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OPEN RUSHING

SOMETHING drastic about changing the existing system of rushing should be done this year. The best time to face the problem is the present while the weaknesses, jealousies, and inadequateness of the present set-up are fresh in the minds of all concerned, chiefly Interfraternity Council.

The poor job done by the present method is not something to be blamed on this year's Council, or even last year's. The blame rests with the individual fraternities and each man in each fraternity.

The disregard and ridicule of all rules is general. No member of Council or of any fraternity dare press charges against another group, cognizant, full well that he is, of similar violation among his own constituents.

Logically comes the realization of need of action on the matter hand-in-hand with the perplexing question of what can be done to improve rushing. It will be said that the need is evident, but the method obscure.

Violations this year included contacting rushes during silent periods, entertaining rushes at more than the allowed number of moral engagements, telling false yarns concerning other houses (moral rather than statutory), and a general light attitude taken toward a code drawn up in serious intent.

As happens each year, it is too late to do anything about the season just past without being measurably unfair.

The one solution would be honor among fraternity men. But cynically true to human nature this course seems to carry no effect.

The trend here at State in number of pledges each fall is lower each year. If present methods are repeated eventually many houses will be forced out of existence for financial reasons.

What the last season amounted to was an open rushing period. An open period that dirtied itself by its actual existence contrary to agreements established.

Interfraternity Council might do well to recognize this trend and situation by considering the declaration of an open period—in effect, the old lead-pipe system. Such a rush might go far in preserving fraternity honor.

FOOTBALL—AND A HOPE

IT IS refreshing to note the enthusiasm that ushers in each new football season. It is an illustration of the optimism of mankind at times.

There is nothing unusual about the State football team that opens with Cornell Saturday. Flashy in spots with one of the East's leading backs, to aid, and crippled in another by the absence of a leading guard, there is nothing about this team that sensibly intelligent people would get excited about. Yet there is always that hope that "this will be the year."

Lacking in playing ability and the confidence of recent successful seasons, State's main opportunity in launching another season is spirit. There is the one chance that she has to utilize. She can fight to do the most with what she has.

Autumn possesses a peppy atmosphere of which football is an able means of expression for both players and fans.

Let's hope, therefore, realizing that we may be jolted, for a good season inaugurated by a victory over Cornell.

If this be "the year," God, schedule, and infirmity permitting, let's have it.

NO NYA CHISELING

THE SLASH THIS YEAR in NYA appropriation for the College emphasizes the necessity of a lack of chisellers who try each year to realize some gravy from the proposition.

Less students will receive aid than last year. It is important that those applying and securing jobs should stop and consider whether they are really in need of assistance at the expense of someone else who would be glad to receive it justly.

CAMPUSEER

Conversation Note:
Brilliant was the repartee between Doc Ritenour and "Swing" Strouss, pihpi hopeful, the other day. "Swing" had a cold and finally got around to seeing the Doc about it. Said Doc: "What's the trouble?" Said Strouss: "Got a cold." "Have you been taking care of it?" Answered Strouss: "I must have been; I've had it for three months." * * *

Pledge Note:
What prominent campus frat house had frosh Jack Gerland all sewed up—in fact right on its front porch for 35 minutes Monday night—only to have him slip away and pledge D. U.? * * *

Strength Note:
Janie Grassman, a lass who lives out on Foster Avenue, has a sweetie back home of the big, strong, virile type. In fact, she even has his picture. It seems that he's a professional strong man, and the candid shot she has shows her here in a leopard skin with muscles bulging all about. An advertising photo, it is captioned: "A Virile Personality With A Vital Purpose." Well, well, Janie. * * *

Royally Note:
A young fellow got into a Galbraith Eng Comp section by error the other day. It seems they switched rooms about. On cross-examination he said he was sure he was in the same room as last time but didn't know the prof's name he had. The good Gal asked what the teacher looked like. "Well," said the frosh, "he looked like the Prince of Wales." It turned out in the fuss that the mug was Jack Mitchell, also of Eng Comp. Welcome, Duke, old boy. * * *

Philosophy Note:
Wild and fanciful are the tales going about town concerning the Drueckman, exponent of the science of that which isn't there which is, etc. One has him donning a beautiful Bulgarian outfit with leather breeches and what-not while in that country this summer and setting out on a bicycle tour. Other tourists spotted the dapper brain trust, and thinking him "the most exciting local color available" lined him up for a series of snapshots. Friends are expecting his appearance on post-cards any year now. Then, it seems he got lost in a museum with a friend later on. Nobody was about, so they took turns climbing in an antique bed that Napoleon probably once snored in, and snapped each other in a moment of grandeur. Still another yarn has him dueling with his pal in another museum where they picked up a couple of ancient rapiers. It is said a crowd gathered and watched the reenactment of the glory of old. Too bad the boy has to teach philosophy over here. * * *

Sour Note:
Out of Dean Ray's office comes a quote from a freshman lassie in that space allotted each new Penn Stater to tell why he or she came to our fair institution. Says the unidentified babe: "I came to be 'went with, but so far I ain't." —CAMPY

Frosh May Drop Customs At S.U. Dance

Customs for freshman women will be lifted for the Student Union dance to be held tomorrow night at Recreation hall, according to a W.S.G.A. ruling made early this week. Tribunal made the same ruling for men. So you green boys and girls get together and tangle feet at the first all-College dance of the semester. No stags will be admitted to the frolic, so don't worry about any ugly upperclassman cutting you out with the newest and nicest co-ed. Dancing will be from 9 to 12 and those of you who don't have the shekels to see State beat Cornell can spare the 75 cents to hear Booth Watmough and his lads hit it up in the prescribing manner.

Symphony Group Calls Candidates

Try-outs for the College Symphony Orchestra will be held in room 401, Old Main, Monday evening at 7 o'clock, starting the 23rd musical activity season for the organization. Candidates should report with their instruments at that time to Prof. Hummel Fishburn, conductor of the orchestra for the past eight years. Playing membership is open to both men and women of all four classes. Positions are competitive, the director feeling that the best instrumentalists in college should have a chance to participate. About 70 musicians comprise the orchestra. Plans for the coming year include at least two concerts in State College and the possibility of performances in other localities. Mr. Fishburn said that symphony music of the standard type will be used, which includes selections such as "The Unfinished Symphony," "The Scheherazade Suite," "Marche Slav," "Danse Macabre," and others.

Water Color Drawings of C.C.C. Boys Inaugurate Opening Of Annual Series

Opening the annual art displays held under the auspices of the division of Fine Arts, will be the showing of about twenty water colors done by boys in C.C.C. camps over the country. They will depict life and achievements of these projects. The paintings will be on exhibition October 1 to 15, according to an announcement made today by Prof. J. Burn Helme. Following this group will be a collection of original prints, etchings, and similar work which is being circulated by the American Artists Group. These prints will be shown in the exhibition gallery from October 11 to 18. Photographs of early American architecture will follow from October 17 to 31. Rembrandt Facsimiles Nov. 1. Beginning November 1 and continuing for three weeks will be a show of facsimiles in full color of thirty to thirty-five of Rembrandt's paintings. These are being loaned by Raymond and Raymond, New York City. During the last week of November, Scarab, national architectural honorary fraternity, will hold its annual convention here. During that time water color work of students all over the country will be on exhibition. Completing the fall season will be a showing of cartoons for mural decorations loaned by the Federal Art Projects. All exhibitions will be held in room 303, Main Engineering building.

State College H.S. To Open Season Tonight

Penn State sports fans who will miss the Cornell game can still see a football contest in State College. The State College high school team will open its season and inaugurate night football against Yeagertown tonight at 8 o'clock on the high school field. The Little Lions present a veteran eleven which rates as one of the heaviest high school teams in Central Pennsylvania. Phil Hetzel, son of the Prexy, is the left tackle and Harry Whitmore, son of the dean of physics and chemistry, is the right tackle.

"BEAT CORNELL"
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FELINE

Have you freshmen, who are now nominating candidates for house president thought seriously of your choice? The girl that you finally select will be a member of the freshman Council which is the governing body of your class. She should truly represent you. Since your house president will deal with your problems she should be someone who is vitally interested in them. She should be a responsible person who will take her job seriously. It is important not only to have someone with progressive ideas but a person who can present them forcefully without being too influenced by opposition. It's a big job for a big person. Student government has been accused of not being representative. You can remedy this in the future by choosing your house president carefully. You are probably cheering the erring posters that announced that all customs would be lifted for the Student Union dance, as the mistake forced W. S. G. A. to give you permission to attend. We hope that this dance will be carried on next year. If you want permission to attend any of the approaching dances see Peggy Jones or any of the other members of Freshman Council.

Groff Below War Zone, Predicts Long Chaos

Out of the chaos in China comes the good news that G. Weidman (Daddy) Groff is not in the war zone and is continuing his work with the National Geographic magazine expedition without interruption. At present Daddy Groff and nine other men are located in four different localities in Kwangsi province. Their headquarters are in Kweilin. The letter from which this information was received was mailed recently. At that time Daddy Groff writes that news from the northern rim of China was filtering through to them. He also says that his martial friends in the Kwangsi province had found time to assist him in his work. Expressing the belief that China is really a peace-loving country, Daddy Groff also says that the war is far from its end. He closed his letter with good wishes to his many Penn State friends and with the hope that the new school year may bring to the College "greater service to the state and to a very needful world."

State-Cornell Series

Penn State's Lions will be attempting to hold an edge in victories over Cornell's Big Red when they meet the Ithacans in the ninth game of their 42-year-old grid rivalry tomorrow:

Penn State	Cornell
1895	0
1897	0
1907	8
1908	4
1911	5
1912	29
1919	20
1936	7

Penn State: Won 4, Lost 3, Tied 1

Students Give Chapel

Penn State in China Day and Gold Star Mothers' Day will be observed jointly in the chapel service this Sunday. The students are taking over the chapel program in recognition of the day.

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Strict Custom Enforcement Brings Back Good Old Days

Spirits of the good old days—of the times that the proud old alumni love to speak of so reverently and often, of the days when customs were worn for more than a formality and a means to reward football captains—are returning slowly back to the College. The old tradition that gives a feeling of loyalty and adds zest and sparkle to college spirit, for years woefully lacking on the campus, are gradually finding their way into State via the Men's Student Tribunal. At their meeting Tuesday night, the board emphatically declared that the freshman customs rules would be strictly and rigidly enforced and the sentence of punishment stern, but fair. A police force consisting of four hat societies—Blue Key, Druids, Parni Nous, and Skull and Bones—will search the campus and "arrest" all customs violators. However, this force asks the cooperation of all upperclass students in reporting custom breakers. Names may be left at the Student Union desk. Six freshmen appeared before the Tribunal Tuesday, three of them being pleas for exemption, which were granted. Two, Louis Bertamini and

Howard Sutter, were excused because of age while the other, John E. Barr, a transfer from Cornell, was exempted because of previous servitude. However, the others were put on trial for violation of customs. The young sandwichman wearing the becoming huge red bow about the neck and a sign dangling from his shoulders which reads "Red is my color for a necktie," is one John Hingley who forsook the customary humble black tie for a vulgar collegiate red one to wear at convocation. Roommates Stephen Okowsky and Michael Biley enjoyed a game of tennis but unfortunately dinks were forgiven in their mad dash to the tennis courts so that now, says the Tribunal, Okowsky must take with him a sign reading "I am proud to wear my dink from now on," while roomie Biley accompanies him with "I, too, am proud to wear my dink from now on." The three sign-bearers will attract attention for one week, ending next Thursday. These punishments are merely a warning to the freshmen, the Tribunal said. "After this meeting, we're going to be strict." And by the emphasis they gave that last word, they mean it. Professor Banner spent the summer in a trip around the world. He was in China a few days before hostilities began. He was behind the Japanese lines for a few days. Continuing across Siberia to Moscow and later going to London, Banner spoke before the Royal Institute of Journalists, of which he has been a member for 12 years. He spoke on "Tendencies of the American Press."

Noted Newsmen To Lecture Here

2 Courses Added To Journalism Curriculum; Banner Back From Oriental-Trip

Several revisions have been made in the journalism curriculum at the College, according to an announcement released today by Prof. Franklin C. Banner, director of the department of journalism. Banner stated that prominent newspapermen from various eastern cities would be invited to lecture each Monday to journalism students. Other interested students may sit in. Lectures are held in the Little Theatre. The first in this series of lectures was delivered last Monday by Howard Davis, managing editor of the Williamsport Grit. Two new courses have been added to the curriculum in journalism. A course in sports writing is being taught by Louis H. Bell, former

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