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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, From the new cover design to the book reviews, the magazine deals with live issues in a literate if not always literary manner.

A friend of ours who is in a position to know told us that in his opinion the Bcll is the best student opinion magazine in the country. He has distinguished company in that view. Kyle Crichton, Louis Adamic, John O'Hara, and others have praised previous issues of the magazine, and the one which will appear today can stand with any.

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. As far as information is concerned, it would be unfair to make a comparison. If you don't believe that, we dare you to read Rose Stein's article, "Blueprint for Fascism."

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. This statement isn't startling, nor is it a "believe-it-or-not" illustration. It follows the usual pattern of an unorganized group which has been exploited by the "college leaders" of the other two campus parties.

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. The independents are equal in number to the combined strength of the other two parties in every class. But theirs is the fate of disorganization, political log-rolling, and promises of the others.

Politics, especially on the campus, should be an activity that permits complete student participation and satisfaction. No definite issues are at stake. The election outcome depends on personalities and organization. If the independents can't succeed as the "balancing power" because of lack of recognition from the other parties they should organize and battle for consideration of the "other half."

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 fighting desperately for the heritage which has been theirs so long.

Remedies to the College's political situation are ly. The other two parties should respect their power with a proper reward in proportion to their influence.

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.

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. It just goes to show that you can never believe the nasty stories you so often hearabout people.

A "POLICE" SCHOOL AT THE University of Lehigh will shortly offer courses in "Breaking Up Mobs," "Illegal Picketing," and the like. It has been formed in anticipation of labor "difficulties" in that region. Well, the steel owners have to "protect" themselves some way since Governor Earle's announcement that the State militia is no longer available for strike-breaking.

OLD MANIA

The Mussclini Substance:

Not since the Good Old Days of Mr. Bezdek has this Department's ears been caressed by so sweet

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. Incidental to this ambitious muscle building program is the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

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 vis conducts a class winch, among other times, is supposed to equip future grade and high school muscle building directors with the necessary finesse to secure a job. With this in mind Mr. Davis has lately been conducting what he terms "interviews." Although the ping-pong huskies, fencers or football players should be quite as fair game as the girls in the class, Mr. Davis seems to prefer the weaker sex as "interview" material.

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 pry-ing questions as his mental fitness that day will al-low—to the embarassment of the girl being "interriewed." In true school board style, Davis smirks cut such queries as "Dou you smoke? or drink?" (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 accompa-nied by the right kind of a leer and a few bellylaughs 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," al-though 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." Not to be robbed of his sport Davis insisted, "Nonsense, you're always prepared in this class. Take an interview." Which was too mucr for Maria, Trembling with anger she arose, figuratively thumbed her nose Davis-ward and started to flounce out of the room announcing: "You've been picking on me all year and I'm sick of it. I'm leaving!"

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. Graciously Dr. Davis allowed her to remain and start-

Graciously Dr. Davis allowed her to remain and started to read the papers aloud.

Everything went along in fine shape for a while with all the letters being neat little boot-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 nounced that it waspowers 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. And aderned each letter with a Christmas Seal!

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 eves of Rec Hall to the minute offices into which Davis has moved his lately acquired underlings-he and nis personal secretary occupying two big offices on

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ANNE M. BOYER '37

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CINEMANIA

o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS

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as this Temale Mr. Deeds go to town are proof that Miss Dunne is well suited for the role.

If you're not crazy about Crosby, the rollicking rythm of Louis Armstrong should be enough incentive for you to see "Pennies From Heaven," featuring the crooner and Madge Evans. Featuring five new song sensations, this show comes to the Cathnum Thursday and Friday.

The bill at the Nittany includes "Love Letters of a Star" on Wednesday, with Henry Hunter and Dolly Rowles in the cast and a return of "Theodora Goes Wild" on Thursday.

The College library is presenting an exhibition on "Costumes and Cus-toms Around the World" in the extoms 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 he La Vie. announces definitely that the La Vie, announces dennitely 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. The proofs marked for selection should be returned to the Penn State Photo Shen

Campus Bulletin

rresaman 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.

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.

Sophomore seminar will meet in the second floor lounge of Old Main at

7 o'clock.
Freshman commission will meet in the Hugh Beaver rom 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 riffe team should report to Maj. MacMullin in the Armory at 4 o'clock.

managership in track may report any afternoon in Rec'hall at 4 o'clock Women wishing to try for hocker managership are requested to sign up in Rec hall.

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