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GLITTERING GENERALITIES

Delegates at the P. A. C. S. dinner Saturday night heard described in brilliant terms the problems and the solution of those problems which the youth of today faces.

To one who leans back in his chair and toys with an ash tray during a speech, it must have sounded well, but if one were to attempt the analysis of phrases, astonishing results bubbled up.

"We must return to the spirit of American philosophy," he said, at one point. Questioned later as to his definition of such philosophy, he declined to be more specific.

When questioned as to his conception of President Roosevelt's policies in relation to bureaucracy, Mr. Lang termed the President "the hope of Democracy."

At any rate, we must solve this problem, and undoubtedly, as Mr. Lang pointed out, it should be done in an American, scientific, democratic fashion.

WHILE FIFTY-TWO fraternity treasurers continued their frantic efforts to maintain balanced budgets here, Syracuse undergraduates went home at Christmas with instructions to bring back the names of all high school seniors.

Apparently, the situation there is even worse than the local one. There, they frankly say that they must have more pledges to keep the mortgage holders away and keep the dining room open.

THE COMPLACENCY OF AGE

Students at Kansas State College must take compulsory military training despite conscientious objections, according to a recent ruling by District Judge Otis E. Hungate.

That glib phrase, "defense of their country," seems to cover such a multitude of sins. With a witticism like that, all attempts to eliminate a bore from college curricula are lightly dismissed.

Judge Hungate can prate on about preparing you for the defense of this country—he is probably old and dried up enough that the army wouldn't want him for cannon fodder.

What of youth's beliefs? What of youth's efforts to bring about international understanding and the ultimate elimination of conflict?

OLD MANIA

Student Leaders

We've been trying to figure out the most idiotic thing that happened during the Pa. Ass. Col. Stoooges convention here this week-end, and have just about come to the conclusion that the most idiotic thing about the whole affair was its existence.

Of course, we may be wrong. Kenny Malers, our President of Interfraternity Council, although arrayed in all his glory, was mistaken for a freshman by over half the imported brains that were here for the week-end.

And, we understand, Pinzy Needles (looking very much like a slightly inferior fifth Marx Brother with the cigar that he affected for the benefit of the feminine delegates) was declared "too, too cute," by five of those delegates within our hearing.

And then, of course, there was Lang, the great. This gentleman, who denies that he made a prime journalistic ass of himself at the Boston N. S. F. A. conference over Christmas, was very much here.

Mr. Lang, in our humble opinion, would make one of this country's most successful morticians. His southern accent, plus a swell professional manner, would be perfect.

Very much present was Libby Barton, our own nomination for a M. W. G. I. C. (Most Wholesome Girl In College) degree if she returns again from moulding the youth of the nation with the Education School's practice teachers.

Present this year was Rostand (Patsy) Kelly, Prexy, no less, of the great Student Association. He was around, sort of, which was pretty good, for him.

All the boys and girls had a good time here, though. They all arrived, registered, dated, and went home with the idea that this would be a nice college to go to if they weren't going somewhere else at present.

Concert, with Refreshments

One of the ever-present problems of the Penn State undergraduate, we find, is that of eating. This is taken care of in various ways, but about the smoothest we've heard of lately is the little business three Phi Psi fresh put on in the Corner the other night.

Three young gentlemen (why, of course they're gentlemen—any Phi Psi will tell you, whether you like it or not, that all Phi Psi's are gentlemen) were returning from practicing with one of the campus' more embryonic orchestras.

Color Story

They had a dance over in the Armory Friday night, and a lot of people were there, us too. The costumes were nice, the music was nice, and the Scarab decorations were nice.

The guy that had the most fun, though, was the gent who went as Humpty Dumpty. He wasn't doing so well, for awhile, just dancing around by himself—on account of the troubles of being a Humpty Dumpty.

About Town and Campus:

Nifty Nicholson (the Beta, you barbarian) had himself a good job over Xmas. He went to Wilkes-Barre, and nearly every night got paid for working with Joe Somebody and his Melody Manglers.

Welles, Keiser Given Titles at Beaux Arts

Betty V. Welles '35 and Charles B. Keiser '36 were awarded the titles of Queen Carnival and King Momus at the Beaux Arts Ball Friday night.

Prof. Helen Savard and Prof. Andrew W. Case, both of the department of architecture, and Haywood Shacklett, of the department of fine arts, acted as judges.

State Highway Relief Maps on Display Here

The relief map of Pennsylvania showing the highway system and the geographical features of the State, which the State Highway department borrowed from the College for display at the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, has been completely revised.

The map is on permanent display in the hall of the Mineral Industries building and is supplemented by a similar relief map showing the geological features of Pennsylvania which is in the Mineral Industries museum.

Junior Collegian Scribes Select 10 Best Stories

Although campus sentiment has often compared State College to Grand Hotel in that nothing ever happens, eight COLLEGIAN Junior Boardmen spent inestimable energy in narrowing down their list of the "ten best news stories" from the hundreds of exciting, harrowing, poignant, and riotous news events which have been reported in these pages during the past year.

- 1. Liberal Arts-Education Schools merger which constituted a complete reorganization of both schools—58 points.
2. F.E.R.A. announcing aid for 525 needy students—56 points.
3. Student riot and bonfire preceding Syracuse football game, when Burgess Leitzell called in several State Troopers—44 points.
4. Wrestling: Intercollegiate here when two State grapplers won championships—35 points.
5. Eight freshmen gridders tell reporter of dissatisfaction and of plans to leave at the end of the year—33 points.
6. Election of officers of the various classes and members to Student Council—28 points.
7. Membership of Student Council cut from forty-two to twenty-five—23 points.
8. Herman Everhardus, former All-American, becomes member of the football coaching staff—17 points.
9. Number of complimentary tickets for major dances cut from 128 to 89—16 points.
10. Walter J. Kinsey, non-fraternity man, elected manager of football for the coming year—15 points.

Penn State Men

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Vienna Choir Will Give Musical Play Thursday

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Nascus, Gallus, and Palestrina, and also numbers by Franz Schubert, Brahms, Emmer and Strauss.

"A Song from Old Vienna" is a musical playlet arranged especially for presentation by the Choir Boys from "Der Hausliche Krieg" by Franz Schubert. It has a romantic setting and plot.

Third American Tour
The Vienna Choir Boys come to this campus on their third American tour. They sailed from Europe on the Ile de France October 29 and arrived in the United States November 6.

Critics are quick to point out that the singing boys of Vienna, ranging in age from eight to fifteen, should not be confused with amateur choral organizations. The organization is 400 years old, being founded by the Emperor Maximilian in 1498.

Their long history presupposes a vigorous training in the traditions established by their Austrian and Hapsburg background. Josef Haydn and Franz Schubert were members of the organization.

Each one of the twenty boys in the choir is a finished musician, capable of singing accurately the most complicated choral harmonies, from the chromatic modes of Palestrina and Monteverdi, to the simple tonal outlines of the classical school.

The boys are recruited from the working classes. Before they enroll in the organization, which is equivalent to a school, they must pass severe examinations regarding their scholastic ability and musical talents.

Engineers See Movies

In place of the regular senior engineers' lecture series in the Chemistry amphitheater on Friday afternoons, two motion pictures concerned with the development of the A. I. E. E. were shown at the Nittany theatre. Dugwald C. Jackson '35, who is now head of the department of electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was one of the men interviewed on the screen, and Charles F. Scott, professor of electrical engineering at Yale, was the other.

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Co-Edits

The W. S. G. A. Senate entertained the visiting women delegates to the Pennsylvania Association of College Students meeting at a tea held in the second floor lounge in Old Main on Saturday afternoon.

The display of the W. S. G. A. constitution, code book, rules, and clippings which was compiled by Nancy W. Stahlman '35 received honorable mention at the conference.

Wednesday night the Delta Gammas entertained at a waffle party and Sunday afternoon the Thetas served tea at the house from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The pledges of the Louise Homer Club entertained the active members with a musical program at the meeting held in the Home Economics building Thursday night.

Education Department Secures Andre Battut

Prof. Andre Battut, of the Lycee Janson le Sailly in Paris, has been secured as a member of the faculty of the Institute of French Education for the summer of 1935.

M. Battut visited the United States in 1927-28 and lectured during that year at Princeton University. He holds at the present time the chair of Visiting Professor from France at Hunter College, New York City. While here he will give lectures on his native land.

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