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PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Since the recent violation of the Panhellenic rushing code, measures to prevent future violations are being considered. The fact that the present code did not provide for adequate punishment to the offender does not indicate that penalties should not be forthcoming.

One proposed remedy is a twenty-five dollar fine in the form of a bond to be posted by each fraternity at the beginning of formal rushing season. Any fraternity violating the code will automatically forfeit this bond.

The answer to the question lies in a stronger Panhellenic council—a council which will not only lay down strict provisions but which will deal quickly and efficiently with the violator without milktoasting around the issue.

VETERANS OF FUTURE WARS

On the front page of this paper is a news article concerning the formation of a new association at Princeton University called the Veterans of Future Wars. As grim satire, brilliant sarcasm, and bitter irony, the idea is a stroke of pure genius.

MANIFESTO

THE PATRIOTIC ORDER SUICIDES OF AMERICA (P. O. S. of A.), Penn State local No. 1 of the VETERANS OF FUTURE WARS, believing unequivocally in the doctrine of equality and fairness to all, believes the following demands to be indisputably fair and decent:

WHEREAS ninety per cent of our membership will be speedily and thoroughly eliminated from participation in the fruits of victory which we will have occasioned by laying down our lives in the next conflict, WE DEMAND that Congress set aside one day each year to be known as the KNOWN UNKNOWN SOLDIER DAY. On this day, in accordance with all of the accepted ritual, each young man in the country should have a wreath placed at his feet in token of the appreciation of a grateful country.

WHEREAS the thrill of victory will be denied to the majority of the members of the V. F. W., WE DEMAND that another day be set aside to be known as FUTURE GLORIOUS ARMISTICE DAY, at which time the members of the order should assemble on some convenient dock in New York harbor and from there march up Broadway between walls of madly cheering citizens while the bands blare out "Hail the Conquering Hero," and millions of tons of confetti—formed from all the excess ticket tape which the next great war time business boom will have occasioned—is showered on our proud shoulders.

WHEREAS we who will be doing the fighting will be unable to read foreign newspapers, WE DEMAND that the government seize immediately some huge newspaper concern—preferably of a high moral and intellectual character which publishes for persons who think—and distribute it to all members of the V. F. W. This paper should carry numberless stories and articles on the atrocities committed by our enemies—or rather, attackers. While we are fighting we will not see any of this sort of thing and if we can read about it beforehand, when we get in the trenches we will know just what sort of thing the enemy is doing and will just get mad as hell.

WHEREAS, since most of us will be lost and sight will be denied us, WE DEMAND that bronze tablets be erected in all of the post offices throughout the country NOW, to be called ROLLS OF HONOR and on which our names shall be faithfully inscribed. Why should we be denied the knowledge that we have not died in vain?

A complete list of the demands of the P. O. S. of A., 100 per cent AMERICAN organization, is to be distributed in the near future in handy 100 foot shelves and all undergraduates are urged to join this progressive organization. Headquarters of the group is in the R. O. T. C. building and inquiries will be answered fully by any one of the RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPSES.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

EDUCATIONAL psychologists have a disturbing theory by which they explain that a very small percentage of the facts that we learn in classroom or elsewhere are remembered. Several years after college, according to them, you may remember some isolated facts like how to integrate in calculus, whether or not monoseptyledonous plants are exogenous, not to write consecutive fifths in harmonizing a tune or what "epiphenomenalism" means, but the chances are you won't.

Some of the outstanding things that this department remembers about past courses are epigrammatic asides that profs made while deviating from the main subject. Not all of these are profound, but some profs like the scholarly Doc Dengler have a knack of interpolating observations on politics, science, philosophy, and what have you in such a way that you feel you are getting your money's worth out of the course.

This is not meant to convey the impression that all profs should dash down to the book store to buy the works of La Rochefoucauld so that they can imitate his epigrams for the edification or amusement of their classes. Here are a few random comments that we happen to recall now which may illustrate the point, if any:

- C. S. WYAND Economics (On the human race) "The one thing that never ceases to amaze me is the astounding phenomenon of human credulity."
S. K. STEVENS History (On undergraduates) "Most college students are politically conservative because they regard themselves as embryo capitalists."
R. E. DENGLER Classical languages (While cutting roll) "Every American is privileged to mispronounce his own name."
R. E. GALBRAITH English composition (On magazines) "Esquire is a fifty-cent Saturday Evening Post. It confirms the banalities of the college man."
W. L. GODSHALL Political Science (On traveling in Africa) "When traveling in Tripoli you go from one oasis or drinking place to another. Just as the people in New York do."
E. R. HAWKINS Economics (On business ethics) "Economic expediencies often invert Biblical injunctions."
While we're on the subject of humor there is another comment we'd like to make which may help to shatter a fairly prevalent specious belief:— There are just as many good wise cracks spawned around the tables of boarding houses (fraternal or otherwise) and by the lads who man the local kitchens as there are in the beer halls, in Publications Alley, or in downtown hangout-cafeterias which cater to the carriage trade. They just don't happen to see print.

Mother Love: When Bucky Schott answered the phone at the T. N. E. house the other night a falsetto feminine voice purred in his ear: "What are you doing tonight, Bucky?" Thinking it was one of his veddy funny architectural engineer pals disguising his voice, he carried out his part of the joke. "Oh, nothing. Why?" "Well, I thought maybe we might have a date?" the voice answered. "Sure," Bucky said, "You stay right where you are. I'll be down before you can cool off." This sort of thing went on for several minutes. And then his mother stopped disguising her voice, told him who it was, and Bucky was carried to the nearest davenport.

Optional Reading: Leo Houck's imitation of Major Bowes over the mike at the rally Tuesday night was particularly interesting to Mike Zeleznoek. . . Mike, who has been coaching boxing at Rockview Pen, has applied for a try-out on the real Major's amateur hour. . . Hum Fishburn, music prof., spent his birthday Wednesday in Washington Hospital, Tacoma Park, Md., where he is still ill with the flu. . . See you at the Grjrdren Dance Sat. night. . . The Sigma Delta Chi boys are speculating about the possibility of holding it in an ark in case it keeps on raining. . . Flood telegram from Lute Luttringer, Froth momzer: "HARDER TO GET OUT OF HARRISBURG THAN ROTC."

You'll Enjoy The Corner unusual

New Trophy Donated To 'Rec Hall' Display

Another was added to the growing list of gifts and trophies now adorning Recreation hall when the School of Physical Education received a beautiful piece of sculpture recently. The gift, an appropriate one, depicts two battered boxers crouched over in combat, fists swinging and bodies tense. The piece was done by Joseph Brown and was obtained by Hugo Bezdek, director of the School. Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, a noted authority on sculpture, commented favorably upon it, and at his inducement Bezdek, contacted Miss Mary Curran, regional director of the State Emergency Relief Administration, under whose department it was made. The trophy remains the property of the United States Government and is awarded to this school on the basis of a permanent loan. The only conditions are that it remain on display and reasonable care be taken of it. The trophy will be displayed just inside the main entrance in Recreation hall.

Letter Box

(The following letter was received by E. K. Hibshman, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, from the Philadelphia Alumni club. A copy was sent to this paper.—Ed.)

Dear Mr. Hibshman: At a meeting of the Penn State Club of Philadelphia, held Feb. 25th, 1936, it was unanimously agreed that there would be no purpose in having a representative from this district on the Board of Athletic Control. . . Whereas our present representative on the Board of Athletic Control, Mr. George Hessebacher, who has served over a period of 10 years, has reported to us on several occasions that the Board of Athletic Control has no control and therefore is a superfluous organization. . . Whereas we are of the opinion that unless the board is given some control over athletics from the Alumni point of view, we feel that it should be abolished. . . Whereas we feel that the great expense of this body could be used to some other advantage. . . If we are wrong in our viewpoints, we would be glad to receive enlightenment as to the importance of this Board. Very truly yours, The Penn State Club of Philadelphia, J. C. Mairs, sec'y.

Seely To Give Lecture

The Christian Science organization of State College has announced a free lecture by Paul S. Seely, C. B. S., of Portland, Ore., a member of the board of lecturership of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass. The lecture will be held in Schwab auditorium tonight at 8:15 o'clock. The speaker will be introduced by Robert A. Gans '37, head of the local organization.

In 1847, an Act of Congress forbade the preparation of further stamps by the local postmasters and decided on a Government issue which was to be current throughout the country.

Lewis To Give Series Of Priestly Lectures

Dr. W. K. Lewis, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will open his series of Priestly Lectures in the Chemistry amphitheatre Monday night at 7 o'clock. He will speak on "The Physical Chemistry of the Borderline between Fluids and Suspensions." The lecture will be concerned with the structure of liquids as compared with gases. It will cover the equilibrium between liquid and vapor in the light of the kinetic theory, the nature and effect of intermolecular attractions and the concept of internal pressure, and the structure of the surface between liquid and vapor and characteristics of such surfaces.

Journalism Code Cited By Fred Fuller Shedd

Fred Fuller Shedd, editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, has issued what he calls the "Ten Commandments of Newspaper Service." The noted editor drew up these rules for a journalism course, but has since learned that they will be run in the publication of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association. The make-up of the code is parallel to the actual ten commandments. It embodies the golden rule, the newspaper's responsibility to the public, and the newspaper man's code of honor. Students in journalism are being required to commit the code to memory.

Magazine Commends "Headlight" Collection

The "Headlight" official publication of the College library, was recently commended and a fac-simile of one of its pages published in the Wilson Bulletin for Librarians, a magazine put out by the H. W. Wilson Company of New York City.

Particular comment was made on the verve of the section of the publication known as "A Half-Dozen Books," a book review department. In commenting on the book "Reider Than the Rose" by Robert Forsythe, a passage from it was given that caught the magazine's fancy. "Listening to Alexander Woolcott on the radio is like being hit by a cream puff; you are uninjured but sickened."

Ferguson Will Speak To C. A. Groups Today

John H. Ferguson, of the department of political science, will speak on "Comparative Isms" at the C. A. Seminar in the Hugh Beaver room, Old Main, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Ferguson will define individualism, capitalism, fascism, communism, socialism, internationalism, and nationalism in his lecture. Richard M. Smith '37 is chairman of this seminar.

At the meeting plans will be made for the Seminar cabin retreat to be held March 28 and 29 at the Christian Association cabin.

CINEMANIA

Seeing his success in minor parts, 20th Century has now given Irvin S. Cobb, famed humorist, a starring role in "Everybody's Old Man," playing today at the Cathaum. Featured in the cast are Rochelle Hudson and Norman Foster.

Cobb plays the part of a canning industry king who goes for a European trip when his chief competitor dies. There he meets the son and daughter of his old rival and, despite his disapproval of their wild and reckless life, he takes an interest in them. Keeping his identity unknown, he gains control of their business up on their return to America and finally reforms them by saddling them with responsibilities.

A gripping picture which depicts the tortures and cruelties of convict camps is "Road Gang," the offering at the Cathaum tomorrow. Donald Woods, who portrays a newspaper reporter, railroaded for a crime he did not commit because of his exposure of a crooked political gang, is the star. He is first placed in the county prison farm, but later sent to the Blackfoot mines where conditions are so unbearable that he instigates a strike among the convicts. The revolt itself fails, but Woods earns his freedom in a dramatic climax.

Although the famous story of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" remains unchanged, the title role, as interpreted by Freddie Bartholomew, is an entirely new characterization in the film version of the English novel which will be at the Cathaum Monday and Tuesday.

Bereft of the traditional golden curls, plush suit, and lace collar, Freddie is a completely "de-siffified" Fauntleroy. Dolores Costello Barrymore plays the part of his mother in her first screen appearance in several years. An excellent supporting cast includes Henry Stephenson, C. Aubrey Smith, Guy Kibbee, and others.

THE PULITZER PRIZE WINNER THE OLD MAID A PENN STATE PLAYERS PRODUCTION FRIDAY & SATURDAY MARCH 27 & 28 AUDITORIUM Watch the sky for free tickets Tickets on sale all next week at Treasurer's office, or at the Corner Friday and Saturday. All seats 50c

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Announcing » » » "BUDDY" ROGERS AND HIS ORCHESTRA for I. F. BALL Friday, April 3rd Rec Hall . . . 10-2 "America's boy friend" is returning now from an extensive European tour. NOTE: Previous band's contract has been canceled.