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PROSPECTUS FOR IMPROVEMENT

THE statement of Frank Osterlund, senior class president, on the front page, is, perhaps, the most important proposal of a student leader in

recent times at Penn State. Echoing his suggestion, which was adopted unanimously at the recent National

Student Federation convention, the idea presented opens up manifold possibilities for genuine student gov-

His proposal is simple-it is already the procedure

of government in our national affairs. Parties in na-tional, local, and state electoral contests face each oth-

er with a difference of opinion on basic issues—the man who stands on a platform most agreeable to the people

wins. His incumbancy is measured in terms of his ad

At Penn State there has been, for some years, a gen

eral apathy toward student government. Charges and

countercharges of graft and broken promises, favorit-

ism and discrimination have not helped the prestige of

Student leaders in the past have conscientiously at

tempted to alter this feeling by searching out graft and malfeasance in office. Their efforts have been failures

because the root trouble-an absence of democracy in

With this plan working, one might see the cliques

presenting in platforms a set of constructive plans for carrying out the business of student government. They

would present, for instance, concrete proposals on the dispensation of class money, the athletic polciy, on NYA, on ROTC, on war, on matters of curriculum,

through platforms presenting choices on various issues confronting students.

In other universities, as well as more perfectly in

England, a similar idea has led to an admirable system of student government. As the idea unfolds, more stu-

campus government-has not been found.

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Fun In College: Now that this semester is really under way there are all sorts of things happening in the class rooms to relieve the monotony which is particularly noticeable around this time.

CAMPUSEER

In Prof. Koepp-Baker's public speaking class they have the understanding that the student speakers can put on demonstrations with their talks so one of the students came prepared the other day.

As his subject he chose the fascinating topic of "How to Make a Better Tom Collins." and into class he brought with him a bottle of gin, lemons, seltzer water, and a shaker. Accompanying his talk with the actual process of slinging together a super Tom Collins, he passed the results of his labor around for the class to judge. The only criticism received was that there was only one drink for each.

While walking through Engineering A Monday afternoon we were surprised to hear a round of applause float through the transom of a class room. Immediately we began wondering what went on behind the closed doors because we had never before heard a class applaude a prof for a lecture.

After hanging around the door for several minutes we learned from one coming out of the class that psychology prof Brown had put on a demonstration of hypnotism on one of his students.

Locked Doors:

It would seem that there is at least one person around this here U, who would carry out his job to the letter. Walt Wiggins, head cheerleader, couldn't get in the basketball game Wednesday night because he had forgotten his A.A. book.

A few minutes after Wiggins was repulsed Jerry Weinstein and Ridge Riley ,sports editor for the publicity office, came up to the door. Jerry, who was working for the publicity office and the COLLEGIAN, flashed his press card and started through the door but was stopped when the tender noticed that the press card wasn't signed. "That's all right," explained Jerry, "this is Mr. Riley with me. "Yes," said Ridge, "It's all right to let us in." But the tender wasn't to be fooled and with a determined "It gotta be signed," he blocked the door in no mean manner. The outcome was that Ridge had to sign the card then and there before they could get into the game.

Pick-ups:

From the Philly Inquirer's Personal Grievances column we picked up the following :: "Oh, the girl who thinks it's devotion to wear a man's fraternity pin every hour of the day, pin it on her pajamas at night, and clutch it between her teeth when she bathes." . . . More interesting is to note that it was submitted by Eileen Ritter . . . Rumor has it that Sam Gallu had an audition with Major Bowes . . . Mal Pennock '34 has announced his engagement to a comely Miss Dorothy Virginia Woods of Lancaster ... To link the names of Parkham and Karhan is to do more than rhyme . . . Quote of the week: Jean Lauffer, "Who is Bob Higgins?" ... We just couldn't help noticing the gem on the back of the Corner Room checks for the past week: "One almost unconsciously

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UDAY SHAN-KAR

We Women

By MARION A, RINGER One more week of rushing, then ilent week and then back again to an even more bectic two weeks rushing

even more hectic two weeks rushing. It's a good thing that silent period comes during exam week; it will give the women a little breathing space and a little time to study for them. Fraternities, theoretically, a r e groups of girls drawn together by strong friendships based upon genu-ine liking, similar interests and a de-sire to help one another, socially and scholastically. Now, however, frater-nities have developed with the modern era until the present rushing system

nities have developed with the modern era until the present rushing system amounts to a business. The fraternity with the best ap-pearance as to house and members, the cleverts ideas in parties and re-freshments, and the most time and energy spent upon the freshmen wins out by getting most of the best fresh-

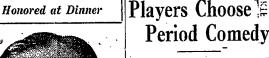
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I believe it was our experience to especially talked to you.

of the Bellefonte yards in the luxuri-

ous car while the rest of the train was switched off onto the Pennsylvania Railroad siding. Then we wer



Sheridan's 'School for Scandal' Picked for Feb. 12, 13; **Neusbaum Directs**

Friday, January 15, 1937

The Penn State Players will present Richard Sheridan's "School For Scandal" as their third performance of the 1936-37 season February 12 and 13, it was announced today by Prof. Frank S. Neusbaum, of the division of dramatics, who will direct the play.

With action depicting eighteenth With action depicting eigneentin century society, the presentation will be the only period play on the Play-ers' program. Commemorating the seventcenth anniversary of the Play-er organization, "School For Scan-dal" ranges from high comedy almost to farce, always having biting satire. Cast Selected

Cast Selected The cast is composed of Thomas S. Francis '39, Edward T. Binns '38, Harry W. Reed '38, Thomas L. Bol-ster '40, William K. Hile '40, Robert H. Thompson '40, Jack L. McCain '37. Others are Silom S. Horwitz '39, Kenneth S. Kagen '38, Frank B. Hen-derson '39, Jola D. Murray '39, Mir-iam E. Hawkins '40, Jane C. Eames '40, and Hilda L. Hanson '37. Dorothy Scott will design the scenes, and Wilfred C. Washcoe '38 will act as stage manager. Beatrice

vill act as stage manager. Beatrice M. Conford '37 will assist Professor eusbaum in directing.

took office as president of the Society on January 1, and Dean Whitmore will follow him, January 1, 1938. Dean Whitmore has written widely on scientific subjects. He is the au-thor of "Organic Compounds of Mer-cury." His advanced text on organic dominature which will appear score is chemistry, which will appear soon, is the first work of its kind to be written in English, chemists previously having been dependent upon the translations of European works for uch reference books.

Before cooming here as Dean in 1929, he had taught at Williams Col-lege, Rice Institute, University of Minnesota, and Northwestern University. He holds three degrees from

Harvard University. Harris M. Sullivan, graduate as-sistant in physics, was chairman of the committee arranging the dinner.

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lassroom procedure, discipline, town and campus relations, and the numerous other matters affecting the student body at Penn State. The idea is not in opposition to the present method of electing officers: instead it will suppliment the exisiting set-up. The same political organizations will continue, but will be responsibile to the student body

> appreciates good food for breakfast." . . . Max Dercum, ski coach, is slowly going crazy looking at the weather reports since there is a big ski meet planned here this week-end and several schools have been invited to enjoy the winter sports on the snow-covered slopes of Mount Nittany . . . We were interested in a story about a strip-tease dance put on by Betty Ken nedy and Mart Shaner until we learned that it was at the A.X.O. Christmas party . . . What this college won't get is a nice collection of bird's eggs . . .

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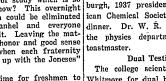
dents are interested in participation so that democratic government may actually be achieved. The COLLEGIAN strongly recommends the adoption of Osterlund's idea to become effective in the next election of class officers at Penn State. The widest possible discussion should be given to the idea, through forums and comments in the Letter Box of this paper.

WOMEN VERSUS WOMEN **B** ETTER cooperation and broader friendship be-tween the fraternity and non-fraternity women here is one of the definite needs on our campus.

Friendship is of primary importance in that it is the outcome of intimacy obtained through cooperation. These two factors are unfortunately absent in many These two factors are unfortunately absent in many cases because of a feeling of agitation between some of the groups. This tension may be interpreted as jeal-ousy or hard feeling caused either by a conception of superiority within some of the fraternity groups or by rushing.

Approximately one-fourth of the new women elgible for fraternal membership are overlooked. There are some who are not suited for this type of affiliation and others who are financially unable to join. These three catagories constitute the non-fraternity group.

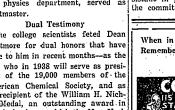
Fraternity women are those who pledge themselves with expectations of mutually giving and receiving something advantageous. Definite laws exist within the fraternity, but it still operates under the same college ces the non-fraternity group. It is important that the fraternity women cooperate with this College supervision and not feel that they are privileged to take advantage of it. There is undoubtedly an unconscious feeling of superiority among some fraternity women which seems quite obvious to the non-fraternity woman. This fault is even more evident because the fraternity practically



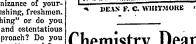
 thing he does. His two solos were among the program's highest spots."
 strains to "keep up with the Joneses"
 Dual Testimony

 Among the dances interpreted by Shan-Kar were his familiar "Snake Charmer;" a witeh-doetor in an effective group number entitled "Harvest dive group number entitled "Harvest inst to "trists to retiring. Freshmen should be as gracious as entertaing as fraterinty girls. These points might to be helpful: refrain from talking to much about yourself, be neat and person, if you are idean in clothes and person, if you are idean in clothes and person, if you are in the Editor:
 Dance; the fraterinty girls with the society will present to seem anxious to go, try to remember and speak to the fraterinty girls with the Nichelon Institute of Industrial Research,
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section of the Society will present to him next March 5. Dr. Weidlein, director of the Mel-lon Institute of Industrial Research,









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this idea of superiority among the homeractering in actions, and conversation. The non-fraternity woman must overlook petty jeal-ousies and realize that fraternity women are their equal, since a fraternity is not a social aristocracy but an invitation affair based upon congeniality with a specific group. With such a set-up on this campus a friendly and cooperative feeling is bound to result, which will be an enormous asset to the personality to our women.

ACTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL in admitting to membership Omega Psi Phi, national Negro fraternity, is encouraging for two reasons. The most ovbi-ious, of course, is that it is another sign of the barriers of race prejudice on the campus. The other is that it serves as evidence of a growing unity and organization of the Negro group here. It would be a good idea if some of the town business men realize that student atti-tudes on this question are changing and acted accordingly.