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LIVE LITERATURE

THE current issue of the rejuvenated Bell should put an end to associating it with ivory towers and purple poetry.

This is not the best Bell that has been published, perhaps. But it is an issue that is awake to reality.

A friend of ours who is in a position to know told us that in his opinion the Bell is the best student opinion magazine in the country.

There is, unfortunately, one little flaw to the Bell. Scarcely anyone buys it.

We have read all of the current issue and we can guarantee that you will find in it as much entertainment as in any movie appearing here this week.

THE ROLE OF THE INDEPENDENT

Potentially, the most powerful group in campus politics, the Independent clique placed last in its bid for class offices at Thursday's freshman elections.

The independents possess the strong balance of power. Promises, second-rate positions, minor committee posts, and a pat on the back by the "Big Shots," who rose by their votes, are their rewards.

Usually, the two organized parties have adopted more successful procedures. Legacies, consultations, and patronage help to pave their way forward.

Politics, especially on the campus, should be an activity that permits complete student participation and satisfaction. No definite issues are at stake.

Students who are democratic in nature should refuse temporary offers, suffer defeats until independent organization is completed; then battle the inevitable consolidation of campus and Locust Lane politicians.

Remedies to the College's political situation are available. The independents can be organized strongly.

It is often said that the college man should be the responsible citizen of the future. If the citizenship of our future has its conception in the campus political background of the present, then democracy will be seriously threatened.

-F. H. S.

ADOLF HITLER "IS as near a saint as any man can be... He does not smoke, swear, or drink, and has no vices at all," Lord William Scott, member of Parliament, said recently.

A "POLICE" SCHOOL AT THE University of Lehigh will shortly offer courses in "Breaking Up Mobs," "Illegal Picketing," and the like.

OLD MANIA

The Mussolini Substance:

Not since the Good Old Days of Mr. Bezdek has this Department's cars been creased by so sweet a morsel as this!

Way the hell and gone up in the woods, near the New Beaver Field, is a pile affectionately called Recreation Hall by virtue of the fact that freshmen and sophomores are forced to "work out" there two or three times a week.

Ellwood C. Davis, temporary director of the School, occasionally forced to stoop to the teaching of classes and that's what prompts this effusion. Davis conducts a class which, among other things, is supposed to equip future grade and high school muscle building directors with the necessary finesse to secure a job.

In an "interview" the learned Doctor impersonates a high school principal, head coach, on occasions, a whole school board and proceeds to ask as many prying questions as his mental fitness that day will allow—to the embarrassment of the girl being "interviewed."

(Which is very unfair in the first place because everybody knows that the W. S. G. A. Ten Commandments say no co-ed drinks.) And as the piece de resistance... or go with the boys, which accompanied by the right kind of a leer and a few belly-laughs from the young gentlemen in the class can pretty well ruin a sensitive co-ed's whole day.

This sort of thing had been going on for quite some time when Doc made the fatal mistake of calling on Maria Weber for a second "interview," although her first had been thoroughly successful. Now Maria is a gal with a touch of the rebel in her and what's more she wasn't feeling particularly good so she answered (of all things) "Not prepared."

Her righteous indignation boiled over on the way out when a classmate, Sammy Braunstein grabbed her saying "You can't do that." "No?" quoth Maria, and batted him in the face with a book.

Temporary Director Davis brought order out of the resultant chaos by requesting that the members of the class write down just what happened so that everybody would know that he was "in the right." After the papers had been collected Maria came back in with tears (from the drinking fountain in the hall) all over her face and down the front of her dress.

Everything went along in fine shape for a while with all the letters being neat little book-lickings from the stooges in the class until he got down to a few from some of the big time football players who have an inkling of what goes on. "Maria Weber did absolutely right and I think you're getting to be something of a heel," read Dr. Davis, turning pale. After several more in this general vein Davis smiled sickly, dumped all the papers in the waste basket, announced that it was "all right" and "just a test of the powers of observation."

In order to consolidate our growing opinion that the good Doctor is becoming "something of a heel" we have collected some additional information. Davis has written and posted personal letters to everyone in his classes—most of them seniors—announcing that they better quit thinking about graduation because they are all flunking his course and can't possibly pass.

Also if you wish to have a conference with almost any instructor in the school except Dr. Davis it is necessary to go way the hell and gone up under the eaves of Rec Hall to the minute offices into which Davis has moved his lately acquired underlings—he and his personal secretary occupying two big offices on the main floor!

Aside to Herren Hitler, Mussolini, Franco—is your face red!

'Post Road' Lead



ANNE M. BOYER '37

Anne Boyer '37, who plays the part of May Preble, one of the two leading feminine roles in "Post Road," Penn State Players' production to be presented Saturday night.

CINEMANIA

If you liked "Mr. Deed Goes to Town" you should enjoy Irene Dunne in her first comedy work, "Theodora Goes Wild" which comes to the Cathaum tomorrow.

The College library is presenting an exhibition on "Costumes and Customs Around the World" in the exhibit cases in the lower hall and room K. The exhibition will last until Christmas.

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Seniors' Proofs Due

Walter L. Peterson '37, editor of the La Vie, announces definitely that seniors' proofs must be in by Wednesday at 4 o'clock, otherwise the staff would select the photograph which will appear in the senior section.

Campus Bulletin

TODAY Freshman forum will meet in Hugh Beaver room at 7 o'clock. Ag girls' club will meet at 118 S. Barnard at 7:30 o'clock.

Louise Homer club will meet in the social room of the Presbyterian church at 7 o'clock.

Those interested in the skiing development on Bald Top mountain will meet in 415 Old Main at 7:30 o'clock.

Men and women COLLEGIAN editorial candidates will meet in the news room at 7 o'clock.

TOMORROW Sophomore seminar will meet in the second floor lounge of Old Main at 7 o'clock.

Freshman commission will meet in the Hugh Beaver room at 7 o'clock.

The N. A. A. C. P. social postponed from Dec. 3 will be held in 415 Old Main at 8:30 o'clock.

Those wishing to try out for the freshman rifle team should report to Maj. MacMullin in the Armory at 4 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS Sophomore candidates for second assistant manager of fencing may report at 222 Rec hall immediately.

N. Y. A. checks are available in the Treasurer's office.

Candidates for second assistant managership of wrestling should report at Rec hall every afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Candidates for second assistant managership in track may report any afternoon in Rec hall at 4 o'clock.

Women wishing to try for hockey managership are requested to sign up in Rec hall.

Tickets for the Penn State club banquet are on sale at the Student Union desk.

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Christmas Book Notes

As GONE WITH THE WIND will get a full page ad in the SATURDAY EVENING POST, its sales will undoubtedly reach the million mark by Christmas.

- STORIES OF THREE DECADES, by Thomas Mann, \$3.00 THE FLOWERING OF NEW ENGLAND, by Van Wyck Brooks, \$4.00 THE TALLONS, by William March, \$2.50

Since the publication of the new Simon and Schuster BIBLE, Alexander Woolcott claims to have become a veritable one-man Gideon Society.

Better than Gideon Woolcott's READER of last year, we have the new BORZOI READER, edited by Carl Van Doren.

Don't miss the P. S. C. A. BOOK FAIR, which will be held in the exhibit room of the Carnegie Library on December 14-15-16-17.

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