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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. John Lang, recently deposed president of the N. S. F. A., propounded a plan through which the government would be enlisted in the search for work for young men and women.

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 burbled up. They were good phrases, well-chosen and catchy, but often they crossed each other's paths or rang rather hollowly.

"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. He did not specify whether rugged individualism covered this phrase. Communism, too, must never be allowed to permeate this country, while Fascism is definitely wrong. Bureaucracy is also out, definitely.

When questioned as to his conception of President Roosevelt's policies in relation to bureaucracy, Mr. Lang termed the President "the hope of Democracy." In almost the same breath, he decried certain NRA codes which set up minimum age standards, thus depriving youth of its right to work.

Just a bit later, when Mr. Lang turned to his solution of youth's troubles, he forgot his aversion to bureaucracy and suggested that a bureau be created in the Department of the Interior through which youth's problems would be solved and prosperity brought back to us. He didn't mention it, but we suspect he would accept a job in the new bureau if it were offered

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. From it will evolve a social and democratic organization. And, in this Utopia, passing the buck will be eliminated. Perhaps throwing the bull will be, too.

WHILE FIFTY-TWO fraternity treasurers continued their frantic efforts to main and balanced budgets here, Syracuse undergraduates went home at Christmas with instructions to bring back the names of all high school seniors "Financially able to join a fraternity and whose scholarship rating would be an asset rather than a liability to the group."

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. Here, it has not yet reached such an extreme point. When it does, the time will have arrived for dropping the subterfuge of the name fraternity and classifying all the young palaces as the eating clubs which they will then become

THE COMPLACENCY OF AGE

Students at Kansas State College must take com pulsory military training despite conscientious objections, according to a recent ruling by District Judge Otis E. Hungate. In his decision, the learned Judge said, "The State has a right to train, its youth in military matters and to have them prepared for defense

of their country.' 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. When has this country needed defense? Just how soon, in your opinion, is this country going to need defense from the hungry hordes of savage conquerors from, well, who knows

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. Cannon fodder is best when composed of the finest physical specimens which a country can offer. He may thus sit back and recommend edu-

cation for murder because he'll never be a pupil. What of youth's beliefs? What of youth's efforts to bring about international understanding and the ultimate elimination of conflict? "Impractical and nonsensical," the older generation will snort. "Only by a strong army and navy can our noble democracy be

OLD MANIA

Student Leaders

We've been trying to figure out the most idiatic thing that happened during the Pa. Ass. Col. Stooges 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 Maiers, 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

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. We quite agreed with them.

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. In fact, he went so far as to make a speech. All during it we were trying to recall just what he reminded us of. Because of this, we fortunately didn't hear much of the drivel. Along towards the end, we

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. Last year, right after elections, they had to haul the gentleman out of one of State College's low heer dives by the seat of his britches-to get him up to Old Main for inaugural ceremonies.

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. Of course they didn't get around to do much conferring, didn't advance any particularly revolutionary ideas. But they all had a swell time. It's too bad the thing is going to be held at Dickinson next year. Just watching the delegates is good for a week-end of laughs.

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 frosh put on in the Corner the other night.

Three young gentiemen (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. They went in the Cr., sat down, and contemplated the floor. No money. It was o. k., though. A Mr. Williams had his trumpet, a Messrs. Miller and Bigham had saxes. They tooted, and after awhile Edna came along with ice cream and cake. Free, for nothing. They kept on, but they only got a little candy (it's the law of diminishing utility, you economists), so they left. The people in the Cr. said it was pretty nice while it lasted.

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. A Mr. SAE Kaiser went as O. Sorlow's Little King, and won a prize. A Miss Theta Wells went as something (somebody was in front of us) and won a prize, too. All very 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. After intermission, though, things picked up for him. Some brunette lady came along, gravely knocked on his gigantic stomach, and when he bel lowed, "Come in," she did. Just like that, She staved for three dances. That must have been pretty nice

+ + + 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 - he whistled, Nifty did . . . Charlie (Infirmary) Schwartz is sort of sore at the Campuseer-after Friday morning's squib, all the Grange Dorm blinds came down every night . . . The Grange Gals had themselves a pebble-throwing visitor the other night, by the way . . Funnyman Rowles, Froth editor, spent Sunday afternoon in the Cr.-totally surrounded by Comic Supplements-an issue is definitely going to press, and a snickering bird tells us that a very pristograt-

ic University is going to be slightly mad . . .

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 Fri-day night. Miss Welles was dress-ed as a belle of the Gay Nineties

and Keiser was disguised as So-glow's Little King.

Prof. Helen Savard and Prof.
Andrew W. Case, both of the de-partment of architecture, and Hay-wood 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 Exposi-tion at Philadelphia, has been com-pletely revised, Dean Edward Steidle, of the School of Mineral Industries,

reported last week.

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. Revision of the geographical and highway map was carried out by the State Highway department in return for its use.

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 those pages during the past year.

The selections follow (points being awarded on the basis of a possible 80):

- 1. Liberal Arts-Education Schools merger which constituted a com-plete reorganization of both schools-58 points.
- 2. F.E.R.A. announcing aid for 525 needy students—56 points.
- 3. Student riot and bonfire preced-ing Syracuse football game, when Burgess Leitzell called in several State Troopers—44 points.
- 4. Wrestling. Intercollegiates 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
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- 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 \$29_16 points.
- 89—16 points.
 0. 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

(Continued from page one)

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 lle de France October 29 and ar-rived in the United States November 6. The tour which has been planned for them will take them to the Pacific coast and back.

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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.

Finished Musicians

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 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 vorking classes. Before they enroll in the organization, which is equiva-lent to a school, they must pass se-vere examinations regarding their scholastic ability and musical talents.

Engineers See Movies

In place of the regular senior en gineers' lecture series in the Chemgmeers' lecture series in the Chemistry amphitheatre 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 '85, who is now head of the department of Is now nead or the department of electrical engineering at the Massa-chusetts Institute of Technology, was one of the men interviewed on the secreen, and Charles F. Scott, professor of electrical engineering at Yale, was the other 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. Of the 125 delegates attending the convention, 36 were women students.

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 Gam-mas 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 meet-ing 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 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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