, and campus recognition which does much to forward the individuals, the organization, and the College generally.

Rushing and pledging are carried on in the same wave of enthusiasm. But as the years pass and more and more nationals are found on a campus, the local finds it increasingly difficult to secure men of a suitable type.

There may be exceptions to this, however. A house may build itself up to a peak where it does not need the tradition of a national background—it can appeal to freshmen through its own individuality, its men, and its accomplishments as a group of individuals. Such cases, however, are exceedingly rare.

If a local can maintain this prestige, it should continue successfully. Otherwise, the passing years will see the oblivion of this phase of college life. It is bound to pass out of the collegiate cycle as fabulous profits from the stock market evaporated just a few years ago.

PENN. STATE LOOKED its best Saturday — with one exception. Every School and every department made special efforts to set up displays and demonstrate their wares for the benefit of the high school students who were guests here.

However, the grounds and buildings department found it convenient to pave and repair the drives about the campus. The guests found themselves confronted with piles of tarry stones, lumbering trucks, and swarms of men plying shovels. Many were the dark glances cast about as tiny, tarry stones bounded up on shiny fenders.

Probably the schedule of work is so definite that a day or two alteration could not be made. It wasn't so bad during the Rotary convention—we weren't trying to sell Penn State to them. In the meantime, cars bounce and groan up the only entrance to the lower side of the campus.

THE FIRST "PENN STATE DAY" was run off Saturday under the most favorable conditions by a committee which had worked out a program which apparently clicked. When nearly 1,000 visitors are conducted about the campus and cared for by various organizations through the day and over night, it speaks well for the committee in charge of arrangements.

Much favorable comment has been given, particularly, about the manner in which the Interscholastics and other track meets were conducted. So arranged that all spectators could watch every event, the afternoon was a pleasing contrast to the conventional hodge-podge that track meets formerly meant.

AS THE FINAL NUMBER of the Artists' Course approaches, it is interesting to note with what enthusiastic response the whole Course was received. Abandoned several years ago because of insufficient financial support, the project has proved highly successful this year, and in all probability will be continued next season.

OLD MANIA

DUTY, A STORY

He was standing on the walk by the Armory looking at the pretty green ivy and everything when we started to pass him. We realized that anyone who could be gazing at the Armory with all that love pouring from his bluish-gray eyes onto the old, battered walls of Penn State's Monument To Dead Heroes couldn't be a student here.

Glancing only briefly at his shipping tag, we stepped around him, and then paused politely as he gurgled, "Oh, and mister, is this the armory, where the Reserve Officers have their guns and everything?" We told him, "Yes, and so what?" "Why, I'm planning to come up here to College in the fall, and I'm going to go right through the Training course, and be a second lieutenant when I get through! It says that you can do that, right in the catalogue my teacher gave me."

Crisis

We were shocked. We didn't show any outward emotion. But we were shocked, and undecided. You see, we knew all about Mr. Morse's sales campaign, and we were "supporting it," as the COLLEGIAN and Pete Brandt and everybody wanted us to. We'd spent an hour convincing a "guest" that he ought to come here "because that was the only way he could possibly make a swell fraternity—like ours, for instance." Oh, yeah, we knew our duty to the College, all right.

Decision!

Then we weakened. The thought of another uniform in the Corner Room at ten-thirty on a Saturday night made us shiver. Casually, suavely, we mentioned the horrible transportation facilities, the winter days when to slither up Mr. Ebert's nice icy walks is to take your life in your hands. We dropped in a word about the Doc Dance bands that sound so much better on the radio than in Rec Hall. To top it off neatly we slid in a slur about the co-eds. "Yes, Palsie, what you really want is a city college, like Temple."

That seemed to decide him. "Well, it was kind of nice here for a while," he muttered as he meditated off down front campus. We're not just positive, but don't believe Mr. Venable will have another recruit for 1938.

Classified Ad Dept.

We found it on our desk (sure we have one, aren't we a columnist?) and it was heartrending in its appeal. So here it is:

LOST—At Froth Dance: My Lunch, My Hat, My Date. The hat size 7, date, about 32; I can eat any time—but I do want my hat. Jim Norris. Call 127.

At the bottom, maybe an ad too was written, "Dear Rowles: O. K. I give up, where were you hiding?—Jim."

Tragedy Stalks Journalism Alley

The La Vie people went up to Williamsport, partly to look at the first two copies of the book, the other day. It was a nice trip, and they enjoyed it, until they looked a pages 393 and 408 of the book. There, right in the middle of a page labeled "Theta Kappa Phi," was a picture of some vaguely familiar looking women. And right in the middle of page 408, labeled "Kappa Kappa Gamma," was a big black picture of Doc Tschan, Bob Dickinson and a lot of people named O'Hara, Walsh, Minich, O'Shea, Kilfoil, Voorhees, Ferraro, and so forth.

Editor-man Stegmeier tore his hair, looked back on page 493. There were some swell combinations there too. Doc Tschan was Sunny Merrill, Speidel was Eva Blichfeldt, Ed Yorke was Betty Thompson, Kehoe was Hortense Gans. Oh, we could go on and on. But Grit Publishing Company has disappointed us. When the La Vie gets here everything will be quite normal, they tell us.

Nearly everyone who was here very long got to know Prof. Espenshade's automobile, which has been here quite a while itself. It's a rugged affair, built to last. And it has. People grew accustomed to seeing the estimable Doc Espy piloting his towering craft through the maze of State College traffic. But now the Eng. Comp. man has shocked his friends. From this time on people will see the dignified head of the creative writing dept. gaily burbling through the streets of the village in his new slipstream windflow bell jar De Soto. We haven't seen it yet, but rumor has it that it's a gorgeous shade of green. We're looking forward to seeing it.

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'Penn State Day's' Success Applauded

(Continued from page one)

er men and women graduating from high schools each year, who are looking for guidance and help in selecting a college and a course of study. A program of this sort encourages better students, because they get a chance to look over the College." Hugo Bendak, director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, in discussing "Penn State Day" from the athletic point of view, declared, "It was a very fine day, much more than we expected for our first attempt at this sort of thing. We can be sure now of even bigger results next year. The number of visitors was gratifying, in spite of the fact that there were a number of conflicting events that day—namely, the twelve district meets in Pennsylvania, of which these Interscholastics were one of them.

"The class of performance was very fine," the director continued. "We were particularly fortunate that all of our home athletic contests came out right. A number of visiting coaches who were up here for the first time commented to me on the hospitality which was shown them and the other visitors. They were more than pleased."

A. Kenneth Maier '35, president of I. F. C. pointed out the fact that should "Penn State Day" be held again, the high schools ought to be notified that they should only send seniors. Maier explained that a number of juniors and sophomores were here and that this is an unnecessary drain on the fraternities. The most gratifying development was the boom given to fraternities pre-season rushing, he believes.

William S. Hoffman, College Registrar, speaking from the administrative point of view, said he thought the turn-out of visitors was exceptional. "Only one letter was sent to each high school, and we had about 600 registers, their names and addresses. Pete Brandt deserves lots of credit for the splendid way in which he handled everything. "The actual extent of the success of the 'day,'" Mr. Hoffman stated, "cannot be determined until the enrollment of these visitors is analyzed, and we see how many of them have already received literature about the College. We will send it to the rest."

METAL GROUP SEEKS CHARTER

Application for membership in the American Society of Metals has been made by the Penn State Metallurgical Society, an organization of about thirty students, enrolled in the department of metallurgy.

BLUE KEY ELECTIONS

(Junior Activities Honorary)
William D. Bertolotto '36
John M. Cummings '36
Donald P. Sanders '36
William H. Skirble '36

Conflict Exam Schedule

The period for conflict examinations for the second semester 1933-34 will extend from Thursday, May 31st, to Friday, June 8th, inclusive. Conflict cards are available at the Office of the Registrar for those students who reported conflicts. They are official permits to take such examinations and should be presented to the instructor in charge. The time of the examinations in courses listed BY APPOINTMENT will be arranged by the instructor with the students concerned. The schedule of student examinations follows:
Math 30—BY APPOINTMENT
Mechs 1—June 7—8—201 EngA
Mechs 3—BY APPOINTMENT
ME 5—June 4—10—20—101 MENG
ME 101—June 6—2—206 EngA
ME 106—June 2—2—300 EngA
Met 59—BY APPOINTMENT
PhCh 11—June 7—8—9 CA
Phl 3—BY APPOINTMENT
Phl 7—June 6—10—20—4 SLA
Phl 20—June 6—8—108 NLA
PhSci 6—June 6—10—20—5 CA
Phys 217—BY APPOINTMENT
Phys 218—BY APPOINTMENT
Phys 261—June 8—10—20—28 Phys
Phys 262—June 5—10—20—8 CA
Phys 267—BY APPOINTMENT
Phys 268—BY APPOINTMENT
PhysEd 55—June 5—2—2 SLA
Pol Sci 13—June 5—10—20—16 SLA
Pol Sci 25—June 5—8—13 SLA
Pol Sci 26—June 7—2—19 SLA
Pol Sci 419—BY APPOINTMENT
Pol Sci 421—June 6—8—19 SLA
Psy 2—June 4—8—9 CA
Psy 14—June 7—8—1 NLA
Psy 21—June 4—2—205 EngA
Soc 2—June 6—2—19 SLA
Soc 5—BY APPOINTMENT
Sp 1—BY APPOINTMENT
Sp 2—June 5—8—207 EngA
Zool 26—June 6—10—20—117 Dairy
Zool 27—June 7—10—20—1 SLA
Zool 29—June 7—10—20—3 SLA

LIBRARY GETS NEW SET OF AGRICULTURE BOOKS

Ernest R. Graham Presents Volumes Valued at \$465 to College

The College library has been the recipient of a set of two volumes of books entitled "The Architectural Works of Graham, Anderson, Probst, and White and Their Predecessors, Chicago." The set is valued at \$400. Printed in an edition of only 300 sets, the books were donated to leading libraries and personal professional friends by Ernest R. Graham, the elder partner in the business. The volumes include photographic plates of the buildings designed by the firm together with reproductions of plan drawings made especially for the books. They are bound in a heavy leather binding with gold leaf lettering.

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(Honorary Engineering Fraternity)

- George F. Henkel '34
David M. Hetchison '34
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John Dallas Jr. '35
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Charles K. Hoffmeyer '35
William D. Monie '35
Daniel F. Nesbit '35
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PASTOR DISCUSSES SCIENCE, RELIGION

Dr. William K. Anderson, Johnstown Minister, Talks Before Chapel Audience Yesterday

"Once science had to ask ecclesiastical permission to state their theories—now the positions are reversed," Dr. William K. Anderson, pastor of the Franklin street Methodist Episcopal Church of Johnstown, declared in his chapel address on "Does Science Leave Room for God?" in Schwab auditorium yesterday morning.

Such studies as geology, astronomy, and biology show that the world is an evolutionary product rather than a momentary creation, but it is a pitiful assumption, the pastor continued, that one cannot be true to his science and to his religion at the same time in our modern world.

"Religion and science have different fields entirely, for science doesn't explain; it merely describes," Dr. Anderson stated. "It is religion alone that gives the solution to our problems, for when you have only described them, you are not through; the reality still exists."

Science is learning to walk humbly with its God, with the better scientific minds becoming more religious, and vice versa, according to Dr. Anderson. Science may record facts and deal here and there, but it does not deal with value judgments, God, immortality, or beauty, leaving the field in these matters open entirely to religion; he concluded.

KLECKNER TO HEAD COUNCIL

Jeanne S. Kleckner '35 was elected president of Panhellenic Council at elections held Tuesday afternoon. Gretchen H. Diehl '36 was elected vice-president, Anne M. McCaughey '36, treasurer, and Elizabeth M. Diferriere '35, secretary. Other appointments to office will be made by the president.



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