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SOAKED

Monday afternoon some 1800 basic R.O.T.C. students were forced to submit to a thorough soaking of their personages because of the colossal and inexplicable stupidity of the military department in insisting on holding a parade despite the threats of rain all afternoon.

The most unexplainable part of it all was why those sturdy minds who shout such unintelligible commands to that sterling bunch of "Hay-foots" and "Straw-foots" couldn't have marched their forces back to the armory immediately after it began to sprinkle rather than wait for the terrific downpour that ensued.

If that course had been followed, perhaps Colonel Venable could have saved the reputation of that great discipline which is supposed to be fostered in the R.O.T.C. course.

NEWS COMES FROM THE Syracuse Daily Orange that the students at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, have boycotted the moving picture theatres in that town and in surrounding towns if they persisted in showing William Randolph Hearst's Metro-tone News.

The managers of those theatres boycotted readily complied with the demands of the students. It has often been said by some of the old, old patriarchs who seem to be greatly amused by student demonstrations, that students' opinions and actions will result in nothing more than the blowing off a little steam. We do not hesitate to say that if such actions happen in several more colleges, and there are similar movements on foot in other institutions, Mr. Hearst would be more than a little put out about the matter.

THE FUTURE OF FRATERNITIES

With the merger of Chi Upsilon, local fraternity, with Pi Kappa Alpha, national social fraternity, only one other local fraternity remains on this campus. The gradual combination of local fraternities to those already holding national charters has been steady and consistent here, especially in the last three years.

The lack of dormitory facilities here during the earlier years of the College's development caused the rapid and parallel development of fraternities and clubs from rooming and boarding houses. Undoubtedly these fraternities and clubs were primarily founded upon true friendship and the desire of certain students to work and live together.

Once such a group had been organized, this desire and friendship found itself in a different channel. It was replaced by the desire to win recognition, prestige and honor for the group. The ultimate aim of the local fraternities was to be accepted as a chapter of some national group.

But with the gaining of charters in national fraternities members in many groups lost interest in seeking prestige and honor for their fraternity. It has meant that some national fraternities have declined to a position where there is no prestige, no honor, and little reputation.

Yearly freshmen get wiser and wiser in regards to their choice of fraternities. They are forced by the disappearance of the rah-rah age and money in their pockets and at home, to be a bit more shrewd when picking the fraternity house whose pin they will wear and whose brothers they will have to put up with. They do not want to join a dead fraternity nor one that is dying.

The COLLEGIAN does not like to sound warning notes, but unless a few national fraternities on this campus wake up to the slump that they are in and begin working again to regain some of the prestige they once held, they will suddenly find themselves forced to disband because they won't find any freshmen who would like to join their house.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

PROMISSORY NOTE

After instituting a very searching inquiry we feel impelled to record here that we don't know very much about the rumor that Glen Gray and his crew of hired help won't be around to play at Junior Prom tonight and neither, it seems, does any one else.

Bob Small and his committee are all set to dash up to the band stand right after intermission is announced so that they can compare fingerprints on the piano, saxophones, trumpets and other hardware with the set of Bertillon specifications received by wire late yesterday from the booking agency in New York.

If the orchestra is discovered to be not Casa Loma but Joe Jukes-Kallikak and His Melody Boys from Allentown, Small will utter a peculiar cry not unlike that of a wounded antelope whereupon things will begin to happen.

Get Eddie Nichols to tell you about "telephone" bands sometime.

Apropos of the morning after:

Saturday classes
Make positive asses
Of those who make passes
At potions in glasses.

LION SUITS

Nomination for most exotic drawing: Harry Grier's bright orange lion stalking through brilliant green palm trees with blue mountains in background... you can't wear a white linen coat on the campus these days for fear some stooge will grab you and sign it... why doesn't someone invent a typewriter to autograph the thing... Mel Fox wandered around a whole day trying to get somebody besides Lipsius to sign his... the gag of walking up to a senior and seizing his Lion coat with the crack: "Swell material. Why don'tcha have a coat made out of it?"

CORRECTION

Tragedy lurks in Journalism Alley these nights. The COLLEGIAN has printed an untruth! The whole sordid business came about in this way:

From the COLLEGIAN's "Co-edits" a week ago today: "... Others who spent their vacation in travel were... Betty Welles, Washington, D. C. ..."

From Miss Welles, who had been forced to cancel her plans at the last minute: "Well, if I couldn't go, at least I had the satisfaction of seeing it in the COLLEGIAN." Note: She phoned the item in after she learned that the trip was off.

Campy commiserates with Miss Welles in her disappointment, but prints this to preserve the journalistic integrity of the sheet we love.

LOYALTY

Coincident with the union in holy wedlock of the Chi U. and Pi K. A. mannes, comes a tale of devotion to a cause. Red Ochsner, erstwhile third baseman and erstwhile Chi U., scarcely could bear the shock. He was resolved for a while to nail the old Chi U. charter on the wall of his room and carry on as prey, vice-prexy, etc., himself. He further determined to spike shut his door and enter and leave his room via a rope ladder.

PICKUPS: Adele Luries (alias "The Little Red") has temporarily deserted Communism to collect and read William Faulkner... Phil Evans (trying to sell an honorary fraternity to prospectives): "You get a lot out of this one. I know. I belong to quite a few around the campus myself"... Doc Marquardt refers to Grete Steuckgold as "a handsome woman" in a gem of understatement... Norry McFarland and ex-money bags Ray Smith were back over the week-end... little Mary Gravatt has a swell profile... Dr. Pauline Mack to co-ed during Bull Pen lecture: "Young lady, I see where your bloomers should be".

Pre-Medical Society

Holds Panel Discussion

The Penn State Pre-Medical society will present a panel discussion on "Socialized Medicine," or "Health Insurance," in the Home Economics auditorium Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 o'clock. The chairman of the program is Ralph T. Irwin '36.

The four speakers for the discussion will be Prof. Elwood C. Davis, of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, who will chair the panel and summarize the discussion; Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College health service and College physician who will discuss the practice of socialized medicine on the campus; Prof. George W. Hartman, of the School of Education, who will present the case for socializing medicine; and Walter S. Brenholtz, M. D. secretary to the Lycoming County Medical Society, and editor of the society's medical bulletin, who will present the case from the view of the general practitioner.

Prof. Green To Speak

Prof. George R. Green, of the School of Education, will speak to the Bellefonte Garden club on May 8 at 2:30 on the "Conservation of Wild Life."

Letter Box

To the Editor:

Now that "Black Fury" has left the local theatre, we'd like to say a few words about it. The movie was not such a "drab" picture of mining life as a recent issue of a popular screen magazine claims it is. It was really quite a happy picture. Joe Radek, a good natured bohunk, is discovered counting out the money he has saved up to buy a farm with his next week's meals is a vicious untruth. That mine police and miners should fraternize is also quite unlikely.

The film was a subtle attempt on the part of the movie magnates, in conjunction with the American Federation of Labor, to blur the real issues confronting the miner. The agitator who inveighs against the dead work for which the miners are not paid, such as timbering and so forth, is discredited as a stool pigeon in the hire of a scab outfit, who want to break up the union. Joe Radek, who leads a rank and file movement away from the local union, is made out of a drunken fool. He is promptly black-balled with the union.

After a street scuffle with the company police in which his friend, a loyal union supporter, is killed, Joe determines to settle the strike himself. By a threat of sabotage, he wins the strike for the miners who were locked out with him. When a settlement is made, he comes up out of the mine shaft with his sweatshirt—a hero. Newsreel cameramen and reporters greet the victor of a one-man strike. It is the triumph of rugged individualism again. What stuff! Anyone must know that a man who has not only threatened to blow up an entire mine, but has already blown up some passageways, will not go scot free. He is an anarchist. In real life, Joe would be immediately dragged off to court on charges of criminal syndicalism. Something else which wasn't explained was the fact that the coal baron as well as the thugs which he hired to do his dirty work was perfectly within the law as it now stands.

The whole thing capitalized on the phenomena of wishful thinking. Because the scabs were hooded at, does not change the fact that there is nothing to prevent such men from going to work. The picture was subtle because it pretended to be a true picture of mining conditions in Pennsylvania and wasn't.

Robert Goldsmith '36

State Highway Patrol Conducts Brake Test

A braking test conducted last Friday afternoon by officers of the State Highway Patrol at the request of D. R. Clemson and D. K. Hughes, State College and Bellefonte Hudson-Terraplane dealers demonstrated the ability of the new Terraplanes to stop in one-fifth of the distance specified in the inspection rules of the Pennsylvania Motor Code.

A Hudson-built Terraplane was used in the tests, witnessed by more than one hundred persons. From 20 miles per hour, it stopped in 11 feet, four in., instead of the required 18 feet. From 30 miles an hour, the car stopped in 26 ft., 11 1/2 in., the required distance being 40 feet. The Terraplane required only 33 ft., 6 in., to stop when travelling 40 miles an hour. The required distance for this speed is 71 feet.

The legal stopping distances used are those of the National Safety Council. The legal requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways are at present more lenient, but legislation now pending in Harrisburg aims to make braking requirements more rigid. Efficient brakes greatly increase the safety of both motorists and pedestrians.

Everyone is invited to inspect the new Terraplanes with these new efficient brakes at Clemson's Garage, located on McAllister street in State College. (Advertisement)

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The heating and ventilating system in the present building are antiquated and very unsatisfactory. It depends in part on radiators and in part on old fashioned registers with fans to drive the heat in waves. Furthermore, there is no system for moisture treatment and the dry air is particularly bad for books and papers. In summer the reading rooms, because of lack of ventilation, are very discouraging for the Summer Session student who is generally more zealous than the student of the academic year.

In these days air conditioning is being successfully installed in libraries, in railroad cars, and in buildings where people gather or where things are stored. But to try to install a satisfactory air conditioning system in this present structure, which is in so many other respects unsatisfactory for its purpose, would be a very expensive and well nigh impossible task, because of the plan of construction and arrangement of the building.

Last Priestley Talk

The final Priestley lecture will be given tonight in the Chemistry annex at 7:30 o'clock. The topic of tonight's talk will be "Special Applications," and will deal with the applications of nickel with respect to electron emission tubes and automotive ignition. The chairman for this final lecture will be Herbert E. Longnecker, graduate student and president of Phi Lambda Upsilon.

New York Orchestra To Play Here Monday

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tra, but has been with the New York group for the past two years.

The orchestra has given six concerts in Carnegie Hall, New York City, and played a series of twelve outdoor concerts last summer at Music Hill, Weston, Conn. After playing at the Musical Festival at Cornell University last spring, the orchestra was booked for concerts at Smith College and Wellesley College.

In reference to the orchestra and its conductor, the New York Herald Tribune reviewer, Lawrence Gilman, said: "Mr. Sokoloff achieved an enviable reputation during the fifteen years in Cleveland, not only as the virtual creator there of an intelligently responsive public for symphonic concerts, but as a program maker of exceptional enlightenment and progressiveness—one whose breadth of sympathy matched his alertness, his intelligent curiosity, and his freedom from the shackles of deadening routine."

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Caterer's Club Votes To Adopt New Name

"Interfraternity Caterers' Association" was the name adopted by the group of fraternity caterers, previously known unofficially as the "Caterers' Club," at a meeting Wednesday night.

Following a program pertaining to food prices, the meeting was thrown open for a discussion of menus and prices. It was decided to investigate the advisability of group or central buying, particularly pertaining to canned foods.

Phyllis K. Sprague, of the home economics department, will speak to the group at the next regular meeting to be held in two weeks.

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