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THE DECLINE OF FRATERNITIES

The fraternity question has been one of increasing uncertainty during the last few years. Many have doubted that their usefulness and good qualities are stronger than their evils.

The majority of houses pledged a sufficient number of men, and there has been little indication that any houses will be forced to close.

Fraternities in other schools have not been so successful. At Cornell, eleven houses failed to secure any pledges at the close of the formal rushing season.

This trend points to but one thing. Fraternities have not been able to offer sufficient good qualities to offset the slightly higher cost that membership means.

Such a drastic condition has not as yet come to light at Penn State. To guard against it, fraternities here must take certain steps.

If fraternities forget this, soon they will sink to a mediocrity that can offer nothing to a freshman.

THE COLLEGIAN IS PUBLISHED in the interests of the student body and is anxious to serve as a mirror of student opinion on pertinent topics of general interest.

SOME COMPROMISE SHOULD BE attempted between bands which appear at future football games. It is unfair and displeasing to spectators when one organization takes up too much time in exhibition work.

FACTS VERSUS EDUCATION

Dean Thomas A. Eagan of Loyola University recently upbraided schools for devoting too much energy to the gathering of information and too little to the producing of wise men and women.

In his opinion, cultural studies should be mastered above all others. Facts will soon be forgotten, but from the study of the cultural subjects will come a broader understanding that will help appreciably with the solution of almost every problem.

This point of view coincides rather closely with that adopted by many educators. For too long, liberal arts courses have been looked upon as fitting only for those who cannot or do not wish to master technical courses.

Colleges became training schools for electricians, plumbers, and surveyors rather than a medium for dispensing intelligence and understanding.

The important thing in the changing world of the present is to strike a balance between the rights of the individual and the rights of society.

OLD MANIA

Back To The Old Order

Quite a little crowd was watching him when we finally got down to ground level from our seat high in the old East Stand Saturday afternoon.

Then, in our methodical way, we looked to see what he was doing. And we saw something that almost restored our faith in the country's solidity.

As we watched, the people around us went away, until we were alone, he and us and the clean, fresh plank.

Inflectual Erudition

Prof. Sheldon Tanner, who tells the boys in the C & F course how to make a million in the stock market without ending up in Atlanta (yeah, he teaches a business law course) has his troubles, and they aren't all just so business-like.

Professionally, he proceeded to illustrate. Grasping his check book firmly, he crossed out the 'to the order of' business, made out the check for five bucks, and wrote a junior's name on it.

The lad wandered down to the First National, and wandered back, laden down with tobacco, candy, chicle, etc. The whole room had a nice time with the five dollars worth, all but Prof. Tanner.

Maddened Musicians

Our Boys, the Blue Band, went to the firemen's convention in Sunbury, clad in their lovely robins' egg blue unies, had quite a time of it.

You know those little shaving brushes that somebody dipped in blue ink and put on their caps. Well, that's what led to this trouble.

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Erdman Cites Advantages of New Seating Arrangements in Women's Dining Commons

"The new seating arrangements in the dining room is advantageous in that it eliminates a great deal of confusion around the door," Lucy J. Erdman '35, president of the W. S. G. A., declared when asked about the success of the permanent seating in the women's dining commons.

By the new method eight girls are assigned to a table while last year each girl had to find a place for herself.

However, hunger still seems to be stronger than the courteous instincts, for Selena A. Wunderlich '36, vice-president of W.S.G.A., believes that there is still too much confusion.

Clinchy Pleads for Better Understanding Amid Religious Sects

Chapel Speaker Gives Account Of Nation-Wide Travels With Priest, Rabbi

Making a plea for better understanding of inter-group relationships, Dr. Everett Ross Clinchy, Presbyterian minister from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., speaking in Schwab auditorium Sunday morning, asserted that the solution lay in cultural pluralism.

"The inter-group relationships in American life," the speaker said, "are a rich factor in our development because of the cross-fertilization of cultures which result from them."

Dr. Clinchy told of the experiences he had last year when he, in company with a priest and rabbi, made a 9000 mile tour of this country.

To understand this inter-group problem, Dr. Clinchy stated that a three-fold approach must be made through history, psychology, and sociology.

Mount Alto Overflow Comes to Penn State

Thirty freshmen ranger students who were moved from the Forestry school at Mount Alto because of overcrowded conditions, are spending Wednesday of each week working under Richard Brooks, state ranger, at the Penn State forest on Nittany mountain.

The work consists of improvement cuttings, road and trail building, pruning and other forest operations.

Hartman Explains Scholarship Report

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incorrect. The fault lies with society. Colleges are simply a reflection of society, and if society is stupid and prejudiced, then what can one expect of our college students?"

Dr. Hartmann labelled this as the fundamental cause for the inadequacy of our scholastic system. Another explanation which he gave was that students don't remember what they are taught in the various cultural courses because the material is not presented in keeping with the plans which they have made for their futures.

As a concrete example, the psychologist said, "Supposing a student comes here to take a general course in liberal arts or education. His ultimate aim may be to sometime become a proprietor of a grocery store."

According to Dr. Hartmann's observations, it doesn't pay the average student to continue his collegiate studies beyond the sophomore year.

Neyhart Gives Lecture Prof. Amos E. Neyhart, of the department of industrial engineering, spoke at the twenty-third annual Safety Congress at Cleveland last week.

"Complete Campus Coverage" Because of numerous requests received by Scoop for addresses of downtown women's dormitories since his meritorious work in providing dates for the COLLEGIAN-Froth dance Saturday night, the COLLEGIAN takes pleasure in presenting to its subscribers a complete list of the town co-ed residences.

Table with columns: Address, Chaparone, Phone. Lists addresses for various students and their phone numbers.

Homsher '36 Elected President of A.S.M.E.

R. Lee Homsher '36, was elected president of the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the regular meeting recently.

These men were elected by a ballot distributed to all of the mechanical engineers in the College. They will serve for the first semester.

Parents Association Spends \$170 in Loans

A total of \$170 was disbursed in loans in the past year by the Association of Parents of Penn State Loan fund, the annual report reveals.

The average of the \$170.00 worth of loans was \$42.50 each, the report states. Three loans are delinquent to the amount of \$150, while fourteen are outstanding but not yet due, totaling \$670.

Peters Surveys Youth

Members of the School of Education faculty are cooperating with the State Department of Education in conducting a survey of on-coming youth with reference to a program of higher education.

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