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CATECHISM

FUNDS FOR THE RELIEF of suffering in Spain are now being collected. Although the drive has scarcely got under way the response has been very gratifying. The only fraternity thus far contacted has given ten dollars. Administrative officials from the President down have volunteered money. Student organizations have pledged their aid.

Every person who believes in giving aid to suffering humanity will do some part in making this drive a success. For that reason emphasis is upon individual contributions.

During the week an attempt will be made to have every student volunteer any amount that he wishes. It is natural that some objections, some questions will arise.

Because the COLLEGIAN is backing this drive we are printing the names of individuals or groups who contribute a dollar or more. For the same reason we are printing here the answers to the questions which may occur to some.

Question: Isn't this likely to entangle our nation in the War?

Answer: No. Our neutrality laws are not being violated since no war materials are being sent. The supplies will be carried by Spanish ships manned by Spanish sailors.

Question: Doesn't charity begin at home? Answer: Yes, but it certainly shouldn't end there. One of the major catastrophes of the century is now going on in Madrid and it is the clear duty of everyone to do what he can to alleviate that suffering.

Question: Who will get the money? Answer: Locally it will be collected by the State College Spanish Welfare Committee, of which Prof. Alfred G. Pundt is treasurer. From there it will be sent to the Medical Bureau of the American Friends of Spanish Democracy. This organization has been investigated and approved by the Spanish ambassador. On it are such prominent men as John Dewey, Rabbi Stephen J. Wise, Reinhold Niebuhr, and others.

Question: How will the money be used? Answer: For the purchase of medical supplies, food, and clothing for the relief of the civilian population in Spain. None of it will be spent on war supplies.

Question: How do I know it will get there? Answer: The reputation of the groups behind the movement should be sufficient guarantee that the supplies will be sent.

Question: How do I know that the civilians and not the army will get it? Answer: After they arrive in Spain the supplies will be turned over to and administered by the Red Cross.

Question: Who is backing this movement? Answer: The men already mentioned are backing it nationally. On the campus President Hetzel, Dean, Warnock, Dean Ray, Professor Pundt, Professor Van Sant, all the publications, the heads of a dozen student organizations, and many others have announced their support.

Question: How can contributions be made? Answer: Checks or cash may be given to solicitors or sent to the Committee or Professor Pundt in care of the Student Union Office. Clothes will be called for if you will telephone to the same office and leave your name and address.

NOTE ON STUDENT INTEREST

The late "sex" issue of the Froth was, according to a source close to the editor, the poorest edition of the year. Its sales were double that of any previous issue.

DO YOU REMEMBER the long hours you put in last September standing in the Deferred Fees line and how you ended the day further from the window than you were when you started? The new plan for deferred payments should largely eliminate this trouble if students can remember to take advantage of it. Since the requests for deferment will now be approved prior to actual registration all students will now be able to go through the payment line at once.

OLD MANIA

MARTINE'S HAND-BOOK OF ETIQUETTE, and GUIDE TO TRUE POLITENESS.

(Two years ago Prof. Galbraith lent us the above titled book which was printed in 1866. The other day we picked it up and thought that it might be of interest to our readers to see what "Co-Ed Commandments" of that period were like. The following are taken verbatim from Martine's "COMPLETE MANUAL FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND THE RULES OF GOOD BREEDING, THE CUSTOMS OF GOOD SOCIETY, AND TO AVOID INCORRECT AND VULGAR HABITS."—Ed)

Co-Ed Commandments a la 1866:

- 1 "When walking alone on the street, should anyone venture to address you, take no heed, seem not to hear, but hasten your steps. Be careful to reach home in good time. Let nothing ever induce you to be out after dusk, or when the lamps are lighted. Nothing but unavoidable necessity can sanction such acts of impropriety."
2 "In ordinary conversation, the modulation and proper management of the voice is a point to which I would particularly call the attention of young ladies; for a fine and melodious voice, 'sweet as music on the waters,' makes the heart-strings vibrate to the core."
3 "Punning is scrupulously to be avoided as a species of alehouse wit."
4 "By all means, avoid the use of slang terms and phrases in polite company. No greater insult can be offered to polite society than to repeat the slang dictums of bar-rooms and other low places. If you are willing to have it known that you are familiar with such company yourself, you have no right to treat a party of ladies and gentlemen as though they were, too."
5 "Never ask a question under any circumstances. In the first place it is too proud; in the second place, it may be very inconvenient or very awkward to give a reply. A lady inquired of what branch of medical practice a certain gentleman was professor. He held the chair of 'midwifery!'"
6 "Do not talk of politics to a journalist, of fevers to a physician, of stocks to a broker—nor, unless you wish to enrage him to the utmost, of education to a collegian."
7 "Avoid the disgusting habit of spitting."
8 "When tripping over the pavement a lady should gracefully raise her dress a little above her ankle. With her right hand she should hold together the folds of her gown and draw them toward the right side. To raise the dress on both sides, and with both hands, is vulgar. This ungraceful practice can be tolerated only for a moment when the mud is very deep."
9 "Never scratch your head, pick your teeth, clean your nails, or worse than all, pick your nose in company; all these things are disgusting."
10 "A fair face is generally accompanied by blue eyes, light hair, eyebrows and lashes. There is a delicacy and harmonious blending of correspondences which are in perfect keeping; but if you sully the eyebrows with blackness, you destroy all similitude of feature and expression, and almost present a deformity."

And for the 1866 Fraternity Man:

- "If a lady waltzes with you, beware not to press her waist; you must only lightly touch it with the palm of your hand, lest you leave a disagreeable impression not only on her attire, but on her mind."
2 "Young men should be well dressed. Not foppishly, but neatly and well. An untidy person at five-and-twenty, degenerates, very frequently, into a sloven and a boor at fifty."

Library Contest To Close April 1

Undergraduates May Compete For Two Awards of \$25 Worth of Books

The College library announces its third annual "Students Own Library" contest which closes on April 1. Two awards of \$25 worth of books each will go to the winners. Undergraduate students of the College are eligible, except those who have won prizes previously.

A committee consisting of three faculty members and the College librarian will select the winning collections. Contestants must signify their wish to compete by notifying College Librarian Willard P. Lewis not later than April 1.

Conditions governing the type of collection include: books for cultural reading on one subject or many, or books relating to hobbies; collections will be judged from the standpoints of interest, content, and quality.

The students should have a good knowledge of the books from reading them and the major part of the collection should have been purchased by the students. Volumes of a distinctly textbook character shall not be considered, while twenty-five volumes shall constitute a minimum collection. The prizes for the contest are being donated by the Athletic store and Keeler's Bookstore. It is expected that the winners will be chosen during the month of May. James T. Dugan '37 and Frederick G. Holahan '37 won last year's contest.

Sackett Reviews Sports Problems

Student Selection Discussed By Dean of Engineering School In Recent Article

Discussing the problems of eligibility and the importance of amateurism as a necessary prerequisite to satisfactory intercollegiate sports, an article by Dean Robert L. Sackett, of the School of Engineering, will appear soon in The Journal of Athletics. This will mark the fourth article of Dean Sackett's to be published within the past half-year. Last June, the address which he delivered on "Character Building" before the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, appeared in The Journal of Engineering Education.

Writes for "Occupations" In the December issue of the same magazine, Dean Sackett, in an essay entitled "College Hurdles," predicted that the increasing number of applicants for admission to engineering colleges will continue during the next few years. An article on the selection of engineering students appears in the latest issue of Occupations, the vocational guidance magazine of New York. It discusses the causes of the elimination of students by scholastic failure and voluntary withdrawal or transfer.

Doggett Made Member Of Council of A.A.U.P.

Prof. Leonard A. Doggett of the department of electrical engineering, was elected to the National Council of the American Association of University Professors for a three year term at the annual meeting at Richmond. He succeeds Prof. Robert E. Denger, of the department of romance languages, and Prof. Francis J. Tschan, of the department of history. Prof. Doggett came into the local chapter of the A. A. U. P. in 1921. He served several terms as treasurer and in 1931 was elected president.

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We Women

By MARION A. RINGER

Some of the coeds may be aware by now, that a Mrs. Jessie Eubank lectured here over the week-end. About 50 women heard Mrs. Eubank on Friday and 75 came to hear her on "Speaking of Men" Saturday afternoon; due, no doubt, to the topic. The other Saturday meeting and the chapel address drew a few more.

It seems pretty discouraging that the work of the C. A. committee which arranged the conference didn't draw more interest from students. Why aren't more students interested in lectures? Well, most of them don't think "it's being done." Some of us would really like to go but we just can't find the time and then, again, they all don't pertain to sex.

The majority of Mrs. Eubank's audience considered her to be pretty fair. Some took the trouble to analyze her talks in accordance with their own thinking and didn't like her. Mrs. Eubank was undoubtedly a nervous speaker, full of some stock phrases and devices which win over the average female audience. Many times she did not keep to her topic and was guilty of incoherence.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Eubank had some very good ideas and some interesting examples which applied directly to Penn State coeds. She disproved the theory, so accepted up here, that there is just one right man for every girl. There are, in the world, according to psychologists, hundreds of men who would be ideally suited to the attributes of a certain girl. So, remember, "Men are like street cars, if you miss the first one there is always another."

Merely attending lectures you like because everyone else does won't do much to cultivate individual thinking. If you go to a lecture and don't like the speaker and can give definite and logical reasons why, you're on your way to the goal of a college education. In other words, you are thinking for yourself. Of course, it is a little more trouble to think out your own opinions than to accept that of the majority.

Last week Panhellenic Council accepted the decision of the Advisory Board in rejecting the preference list system for freshmen. With the exception of one, all the fraternities considered it an excellent idea and voted for its immediate passage. Some of the fraternities still think it a good idea and regret its failure very much.

The Council does not have to take the Advisory Board's advice as final but can take it just as advice. The Board's most logical objection was the small amount of time in which to work up the plan. However, it was recommended that the Council consider the plan for next year. If the fraternities want to see this plan, which they honestly consider excellent, go through for next year, they must remember that the Advisory Board is going to have the same objections. They are: the plan is unfair to some fraternities and some freshmen; will it do any good; it might cause rumors and dissension among the fraternities.

Departmental Notes

Agricultural Education

Henry S. Brunner, agricultural education instructor, will lead the 112-piece Future Farmers Band consisting of students of vocational agriculture in 50 schools of 28 counties when it plays at the Pennsylvania Farm Show at Harrisburg, Jan. 18-22.

Botany

Dr. Lee O. Overholts, of the department of botany, was elected vice-president of the American Mycological Society. Balloting was done by mail and the result announced Christmas at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held in Atlantic City, N. J.

Economics

Prof. Sheldon C. Tamer, of the department of economics and sociology, was elected president of the American Association of Teachers of Business Law.

English Composition

Prof. Joseph P. O'Brien, of the department of English Composition, (Continued on page four)

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Noted Lecturer Discusses Life

Mrs. Eubank Says Biggest Task Of Life Lies in Releasing Power in Others

"Why do we seek this thing called popularity?" asked Mrs. Jessie Eubank, noted psychologist and lecturer, of her audience last Saturday night in Schwab auditorium. She launched into her topic "What Price Personality" with the assertion that the desire for popularity is natural to everyone. It may be acquired, she believes, by anyone who believes he can do it.

"However, the mere belief in oneself won't do the trick," said Mrs. Eubank. "Just as in anything else, digging must accompany desire."

Mrs. Eubank expressed the opinion that life is a continuous search for such small goals as popularity, money, clothing, or home and children, but, more generally, the ability to live fully. "In striving for these goals we learn to live," she declared, "but the true satisfaction for all desire lies in satisfying those of others."

Mrs. Eubank said that our main job in life is to release the powers in others. "This is the only way to release your own personality," she concluded, "and the released personality is the popular personality."

Senior Engineers Hear Legislator

Sen. Thompson Explains Work Of Legislature; Discusses Current Problems

Senator Edward J. Thompson, of Centre county, explained the intricate procedure of the workings of the State Legislature to a group of senior engineers Friday afternoon in the Home Economics auditorium.

In the lecture, which was entitled "How the Legislature Works," Senator Thompson stated that "not only in the engineering profession but in any profession, there are no such persons as super-men." He used this statement to explain why it is impossible for any one man to have a thorough knowledge of everything that takes place during a session of the Legislature.

"The first duty performed by a new congress, he said, is the swearing in of newly elected members, and the assigning of them to positions on committees. Then comes the introduction of thousands of bills to be considered by the legislators. Last year 5380 bills were introduced."

Discusses Lobbies

He discussed the workings of lobbies from the point of view that the public is under a misapprehension in believing that a lobby works along only evil and underhanded channels. He emphasized that "there are many good lobbies!"

"According to the state constitution," he stated, "a bill must be read three times." The first two readings are usually mere formality and take up little time. It is on the third reading that all the discussion is held and the vote taken.

After a short discussion of the relief question, Senator Thompson said that "there was more progress in social legislation in the last ten years than in the last hundred."

Intra-Mural Debating To Be Opened April 5

The Men's Intra-mural discussion contest will begin on April 5, it was decided at a meeting of Forensic Council in the North Liberal Arts building, held last Thursday night. The topic to be debated has not been decided as yet.

The women's intra-mural debates will start about the same time. Their series, sponsored by Delta Alpha Delta, is under the supervision of Lucille D. Hayes '37, president of the fraternity, and Clayton H. Schug, women's debate coach.

The Council also decided at the meeting to try to secure an English lecturer to speak here some time between February 15 and April 1.

Prizes Offered For Best Designs

Beaux Arts Society To Give Five Dollars and Ticket To Contest Winner

A prize of five dollars and a complimentary ticket to its annual ball is offered by the Beaux Arts Society for the best scenery design for the dance which is tentatively scheduled for April 16. The dance will be held in the Armory.

The competition is open to all students. Blanks may be obtained at the Architectural Library, on the third floor of the Main Engineering building, and must be returned before February 8.

Elaborate Decorations

John B. Ferguson '37, chairman of the dance committee, announced that the decorations would be more elaborate than ever before. He said that the committee will, as in the past, secure late permission for the dance. The tickets will go on sale at \$1.25 per couple. The committee has not yet engaged the band which will furnish the music for the occasion, but Ferguson says that more money is available this year in order to make the ball the best affair of the series.

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