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HEARST, BENEFACTOR

During the past summer the Hearst papers have again worked themselves into quite a dither over college students. According to such authorities as General Bullard, who as the former head of the army certainly ought to know about such things, communists and reds are now at work openly, indoctrinating innocent students with their Moscow lies.

The various peace demonstrations here last year, for example, were inspired by the Reds in the Christian association. Two students here are known to have copies of "Das Kapital" and one is supposed to have read part of it. Walk through any fraternity or rooming house and you will find that the red banner of Moscow has replaced the blue and white pennant of Penn State. Students are cancelling their subscriptions to Colliers and are reading instead the New Masses. The "Internationalist" has replaced "Alma Mater" as the College anthem.

In view of this deplorable situation one of the Hearst papers in the State, doubtless to protect naive freshmen from such insidious influences, has made plans to distribute a number of free copies during Freshman Week. They probably feel that in this way they can expose the snares which the radicals here are setting for the unwary freshmen. Some of the freshmen might even subscribe.

It's hard to get ahead of the radicals here, though. No sooner did they learn about this splendid project than a bunch of them, including the editors of the Froth, the Bull, and the COLLEGIAN—all radical publications—wrote to three other left-wing newspapers, the New York Times, the Philadelphia Record, and the Pittsburgh Press, and induced them to give away free samples too in order to neutralize the effect of Hearst's Sun-Telegraph.

Yes sir; there ought to be an investigation of these dirty Reds.

AN ANSWER

We do not doubt the sincerity of the Alumnus whose letter we have reprinted. Yet it must prove something or other when the only person to write in defense of the fraternity system is one who never belonged to it.

Why is it that the most violent critics of fraternities are often men who are members of a house, while those who were unable to join one are often strong defenders of the system? Why do non-fraternity men speak so much of the advantages of living in a house while those who lived in one talk of the freedom and independence to be had by being outside?

It's the old story of the fields on the other side of the fence locking green.

Of course there are always those who, without initiative to investigate the other side of the fence, rationalize for a short time and then announce that their own is the best of all possible fields. Such individuals usually turn out to be rushing chairmen or fraternity haters.

But anyone who looks over all the fields usually decides that there are bare spots and green spots in all of them and that it doesn't make much difference in which one he settles. Although he may not have realized it at the time that is precisely the conclusion to which the letter writer came in his last paragraph.

We feel that the importance of fraternity affiliations is usually overemphasized and that in the final analysis they will not make much difference in anyone's college career.

IN MEMORIAM

The COLLEGIAN joins the College in mourning the recent deaths of Prof. William Futhey Gibbons, for eighteen years a member of the department of journalism, and Dr. Joel Andrew Sperry, head of the bacteriology division.

Dr. Sperry came here in 1930, after serving on the New York State Board of Health. Holding several degrees, he received his doctorate at Yale University. During his five years here, he served as head of the bacteriology division and was an illuminating figure in his field of scientific endeavor.

Professor Gibbons entered the department of journalism in its infancy and was one of the most dynamic figures in promoting the development of the department to its present proportions. He was widely read in many fields, and became known as a writer through three published works. Professor Gibbons was perhaps better known outside of the College community than in it, for he worked quietly.

PRESIDENT HETZEL'S REQUEST that freshmen refrain from staging such puerile demonstrations as have taken place for the past two years is one that needs to be repeated to upperclassmen. The freshmen may carry the wool but the sophomores and juniors usually supply the idea. We believe that most students here are intelligent enough to recognize the asinineity of these demonstrations. We suggest that any other, if they must go "Joe College" try more harmless method of doing it.

"WHITEY" RHODA COULD ALWAYS get a bigger hand from the crowd than other men who were better football players or better boxers because "Whitey" never stopped fighting. During the next month he's going to have a tougher fight than he's ever had on the gridiron or in the ring. There won't be many around to cheer out loud, but "Whitey" can know that every student who knew him, either on the field or personally, is rooting for him to come through the way he always has before.

OLD MANIA

Proxy by Proxi

Indications of the far-reaching consequences of the Spanish revolution are only now beginning to make themselves felt in State College. First victim of the attempted Rebel putsch is none other than Al Newmeyer, speaker, manager and Esquire fashion plate.

It happened like this: Frankie Osterlund, senior class president and star forward on the same soccer team Al Newmeyer manages, spent the summer in Portugal, which as anyone knows who has taken geography from Mr. Murphy knows, is too close to Spain for comfort. Along about midsummer, just after the Spanish fracas got well started, Al received a letter from senior class proxy Osterlund to the effect that Frank would be detained—supposedly due to the Spanish situation—in Portugal and would return to State College on or about Sept. 25. In closing, Frank suggested that it would be just swell if Al would go around and deliver a few of the speeches at the beginning of school, which is part of the penalty of being senior class proxy. Al merely blinked and decided to laugh it off.

Along about last Monday or Tuesday when Al got back to school and even before he had time to put his twenty-six sports jackets and unmatched trousers in his capacious wardrobe a telephone call from Dean Warnack forced him to make a hurried visit to the sanctum of that dignitary. Vainly did Al argue that his was not the position to make the necessary speech in question. Al pointed out that not only was he not even a minor office holder in the senior class but that he wasn't even in the same clique as Osterlund! What about Cherundolo, vice-president, or George Hacker, clique chairman, or Bob Morini or some other recognized big-shot. No, no, no, no good, any of them. Hacker and Morini were already signed up for a speech or two apiece and who ever heard of a football captain making a speech!

Hemmed in on all sides, his every argument knocked into an honor society's hat, Al could do nothing but acquiesce with as good grace as the exigencies of the situation required. Speaking to a huge knot of newspaper reporters yesterday, Newmeyer is reported as saying: "... Edward Everett Hale to the contrary notwithstanding, this being a martyr to the cause of Spanish nationalism is nobody's dream of paradise ... and wait 'til I get my hands on Frank Osterlund!"

Orchestral Interlude

We knew that trying to fill the shoes of the now sainted and much reminisced upon Lynn Christy would be a job of no mean proportions and history bears us out. When Christy departed to take the world in his diminutive stride he left his 12-piece band, bag and baggage, trumpet and sax, to his occasional vocalist and last year's Thespian star, Chuck Walters, and now with school only just begun the band has passed into the hands of Ernie Dolphi, clarinetman extraordinaire.

According to our secret information bureau, it's a real break for Chuck Walters—or a very tough one, depending on how you look at it. Dame rumor hath it that Chuck will give up the carefree life of the college lad for the hazards and uncertainties of professional singing and is scheduled to appear next month with some unnamed big-name band in the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City.

Pick-ups

First one, now two street-lights, an intricate system of police calls, new motorcycles for the campus cops, and as a final feature, after eighty-one years, street signs. It could probably be proved with little difficulty that State College is better equipped per square inch to combat crime than Chicago, New York, San Francisco or Hall, Michigan. Aside to the Daily Half-Columbian: Our nomination for the "most maligned phrase of the year," the traditional American way. If you get around to it, ask Mable Hirst what ex-Maniac James Beatty was doing "Up in Mable's Room" about 4 o'clock the other night ... and did Profs. Druckman and Johnston have a simply s-w-e-l-l time this summer? How many cans of fruit did you put up, fellows? And won't those jars of home-made preserves be simply g-o-r-g-e-o-u-s on cold winter days? Whoops! ... Publicity Director Dantzscher has a brand new son ... Cr. M. cashier Ruth lost her tonsils ... Rabbi Fishoff turns up with a better half, or did he have it all along? ... Skirble back, pugacious as all hell ... -THE MANIAC

Hello, Everybody!

We're happy to welcome back our old friends and to greet new ones, too.

We hope that you will find The Corner a convenient place in which to spend some of your leisure time.

It will be a pleasure to serve you once more.

The Corner unusual

Letter Box

To the Editor:

The case for the fraternities is not given fairly in the recent COLLEGIAN editorial, at least that is my belief. Even the advantages enumerated are not those that the majority of thinking fraternity men would name. Social position? Prestige? Perhaps, but only the greenest of freshmen will swallow this kind of rushing guff. Friendships? Certainly, and only those who have seen seniors packing their belongings at the end of four short years in "the house" can realize the difference fraternity membership meant in those four years. Orientation? Not much of this, especially since the College instituted Freshman Week. By the time classes start, each new freshman, regardless of his fraternity rushing or lack of it, is far better settled than was the most receptive pledge in the years when I was a student.

As for the disadvantages—where is the organized group that is not divided at times by cliques? That never experienced occasional ill-will? Conformity? What is it? But these very conformities are frequently essentials. Frequently the non-fraternity man, a college graduate, is lacking in those graces that all expect of the college graduates. How frequently we of the alumni see graduates who cannot shake hands properly, or cannot eat decently, to mention only two of the commonest failings. Where, at Penn State, outside of fraternities are these items stressed, or even thought of?

The non-fraternity man rents a room, and at the very best, gets nothing else. The fraternity man lives more normally—he does not live in one room—or stand in line to brush his teeth, to mention only one convenience. Dormitories? How many of Penn State's 2000 non-fraternity men live in dormitories? The fraternity man does not run through snow and rain to his boarding house. He eats where he lives. He may "grip" about the food but so does his non-fraternity brother.

I believe that in the great majority of cases the fraternity man gets value

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BOTTORF BROS. BOOTERY

Welcome, Freshmen!

FOR THE BOYS

FOR DRESS: Freeman, Walkover and Bostonian Shoes.

FOR CAMPUS: Good Looking Heavy Brogans.

FOR GYM: Keds

FOR YOUR STUDY: Bedroom Slippers

WE CARRY A COMPLETE LINE AND ALL WIDTHS OF OFFICIAL U. S. ARMY R.O.T.C. SHOES

You'll Find Our Prices Very Moderate for Quality Merchandise

See Our Windows (Across from Post Office and Dairy Store)

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VERY DRESSY SHOES for evenings and dress-up occasions.

FOR CAMPUS WEAR: We have the snappiest line of Brogans and Monk Oxfords you have ever seen.

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FOR GYM: Keds

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