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### PROBLEMS VS. PROBLEMS

Delegates to the recent N. S. F. A. convention returned with the idea that the organization has little to offer Penn State. Their argument seems to be based on two points: first, that the Federation spent entirely too much time discussing national and international problems, and second, that our system of student government is so far advanced that the Federation had' little to offer in way of assistance.

At first glance, the first point seems absurd. Certainly, there are few matters more important to the average undergraduate than the war that is going to creep around the munitions plants' corner as soon as this country is "prepared" for it, than the relative values of fascism, communism, socialism, or whatever form of government is going to lead us back to the Mecca so glibly described by the President as "recovery.'

Certainly the economic system of the future is quite a bit more significant than the question of the best way to conduct class dances. It would be a good thing if some way were found to bring a few significant issues back to this campus. For a supposedly intellectual center, one interested in pertinent topics, Penn State probably knows as little about national problems as any area of equal size in the world.

The old cry, "I'm too busy even to read the newspapers," is the most biting indictment against the minds of undergraduates that could be made. Hence, if a convention could stir up a bit of thought, any money invested would be worth while. The whole question would be as to a method of transcribing such information to the complacent masses.

On the other hand, there is a definite need for a body which can and will discuss intelligently certain campus problems. The question of freshman orientation, for example, is one that is becoming more and more pertinent, while there are others which deal with equally important subjects.

It is imperative, before Penn State joins this organization next year, that the object be known definitely. If it is merely a question of administrative routine. unquestionably some other association might be more

MANY STUDENTS UNDOUBTEDLY will take advantage of the new Library hours through which reference books and periodicals will be available until eleven o'clock every night the last two weeks before examination. If the plan proves popular, undoubtedly another semester will find reserve books available for a similar period of time.

As is every other department, the Library is handicapped by inadequate finances. This may be the cause of such customs as that of keeping closed departmental libraries about the campus. It is to be hoped that eventually, ways will be found that such reference rooms can be available for that time when a student is most apt to do a little reading that is not absolutely essential-Sunday afternoon

THE REVERED BOROUGH authorities might well consider cleaning up State College as to clogged street sewers which bring about inundated sidewalks in various parts of the town. Then, too, cindered crossstreets would be greatly appreciated by those motorists who obey the asinine stop signs guarding that through boulevard, Beaver avenue.

#### 250,000 CLAMS

Subscribers to the Boston Advertiser a few days

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## OLD MANIA New Way To Pass Finals Like every other dope who's been figuring on getting around to that Psych class as soon as the semester got a little underway, we were panicstricken when we observed the exam schedule all over the back page of this sheet Friday. But we're ,vorried no longer-we've found a new way to study, and, just to show how big-hearted we are, we'll tell you all about it, just like they do during freshman week

and in the Education School classes. Jack Parsky, one of the lesser arc-lights of the Phi Sigma Delta shack used the system first, and it worked marvelously. Jack (They call him 'Rip' at the house, on account of how he sleeps all the time ( (funny fellas these Phi Sigs) ) ) had been having a hell of a time keeping on the books. He'd just get his knees comfortably tucked in behind the edge of his desk drawer, ready for a serious evening, when someone would come in-and that would be that, no study.

Now Jack, although not exactly brilliant, has a good idea once in awhile, and the other night, with the expert (see ad due east of this column) assistance of one Herm Kail, hypnotist extraordinary, one worked. Mr. Parsky merely arranged for Mr. Kail to hypnotize him. Mr. Kail did, with alacrity. While 'under the spell,' or whatever you are under while hypnotized, Parsky was instructed to get to work immediately, and if anything happened to go to a quiet place where he could keep on grinding. He was also instructed that if anyone should come to his room, to throw them the hell out. Then Mr. Kail brought Mr. Parsky out of the trance.

It worked, as we said. Parsky went to his room and started studying-first he wrote a thousandword theme, and then started in on some reviewing. Accidentally-like, the lights in the upper part of the house went out. 'Rip' picked up his book, sought a bridge lamp in the club room, and went on with his work. Pretty soon the lights came on again, and Parsky returned to his own desk.

Just to test the final instruction, the expert hypnotist thrust his face inquisitively inside the student's room, and then sauntered in. Quite according to his own rules, he got 'tossed the hell out.' (The phone number is on the ad-we've done our

part towards a higher all-college average!) + + +

# F. Cupid Neusbaum -

"Attorney At Law," they tell us, is going to be quite a play, in spite of a little trouble they had at the start. Luke Brightman plays 'he,' and Virginia ('Gin,' if you know her well enough) Swart, the pride of the Class of '38, is the 'she.' Virginia (We don't know her very well) and Luke make love. They didn't get around to the right technique for awhile, until Frank Neusbaum, the director, took a hand in affairs. He told them, right out, like that, and since then they've been doing much better: So much better, in fact, that the other night the now loving couple finished a scene (on stage), went into another one (off stage), and then wandered on for their next appearance. There had been a slight change, though. On Virginia's proud breast there reposed the sacred pin of the order of Beta Theta Pi. + + +

# Gang War Brewing

Things have been pretty quiet round about Chicago the last year or so, except for an occasional killing. The Sigma Pi frat here, however, doesn't like all this peace, and they're going to do something about it. Two loyal bros., it seems, are slightly at odds, and the explosion into actual combat is expected at any minute. It's a great game. Eddie Geyer (intramural

mosquito-weight boxer), and Bill Harvey, nephew of the mayor (think of it!) of no less a burg than Scranton, are the offended parties. Mr. Geyer, it seems, had himself a friend, one Anita. Mr. Harvey stepped out and gathered himself a large chunk of the young lady's affections. So now Eddie's mad, and seeing as how Eddie is, Willy is too. The Phi Eps are selling window seats for the

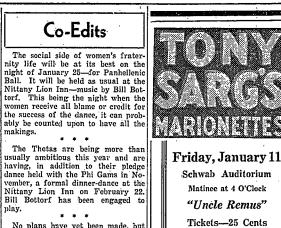
fray at two bits apiece, reserved. + + +

Hirsch, Erdman Differ About Town & Campus: Olin Butt forces a whole steamship company to change their routine - he On N.F.S.A. Viewpoint wanted 'hamburg and onions' included on their seventeen-page menu-and got it . . . Zerby Club gentlemen have lovely voices, the ladies next door, in the Ivy Inn, inform us . : . Pet Peeve-against those persons of low intelligence who think it 'just too, too funny' to tear loose with an alarm clock, right in the middle of an interesting bit of dialogue, at the movies ... latest offenders this week-the A. K. Pi's ... Our hearts stopped last week when we beheld members of Mr. George Ebert's New Jersey tree commission wielding axes in front of the Women's Building . . . we had fears for our old friend-the Ghinko tree, but it seems to have stayed up . . . Pash of the week-the Dugan-Goldsmith fray . . . a church window is threatened with having King Burke's amiable map as part of a new stained-glass design-the gent that's making the new window took a fancy to the Burke countenance, and sort of included him, it seems . . . Members of the Froth staff are heckling the gentlemen on this newspaper again-maybe the campus will have sump'n screamingly funny to read pretty soon.



state, becomes the weakest, after be-ing worn a few times. When exposed to light for a period of a few weeks, leaded silks have been found to crum-

(Continued from page one) question with Gettysburg College over station WiHP, Harrisburg, on March 27. The second will be with the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania on the same question and will be broadcast over WCAU, Philadelphia, on April 13. Eight contests are scheduled for the remainder of this month. On January 12 'the women's team will take part in the Grove City College Tournament, on the 17th they will meet Ston Hill College away, and on the following day they will meet Ston Hill College away. And the to following day they will meet Ston Hill College away. And the to following day they will meet Ston Hill College away. And the to following day they will meet Ston Hill College away. And the to following day they will meet Ston Hill College away. And the to following day they well meet Ston Hill College away. And the to following day they well meet Ston Hill College away. All three will be conventional style con-tests on the munitions question. Men dehaters will open the newe year on January 16 when they meet In February the men's team will meet Albright College, St. Francis College, Lehigh, Juniata, and Wash and take part in the Allegheny For-Im. The women will oppose Mount Mercy College and the University of Pittsburgh. Both teams hit their stride in March, with the men scheduled for twelve debates, and the women for the market, and to this end, Dr. Mack stated, legislation should be enacted. the poisonous effect of lead-weighted silks on animal tissues, Dr. Mack, collaborating with Miss Polly B. Kissinger, a graduate student, placed rats in leaded silks. They found that rats which had chewéd on the silks had a deposition of lead in their bones at the end of the experiment, while rats which had merely been in contact with the silks, developed seri-ous dermitits without exception. As a remedy for the misinforma-tion of the consumer regarding pur-chases of fabrics, Dr. Mack believes that the sale of textiles should be ra-



No plans have yet been made, but the Kappas have made assertions that they will have their annual dinner-dance at the Nittany Lion Inn early dance at the ... in the Spring.

play.

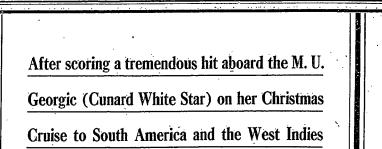
A new anchor was presented to each of the eight Delta Gamma initi-ates at the formal ceremony held at the Delta Gamma house Sunday.

**5** Readings Scheduled 5 Keadings Scheduled Continuing from where they ceased before the Christmas vacation, the second series of fireside readings will begin in the second floor lounge, Old Main, tomorrow, Readers scheduled thus far are: tomorrow, Prof. Lucre-tia V. T. Simmons, of the German de-partment; January 16, Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien, of the public speaking department; January 23, Prof. Paul-ine A. Locklin, of the English litera-ture department; February 10, Prof. Mason Long, of the English litera-ture department; February 20, Prof. Robert E. Dengler, of the department of classical languages.

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Pittsburgh. Both teams hit their stride in March, with the men scheduled for twelve debates, and the women for nine. In April the men will taper off to eight contests, and the women will engage in six debates. The men's dual senson will close in the middle of April; the women will continue to the end of the month; and the season will be closed with the Delta Sigmal Rho contest the last of April or the first of May.

ago read startling headlines which intimated that 250, 000 students demanded the immediate investigation of Communist activities on campuses throughout the country. It was based on an interview given by John A. Lang, head of the N. S. F. A.

Of course, the whole thing was garbled in traditional Hearst style, but the thread of the thought itself was highly inaccurate. Lang said that the 250,000 students he claimed to represent did not want Communism or any other 'ism' in our institutions. He intimated that it was becoming a real menace in American colleges.

Apparently, Mr. Lang belongs to that misguided minority which believes that the best way to conduct government is to stifle all thought. He seems to be satisfied with present setups and reluctant to accept any changes which might be better.

It is true that there are a few dyed-in-the-wool radicals in every college. But too, it is sadly true that the present system of government is one of the most inefficient possible. Only by open-minded discussion can a better system be evolved.

-THE MANIAC up to the Women's Senate.

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"Milliary training and F. E. R. A. education relief were discussed, but only one day was devoted to practical student government problems," Miss Erdman explained. "We received no help with our problems, but were able only to advise others." Hirsch added that he believed that the newly' elected set of officers LYNN CHRISTY he newly cletted set of officers night improve conditions and would work less for their own individual PENN STATESMEN work less for their own individual advancement and more for the ad-vancement of the Federation than did the last set. He characterized the retiring officers as "good windbags." It was explained that the \$40 dues for the men have already been paid for next year. For several years past the men's student government has do-nated sufficient money to meet the cost for both men's and women's gov-ernment groups, but this year this apportionment was reduced and the yoomen paid, no dues although send-ing a delegate and paying her ex-penses. The decision as to whether a women's delegate shall go next year is up to the Women's Senate. offering you rhythm par excellence!