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SELECTIVITY AND SCHOLARSHIP

Those who decry the present fraternity system here surely can find something to justify their claims in the standings just released. The all-College average for men is nearly one-tenth of a point above the fraternity average. Fraternity men are prone to consider themselves superior to the average student, and were the system correct, such would be the truth.

Fraternities owe it to themselves to be selective. Only the best material should be accepted into membership. This is impossible under the present system. When it becomes necessary to fill more than fifty boarding clubs within two weeks, only the sketchiest of selectivity can be employed. Scholarship and personality are considered to some degree, it is true, but the important thing is to fill the dining room and begin the ageless battle against the mortgages piled high against the chimney.

With their study hours and carefully kept files of term reports and engineering calculations, fraternities should boast averages much higher than the all-College one, and at best, above the all-College men's mark. However, only sixteen houses fulfilled this second provision, and four of those were professional fraternities to whom grades mean much.

The women's fraternities, by this argument, can justify their existence. Only two of the ten fell below the average set by the typical woman on the campus. The balance were far above the all-College average. This may be explained by the fact that a year of consideration almost automatically makes eligible the best type of woman for rushing. There can be no guesswork as to their ability.

Naturally, no one wants to transform the campus into a hungry mob of grade chasers. A certain amount of attention should be given to this phase of college, however. Six fraternities, with averages below that necessary for graduation, should indicate something unhealthy.

IT IS TO BE REGRETTED extremely that the interests of efficiency must be served rather than the interests of the guests of the College. As has been said many, many times before, there is a certain fatal fascination about a high building. No one is too dignified to succumb to the lure of a panorama similar to the one lying about Old Main.

Sooner or later, students take their parents or other visitors to the tower for a complete view of the campus. But students are so forgetful. They do not remember that efficiency decries that the tower door be locked at four o'clock promptly. This was made painfully plain Sunday afternoon when from five until ten minutes after four no less than fifteen people toiled up three flights of steps with that thought in mind. "They sure close this up on time," plaintively remarked one woman who had carried a small child to the fourth floor of Old Main. Efficiency at any price.

TRUE EDUCATION

The trend toward broad, liberal education as envisioned by Dean Stoddard may mark the step that will ultimately give a college education a deeper significance. It shows clearly that a changing world has brought about different standards without which it will be more difficult to face modern problems.

A few years ago, too many colleges were turning out only artists with a genius for manipulating a slide rule. A wealth of technical knowledge seemed the most essential equipment for success in a busy world. The old prayer of "if not an engineer, then smooth," was not entirely facetious. Curricula were crowded with required technical courses and a few electives which were generally confined, at the student's choice, in the same narrow field.

Literature, the social sciences, and other broader courses were looked upon with derision by the embryo technicians. The social, political, and financial upsets of the past few years have given the world an entirely different outlook. The social sciences, especially, have become greatly respected. When conventional political methods failed, theorists were asked for advice.

The need for a broader understanding has become more and more evident during the past decade or so. A comprehensive background is now more to be desired than a specialized training. Executive class college training is equivalent to approximately a year's practical experience in a technical field. The broad education cannot be measured.

A few idealists have always clung to the belief that an education should do more than teach a trade—it should develop one's ability to think. The trend toward the liberal arts is showing that more are coming to this point of view.

OLD MANIA

INQUISITION

They got him in the corner and found out the facts, the D. U.'s did. They wanted to know reasons, causes, points pro and con. And they got them. It was a freshman (yeah, a rushee) who gave them the real dope—why they've been sliding down from year to year, and everything. This gent, it seems, was being rushed by the Delta Oops and two other boarding clubs. When the preference cards came back, the two other clubs (horror of horrors) were listed 1 and 2, and the dear farmhouse boys were third. For some reason (Why does one want a freshman rush-ee?) the Barnyard Brethren decided they had to have the Plotzville Bacon Co.'s heir in their midst. So they asked him "Why not us'n's?"

"Well, it's like this fellows," he spoke up manfully, "you fellows have been awfully nice to me, you fellows have, and believe me, I appreciate all the free meals and everything. But when it comes to joining here, it's a different matter. You see, I have a girl back home; she'll want to come down to school here sometime this year. And you see, fellows, when she comes, I want to be able to take her some place I won't be ashamed of."

(The S. A. E.'s, though, have swell furniture!)

Donald Frey is quite a guy—he's held onto his boy-scout beliefs even in this rugged institution of culture. He's prepared, he is. Last time he was home, his mother gave him a nice big rope. She'd read all about fires in frat houses and was worried. Now 'Donnie-boy' has it under his bed, all coiled up, just waiting for some brother Phi Sigma Kappa to drop a cigaret in a stray wastebasket.

PATRIOTISM PERPETUATED

The soccer team went to Scotland, or wherever Bill Jeffries took them, this summer, and had a lot of fun. They didn't win any soccer games, exactly, but they did a lot of spreading of international goodwill, etc.

One of the festivities they attended was a gigantic dinner, given by the mayor in memory of some team they bowed to or something. It was quite an affair, complete with whole tables of celebrities on all sides.

The orchestra leader, working with the program director figured out a good liberal idea. They would have the Penn State soccer crew sing the 'Star Spangled Banner.' So they announced it, and played it. The team recognized the thing, but, like any aggregation who have taken R. O. T. C., didn't know the words. So they sat. That's all. Just sat.

Pretty soon some more celebrities gave the 'Blue and White men' another dinner. But they didn't take any chances. When the orchestra played the 'Star Spangled and so forth,' under each Penn State Soccerman's plate was a neatly printed copy of the national anthem. The guests thought the boys had bra' voices.

"ATHLETICS FOR ALL"

We were up watching the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Kallikaks (You-know, the Lackawanna county Kallikaks) booting the football expertly around New Beaver field, and were playing sports editor, figuring on 'Penn State's Chances' Friday afternoon. We had a lot of fun, and were just getting around to the Columbia game theories when one of the boys tore loose and punted the ball way off the field, right into the arms of a tall, sturdy fellow on the sidelines. He caught it.

While everyone around him was trying to decide whether he or the football team was the more surprised, he tossed the pigskin lightly ahead of him, took a quick step, and booted the thing tremendously aloft, right back to the astounded players.

Our Head Coach, Bobbie Higgins, was half-way across the field to sign the lad up, when he discovered that there would be a hitch. The gent wasn't registered in the College. His name, though, was found to be R. D. Hetzel, Sr.

About Town & Campus: Jimmy Olewine, (chem prof.) means, while explaining a process of running methane through grain alcohol, "Whatta waste, whatta waste." . . . John O'Hara, author of "Appointment in Samarra," stops in to see Lit. Man Bill Werner on his way back to New York from Hollywood . . . Johnny Brutzman, editor (in-chief, mind you) of this here rag, goes editorially nuts trying to locate his senior board: the managing editor (in Philly), the Sports Editor (in Morrisville), the ass't ed. (in Cleveland), the ass't managing ed. (in Oberlin), the rest (Lost). Lotsa fun, being a one-man-power-of-the-press, huh? . . . Bob Foster '19 will be back again on the cover of Froth after a twelve year lapse with the Alumni November 3. He took a running jump from four years in the old office into the top-flight of cover artists and commercial designers . . . Kak Kleinberg, Kak Kleinberg, Kak Kleinberg, Kak Kleinberg—O-k, pal, four times, even.

—THE MANIAC

Two Foreign Debates Scheduled This Year By Forensic Council

Orators to Meet Universities Of Hawaii, Oxford Here; All Men Eligible

Two international debates, with Oxford University and the University of Hawaii, are being planned for this year by Forensic Council. No definite dates have been set for either contest.

In the first debate against Oxford, Penn State representatives will uphold the negative side of the question: Resolved, That we condemn all forms of military training in schools and universities. This was one of five topics submitted by the visiting team, who chose to defend the affirmative of each.

Each of the four contestants will speak for fifteen minutes with an eight-minute rebuttal allowed for each side. The debate will then be thrown open for open forum discussion. There will be no decision. This method of procedure is the same as was used so successfully last season.

All male students are eligible to try out for the international team. Trials will be held on Wednesday, October 17, and all students interested should report prepared to discuss the topic in a five-minute talk on either side.

From this group a committee of three, two members of the English department and one student or recent alumnus, will select the six speakers whom they think most effective. From these six, Prof. John Henry Frizzell, head of the department of public speaking, and Prof. John P. O'Brien, of the same department, who will not be members of the first committee, will select the international team.

The debate with a team from the University of Hawaii will be held at the beginning of the second semester, and although the question of granting statehood to Hawaii has been suggested as a topic for discussion, no definite decision has yet been made.

Did You Know That . . .

There are 1,124 members on the faculty and administrative staffs. \$5,500,000 have been expended on new College buildings in the past seven years.

There are over 140,000 volumes in the College library system. The College land holding totals 2,000 acres.

Over 10,000 industrial employees enroll yearly in engineering extension courses.

Thirty intercollegiate and intramural sports are engaged in by men and women students during the College year.

Penn State athletes have represented the United States in the past four Olympic games.

Hiking is listed as the favorite exercise of faculty members, especially. Students use nearly 100,000 blue books annually.

First Year Men Discuss Strong, Weak Points Of Fraternity Rushing Season, Freshman Week

"Before I do much of anything else now, I am going to get really acquainted with the fellows in my fraternity house," one freshman was overheard to remark to another on their way to class the morning after the pledging occurred. "I've met so many fellows in such a short time that I can scarcely remember their faces, much less their names."

"I had lots of good times during rushing season as well as Freshman Week," said another who was asked his thoughts of his first two weeks. "I wouldn't mind going through the same thing again because I certainly had no idea what I was getting into or what to expect and that's what made it so swell."

"It's almost too much to expect of a new fellow," another freshman explained. "Freshman Week is bad enough, but this fraternity rushing season keeps a fellow bewildered for a month after it's finished."

Two freshmen who were interviewed believed that it would simplify matters greatly if every fraternity printed its "line" and sent it to freshmen during the summer. In that way houses would save a lot of expenses because a freshman could have at least some idea what houses he would

'Little Things in Life' Amount to More Than Greater Annoyances, Psychologist Declares

It's the "little things in life" that are most apt to get in one's hair and under one's skin if results of an experiment conducted recently by a psychology student at a contemporary college prove anything, for in a list of "annoyances" checked by a number of subjects, details such as earthquakes and tornadoes were completely ignored.

In carrying out the experiment, lists of ten annoyances were made by the subjects, and these "pet peeves" were in turn compiled into complete lists to be marked as either extremely, moderately, or slightly annoying, not annoying at all, or a situation that has never been met.

Men agree that back seat driving is extremely annoying, but listening to baby talk is considered the worst possible annoyance. Loud girls, excess use of makeup, and bitten fingernails also bother the men.

Uncleanliness annoys women most of all, and quarrelsome people are next in line. Co-eds evidently do not like conceited people, as "people who know it all" and braggarts were high in percentage among the "peeves." College men should know that when they keep their "dates" waiting, they are aggravating them to the uttermost degree.

'A College Has Long Life, But a Short Memory . . .'

This is the second of a series of short biographies about former campus personalities whose names are Penn State legends.

Thomas H. Burrowes Fourth president of Penn State . . . Educated at Trinity College, Dublin . . . One of the founders of the public school system in Pennsylvania . . . As Secretary of the Commonwealth in 1835, became executive officer of the free school law passed the year before.

On assuming the duties, he confessed that he knew "no more about the details of schools than about the local geography of the moon" . . . In the twenty-seven years following he fashioned most of our public school legislation.

The fact that such a man served as one of the early presidents of the College, after devoting nearly thirty years to the public schools of the State, is another link binding the College closely to the development of free public education in Pennsylvania.

State College has named one of its streets for Dr. Burrowes.

Explains Trend

school is highly specialized. For this reason, students, not knowing what they want, except an education, enroll in this school. "After being graduated by this school," he continued, "they are better prepared, in a general sense, to meet almost any exigency, and to fit themselves into a variety of positions. On the other hand, students graduated from the specialized and technical curricula are 'lost' if there are no positions available for them in their field at the time of their graduation."

When asked what he thought the future offered in his and the other schools, he pointed out that as business improves, the technical schools' enrollments will rise, and the liberal arts departments will hold their own because they offer the background of economics and social studies.

Fraternity Averages

MEN'S FRATERNITIES

Table with 2 columns: Fraternity Name and Average. Includes Alpha Zeta, Triangle, Omega Psi Phi, Beaver House, Delta Theta Sigma, Alpha Chi Sigma, Commons Club, Beta Sigma Rho, Theta Upsilon Omega, Phi Sigma Delta, Sigma Tau Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Alpha, Acacia, Phi Kappa Tau, Theta Xi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Alpha Phi Delta, Delta Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Theta Nu Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Phi Sigma, Tau Phi Delta, Tau Phi Kappa, Alpha Kappa Pi, Theta Chi, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Gamma Rho, Phi Pi Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Tau Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Sigma Phi, Beta Kappa, Kappa Delta Rho, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Pi, Phi Lambda Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Epsilon Pi, Chi Upsilon, Delta Sigma Phi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Mu Delta, Phi Kappa, Lambda Chi Alpha.

WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES

Table with 2 columns: Fraternity Name and Average. Includes Alpha Omicron Pi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Gamma Phi Beta, Chi Omega, Theta Phi Alpha, Phi Mu.

ALL-COLLEGE AVERAGES

Table with 2 columns: Category and Average. Includes All-College, All-College Men, All-College Women, All-Fraternity, All-Fraternity Men, All-Fraternity Women, Non-Fraternity Men, Non-Fraternity Women.

Women Without Men

The definite seating arrangement for the McAllister hall dining commons was given its first trial at dinner last night. It has been devised by W. S. G. A. to prevent the mad scrambling for tables. The arrangement will be changed about twice each semester, if the plan is satisfactory.

It has been reported that there are also plans for the construction of a second door from the lobby into the dining commons, which, if passed, will greatly relieve the congestion.

Mrs. Louise L. Somerlatt, chaperone of the Grange dormitory for women, is seriously ill at the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital, in Maryland. Miss Ellen M. Burkholder, assistant Dean of Women, is substituting for her.

The Phi Mu's will hold formal pledging at their house this coming Saturday night.

Members of L'Amitie are planning a tea for their newly pledged members to be held at the home of Mrs. W. P. Bell, jr., of South Allen street. The date has not yet been set.

A "spread" for the new Kappa Kappa Gamma pledges was given by Gretchen H. Diehl in honor of her birthday at the Kappa house on last Thursday night.

Members of the Home Economics club, both student and faculty, picnicked in Holmes Woods last Friday afternoon.

Freshman Band Chosen

(Continued from page one)

W. Merriman, Don E. Miller, Robert T. Mitchell, George E. Metz, Robert L. Neff, Harold W. Reavick, Clifford F. Sarver, Henry H. Showers, Barthe A. Shupp, George W. Statler, Charles W. Walker, and Howard R. Yeager.

Flute and piccolo: Marshall K. Evans and Frederick H. Serff.

Eb Alto saxophone: George A. Baker, Edwin E. Guie, Edward E. Harding, Ben F. Miller, and Edmund Turdella.

Trombones: John D. Brisbane, Robert A. J. Filer, Lewis B. Grube, Daniel Joelle, Wyllys V. Johnson, Albert P. Lyford, William Leon Shaffer, Robert Straszmyer, and William H. Williams.

Trumpets: William H. Bayer, Donald M. Daugherty, D. Charles Davies, W. Evan Jones, William H. Kline, Charles E. Keeney, Chester L. Nesbitt, and George M. Nash.

Eb alto mellophone: Bruce H. Houseknecht.

French horns: Robert J. Baxter, Howard S. Coleman, Theron C. Hoyt, and Winston A. Shoenberger.

Baritone: Howard D. Baldwin, George H. Conner, and Marshall M. Moyer.

BBBb bass: Walter M. Geise, Ralph B. Knapp, and Wendell B. Stamm.

Eb basses: John M. Jaqueth and Irving W. Rutherford.

The following were appointed to the band but neglected to register with the name of their instruments: Eldridge K. Camp, William E. Dieffenderfer, James G. Everhart, Richard E. Rantz, and Max K. Wiant.

Additional try-outs for the Freshman band will be conducted in the band room, Room 401, Old Main, at 8:30 o'clock tonight. No more applicants for the Sophomore band will be accepted.

SWAY To the Rhythms of LYNN CHRISTY and his Penn Statesmen at the Collegian-Froth Dance Friday, October 6 At 9 P. M. In Recreation Hall

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