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RETIREMENTS—NOW AND LATER

ON THE front page of this paper will be found a story of Robert L. Sackett, dean of the School of Engineering, who will retire at the end of the college year. He will be one of many who will wind up a full career of educational work here.

Not he alone, but he as a symbol of the whole host of educators whose active work for Penn State is done, is our important consideration here.

He is typical of the service that men have rendered Penn State. He is typical of the calibre of men that the college is losing. It is with confidence that we say that these men have been educators. It is with assurance that we say that their work has been worth-while.

It is not with as much confidence that we say we hope many of the faculty still far from retirement will match these men in quality.

It will be the college's fault if they do not. But it seems inevitable as the years go by and the growing list of retired men increases that some day soon the retirement list will not include men this good.

The reason for this will be that Penn State will be unable to hold good men here, will be unable to maintain high educational salaries unless she pays her good men more money on a more evenly regulated scale of wages.

Good men will not stay here when they can get more money elsewhere for the same kind of work. And "elsewhere" is often another educational institution, one where fairer wages are paid.

The present rate of salaries is so complex and so unrationalized that it is understood by no one and satisfies but few. The presence of this system is the direct reason for the presence of many inferior men on the faculty.

It is with this in mind that we congratulate Dean Sackett and his colleagues upon their service and say that we hope, palpatingly, that their followers in years to come will emulate their services and good works.

A CO-ED PROTEST WELL TAKEN

THE PROTEST to W.S.G.A. in today's letter box about the rules for freshman co-ed dating next year is well taken and probably approximates the sentiments of all retiring W.S.G.A. members.

In this protest a more mature outlook on the folly of regulating people's lives has been expressed. The letter points out that the reasons given for refusing freshmen women the privilege to date for three weeks and only in abbreviated times thereafter are but "sour grapes."

The letter points out that there is no true bill on this score. It says that the co-eds are not going to devote the leisure hours robbed of them in this fashion with study. The writer does not assume that naive contention.

The letter points out that each year freshmen resolve to never have a hand in the furtherance of such absurdities. Yet when they assume positions where they will have something to say about it, they continue the dizzy rules. Then when they graduate they take it all back.

It is strongly suspected that Dean Charlotte Ray may have a lot to do with this. The writer did not say this, but it seems the most logical reason for the continual switching of sentiments.

Why freshmen women cannot date when they have week-end leisure time is a funny riddle to solve. They might as well date. They can't do anything else. They can't date, they can't roam the streets, they can't go out of town for excitement, they can't drink. They ain't got nuthin' but datin' to do except goin' to the movies. That and informal sex lectures in bull sessions.

Each year the removal of general customs is nearing and nearing. Each year the regulation of humans' lives drops off. Pretty soon the girls will have the right to draw their own breaths, but not if W.S.G.A. can help it.

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Strip-Tease Solutions Supreme Court Fracas

THE decision of the New York solons to ban the strip-tease from Gotham is a great idea perhaps. Indirectly it may solve the Supreme Court question. For, undoubtedly, burlesque fans unable to follow their sport in the big city will hike down to Washington to witness the biggest burlesque show of all time.

More is being taken off here and there in Washington than any place. And I wouldn't be surprised that there is just as much smut in the nation's capital as there is in the shows that were banned.

But what I particularly had in mind was the excellent opportunity that the Supreme Court has to come through with a tremendous bid for popular appeal. Popular appeal has come to mean showmanship.

Why not make the Supreme Court into a chorus of nine strip-teasers? Of course, right away an age limit would have to be set. Seventy-five would be a good one. The odds are of a favorable nature that gentlemen of 75 have probably lost a good bit of their sex appeal, not to mention some hair.

The strip-tease has always been subtle, as subtle as the reasons for the decisions by the various judges. Unfortunately the billing of the Supreme Court chamber proceedings as a burlesque show will involve the necessity on the part of the performers of using the English language. This will be the most difficult thing the boys will have to learn. The actual strip-tease will be rather easy, for the lads have much practice in shedding their many-colored raiments. It has been easy to see through many of the boys, right through to their vitals.

But the jokes will be the hard part. The audience will have to be able to understand them. I always have the feeling that Chief Justice Hughes is cracking a good one when he speaks of certiorari. But then I never know, because I don't understand such things, and feel that few other people do, save those racketeers that have learned their legal terms and cheat the public thereby.

Yes, sir—strip-teasing, as unpopular as it has proven to be in New York, will take Washington by storm, I think. Perhaps it will end Mr. Roosevelt's and the country's problem.

Simple Simon:

I am deeply sympathetic with those souls who vie strenuously to manufacture the biggest yarn about the houseparty date they had who couldn't come. While, I agree that that, indeed, in most cases is a sad state of affairs, I can stomach no sympathy for the guys that try hard in futile directions.

I smell something rather strong, for instance, about the following letter that Ernie Berkaw, freshman Romeo politician from Anecia, received the other day. The actual letter:

Dear Mr. Berkaw: I have received your letter of April eighth and am happy to know of your interest in my new picture, "Seventh Heaven." I can only hope that my future productions may also merit your admiration and enjoyment.

While I deeply appreciate your very kind invitation to your Fraternity houseparty in June, my work at the studio prevents my accepting it. It is most kind of you to wish me to be present and I regret that I shall be unable to join you and your friends. Many thanks, all the same.

With best wishes, Sincerely, Simone Simon

Add Big-Time Stuff:

Maxine Gray, Hal Kemp's shapely vocalist, played a one-night stand at the Theta Xi house Wednesday night, accepting the invitation of Sam Gallu and Gene Reilly to tie on the bib with them. It is said that she warbled quite a few songs and autographed a few Lien coats during the course of the festivities. P.S. Her mother came along.

Add Small-Time Stuff:

Eddie Roth, senior architect, beloved of one, Kathleen Noerr, known as "Love," has inscribed over the left pocket of his Lion coat, "This space reserved for Kathleen." I have been trying to think of something sloopier and cannot.

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Letter Box

To the Editor:

As a senior having amassed some knowledge of co-eds and their rules for four years and also experience in W.S.G.A., I protest to W.S.G.A. and all co-eds about the freshman customs and dating rules that were passed last week.

The freshmen have been given a one o'clock each week-end the first semester and a one o'clock, an 11 o'clock, and a 10 o'clock for Sundays during the second semester. The three weeks non-dating period at the beginning of the year has been retained.

First of all I contend that the three weeks period should be cut down to ten days at the most. This would give the girls two week-ends to sit in and get acquainted. Any longer than that defeats the purpose and only makes the freshmen too anxious to date.

Next, why not give the freshmen two one o'clocks every week-end each semester? Is there any real reason why they should not other than the fact that we had to and we might as well get back at the freshmen? The freshmen themselves have verified the fact that the nights they can't date they do not spend studying but in bull sessions. And as to 10 o'clock and 11 o'clock dates, there is no time for the girls to go to a dance, little time to do anything, and when they come in, they sit around waiting for the girls who have one o'clocks in order to gab.

If W.S.G.A. would give the freshmen the same week-end regulations as the upperclassmen, they would surely save themselves a lot of petty discussions and time at their meetings trying to decide whether or not to give the freshmen free one o'clocks.

I heartily recommend no dating during the week, for that is the time when the girls should work and need time for activities.

We are fast discarding all the non-sensical traditions. When we were freshmen we vigorously protested against the rigid customs and determined we would not be so tyrannical. But when we became sophomores we could date and we forgot the plight of the new freshmen.

If the present freshmen would gather together and present to senate their opinions and demand a new and more liberal code, they could get it. —Marion A. Ringer '37

300 H.S. Students Try For \$50 Poster Prize

Posters of more than 300 students from 50 high schools are entered in the Pennsylvania Poster Art contest sponsored annually by the department of journalism and Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising fraternity.

"Pennsylvania as an Historic State" was the theme of the 1937 posters. According to Louis H. Bell, instructor of journalism and director of the contest, the winners of the contest, which closed Saturday, will be announced within two weeks. The first prize is a scholarship of \$50 to attend the summer courses in fine arts at the college.

Advertising Honorary Elects New Officers

Alpha Delta Sigma, honorary advertising fraternity, recently elected new officers for the coming year. Philip D. Levy '38 was named president; James L. Bond '39, vice president; Donald W. Wright '39, secretary; and Jay H. Daniels '38, treasurer.

At the same meeting nine new members were initiated to the fraternity. They were: Jay Daniels '38, Carl W. Diehl '38, Russell A. Solomb '38, Herman D. Imler '39, Richard W. Koeman '39, Dallas R. Long '39, James D. Mathers '39, Donald W. Wright '39, and Francis A. C. Vosters '39. Louis H. Bell, instructor in journalism, will act as adviser to the group.

Drinking To Be Topic Of Discussion Contest

The popular question "What Should be the Penn State Women's Attitude toward Drinking?" will be the subject for the Women's Intramural Discussion contest to be held May 14, 15 and 16. According to Florence V. Watkins '39, and Beulah F. Gerheim '39, co-chairmen of the contest, eleven groups will compete for the Delta Alpha Delta debating cup which Alpha Omicron Pi won last year.

Participants will be representatives from Mac hall, Philotes, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Preliminaries and semi-finals, which will be held at the North Liberal Arts building Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 o'clock, will be judged by varsity and freshman debaters. Judges for the finals Thursday will be named later.

The Record Crop

CASA LOMA was a household word even when a reference to Huey Long would have been connected with "no checkee no washee." Polls among dance fans always place these tooters right up in there. March, of this year, started the eighth year for President Gray and his Casa Loma college. Eight years from today what bands will still be around?

Glen Gray, himself, used to play the first sax as all the publicity pictures show him, but just recently he has taken over the baton. He is a gigantic fellow and makes a nice figure slinging the stick around—nick-name "Spike." Peevee Hunt plays a trombone but as a vocalist he is an invaluable asset to the outfit. He always wants to quit and turn to ham radio operating. Kenny Sargent plays a baritone sax, but like Peevee his vocal chords roll in the bucks. Incidentally, his vocal idol is Satchmo "Senior Ball" Armstrong. Among the swing fans Stan Dennis rates high for his string bass slapping, but when not keeping his doghouse, he speaks Polish, is a camera fiend and a mean male mermaid. "Joe-horse," "Piano" Hall, with Peevee Hunt is an ex-wrestler, a social mixer in a Tarzanic sort of way.

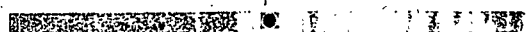
This gang has been turning out some nice records for Decca of late. They're a mixture of that fast and slow stuff that keep Casa Loma popular. Please Keep Me in Your Dreams, Love is Good for Anything, Was it Rain, You're Here You're There are a few of the slow ones with Swing High Swing Low, and I'd Be a Fool Again, supplying the stamp material. Can we forget Smoke Rings recorded for Brunswick years ago, their theme song. And remember Bugle Call Ray more recently on Decca? Those who remember Junior Prom 1935 have pleasant memories. —Brew

ANNOUNCEMENT!

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We Women

For a group of campfire girls away on their first outing a three weeks' protective incarceration may be desirable; for college freshmen it seems hardly necessary. Yet this is the rule that was again endorsed as a part of freshman customs for next year.

The purpose of the rule is noble enough: To get the girls acquainted with college as a whole and to help them to study. It is hard to understand why three weeks is necessary to do this. Ten days or less should be ample time.

With the disproportionate ratio here between men and women, some sort of freshman customs on dating are probably desirable. For many of the girls coming up here from a home environment that is entirely different there is perhaps an unfortunate tendency to let the rush of the first few weeks go to their heads. Three weeks, however, is too long a time for them to be denied the social functions that are a very definite part of college life. It is a rule that is difficult to enforce and the result is that it is frequently broken, all of which results in an antagonistic attitude towards student government from the very start.

Since they experienced the rule not so long ago, we asked a number of freshmen what they thought of it. Most of them agreed.

"We didn't like it, so why should we inflict it on next year's freshmen," said Anne McCracken and Mary Alice Clemer.

From Isabelle Jordan: "I think that freshmen should be allowed one date a week during the three weeks period. Many of the girls get homesick, and with nothing to keep their minds off of it they break the rules anyway."

Freshmen Break Two State Track Records

In their first official tryouts of the season Penn State's freshman track team managed to break two records and to turn in near record performances in two other events.

Nick Vukmanic threw the javelin 205 feet to break the old freshman record, and in doing so exceeded the present varsity record of 190 feet 8 inches. Roger Maurer broke the broad jump record with a leap of 22 feet 4 inches.

Summary: 100 yd. dash: First, Miller R. E.; second, Engel; third, Crammer; 220 yd. dash: First, Kaufman; second, Engel; third, R. Miller; 440 yd. dash: First, Kaufman; second, Maurer; 880 yd. dash: First, Galer and Yohn (tie); third, G. Miller; Mile: First, Maule; second, Nipson; 2 Mile: First, Gordon; second, Van Patten; third, Hostettler; 120 high hurdles: First, Hutchings; second, Gordon; 220 low hurdles: Hutchings; second, Gordon; Broad jump: First, Maurer; second, Kaufman; third, R. Miller; High jump: First, Davidson and Dohmet (tie); second, Smith; Pole vault: First, Kennedy; second, Smith; Discus: First, Vukmanic; second, Zanstis; third, Hamilton; Shot: First, Vukmanic; second, Stravinski; third, Erhard; Javelin: First, Vukmanic; second, Byrd.

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