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THESE, OUR FORGOTTEN MEN

TONIGHT MEMBERS of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors will hold a dinner in the Sandwich Shop to honor the "forgotten men" of the faculty, who will retire this summer.

The purpose of the dinner is a good one. It is to pay rightful tribute and respect to the many gentlemen who have worked on the Penn State faculty for many years, but whose work has been overlooked here both from monetary and aesthetic angles.

Many of these men have received national recognition for their work. Few have received even a portion of the justice from the College. It is too late to do right by these "forgotten men" now. This provides good thought for the future.

MODERN REGISTRATION

THE CUTTING OF REGISTRATION time to five or six minutes per student by use of a new simplified system and modern machines is a sensible and timely move. The long periods of tiresome enumerating of data that had been recorded many times before was boring, unnecessary, and foolish.

Another good angle of the change is the payment of fees in the Bursar's office at specified times instead of in the long lines in Rec Hall. Moves for efficiency and common sense in the Bursar's office, too, are encouraging.

At this rate efficiency may spread into other administration offices some day.

Another good reform for Mr. Hoffman to work for would be the installation of his suggested four-day examination schedule. It is being blocked now by scheduling officers and department heads who fear their duties may be enlarged.

"SPRING FEVER"

A NEW FORM OF spring fever has arisen. It makes people sick at the stomach and puts them in bed. The explanation of the epidemic of stomach sickness and virtual dysentery has been interesting. It seems that there is really nothing wrong. It is just spring. This happens every spring. Just let it go.

People get sick and go to bed in the spring because they like it. It is like Hitler's armies of cobblers, tinsmiths, etc. The boys wear uniforms because they like to look that way. They march in step and in fours because they like to walk down the street that way. They aren't soldiers.

So don't let this sickness worry anybody. It isn't an epidemic. It's spring. There couldn't be anything wrong with the water supply. They are just overloading it with chlorine, because chlorine tastes good. Don't worry. Everybody is getting sick and going to bed, because that is the proper thing to do in the spring. They enjoy it very much.

SLAP-HAPPY

IT IS HONORARY TIME again. The hat societies have chosen their initiates for the coming years from the crop of student leaders and athletes available. It is a period of back-slapping, slapping, and general taffy.

A good number of the boys who won't be slap-happy will forget about the whole thing until back-slapping time next year. That is the general attitude they take. They like to become members because they never refuse. Then they like to ridicule.

If hat societies and honoraries are going to mean what they have in the past, are going to do anything, it will be up to the new members that join them this spring. In the attitude they take toward honoraries will be found the answer to whether or not they are worth-while, whether or not they are necessary.

OLD MANIA

Long Distance:

The telephone brrringed in the Froth office. A leine female business assistant answered. It was for Jim Dugan. She tripped to the hall, looked around, and made a coy call to the general vicinity: "Doo-gan. Jim-mee Doo-gan."

Just as she called, a brusque passerby heard the call, and without turning, monotoned: "You'll have to yell louder than that, sister; Jim's in the infirmary!" And so he is, poor fella.

End-of-the-World Note:

Prof. Bill Werner cut a 1 o'clock Wensdy.

Espy Humor:

If you are a collector of faculty cracks, you'da had a field day at the A. Howry Espenshade testimonial in the Home Ec Auditorium last Friday. To quote two: "I am in favor of having this honor bestowed while I am still alive. You know, an ounce of taffy is worth a pound of epitaphy."

This one snuck up behind most heavers: "I plan to live to a ripe old age. I may become an octogenarian—or even a nonentity."

Sandwich Shop Sallies:

One of the best-liked customers of Sandwich Shop waitresses is billiard bald Dr. Richmond, of entomology extension. Waitresses and the genial Doctor do a lot of friendly chatting. Real pal-ship has resulted. One day, weeks ago, one of the S. S. girls slipped quietly behind a barren pate, smacked it resoundingly, and offered the usual friendly greeting: "Hi-ya, Pop?"

Around turned Prof. Gardner, red-faced, perplexed. Around turned the waitress, not at all perplexed.

Getting the Bird:

"Only one thing I can't understand," bragged a puzzled co-ed in one of Helen Savard's art classes. "When you draw a bird's-eye view, how much of the bird do you show?"

Enie Meenie:

Those gawjuss pink-bloomed trees flanking campus Main Gate are Japanese cherry trees, no less. . . . Contrary to report, there is no tummy ache epidemic in State College, local physicians tell the Centre Daily. . . . Rumor was that an overdose of chlorine in the town water caused the pains. . . . But with the rumor, spiked (and not the water) it looks like we'll have to pass up the pun that State College is going to have its own chlorination. . . . Picture of futility: Johnny Economos trying to campaign for A. A. presidency—with his right arm in a sling. . . . Sammy Donato campaigned by going to Altoona to throw fists. . . . And Winnah Proksa, by collecting A. A. books and passing them to non-owners to vote. . . . Don Saunders, ex-Collegian, will dock Sunday night, to city edit in place of Geo. Scott, signed by Associated Press. . . . Two Thespians look away from the stage for their love interest. . . . Lucille Z. Giles spends all of her time with Prentis Wilson. . . . and Hermione Hunt seems to be mighty interested in Charlye Golt. . . . Lute Luttringer has a questionable decoration on his Lion Coat. . . . he has a newspaper called the "Utopia Times" which carries a headline "Grange Dorm, Phi Kappa Tau To Merge." . . . That may just be Lute's desire. . . .

Dr. Dunning Turns 'Magician' At Atom Structure Lecture

Flashing lights, crackling noises from odd-shaped machines, small glass wands producing strange results, and the tuxedoed "professor," Dr. John R. Dunning of Columbia University, performing his experiments in the best accepted manner, all combined to give the lecture on atoms and atomic structure in Schwab auditorium Wednesday night the atmosphere of a magic show.

However, there the air of magic and mysticism ended. Throughout the lecture, Dr. Dunning thoroughly explained the details of each demonstration of his atomic "exhibits" in fairly non-technical language. During the demonstration, Dr. Dunning, in his best magician's form, borrowed a quarter from a member of the audience, placed it in a paraffin container with a glass rod filled with the radioactive gas, radon, allowed it to stand

Phys. Ed. Staff Plans Party For Dr. Schott

The staff of the School of Physical Education and Athletics will entertain Dr. Carl P. Schott, the new dean, tomorrow at an informal party, according to an announcement made today by Dr. Elwood C. Davis. The arrangements for the affair were made on Doctor Schott's last visit.

The new dean and Doctor Davis both received their degrees from Columbia at approximately the same time. Their viewpoints on physical education are said to be quite similar.

The whole staff is well pleased with the appointment, Doctor Davis said, and co-operation between the dean and his men will bring about a fulfillment of the "athletics for all" policy.

1937 Yearlings Slate Six-Tilt Grid Schedule

The official freshman football schedule for this fall was released today by Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics.

Six games are listed on the new schedule, five with freshman teams of other colleges and one with Kiski Prep. Two, Bucknell and Navy, will be played away.

This is one more game than the freshmen usually play and is the best schedule ever arranged for the first year men.

The schedule: October 9, Kiski, home; October 16, Bucknell, away; October 23, Pitt, home; October 30, Cornell, home; November 6, Syracuse, home; November 13, Navy, away.

Local A.S.U. Chapter Elects Zern As Head

At a meeting of the Penn State chapter of the American Student Union, Bordon Z. Zern '40 was elected chairman of the organization for the next year. Mildred A. Robbins '39 was named secretary, Arthur B. Zeiler '39 was elected treasurer and Ralph W. Keith Jr. '39 was elected membership chairman. Minerva E. Lehman '39 was placed in charge of program, Robert J. Rutman '40 was placed in charge of publicity, and Doris T. Spiegel '39 was selected personnel director.

Attends Convention

Dr. Joseph R. Hilgert, associate professor of economics, will attend the convention of the Pennsylvania Retailers Association on May 19 and 20 at the William Penn hotel in Pittsburgh.

Who's Dancing

- TONIGHT Junior Prom Glen Gray (Subscriptions) TOMORROW Beaver House Booth Watmough (Invitation) Chi Phi—Theta Xi Howard Gale (Invitation) Delta Sigma Phi—Sigma Pi Ted Brownagle (Invitation) Delta Upsilon Newell Townsend (Closed) Phi Epsilon Pi Red Witherson (Open) Phi Gamma Delta Bill Bottorf (Closed) Scabard and Blude At Nittany Lion Inn Vespians (Invitation)

for several minutes, and then withdrew it with the announcement that a portion of the silver had been transmuted into another element, cadmium.

During the course of the lecture, Dunning showed how alpha, beta, and gamma rays were produced, the general property of these rays, the use of cloud chambers, ion counters, linear amplifiers, deflection of electron streams, the use of cathode ray tubes, loudspeakers, and neon bulbs in detecting various phenomena. He followed this by shooting rays from a tube containing the radio-active element, radon, across 30 feet of stage to a target where they were made visible and audible by neon tube flashes and pops in a loudspeaker.

The speaker ended his lecture with several predictions of the possibilities of the work on the atom and its nucleus. "Not from the use of these studies to produce valuable elements as much as to release the tremendous power locked in the atom will be the object and possibly the result of efforts by physicists along these lines," said Dr. Dunning. Holding up a four-inch sheet of metal, the physicist stated that such a small piece of metal contained enough energy locked in it to supply a city the size of Altoona with electric power.

This lecture, an attempt to popularize lectures dealing with such subjects on the campus, was sponsored by Sigma Xi, honorary scientific fraternity, and Sigma Pi Sigma, honorary physics fraternity.

Chace Will Travel After Retiring As Ec. Head

In 1918 Miss Edith P. Chace became the head of the Independent Department of Home Economics at Penn State. For 19 years she has watched the field of home economics extending into many professions, and its inclusion in the School of Education.

This summer Miss Chace will retire and become Dean Emerita of her school. Next year she plans to go on a world cruise. After she returns from abroad she will distribute her time between State College, Florida, and travelling.

Miss Chace says of State College: "It's my home. I've lived here longer than any other place. My interests will always be right here."

"There is an unusually fine group of co-operative faculty people at Penn State. I can't conceive of a better way of spending one's teaching years than with the people here."

Miss Chace also praised the student body. She said that the girls had an extremely helpful attitude and that she has enjoyed working with them.

Before coming to Penn State, Miss Chace was on the faculty of Teachers College in New York for six years. She says that she is looking forward to visiting New York City again and to tour the museums and art galleries.

BLUE KEY

- (Junior Activities Honorary) Stanley J. Brown Joseph R. Clements Patrick J. Costello George J. Cross Donald C. Duncan Robert E. Hayes Willard D. Hoot Charles L. Hughes Robert R. Hutchison Herman D. Imber Jack K. Mahaffey John M. Metzger John H. Pearce Wilmer K. Rockmaker Russell D. Rodham Charles B. Selak Jerome Shaffer David L. Swank Bruce M. Trabue Francis A. Vosters Robert I. Wilson George W. Yeckley

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We Women

Advocating an adequate statement of disapproval of drinking, Chi Omega's Clara Jones and Dorothy Stafford walked off with the Delta Alpha Delta cup Tuesday night. They defeated Jane Ennes and Mary Louise Frear of Kappa Alpha Theta who defended a rigid drinking rule.

A statement issuing disapproval of drinking that is not a camouflage for prohibition was the remedy that the winning team proposed. They said that the word disapproval would regulate behavior by permitting each girl to make her own decisions regarding drinking, knowing the attitude of the governing body and its right to punish overindulgence. They aim at educating underclassmen to think for themselves by intelligent questioning so that they can justify their decisions.

Mac Hall's gripe of the week is the plague of June bugs that fly through the open windows and nestle in the co-eds hair. Blood curdling screeches are heard as the irking insects whiz around their ears. The co-eds are up in arms because the screens they were promised two weeks ago haven't been put up yet.

Another pet peeve is the college telephone service—lackadaisical to say the least. You take the receiver off the hook and often wait five minutes before you get an answer. Call a number downtown and you may get a response if the operator hasn't gone down to the Corner room for a lemon blend. If you are lucky to get a quick attention after asking for 2218 the voice on the other end of the wire barks disagreeably that it's 2718 please don't disturb. It's a case of needing more operators or efficient operators. Personally we don't care which it is as long as we get better service.—S. R. H.

Lock Haven Outhits Freshmen; Wins 16-6

A hard-hitting Lock Haven varsity easily defeated the Nittany Cubs, 16-6, Wednesday afternoon at Lock Haven. The victors batted out 18 safeties to the Frosh's nine. A Bolder and Bob Goodrich pitched for the Cubs while Nolan was on the mound for the Teachers.

The home team scored in every inning but the fifth while State counter in the fourth, fifth, and sixth. Coach Houck used the same line-up with the exception of Gajeci who played for Stover. Gajeci, Martin Valeri, and Goodrich batted the strongest for the Cubs, each having two hits.—T. A. B.

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