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INSTITUTION: THE RUSHING LIST

The following article appeared in the "Institutions and People" column of the Old Main Bell, December 1935. The truthfulness of the article has been confirmed in every woman's fraternity on the campus...

Already we can hear voices saying, "Of course, that is true at most of the houses, but here in Alpha Delta Kappa Theta Chi Phi Gamma we're all just sisters and get along together like a big family."

Penn State fraternity women are, generally speaking, ladies. This does not include Monday evenings from six-thirty to seven or eight o'clock, during the first semester.

In December the rushing list in most of the women's fraternities has been narrowed down to approximately fifty names. Within two months about thirty-five of these must be eliminated. Discussions ensue; nay, hell breaks loose.

The discussions start quietly enough. This is because the girls prefer rebuttal to direct attack. Everyone waits for someone else to start. The rushing chairman prods gently; finally there is heard a timid, "Well, I like her." A soft murmur of agreement follows; then another lull. It would almost seem that the girl is definitely accepted—lucky creature!

Suddenly out of a shadow comes a breathlessly defiant, "Well—I don't like her!" There is a general movement; eyes brighten; the meeting has come alive, and the bloody battle begins.

From this point on the little niceties are gradually abandoned, in spite of the chairman's efforts to follow her formula. She is determined to be fair; but she seems alone in her determination, for tolerance has no place in this free-for-all. Her next question, "Will you tell us just what you don't like about this girl?" is torn from her lips by now fully awakened girls hurling shrill invective. The babble is terrific and no one knows or cares what anyone else is saying.

When the chairman becomes angry and distressed enough to cry, and does so, the girls generously quiet down and allow her to speak. She talks fast; she doesn't have long. "I'm going around the room and each of you is to tell your reasons for liking or not liking the girl and please be quiet and listen to the girl who has the floor and please tell the truth and try to be calm and let's be systematic about this or we'll be here all night. All right, Mary, you start; do you like her?"

Mary is now in a tight spot. So are the others, but they at least have a little time to think. It happens that the freshman has, in her abysmal ignorance, beaten Mary to the draw on a coveted houseparty date. Suddenly inspired, Mary says with just the proper hesitancy and a shade of reluctance, "Well, I don't know her very well, and all that, and she may be all right, and I wouldn't want to influence the girls against her, but—really, I do think she's sort of crude, or something; her—her way she acts—her, uh—her actions, around boys, and— and all that."

Mary has hit the jackpot. There is no one to deny the insinuation, and surely there can be no defense of it. The chairman takes quick advantage of the sudden silence to call on the next girl. Sue, it develops, has nothing really against the freshman, not really, but somehow she doesn't like her. She cannot, of course, describe her real grievance: the fact that this girl has buck teeth—and Sue just never could bear buck teeth...

The around-the-room game goes merrily on, and sometimes it is possible to distinguish the voice of the designated speaker above the others. The reasons for prejudice vary: nice clothes, a class office, or good family (there's a stickler!) may or may not outweigh such drawbacks as sectional speech peculiarities or thick glasses. Towards the end of the meeting they decide to rush one girl to attract the girl's roommate, who is the real catch.

As the discussion progresses maidenly voices are again raised to a strident pitch. Discussion leads to heated quarrels. When the meeting is finally adjourned the ties that bind the group are frayed indeed. Most of the sisters disband hating one another most cordially. Their throats ache—the chairman can't talk above a whisper—but the list is shorter by nine names, and soon only the Chosen Few will remain on it. Then the real rushing can begin—and the girls will have a chance to show the lucky little darlings just how very, very nice they can be!

THE STUDENT AND PEACE

With the setting aside of next week as Peace Emphasis Week, Penn State will see the first real test of the peace-mindedness of her student body. Whether peace activity can be established upon a permanent basis on this campus will be decided one and for all.

The sporadic expression of Armistice Day mobilizations and the unsupported objection to R.O.T.C. is virtually useless! Of what avail are a half-dozen speeches on phases of the war question when no action is taken? More thinking won't prevent war. Action on the peace side now is what we need! Voluntary peace now can prevent involuntary war action later.

OLD MANIA

About Town and Campus:

Jim Armstrong, LoVie editor, is one D. U. who is not a Theta-lover. Wednesday night when the Theta gals had a dinner date with the D. U.'s en masse, Jim ate out... Cuffy is again lost in a Camden beer garden—this time it's actually in Camden...

We broke a personal record of long standing the other day and went around to one of Mr. Lewis's culture club meetings. The occasion was Gal's reading from Robinson Jeffers. We probably should have been warned by the billing, which said that it was to be a Fireside Lecture, but we weren't; we thought that was just a name. But there was a fire there—logs really burning in a fireplace. Of course, that made it uncomfortable in that end of the lounge and Gal had quite a time reading above the noise of the logs, but it was cozy as all hell...

The best story to come out of the National Symphony concert Tuesday night, we thought, was one George Morris told us. It seems that some fellow sitting back of George was making enlightening remarks to his girl all during the concert. In the hush that came just before the orchestra started on the last number on the program—Brahms Symphony No. 1 in C Minor—he turned to the girl again. "Ah," he said, "C minor; my favorite key..."

- Big shots
In upper classes
Always have
Fat pants.

Tom Young, Phi Psi sophomore, is looking for the love of a pure woman. He speaks English. The Phi Psi number is 86... Frank Allebach, also a Phi Psi, gets flustered whenever anybody mentions Hermione Hunt...

Forest Hunsicker, local trumpet artist, is not one to sit around in the lounges in Old Main. But a week or so ago he happened to be passing a second floor lounge, weary, and with a sandwich hour on his hands. He went in. It was probably the first time he had ever been in the place and he found the easy chairs there surprisingly restful. He dozed off. He doesn't know how much later it was that he was awakened by a soft hand on his shoulder. A mousy little freshman girl was looking down at him. "Pardon me," she said, "but we can't study when you're snoring that way..."

- A virtue of R. O. T. C.
The manual never gave
Is that at least twice a week
The freshmen have to shave.

Emil Schott, of the T. N. E. house, should get to know his frat bros. He came down to dinner the other night to find a jewelry salesman was there and had his wares spread over the furniture. Schott was particularly struck by some trinket or other and decided to order it. He walked up to the stranger and began making inquiries about cost, delivery, etc. "I wouldn't know about that," the man said, "you see, I'm only a pledge here..."

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21 Students Register For New C.A. Seminar

Twenty-one students have registered for the C.A. seminar, a newly-organized discussion group for sophomore and junior students. The first meeting of the seminar will be held in the Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, today at 4 o'clock.

The speaker for the session is Joseph P. O'Brien, of the department of speech, who will address the seminar on the subject, "Technique of Leading and Participating in Group Discussion."

The subject deals with the characteristics and uses of such discussion procedure as the forum, lecture, forum dialogue, symposium, panel discussion, and informal discussion and their uses. The skills involved in this type of discussion group will be especially emphasized as well as the means for developing these skills.

Headed by Winston O. Gardner '38, the seminar group is composed of the following members: Lorie N. Hoffman, John M. Kaiser, Ralph E. Nicholas, and Richard M. Smith, juniors; Dorothy E. Russell, Grace E. Clark, Raymond Henry, S. Donald Melville, M. West Phillips, Neston Wahlberg, H. Rose Pinkney, Edna G. Albert, Patricia Jonkus, Michael Nemish, Eleanor Robinson, Lee E. Osman, George L. Settlemyer, Russell G. John, Kathleen E. Gilbody, and Richard C. Walton.

6 Students Withdraw From College Courses

During the period from December 7 to January 24, six students withdrew from college, according to Registrar William S. Hoffman. Of this number, two gave illness as their reasons, one poor scholarship, one in order to enter another institution, and one on account of the death of his father and one to take a full time position.

The following students have withdrawn: John E. Sarson '36, Huan Wilson '36, Peter M. Czup '37, Ralph W. Packer '39, Robert L. Smith '39 and Albert L. Metzler, graduate student.

Werner Begins Indoor Track Team Practice

In anticipation of the I.C.A.-A. meet in New York which will be held in three weeks, Coach "Chick" Werner is now putting his indoor track squad through their most strenuous practice. Time trials will be held in every event from the 50-yard dash to the 2-mile run tomorrow afternoon, and trials will continue every Saturday until the meet.

Because of the deep snow and the unusual weather the team has been unable to use the outdoor board track for some time. A path has now been made to it, the track itself has been cleaned of snow, and from now on workouts will be held there when the weather permits.

Gymnasts Leave Today For West Point Meet

Five gymnasts will leave today for Army to compete in the second and last dual meet of the 1936 season. Those making the trip include Captain Pete Lektrich, Ervin Rohrbough, Ray Mattern, Sam Beck, and George Hurwillinger.

For years the Army gymnastic team has been one of the leading aggregations in the country and this season is no exception. Last year, the Lion team was defeated rather badly, with Lektrich gaining the only second place for Penn State. However, the team this year is much stronger, mainly because of the addition of two sophomores, Beck and Hurwillinger, to the squad.

To Hold Skiing School

A skiing class will be held by Max Deurem tomorrow afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 o'clock and Sunday morning from 10 o'clock to noon on the west bank of Evergreen skating pond, about a mile east of State College on the Bellefonte road. There will be a small charge for those taking part and tickets are available at the Student Union office. Deurem advised that those participating use harnesses rather than toe straps.

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For further information address School of Dentistry, 25 Goodrich Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Lower Temperatures Decrease College Coal Supply

When Old Man Weather sits in his well-warmed office and adds new low figures to the already freezing temperatures, as he has been doing for the past few weeks, things at the power plant are also changed. The two furnaces that supply the heat for more than sixty buildings on the campus are not satisfied with the usual seventy tons of soft coal they consume daily during the winter months. They need more to do their work properly, a fireman at the plant pointed out recently.

"During the cold spell of the past few weeks the amount of coal that was used to supply heat for the college buildings averaged about eighty tons daily. Three carloads of coal were hauled each day from the mines at Snow Shoe, which was as fast as the coal could be obtained. The usual amount required during the summer months is about thirty tons a day," the attendant said.

The heavy snow that fell on Sunday, January 19, made it impossible for the Bellefonte Central with its carload of coal to reach the power plant. For three days the train could not push its way through. The amount of coal required was great, and the supply was becoming low. Had the train been delayed many more days, the supply would have been exhausted and the power plant would have ceased to run. This would have necessitated the closing of college, since there would have been no heat for the classrooms or laboratories, and the boilers and pipes of the heating system would have had to be drained.

Chinese Visitor Sees Security From Japan

Professor Hoh of Lingnan University, Canton, China, was a visitor on the campus Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Due to his unexpected arrival no plans had been prepared to have him address either the students or the faculty.

In various informal discussions with faculty members during his short stay, Professor Hoh stressed the growing power of China's defense against Japanese aggression. Professor Hoh believes that China in several years will be ready to combat any further "tampering" on the part of Japan. He is a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship student studying in various American educational and industrial institutions.

Short Course Planned

Dean Ralph L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, announced recently a course for the training of herdsmen to be offered by the College from March 2 to 7. The course is designed for herdsmen wishing instruction and practice in fitting and showing all types of livestock. Attention will be given to the subjects of breeding, feeding, diseases and herd management.

The Ringer Do-Nut Co. is contributing its services to the Red Cross Dance. All profits will be donated to this organization.

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Letter Box

To the Editor:

This is not a letter in defense of William Randolph Hearst nor is it an attack upon the COLLEGIAN or Froth. But during the last semester, it seems that both college publications have used Mr. Hearst as the butt of their editorials and other columns. I suppose that is all right to do once or twice, but to make continued attacks upon Hearst and to clutter your columns with his name becomes tiresome to the reader. Practically the whole parody issue of Froth was given over to a sound lambasting of the man. And during the semester the COLLEGIAN has dealt quite freely in exposing the evil influences which he creates. By this time most of us are, or should be, familiar with the type of newspaper he prints.

If either publication wants to extend its efforts in an attack upon the Hearst sheet, why not set up an "Anti-Hearst League" in collaboration with other college newspapers or magazines. Then the work would create a more widespread influence than in just one small community such as State College.

Can't the readers look forward to the next issue of our college publication with a hope of finding something new and different in place of the usual anti-Hearst articles?

-A Junior

Movie Review Added To Library Periodicals

Addition of the Motion Picture Review Digest to the regular magazines in the periodical room of the College Library was announced by Willard P. Lewis, librarian, this week. Published by the H. W. Wilson company, this magazine is an almanac of current movies, cinemactors, and cinemactresses.

Copying in style the Book Review Digest, the index of the publication contains the key to motion picture reviews in over forty current publications, twenty of which are received regularly by the library. Entire information about each new picture is tabulated according to title, date release, running time, cast, director, producer, and summary abstract.

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