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THE CURTAIN RISES

"Elections are coming! Elections are coming!"

And while Italian forces of Fascism continue their program of "civilization" in Ethiopia; while Hitler re-arms the Rhine district; and while local peace workers are unable to break through the complacent lethargy of students here;— for about two local men of politics the only important question of the day is "How many houses you get behind ya?"

Of course none of the politicians is naive enough to suppose that the actual identity of a class officer can make the least possible difference. In a political system where nothing matters but the "spoils" of office, there is little room for an official who wants to do anything other than to collect his legitimate graft and to grab anything else that he can get away with.

Mr. Fleming patiently explained how these things have changed, and Cronister went down and drew out the sixty dollars and gave it back to the Athletic Association.

Our nomination for the crudest gent of the week: the mug who sat in the front row balcony at the Artists' Course Saturday night and scanned the audience with his binoculars during intermissions . . . Cyrus V. D. Bissey seemed to get as much kick out of it as did anybody when he slipped on the steps while going to his seat . . .

The rose in Ann Fagan's hair was just too, too gorgeous . . . The borough is hiring another cop, a former state patrolman, who will be on full-time night duty . . . Dave Wright, advanced rotisier man, went home the other day. He came from class, went out to his house and donned his uniform before leaving . . .

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FRATERNITY AVERAGES

The comparatively low scholarship rating of Penn State fraternities was cited by Alvan E. Duerr, a past president of the National Interfraternity Council, when he spoke at the Interfraternity Conference here last week-end. The facts given by Mr. Duerr stand as an indictment against fraternity scholarship, although Penn State's standing is not as low as the figures would indicate.

The speaker stated that Penn State fraternities have never stood higher than thirtieth and sometimes as low as fifth in the scholarship ratings based on 175 colleges. However, Penn State's rating is compiled on the basis of all four classes, while the majority of the ratings are taken from the three upper classes only.

While there is much room for improvement in fraternity scholarship here, one factor which would aid in boosting the college's rating would be the elimination of the scholastic averages of pledges from the fraternity ratings. It remains for the Registrar's office, then, to compile only the averages of upper classmen in fraternities in order to place the rating system here on an equal with that used in most other colleges.

From the office of the Registrar comes the complaint that fraternities here have been prone to co-operate in the compilation of house averages and that a scholastic rating excluding the average of pledges can only be accomplished by the cooperation of every house. Some agreement must be reached between the Registrar's office and the officers of every fraternity so that house averages may be compiled in this manner. As the averages of pledges are, as a whole, much lower than the averages of any of the three upper classes, a compilation of grades based on the upper classes only would raise Penn State's rating in the college division.

—W. R. G.

ADD HONOR ROLL

Fraternities Alpha Zeta and Phi Delta Theta have announced this week that they have abolished all forms of Hell Week.

OLD MANIA

French Postcard:

Those of you who went to see Trudi Schoop's comic ballet Saturday night may have noticed the name "Didi Lederer" as one of the dancers on the program. About Thursday or Friday of last week a postcard came to the local postoffice addressed to this Didi Lederer, with some foreign stamp on it. The authorities there, with their usual brilliance, delivered the card to ex-Burgess Lederer.

He couldn't make much sense out of it and took it back to the postoffice to see if anyone there could translate it for him. He was standing in line trying to get to one of the windows and showing people his fan mail, when Vance Packard, Centre Daily Times scoopman, stepped forward manfully. He could read frog, he told Lederer.

Vance scanned the card. "This isn't frog," he said. "It has a Czechoslovakian stamp on it, and it seems to be for someone in the Trudi Schoop company coming here Saturday." He promised to take care of it Towne Swalm, who does the Artists' Course for COLLEGIAN, finally got hold of it and saw that it was delivered to Miss Lederer when she got into town.

Manager's Rake-off:

Vernon Cronister, who is manager of freshman wrestling, took his boys down to Mansfield State Teachers' College a couple weeks ago for a meet. He managed the team exceedingly well and came back with sixty dollars left over from his expense money. So he took the surplus down to the bank and started an account.

Time passed, and Mr. Fleming called him in. There was a difference of sixty dollars between his expense account and the amount he had been given, Fleming said. How come? Cronister explained that he had saved that. "Where is it?" Neil asked. Cronister told him what he had done with it, and pulled from his pocket a manager's handbook printed way back in 1927 or '28 and showed Neil where it said that the manager should keep all the money he saved on a trip.

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About Town and Campus:

The Phi Sigma Deltas have two whiffleboards in their basement, the gift of an alumnus who lives in Harrisburg. They can practice all day long for nothing and then go down and clean out the local paying boards with ease . . .

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A stirring melodrama of the Old

Letter Box

To the Editor

I just saw the Pitt-Penn State basketball game. Once more it was my privilege to witness the spirit of battle that brings joy to every Penn State man. I felt badly for Spike Leslie and the seven or eight boys that took part in that marvelous exhibition. They deserved a victory. My real regret, however, is that the other 1700 Penn State men in the Pittsburgh district didn't take advantage of the opportunity. And somehow or other, I am inclined to blame some of them at least for the defeat. Or, perhaps, I should say that had a reasonable number of them been present to offer a reasonable amount of encouragement, the result I believe, would have been different.

The boys had all it takes to win a basketball game. And for about 28 minutes of the 40 played I thought they would. I have seen several good games at the stadium this season but this was one of the best.

Exhibitions such as I saw last October on the field of the same stadium and tonight will accomplish much to re-instate the respect of Pittsburgh institutions and their alumni, as well as our own, toward Penn State as a dangerous competitor in athletic events. It was evident that the scores of Pitt rooters tonight who really thought their team was headed for a defeat had respect for me as a Penn State man. One of them told me so. The same applies to Pittsburgh newspapers, none of whom take State teams very seriously. To a certain extent they are right but the tide is turning.

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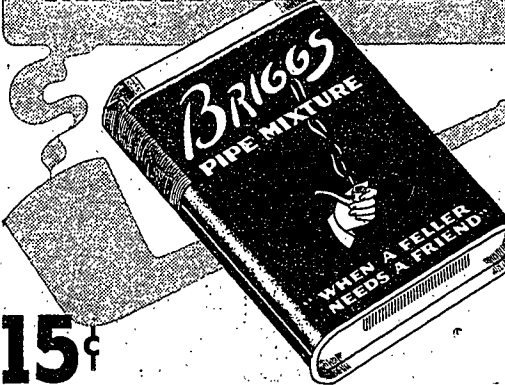
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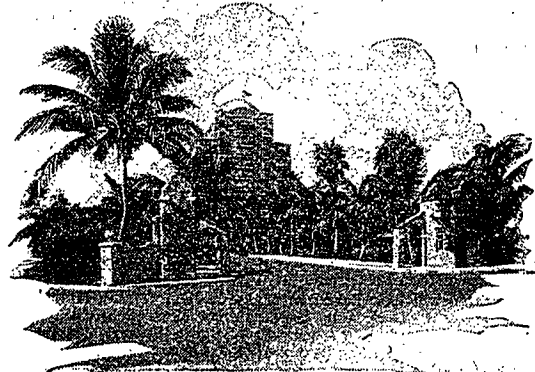
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