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END OF THE CHASE

IT WAS A pretty good season. Game was plentiful; so plentiful, in fact, that some of the hunters are now having trouble finding a place to put all of it. A few hunting regulations were broken, but no one bothered doing anything about them. Turning in violations of other hunters invites them to retaliate next fall and every house realizes that it is likely to be vulnerable. Of course there are a few of the hunting lodges whose members didn't aim so well. Perhaps their aim was bad or their gun wasn't loaded. At any rate the game that they had their eye on escaped into the woods or was bagged for other lodges. Whatever the cause, it seems likely that next fall will see a few less hunting licenses issued.

This year, for example, the fifteen houses ranking lowest in pledges got only forty-eight freshmen, or slightly more than three apiece. On other words, a selected thirty per cent of the fraternities pledged only twelve per cent of the total. On the other hand seven houses took 112 freshmen, which translated into percentages means that thirteen per cent got twenty-seven per cent of the total.

How long the weaker fraternities can exist with this condition obtaining is a question. Already there is fear that several will have to make adjustments of some sort if they are to continue. This fall was regarded as a crucial test for a number of them and while more freshmen were pledged than last year the already strongly entrenched fraternities were the ones which profited most by the increase.

A few more seasons like the last and the only rushing some of the houses will do will be away from the mortgage holders.

HOW LONG N. Y. A.?

According to information released by the administration here, N. Y. A. will proceed on the same basis as last year with few innovations. Approximately the same number of students will get jobs, with the same possibility of increase in allotment of funds to this institution as last year.

The machinery of awarding jobs is already in operation; it was in operation last year when the College provided application blanks for prospective student workers this year, although at that time, no definite assurance was made that N. Y. A. would continue. Apparently all the College N. Y. A. committee could work on was a pretty good hunch. Because of the efficiency with which preparations were conducted for this year's program, students will receive jobs almost immediately.

Although grimly relieved, the populace is not dancing in the streets. The uncertainty which has overshadowed youth aid since its beginning as F. E. R. A., is allayed for the present. This year will take care of itself, and possibly about 800 or more students here will be in a position to carry on throughout the year, thanks to the policy instituted with the F. E. R. A. and the N. Y. A.

But what about next year?

And the year after that?

Youth aid has been a matter of some concern, both to the people who receive it and to the people who don't like it. To those of us enabled to pay a portion of our way through college by virtue of N. Y. A., the youth program of aid is a necessity which must be continued. There is no definite assurance that N. Y. A. will be with us next year; in fact, there's an even chance that it won't.

Unfortunately, youth aid, along with relief in general, has been sucked into the muddy vortex of political issues. As the *Bell* has pointed out, youth aid is an economic issue with more dire implications than either party would care to face. As such, it is out of the class of partisan politics.

In order to insure youth aid as a permanent governmental policy, the American Youth Act was introduced into Congress last year. It provides, if passed, permanent machinery for the continuation of aid, independent of the national election, the budget, and ward-healing party politics. It is the only social security measure concerning youth of any magnitude before Congress. It is to the interest of the student especially to act on this measure by demanding action from the senator or representative from his district. For, under the present uncertainty, next year N. Y. A. may be relegated to a political shroud.

IF THE WRITER OF A recent unsigned letter will make his identity known we will be glad to publish it and investigate the condition which he describes. The *COLLEGIAN* invites all communications and, if desired, will withhold the identity of the writer, but we cannot print letters without knowing ourselves who wrote them.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Royal Rushing:

Ray Pope, Phi Psi, decided that as a climax for their rushing season, they would show the freshmen some life. He arranged to take a group of about twenty rushers through Rockview pen. Everything was going fine and Ray had gotten to speech no. 23 ("and all Phi Psi, etc.") when he came to the big cell block. Right in the middle of his speech he was interrupted by a voice sailing through the bars saying, "Hi-yuh, Popey, what're you doing here? There's a bunch of us Franklin guys up here."

The fact that more freshmen pledged fraternities this year than last will be used to prove that the depression is over; that the freshmen this year are smarter than last year; and a thousand other things, but we have our own opinion and offer the following resolutions for next year's rushing code:

1. Fraternities will not be allowed to use lead pipes exceeding three feet in length and one inch in thickness.

2. In lead piping, the overhead swing will be outlawed and the rushers may not take more than a twelve-foot running start in the swing.

Mugs and the Jester:

Jim Dugan, chief of the *Froth's* Foolish Gentlemen, has finally decided that all the people around here with a sense of humor must read the *COLLEGIAN* and that therefore this paper would be the proper medium for a call for candidates for the *Froth* staff. Having found that so few could qualify with the previous requirements he has drawn up a new set. "All candidates shall have been dropped on their head when a child. Juniors with an all-college average below '1' in the L. A. school will be given a preference and although the background of a jail sentence is not essential it will help a lot. In case of no jail term as a background, expulsion from high school, prep school, or any college can be substituted. Second-class Boy Scouts will be considered, but anyone having gained a corporal's stripes in the R.O.T.C. is automatically out of the running. Two hard knocks on the *Froth* office door any afternoon after 4 o'clock may bring you the question, 'Who's there?' and if you have a suitable answer, the door to opportunity will open."

Jazz Mania:

"Swing music," according to Leopold Stokowski, "is a conglomerate combination of underlying, varying rhythm, with highly syncopated configurations of freely varied melodic derivatives as conceived and executed spontaneously by individual members of the playing organization without any apparent regard to any previously prepared orchestration."

Now that we know what Eddie Nichols has been talking about all last year we'll forgive him a stutter or two.

Campusettes:

Charlie Swartz and Sybil Hart will announce their engagement next week and plan to be married sometime in February. . . . Our favorite correspondent writes that it came up heads when Kenny Kagen tossed to see whether he would come back to school or remain in York, near his summer pash. . . . Our own Ann Vary is taking a course in forging. . . . Quote of the Week: Jerry "High Pants" Freudenheim, "I never dress to go out for a date." . . . Shirley Stack and Sid Jaffe no longer see things the same way. . . . No, Harry Henderson and Tom Francis are not out for the Players, despite their nightly trips up to the Auditorium. It's E. Conford and Gene Woodruff. . . . Norm Halpern, Old Main Bell bus mgr., is looking for a secretary for the Old Main Bell office. She need not be able to type. . . .

—CAMPY

Banquet Service . .

You'll find the newly-enlarged banquet room of the Hotel State College an ideal setting for fraternity, society and for other organization gatherings.

THE CORNER

unusual



MAKE
THIS YOUR
LUCKY
WEEK

We Women

By MARION A. RINGER

"Pop-In" night is one of the really good-idea customs of the Penn State women.

This year, since all the freshmen women are living downtown, the affair was more of a success than usual. The fraternity women wanted to look out for prospective rushers. Last Sunday night was one time when they could hunt legitimately.

This coming Sunday night the freshmen pop in on the upperclassmen on-campus. This puts a different slant upon the situation. The 1940 class is not as fraternity-conscious as last year's. Let us hope they remain so.

The majority of upperclassmen will be in their rooms waiting for the freshmen to visit them on Sunday night. A more excellent opportunity to meet upperclass girls could not be found for the freshmen. They can visit Grange, Mac hall, and Women's building and get a good idea of the atmosphere of each.

This is also an excellent time to visit the fraternities. Some freshmen women will feel timid at the thought of walking boldly into one without having been specifically invited. They should conquer that and visit as many as possible. For this is one time when relations will be almost natural and freshmen won't get that feeling of being picked to pieces as at the time of indiscriminate rushing.

Both freshmen and upperclassmen should talk to as many as possible. Don't merely exchange names and home towns; draw out some fact establishing personality to enable you to recognize each other again on the campus. There is a rumor about a Penn State "Hello" custom. Personally, I'd feel like an insane fool saying "Hello" to every person I bumped into. So, freshmen and upperclassmen, spill out some of your personality and get some mutual acquaintances.

Mac hall dining commons has always been a problem. The food question will go on forever, but the seating arrangements can be remedied.

Last year the first organized step away from the helter-skelter scramble for seats was gained in assigned tables. This year a committee has been working on a plan to re-establish Mac hall etiquette and to acquaint the large number of new girls with the old girls of the dining hall.

There is to be a senior hostess at each table who makes up the rest of the table from her own choice. Therein lies the difficulty. There will be a frenzied attempt of all the girls to be seated in their old clique. Fraternities will be able to get together with their senior hostesses. However, many of these new girls will be seated indiscriminately.

The old tradition of fraternities having their squatters-right section will be removed by changing the situation of the tables once a month. It is to be the duty of each hostess to direct the course of conversation to higher planes and forbid all spoon-flipping of water.

A foods and dining commons committee of three, Gelsie Ferdinand, Rose Nudo, and Jean Coadley, will take charge of all food complaints and requests for the dining hall for dances. These girls are to be contacted directly and they will discuss with Mrs. Johnson any complaints or business matters.

The plan has good points and the success of it can be determined after a trial of two weeks at the most.

For the benefit of all women's fraternities who are in doubt about the Panhellenic ruling for contacting freshmen women:

All personal contacts are positively forbidden until the period of indiscriminate rushing. In other words, it is a violation of the rushing code if you are detected in the act of visiting freshmen women.

Big sisters are the only fraternity women permitted to contact the freshmen. They are to be sure to see only their little sisters.

Takes Mother Role



Beatrice Conford '37

Again, Miss Conford plays the part of the mother, this time in the Players' first production of the season, "Personal Appearance."

State Tax Asked For Building Use

No Permission Granted to Any Organization for Events Without Permit

A tax amusement permit is required by a law passed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in order for an organization to sponsor any public affair in any of the college buildings, regardless of whether or not an admission is charged. Permission will not be granted for the use of the building until this \$1.00 tax is paid and the permit issued.

The application must be presented to the office of the Department of Grounds and Buildings at least two weeks before the proposed date for the function, as that length of time is required to gain the permit.

Approval Required

The use of college facilities for public meetings, entertainments and dances is limited to events sponsored by a department of the college or by a chartered student organization. Any exception to this policy must have the approval of the assistant to the President in charge of business and finance.

Public meetings, entertainments and dances to be held in the Auditorium, the Armory, Recreation hall, or the lounges of Old Main must be approved by the department head, in case the event is sponsored by a department of the College, or by the committee on Student Welfare, in case the event is sponsored by a student organization. Permission must also be received from the custodian of the building, and the Department of Grounds and Buildings. Applications for such authorization must be made in triplicate on forms which can be obtained from the offices of the Dean of Men, the Dean of Women, and the Department of Grounds and Buildings.

Custodian Must Approve

Custodian's approval in the case of these buildings must be obtained from the director of music for the use of the Auditorium, the director of physical education for the use of Recreation hall, the manager of Student Union for the use of the lounges in Old Main, and the professor of military science and tactics for the use of the Armory. Meetings on the campus grounds must be approved by the superintendent of the Department of Grounds and Buildings.

Rooms in other buildings on the campus will be assigned by the custodian of the building (ordinarily the Dean having jurisdiction over the building), who shall immediately notify Student Union. Rooms for single meetings in Old Main, other than the lounges, will be assigned by the manager of Student Union. Rooms in Old Main for more extended use will be assigned by the Student Union with the approval of the superintendent of the Department of Grounds and Buildings.

Journalism Students Set Enrollment Mark

The highest enrollment in the history of the department of journalism has registered this fall. Prof. Franklin C. Banner, head of the department revealed today. A total of 387 students have enrolled, an increase of 67 over last semester.

Professor Banner expected that more students would be enrolled by the end of the week. The number of journalism students has risen steadily since the inception of the department in 1930. Journalism courses have been taught here since 1912, however.

In 1932 journalism students totaled 179, but in 1932-33 the number rose to 220 the first semester and to 264 the second. In 1934 273 were entered the first semester and 286 the second, while in 1935 the numbers were 291 and 297.

CINEMANIA

"Lady Be Careful," a modified screen version of the salty musical, "Sailor Beware," plays at the Cathaum tonight with Lew Ayres, Mary Carlisle, Larry Crabbe and some other people. It's sort of a nautical thing which can't decide whether to be naughty or not about a bunch of sailors on a battleship having gobs of fun in Uncle Sam's big, new navy.

It seems that the original script of the play was a bit too risqué for the public decency people who protect our morals and whatnot, so the spice has been eliminated from the original and the remainder is a sort of a funny movie about a romance between a shy, young sailor and gal from Panama called "Stonewall" Jackson for obvious reasons. Most of it is pretty good farce. There is also a nice battleship.

"Ramona" switches to the Nittany tonight in a blaze of technicolor.

Tomorrow, "The Last of the Mohicans" comes to the Cathaum. James Fenimore Cooper's most famous leatherstocking tale has been translated into motion. The cast consists of Randolph Scott, Binnie Barnes and Henry Wilcoxon. We remember these long dull tales of Cooper, which seemed full of dreary wastes of words and wildernesses of description. Occasionally there was a good, hearty burning at the stake from which the victim was usually rescued in the nick of time, or a cliff scene with people falling into gorges or being chased through the bushes by velling redskins.

James Fenimore Cooper was a sort of ponderous fellow who romanticized about the struggles of the Whites and Americans in a very dull fashion indeed. But the cinema seems to have done something with the book, which probably is a classic in its own way. It takes a few Hollywood ideas to get a little thrill in such weighty romance, and between the two extremes, something approaching a colorful production is achieved. The last of the Mohicans, incidentally, is still alive up in Connecticut somewhere looking for a squaw. He claims pure descent from the sachems, wants a pure-blooded Indian wife, and this is no publicity gag.

Another of the public enemy series, "Sworn Enemy" plays at the Nittany tomorrow, with Robert Young, Lewis Stone and Florence Rice. It is a melodrama of the underworld, with guys taking raps for other guys, molls, gats, and Nat Pendleton, who plays Sandow, the strong man in:

"The Great Ziegfeld," which comes to the Cathaum Monday. This super stupendous colossal extravaganza runs three and one quarter hours so bring your lunch. Although the local management has not decided on a schedule for the picture, the regular time will be changed to accommodate the unusual length of the show.

This thing is too colossal to describe. There are hordes of people, all doing "numbers." Everybody is a star with countless well-known names such as Fanny Brice, William Powell, Luise Rainer, Myrna Loy, Virginia Bruce, ad infinitum. A series of mag-

Faculty May Secure A. A. Books Now

Faculty athletic books for the first semester, have been placed on sale at the A. A. ticket windows, and will continue until Saturday noon, October 3.

The cost for a single book will be \$7.98, the price including the state and federal taxes. Married faculty members may get an additional book for 98 cents to cover the taxes, the total charge for the two books being \$8.96.

The first semester book includes admission to the following football games: Muhlenberg, Villanova, Syracuse, and Bucknell; Susquehanna, Lafayette, and West Virginia basketball games; Western Maryland in boxing; and Chicago in wrestling.

nificant scenes keeps floating before the eyes. There are more night club artists than you could shake a cocktail at.

Having successfully worked the plan last Monday night of playing "Swing Time" in the Nittany to take care of the rush, the local management will take the same precautions Monday night.

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SHOW SCHEDULE

FEATURE shown at 1:00, 4:10, and 7:20. Last complete show at 8:30.

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