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TOO BAD

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY to unite Penn State students to meet the problems that will confront them the next few years was muffed Wednesday night.

It is unfortunate that a series of circumstances made a meeting of potential greatness into one of discomfiture.

A turnout of over 4,000 students, faculty, and townspeople was gratifying and unusual in an institution of Penn State's size.

The songs and the cheers were fine. But the speeches were too long and could not be heard. Whether or not it was the fault of the amplifying system, it is difficult to determine.

It is easy to determine the reaction. Few people in the hall could hear the principal address. It seems imperative that a chronic amplifying system again be checked.

It is truly regrettable that such a meeting should turn out to be demoralizing instead of uplifting. It was thought the chief problem would be getting people to come. That portion of the undertaking appears to have been the most skillfully handled maneuver.

MY, HOW CLEAN!

EACH YEAR DURING fraternity rushing season there is a general resolution that the present system is wrong and that it should be modified. Again this is true.

In fact, this year it appears that rushing has been particularly vicious. In the past criticism has brought minor changes that do not materially rearrange the fundamental plan.

Violations this year are no more reported than they were last year or the year before. And they won't be with all houses equal offenders. Perhaps this does a few clean rushing houses injustice. But it is known that most of them treat rushing regulations and courtesies with equal disdain.

The rushing code is a farce. Interfraternity Council should analyze the problem and make drastic moves, this time, to remedy the situation. This would still involve the element of honor, an element up to now never considered in fraternity circles.

The present method of flagrant and unpunished violation is heading in but one direction—the old lead pipe system. Which may in the end turn out to be the best.

ELIGIBILITY REACTION

THE ACTION OF the eligibility committee in barring Billy Soose and Nestor Kociubinsky from further intercollegiate competition will probably create quite a stir the first time around.

But when the reasons have sunk in, students will probably realize that the action was entirely justified and proper. The boys had been warned what would happen if they continued their professional activities. They continued.

State has taken a lead in maintaining a clean, fair amateur status for athletics. They led in the establishment of rules at Syracuse last year. They are leading again in being courageous enough to do something that will probably cause disappointment to many Lion fans. The action was proper if amateur status is to remain.

THE ADDITION OF TWO new doctors and other personnel to the College Health Service last summer is gratifying to this paper, in that it has pushed reform in health methods here vigorously for some time. The Collegian feels that it has been of aid to the student body in helping to effect these changes. It hopes that improvement in the Health Service will result. If it does not, the treatment will have proved itself superficial to the cause.

THE CURRENT FUSS about Supreme Court Associate Justice Hugo Black is a severe indictment of American political parties and their methods. Arrayed against each other are two factions equally in error in their methods. Hid in bigotry of purpose and ideals are the real arguments for both sides. Perhaps the initial error was in the appointment—surely not one intended for liberal interpretation of law, but one intended as a punitive measure to unwelcome critics.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

About Etaoin Shrdlu:

Campy welcomes his fellow students back to classes, once more using the name that has been a part of Collegian and college tradition. Last spring, the old boy, in a spirit of progressive liberalism; reform and what-not, adopted the devious tag of ETAOIN SHRDLU, which nobody understood. That was fine for a while, because Campy didn't want to be understood.

Now he takes great pleasure in telling the dear CUSTOMERS just what ETAOIN SHRDLU was all about.

It seems that guys who fool around in a print shop and with newspapers and things have to read proofs of their copy as it is set up by the linotype upon various occasions. Often those linotypers make mistakes. (Too damn often, in fact.) A completely pied or disarranged line, caused by running the fingers down the keyboard often results. The two most common pied lines of this nature are ETAOIN and SHRDLU. They creep up pretty often when reading proof.

Hence the name last spring. We thought we would imitate the ease which a pied or mixed-up line would. We, in fact, get mixed up ourselves. But now we've gotten all straightened out and are back on the English language standard.

There's Something About A Soldier:

Once more the old rotisse department somehow or other creeps into this column. We do our best to keep it out, but the boys cause the cutest things to happen.

The other day a freshman (isn't it wonderful?) was searching for the place where the rotisse rags are handed out. Official distribution area is Mac Hall basement.

Well, this poor young creature was detected on the second floor of Mac Hall looking for his glad rags. Put a rifle in a young fellow's hands, and there's no limit to where he'll go gunning.

League of Nations:

When bigger and better get-togethers are held the language departments will crash through. Not content with holding a French Institute during Summer Session, the French department had to get together with the German department and the boys from Spain in a general League of All Nations Outing in NLA yesterday afternoon. It seems that Mr. Bissey's and Mr. Hoffman's Time Table called for a section of each language to meet in the same room at the same time.

Very disconcerting. We understand the "oui's" and "mein Gotts" were mingled with much fervor and gusto. The boys from Spain have enough trouble already. They conducted themselves very well under the circumstances.

Hetzel's Book Store:

Another frosh created history the other day by romping up on the Prexy's front porch and asking him where he could find books for his different courses. Might we suggest a book store, or would that be too presumptuous?

Convocation Notes:

Wonder who that red-haired freshman queen was who insisted as she was leaving Rec Hall that the Prexy was locking right at her throughout his entire speech. "Boy," said she, "I must have something." We looked and disagreed.

—CAMPY

1338 Men, Women Get Physical Examinations

Within six days, 1338 entering students have been given thorough physical examinations by the College Health Service; it was announced yesterday by Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician.

Under the new system, which Dr. Ritenour said has relieved the congestion in the Dispensary that caused much trouble in previous years, the freshmen were scheduled for definite examination periods.

Examinations began on Thursday morning, September 8, 190 men being examined. A total of 1054 men were examined by Tuesday noon. Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning 284 women were given physicals. The examination includes the usual thorough physical going over as well as the Mantoux test for tuberculosis.

Hartman To Speak

Dr. W. Emery Hartman of the Allison Memorial Methodist Episcopal church at Carlisle will speak at the regular Sunday morning-chapel service.

The Bottorf Bros. shoe ad in this issue of the Collegian is complimentary due to a previous error in printing.

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