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TOMORROW'S CONVOCATION

PRESIDENT HETZEL has shown confidence in student character by requesting an all-College convocation in Recreation hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. In renewing a custom dropped four years ago, he must have felt that such a meeting attended by all students is a matter of grave importance.

Unification of the 5,000 students in a rapidly growing educational institution is a pertinent problem. Particularly it is so on the eve of a building program that will result in further expansion. Expansion involves problems that have to be considered in a spirit of general good-will and school spirit.

There is no question that attendance at tomorrow's convocation is necessary to accomplishing a greater and larger Penn State. There is no question that such a meeting has been called because it is necessary to the welfare of the College.

The program is short, with care being taken to avoid too much talking and possible boredom. A good part of it will be composed of singing and cheering.

A few minutes at the beginning of the College year is not too much to ask of each student.

It should be each individual's duty and desire to be present. Certainly its purpose is one of betterment of the College. Betterment of the College means the uplifting of each of the College's members.

LONG-FOUGHT RECOGNITION

A GRANTING of a Phi Beta Kappa charter to the College last week is an important milestone in the College's battle for recognition and furtherance of high educational standards. Phi Beta Kappa is a recognition of scholastic superiority.

Too often the name "State College" infers that the institution contains no more than an agricultural school. It has been known for a long time here that not only does Penn State have excellent agricultural instruction, but other curricula as well, notably Liberal Arts. Realization of the position of the College's Liberal Arts School is an honor that will do much toward improving Penn State prestige.

Members of the faculty in Phi Beta Kappa who have sought recognition in the undergraduate body for so many years deserve the sincere thanks and appreciation of all their efforts.

It has been a long, tough road to a deserved goal that this group has traveled. At times the path was roughened by misunderstanding and jealousy.

Phi Beta Kappa here can bring nothing but pure gratification and attainment of scholarly aims and ideals.

INTO YOUR POCKETS

THE UNFORTUNATE burglary in Recreation hall recently leaves nothing but halitosis on the breath of Penn State character. A student who had worked, saved, and nursed \$160 into one sum for the purpose of securing education was the victim.

Sadly enough each year similar situations arise. It is obvious enough to say that they should not be.

Realization that it may be you who is next submitted to the privilege of being robbed by a fellow student may help in stamping out such a recurrence.

Each student should safeguard himself against personal loss. He should be careful and alert. If so-desires it, it can be by observation and common sense place such situations at a minimum. Certainly it can be attained among a group of college students, reputedly enlightened people of character.

To C. W. H.—The editor heartily agrees with the contents of your letter. You are entirely correct. Publication of your letter might further irritate an unfortunate occurrence. Rest assured that your thoughts are appreciated and that steps will be taken to prevent such a situation again.

OLD MANIA

With freshman week practically over, rushing season at its height, and most of the upperclassmen returned the usual stories about the great gags are going the rounds.

Number 1 concerns the reception or some other silly gathering where Sid Webb, student magician, was doing his stuff by way of entertainment. Some innocent asked her companion what Webb was: The reply was "38." The innocent countered with: "Oh, I don't think he's that old."

Number 2 continues with freshman week. The boys were taking their usual parade through the office of the dispensary and were going through the usual tortures of a complete physical examination which usually finds you have (a) a serious malady when you're in the best of health, or (b) you're a perfect specimen when you really have T. B.

The good doctor in charge had the boys in a little room. One frosh was getting sorta mixed up with the routine and asked the good doctor what came next. The doctor pointed to a little milk bottle on a high window sill. Said the frosh: "From here, doctor?"

Number 3 gets us right into freshman week when representatives of a swell paper go around getting people to subscribe. As most people know or will find out, these salesmen are rather hard to fight off. One zealous sophomore candidate approached the Prexy and insisted that he buy a subscription. That paper's representatives are really on their toes.

Number 4 finds us mixed up in rushing at its worst. Just to be different, this isn't a tale of how the frat boys rush around with lead pipes, wear their best clothes, use the best manners they've heard of, and generally do their darndest to slip one over on the unsuspecting frosh. Members of more than one frat were discovered in a faint the other day when a transfer student from Juniata walked into the menses and actually asked to be rushed.

Number 4a still sticks with the rushing mania. Izzy Richter, a very friendly sort of gent, had engaged a likely looking prospect in conversation for quite a while and then asked for the prospect's rushing card. As a matter of course, Izzy asked the gent if he were Jewish. "No," was the reply, "I'm a freshman."

Number 5 brings us up to Saturday and Marty McAndrews' session with the freshman football candidates. Marty went through a long speech telling the boys what were expected of them, outlined the training routine, a few plays, and all that sort of thing.

Just as a closing gesture, and surprising too since Marty took the fatal step early in the summer, the frosh coach said: "I'll take care of the wine and women, and you freshmen can do the singing."

Number 6 takes us back to just before the close of school. The 'phone rang at the sigma chi house and a voice asked for the manager of house and grounds. When said gent answered, the voice said: This is J. Van Bibber speaking.

Hm, says the mgr, this sounds o. k. Maybe the sigma chi house will make something out of this.

Said J. Van Bibber: "I was wondering if you'd give me permission to pitch a tent in your yard for the summer."

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Luccock Begins Chapel Services

Speaker Advocates Background Development For Modern College Students

"What are we making out of our minds?—Wastebaskets?" asked the Rev. Dr. Halford E. Luccock, professor of homiletics at Yale University Divinity School, and first Sunday chapel speaker of the year, in his sermon, "Give Yourself Background."

Dr. Luccock remarked that the mind may become a background for great living. He said that college should provide that background which is the redeeming service of the foreground.

"A college education today must be more than enabling ourselves to manipulate people and events," the speaker said.

The college education, he explained, should also give the student an airplane glance of the years ahead. Dr. Luccock said that education is not stuffing of the mind, but is the arranging that something might happen.

Preceding Dr. Luccock's sermon and marking the opening of the chapel services, College Chaplain John H. Frizzell read the same prayer with which he has opened the year's services for ten years.

College Requires Student Permits

Campus Patrol To Issue Auto Tags Monday; Plan Enters Its Second Year

Students who intend to operate automobiles while residing in this community, will be required to obtain permits and auto tags from the Campus Patrol, Captain William V. Dennis, Jr., announced.

Applications, signed by the applicants or guardians, must be submitted to the Patrol office, room 320, Old Main, this week.

The auto tags will be issued starting next Monday and all cars must have the tags attached by the end of that week. A fee of \$25 will be charged for the license plates.

Licenses may be revoked for failure to observe any driving or parking regulations. While on the Campus, students must not exceed the 20-mile speed limit nor must they park except in the specified student parking areas.

The permit may also be revoked upon the violation of any state or borough traffic laws or ordinances.

This plan of allowing students to operate cars while attending the College, is in its second year of a two-year trial period.

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