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FORMING FRIENDSHIPS

REPUTEDLY THE primary purpose of a college education is scholarly achievement, but there are a good many other things that fall into a category of attainment that highly are important when it comes to putting scholarly achievement into practice.

One of the primary problems facing freshmen as they enter Penn State is one of social happiness. There are too many people each fall, who not wishing to join fraternities for various reasons, find it difficult to pick and maintain friendships from a group of 5,600 students. Many of the school's most able scholars are in this group. Non-fraternity scholarship averages have been consistently above fraternity averages for many years.

Inability to join a fraternity and isolated living quarters have forced many of this group to go through four years of college with few or no friends and the realization that few if any people on the campus know who they are.

To remedy this there are hundreds of activities and clubs on the campus whose prime purpose is to create and cement companionship and friendship. These clubs are looking for members from each new freshman class, and many times have suffered enrollment embarrassment because few people knew of their existence.

Science clubs, literary groups, publications, athletics, photography, religious work, are a few subjects that are covered by these clubs. There is an organization at Penn State for each of every interest or hobby that any individual might have. The Penn State Club non-fraternity men, and Philotes, for non-fraternity women, are leading examples of clubs formed purely for the purpose of relaxation and entertainment.

It would be well for each student entering as a freshman to inquire and learn of all the activities, answering their calls when they are issued in the columns of the Collegian.

Anything to avoid spending dull evening after dull evening on the upper floor of some remote boarding house is desirable. Such social contacts will make for greater happiness. They will lessen academic grinding, and will actually improve scholarship in many instances.

There is one thing certain—academic achievement united with social experience and the ability to get along with people will carry the individual much farther than academic knowledge alone can ever hope to.

The Collegian urges each freshman to find something to do, to meet as many people as he can, and to utilize the various clubs and organizations that were expressly created to make his college education a fuller and more worthwhile experience.

PENN STATE SPIRIT and good sportsmanship have played an important part in the forming of Penn State greatness.

Lately there has been a feeling in many circles that spirit and sportsmanship here have been declining and that the general result has been detrimental to Penn State and its students.

The realization of how to treat the problem is clear. It must begin with the freshman. It must begin with customs. Observance of customs and rigid enforcement of their provisions is indicated.

Freshmen must realize that customs will form comradeship and class unity. They must realize that there will be penalties, administered by a new, invigorated student tribunal, for those who refuse to cooperate.

Experience has taught that customs are beneficial and necessary factors in promoting good spirit and sportsmanship, the presence of which is desirable not only in college but throughout life.

ABOUT FRESHMAN WEEK

FRESHMEN WILL do well to keep in mind that the Freshman Week program was instituted for their special benefit. They should realize that many persons are spending a great deal of time and expending a great deal of hard work to make the week a big aid in orienting them.

They should show their appreciation by attending all the meetings and special programs that have been prepared for their benefit.

OLD MANIA

Most Quoted Penn State Expression:

Head football coach Bob Higgins, 1930-31-32-33-34-35-36-37: "This is the year."

Funny Story About a Coach:

Out at the Centre Hills Country Club the other day, a Philadelphianite (thing from Philly) was being introduced to basketball coach John Lawther. Said the introducer, "Meet Penn State's new basketball coach." Said the termite (pardon, Philadelphiaite), "That's good, you boys certainly did need a new coach. I saw State play down at the Palestra last winter, and did they stink—they were lousy."

Imagine his embarrassment when he learned Coach Lawther was new last year, not this.

Most Abused Thing About Town:

Sex.

Most Discussed Thing About Town:

Sex.

Most Used Thing About Town:

Sex.

Rumors About the Sexy Ones:

Hermione Hunt (reputed to have it) was glimpsed waiting on tables over the summer at Ocean City, New Jersey. She is also reported to have gone to the cleaners down there for a while. And there's still another yarn that she might not be back in school this year for some odd reason. Of course, there may not be a word of truth in it. Of course.

Also at the shore were such little darlings as Jeanie Roundtree, Reba Leach, and a houseful of Thetas. Jola Murray is said to be in Hollywood getting the once over from the flickers.

Sex Begun Here and Completed Elsewhere:

Just oddles and addles of lads and lassies took the ultimate plunge during the summer months and will end up, no doubt, the possessors of big, healthy children some day.

Gretchen Stewart and Lee Sunday, goggle-eyed since way back when, took the vows in Clearfield last Saturday and drifted through State College on their way east.

And Tat Humes joined with her 5 and ten cent king during the warm spell.

Adelaide Nokes and Al Bickel, ex-cheerleader, gave a short yell State before the preacher. And Miriam Hawkins took a York school teacher just when everybody thought she was headed several different other ways.

Jeanie Mayfield also was married. (Why bother with the guys' names, anyhow? They don't count much.)

Conclusion:

Dear Freshman: You can see quite plainly that sex is a big thing at this here U. We, personally, don't go for it at all. But the customers always write—about sex.

Yours truly,

The Sex-Mad Wombat From Brazil

Hello, Everybody!

We're happy to welcome back our old friends and to greet new ones, too.

We hope that you will find The Corner a convenient place in which to spend some of your leisure time.

It will be a pleasure to serve you once more.

The Corner unusual

Topnotch Wrestlers, Twins Turn To Birds

Frank and John Craighead, better known on the campus as the identical twins both in appearance and ability to hold their own in the wrestling ring, went to the mat with nouns, adverbs, adjectives, and Webster's dictionary and came up on top with an article published in the July issue of the National Geographic magazine.

The co-authors based their article, "Adventures With Birds of Prey," on their own experiences of capturing, handling, and training falcons, an art being revived by many throughout the country. Centuries ago it was the "sport of kings."

The Craigheads captured their "pets" within a few miles of their home in Washington, D. C. When trained, the spirited hawks circle high above the ground, dive swiftly upon their victims, and return to their owner.

Encasement Of Huge Tower Is Completed

Workmen have completed the construction of the wall enclosing the steel skeleton of the new College 125-foot water tower. The brick casing wall is finished with Indiana limestone.

The interior, not yet completed, will be used by the department of grounds and buildings as a general utility room.

Sixty feet in diameter, the tank has a capacity of one-half million gallons of water drawn from the College reservoir in Mueser Gap and wells on the College farms.

FRESHMEN!

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