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AGAIN FRATERNITY

The New York Times Sunday carried a rather complete resume of the current fraternity situation. Included were what the writer considered three points upon which the system was tottering. They included reduced revenues, student seriousness and cynicism, and the fact that many universities are building dining halls and dormitories which far outshine fraternity

All of these are highly significant locally. Three houses have passed into history, and rumor says that far too many exist only through the grace of creditors who feel that nothing could be gained by turning down the screws, and who trust that patience may produce cash on overdue accounts.

Freshmen arriving here are not so gullible as they once were. A handshake from an athlete or a manager does not mean so much now that finances play a much more significant part in the budget of a student. But this phase alone is not a source of study. Consider the number of upperclassmen who no longer live in their houses. How many feel that they did not reap the benefits they anticipated? How many are just a bit cynical about the beauties of brotherhood?

Some day the third point will strike here and strike hard. The College has planned an extensive dormitory system, when and if finances permit. The attitude of the houses and their members during the next few years will determine the outcome here. Continued indifference will spell ruin.

ATHOUGH IT IS undoubtedly too late to change the system this year, those in charge of scheduling winter athletic events next season should attempt to conduct the wrestling meets at a more convenient hour. Four o'clock means that spectators are invariably late for dinner. It might be well to move any other contests up to 1:30 o'clock in order to start the wrestling at 3:30

HAVE YOU A LITTLE RED IN YOUR HOME?

It was startling to read in the issue of February 2 of Liberty Bernarr McFadden's 'editorial' demanding the death of all radicals. The editorial was illustrated with a cartoon showing a typical 'little red schoolhouse' about to be injected with a hypodermic needle labelled

In this editorial "Body Beautiful" McFadden definitely linked himself with the liar-in-chief of America, William Randolph Hearst, who has been connected with practically every fascist movement in this country.

However, the forces of these two publishers will and can exert a real influence in America. Their combined activities, however ludicrous and fantastic they appear, reach an audience of millions. They can, in alliance with the "100 per cent American organizations" such as the various veterans' organizations and fraternal groups, so provoke and bewilder the great body of American people with their lies and "tainted" stories that independent research and dissenting opinion will be banished.

William Randolph Hearst has been denounced and proven to be a liar by everyone who has studied the situation even casually. Most people have been raised on the theory that newspapers print the truth. Newspapers have tried to hold up to this ideal. Hearst has broken the trust with the American people. He has broken it with those of his own profession.

Bernarr McFadden, who charges that the school system is being inflated and injected with radical propaganda, is a scoundrel of no small repute. He has been tried and convicted before the United States Supreme court of peddling pornographic literature to small children. The quality of his magazines, either from a literary or moral standpoint, has never been anything to brag about. In fact they are a disgrace to American literature and intelligence.

Together these two blackguards of the publishing profession are setting out to ballyhoo and fool the American people into setting up all academicism and free thought on a fascist goose-step principle.

We believe that the economic and political facts of life should be open to scrutiny, analysis, and descision. We see in the fascist policies of Hearst, McFadden,

and their stooge, the worst but best paid columnist in the world, Arthur Brisbane, an attempt to suppress any and all consideration of them.

We condemn Hearst's "Red Scare" and the supersuper patriotic methods and devices he is employing to achieve his end. We interpret the onslaught of these publishers as the vanguard of fascism in America.

OLD MANIA

Controversu

have been having their troubles about Commerce 15 this semester. They both teach it-same hours, different sections. Things seemed all right at firstuntil the first class met. Roll: Tanner class, twentyfive students; Butt class, one student. Obviously something had to be done.

The gentleman named Tanner did his best. He announced that there must be a shift of sections for some. Every student in the room refused to transfer. Then the popular professor tried another tack. He suggested shuffling the roll cards, and splitting them into two even piles. The students wailedunfair.

Finally he hit upon a system. He divided the students into pairs-and went about flipping a quarter. The students called their choices and the one who lost transferred. Things seemed to be going nicely, until the system faltered. One pair refused to call-neither of them would transfer into the Butt class-and that's all there was to it. "Why?" the coin-flipping Tanner queried.

"I had Butt last semester and I won't take him again," quavered the first student manfully. "Oh," said Mr. Tanner.

"I scheduled this course, not because I wanted the material, but because I wanted a course under you," spoke up the second student,

"Here, you take the quarter," gasped Mr. Tanner, as he slowly folded into his chair.

Contest

Not to be misled by the persistent rumor that Froth, local esoteric publication, is to issue a comic supplement beginning next month, we've decided to go right ahead with a contest that's been on our minds for quite some little time now. Here's the planand there's a prize and everything, just like in the Philadelphia Record.

We're baffled, see. It's this man Rowles. We've worn out our Roget and our Webster trying to decipher him and it's no go. So we're crying for help To the person who delivers to the COLLEGIAN office (by Friday night this week) the best translation from the original Rowles of the "With the Editor" department of last week's Froth, there will go a giant

We have the prize (it's a surprise) all picked out-bought, practically. Just put into a few coherent words the idea behind the edits and you'll get it. You'll have to sign it, of course, so that you'll get the prize, but we'll play 'Letter Box' and withhold the name if you wish.

Concentrate on this paragraph-it's the one that derailed us completely: "Worlds dissipate away and are reborn while woman poses her mind in what must be odd poses. This ski suit was neither going to, then or later, or coming from the sloping hills."

That's a sample-go to it. The prize awaits!

About Town & Campus:

Dagmar Hansen has went away. No longer will sheet carry tales of her provess in Co-ed Milking Contests; no longer will energetic young newspapermen observe and record the bliss of a Mr. Keiser with envy. She's went to Radeliffe, and may God have mercy on the lads at Hahvahd . . . Mike Palm '24, baseballer, footballer, and track burner-upper, was back-thinking of the palmy days, perhaps? . . Lloyd Hackendorn, AKPi baseball hot-shot, got slightly late dated by his one-eighth of the AKPi Hood delegation this last weary Sate morn . . . When is Lou Bell going to measure his height against when is Lou used going to measure his neight against the carefully recorded Gorman and Lenzen measurements on the Journalism Library wall—and what kind of matching will come of it? . . A General Holdiman from Army is nowhere near as sore at a local buxom lass named Marjorie as he is at the Army plebe who told her to call him for a date Saturday afternoon . . . Rosalie Joseph's Ag and Engineering School dancing class does nicely in the Grange Playroom, thank you . .

Irving (Himself) Aaronson Brings 'A New Type of Music' to Penn State Campus Rushing Period Ends

stand before intermission and requested a number. The leader was laboriously leading his stooges through a second ending, which was in five flats. The guy waited until the band got playing fogether again on the chorus and yelled: "Hey, Aaronson!"
The leader turned around and looked down at him, thus proving that it was Aaronson himself and no mirrors or wires. Not only that, but the doll's name who was singing with them said her name really was Lois and could have pledged Theta any time.
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Senior Ball.in Recreation hall Friday night was dry, but a pretty fair dance. At least that's what Spadafora, the sixteen members of his committee, and the 999 slugs who got in on comps said.

A guy named Irving Aaronson played. According to his press releases he is no small potatoes as a band maestro and the slumbrous rhythms of his fifteen hired helpers are highly tolerable.

In regard to whether or not it was really Aaronson's hand, there is practically no doubt. One guy and a blonde doll toddled up to the band stand before intermission and requested a number. The leader was laboriated in the sumber of the dancers have conducted themselves tonight."

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The Swiss village decorations had a background of snow-capped mountains on the west end of the gym. But nobody was heard to say "An Alp a day keeps the doctor away," and so everybody had a perfectly swell time.

Schweitzer Will Visit **Europe During Leave**

Dr. Paul H. Schweitzer, associate professor of engineering research, has been granted a two-months' leave of absence to visit the important Diesel engineering laboratories and factories.

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in Europe.
Dr. Schweitzer has been connected with the Diesel engine research lab-oratory for some years and has di-rected a considerable portion of the work. The Diesel spray research lab-oratory at Penn State is the oldest of its kind in the United States.

on his tour of the European lab-oratories Dr. Schweitzer will visit various plants in Persia, England, Holland, Denmark; Switzerland and Germany. In the latter company he will confer with the research men of the Junkers company, the Bosch com-pany, and the Daimler-Benz com-

State Alumni Honored

Newly elected officers of the Pennsylvania Association of Commission Newly elected officers of the Pennsylvania Association of County Agents are all Penn State graduates. The officers are: C. D. Sprout '17, president; W. L. Bollinger '17, vice-president; and W. F. Greenwalt '25, cretary-treasurer.

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