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THE FRATERNITIES' FATE

Unable to take a really progressive step and completely abolish "Hell Week" because the "brothers in the bond" still get a sadistic pleasure in making their neophytes perform a series of silly antics, the Interfraternity Council was forced to give the fraternities represented there a choice of how or if they will carry on the sophomoric practice of "Hell Week" in the future.

At the same time the fraternities are choosing their paths of action they will also be determining whether they will enter the classification of a nit-witted, Joe College aggregation of fools whose main objective is to be more ridiculous than any other organization, or whether they will be classified as members of a modern progressive institution,

Half-way compromising on the part of the fraternities and Council will only result in a retrogression toward the asinine action of "He'l Week" in past years. The only real issue to be considered is whether or not there shall be a "Hell Weck."

Under the present Interfraternity plan the fraternities have a choice of: (1) Complete abolition of "Hell Week;" (2) Informal initiation period of one day; (3) Informal initiation period of three days. It is understood that all the fraternities will have their initiation at the same time or be fined if they do not have it at this set date.

If there is any action to be taken on the status of "Hell Week" at all, it is obvious that the fraternities have only one choice. They can either abolish "Hell Week" entirely or admit their inability to deal with the problem and by a lackadasical attempt to cover up their absurd actions replace the phrase "Hell Week" with "informal initiation."

"Hell Week" at Penn State has been slowly dving out of its own weight and ridiculousness, but with the proposed action of having all the houses carry on their foolishness at the same time the inevitable result will be that which goes with mob action, and each fraternity will be busy trying to figure out something that will equal or be more ridiculous than the other fraternities' initiations. By limiting the number of days in which the fraternities can carry on their initiation the actions during that period will only tend to be intensified.

It is time for the fraternities to realize that a new house with modern fixtures is not the only sign of pro-

A CHALLENGE

The disturbance at the close of the basketball game Wednesday night was probably the apex of the poor sportsmanship which this college has been showing throughout the entire winter sports season. At least, it is to be hoped that Wednesday night was the npex. The COLLEGIAN hones to regard the near sportsman-

ship as water over the dam. It is up to the student body to consider their actions in their true light. The booing is not clever by any standard; it is disrespectful and impolite and indicates a poor knowledge of the game. It is fast earning for Penn State a reputation contrary to the good name it has had for years in the

The student body should face these facts with a determination that such things must cease. It is a challenge to the student body of this college whether they can call a halt to these activities. The COLLEGIAN is certain that the students of this college are mature enough and same enough to realize the bad taste of their actions; and that they will cease them from now

PETTY THIEVERY

This semester has been marked with considerable netty thievery, especially the stealing of hats and overcoats from the coat-racks in the south Liberal Arts building. And apparently the only thing that has been done about it is a sincere " . . . a most unfortunate in-

No one will argue about the fact that this thickery isn't in keeping with the famous Penn State spirit. But it is also quite apparent that any amount of heckling and waving of Penn State's already much wavedabout spirit will not do any good toward stopping this practise. There are no functions at which this heckling could take place in the first place and it extremely unlikely that it would reach the persons for whom it is intended.

Certainly it seems much more sensible for the Coilege to spend a little money and place coat-hooks within the class rooms of the South Liberal Arts buildings than to have students being forced to go without being properly clothed. And then too it might keep some of the more tender souls around the campus from being forced to realize that the dear old Penn State spirit is not regarded too highly by everybody.

CAMPUSEER

Sacrifice:

Leo Houck's stable of boxers entered the lists against Navy last Saturday and emerged covered with glory. So this week Leo, always one to give his all for a worthy cause, has been wearing a derby around just as he promised the boys he would do if they won. This somewhat irregular procedure substantiates the old maxim that it's harder to be a good winner than a good loser. But it is a welcome change from the ancient American custom of crucifying the football coach on his own goal posts when the team loses. '

If we bent Syracuse tomorrow Leo has promised to crash through wearing spats and carrying a cane. Perhaps we can persuade him to try something a little tougher like eating the Sunday edition of the New York Times in the window of the Graham A. C. at high noon if the team beats Cornell next Saturday.

Armed Camp:

"Fifty cents fine for rough-housing," said the powers at the Pi Kappa Phi house to Bill Diefenderfer '38 in stentorian tones. But Willie was coy.

"And what if I don't pay?" he retorted,

"You get paddled or lose your fraternity pin." "Oh, yeah?" Willie ohyeahed. "The first guv that touches me or my pin will get all seven slugs from a .22 revolver I have upstairs."

The next morning placards around the house advertised \$1000 reward for the capture, dead or alive, of Billy the Kid. Seven-slug Willie was reputed to be wanted by the officer of this baliwick. Waiters arrived armed with shotguns, revolvers, and other implements of warfare.

Latest intelligences received via carrier pigeon indicate that 7-slug Willie is still at large.

Bottles:

For some time it had been the custom of gals living in Mac hall to take bottles of milk that they did not drink at the table home with them. Then when they collected two or three empty bottles in this way they would furitively bring them back and leave them

The Alpha Chi Omegas are normal dolls and they are well versed in the technique of getting the bottles out and back. But for several weeks they had been slipping up on returning the containers. So Sara (Willie) Willis, one of the Alpha Chi O's who has a conscience, decided that there were too many bettles lying around the place and it was about time they were returned.

She gave the sisters a heart-to-heart talk about it and they responded nobly. But the way they selected to return them happened to be one of those rare days when no milk was served. So when they left and there was a big pile of empties left behind on the tables Miss Johnston sensed that all was not as it should be.

Now Bob Curry stands at the door with folded arms and scrutinizes each girl as she leaves to make sure she is not carrying concealed milk bottles.

Aside to Mike Kornick: Always remember to lead with your left on the basketball floor. It's part of the new 1936 rules.

A Worthwhile Evening

"The Sunken Bell"

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8:30 P. M.

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Tickets for "The Sunken Bell" may be purchased at The Corner on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 50c cach.

The room will be open every after-noon and in the evenings whenever there is a club member present to be in charge. Members and their friends may use the room at any time that it

Dr. Ritenour Outlines Common Cold Control

In accordance with the policy of the College health service of offering timely suggestions for better health, Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College phy-sician, in an interview this week, out-lined several steps in controlling com-mon colds among 'students.

"Most students take the common old as a trivial thing," said Dr. Rite-our, "but it causes more loss of time han all other illnesses combined. The adoption of a good hygienic program is the best insurance against colds," Or. Ritenour continued. "This alone will not prevent colds, but a healthy person is better able to throw off cold once it is contracted."

Alligator Farms Alligator farms or ranches exist in Florida and California. On some of them, thousands of the animals are

kept. The hides are sent to market.

New Recreation Room

In keeping with their policy of providing recreation and entertainment for non-fraternity men, the Penn State Club this week furnished a club room for the use of its members and their friends in Room 100 Classification and characteristic ment to the Barkery Can their friends in Room 100 Classification Room 100 Classific

for non-fraternity men, the Penn State Club this week furnished a club room for the use of its members and their friends in Rcom 418, Old Main. At present the room is supplied with a radio, card table, chairs, sofas, and lamps. Magazines will also be available. The official headquarters of the club will now be located there. A desk and filing cabinet will be installed shortly.

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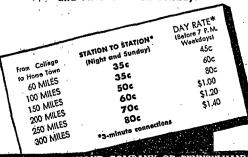
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