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**BRAINS VERSUS BRAWN**

THE R. O. T. C. DEPARTMENT has come through with another masterful bit of fair play and efficient management.

In the dismissal of Francis Szymczak, senior, from the advanced military course this fall for being overweight, the rotisse boys have performed an amazing feat.

Szymczak had completed one year of the advanced course and spent six weeks of hard work at a Virginia encampment as part of the course. He weighed the same through it all, a situation that the authorities certainly could not help but be aware of.

In the dismissal, if there is a rule against being overweight, there is no argument. But why was the action delayed until the man had put over a year's work and time into the course?

If he was to be disallowed because of weight, why wasn't the action taken when he first applied for the course?

Such treatment of men is grossly unfair and marks a new low in the management of the local unit. When men who are interested in the work receive such unfair consideration, what can be expected of the manner in which hundreds of students who have to take it are handled?

In trying to work out logical reasons to excuse such methods, the reader becomes involved in a hopeless cryptogram out of which comes but one leading question: "Why R. O. T. C.?"

**PROSPECT OF A SPECIAL SESSION**

NOW THAT PRESIDENT Roosevelt has called a special session of the United States Congress, speculation is being made as to the possibility of Governor Earle doing the same with the state legislature.

It has been estimated that a special session would cost about \$150,000. And leaders in Harrisburg feel that such a session is practically assured should four of the five referendums on the November ballot be approved by the public.

The referendum most widely discussed, of course, is the graduated income tax measure. Politicians feel that an expense of \$150,000 to regulate this would more than be paid in the fruits the measure would draw.

The one amendment that Governor Earle has asked be defeated, of course, is the one affecting the College here. Since the legality of the State Authority has been established there is no need, he feels, for approval of 42 millions of dollars for public institutions.

Approximately five millions have been earmarked for Penn State. He plans to borrow the money from the Teachers' Retirement Fund through the Authority and save 12 millions in bond coupons, that would have to meet in a federal sale, which a favorable referendum vote would necessitate.

Despite the apparent likelihood of a special session for this winter, all capital leaders are hoping that there will be no duplication of the last dog-fight session when the famous labor march from Philadelphia took place, it has been learned.

**ON THE BANDWAGON?**

THE POLL THAT the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette is conducting on the mayoralty campaign in Pittsburgh is of interest to all Pennsylvanians who remember the Literary Digest's famous election of Alf Landon to the presidency.

The Post-Gazette poll reaches every tenth name on the registration lists and is conducted by Main and Company, auditors, undoubtedly to protect the Post-Gazette should the whole thing prove haywire, and also to lend a note of authenticity.

The results so far in a strongly Democratic Pittsburgh have been amazing. Robert Waddell, Republican candidate and former Carnegie Tech football coach, is leading Mayor Cornelius Seully, incumbent, 3,002 votes to 1,980. The Post-Gazette unquestionably is interested in Republican success.

The thought occurs that such a poll given by mail to every tenth person could be very easily faked. The idea creeps out of the possibility that such a poll result would have the voters shrugging their shoulders, and jumping on the Republican band-wagon, thinking that the election was going that way. Be that the aim or not, the affair looks like an extremely interesting experiment that has that latent psychological possibility.

It appears here that a David Lawrence state machine, of which Seully is a part, is entirely too strong to be confident of any such Republican strength.

**OLD MANIA**

**Urgent:**

This ad appeared in the help wanted columns of the local daily newspaper:

"Women to do upstairs work in fraternity; white and experienced. Apply Phi Sigma Kappa before Sunday."

**Well!**

There's a signachi pledge who hands the boys this one:

"The reason I'm so popular is because I'm good-looking and such a good sport."

**Pretty Crude:**

Johnny Mueller was taking Dee Graham ('38 May Queen) up to the steps of the kappakappamma house after Saturday's football game when one of his friends (?) yelled:

"Why don't you take her out to the house for dinner?"

**Love Is The Sweetest Thing:**

Tommy Francis (Players) dining with Irene Bickly (Players) at the Nittany Lion Sunday night . . . Marg Green and Stu Marlow are looking into each others' eyes . . . It's true that Marion Martin and Bob Blum are blumming around . . . Bud Jones' heart-throb was up for the week-end . . . Dixie Smith spurned a LaSalle to sit with Hugh Nevin . . .

**Fraternalism:**

Bill Engel, who won the Beaver Field Pictorial guessing contest, handed this week's predictions to Ridge Riley, who runs the thing, the other day, and received congratulations and the like. After much banter in which Riley kidded Engel to some extent, the winner said with some embarrassment:

"I'm a fraternity brother of yours."

**At Long Last:**

Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy upon their sixth appearance at beaux arts are judged the best costumes.

In '33 they were Gretchen Diehl and Ed Smith . . . '34 Ginna Lewis and Frank Thomas . . . '35 Gretchen Diehl with Crackers Graham . . . '36 Bobby Diehl and Bill Bastain . . . '37 Marcia Morphing and Russ Gohn . . . Now the costumes bring home the laurels when worn by Lou Sutton and Ray Pope.

**Beats Grandma, Too:**

Bill Rainey tried to pass off a phoney dime at the football game Saturday. All would have been well if Bill had been sitting on the end of the row, but some one between him and the unsuspecting peanut vendor objected and the phoney was returned to the blushing Bill.

**Definition:**

Best of the week . . . A heel is a person who would do anything for a friend . . . if he had one.

**Submitted:**

Much comment has been made about the bell-lyres which the Jersey Shore band used at the State College High School-Jersey Shore football game last Friday night.

Good authority tells us that a sophomore purchased one of these instruments during the summer with the idea of getting in the Blue Band. However, Bandmaster Thompson would not permit such an instrument in his dignified organization.

Even though your drills are an improvement, Tommie, we feel the bell-lyre would add considerable pep to your outfit. We want a bell-lyre!

**Look-Alikes:**

Pete Greiner and Jack Sartz. —The Maniac

**Indiana Minister Gives Sermon In Chapel On "Accepting Our Limitations"**

Boundaries of limitations which we cannot pass have been set up for most of us.

Such was the keynote of the Sunday chapel address on "Accepting Our Limitations" by the Rev. Arthur J. Pfohl, of the Zion Lutheran church, Indiana, Pa.

"Work as Well as We Can"

"The greater wisdom," he continued, "is to accept them graciously and to do our work as well as we can within the borders of our limitations."

The general public is dazzled more by famous people with fewer limitations than the seemingly insignificant folk whom they neglect, Dr. Pfohl said.

**Urges Prep for Society**

Using the illustration of small stones in a wall holding the larger ones together, he urged that small men perform a similar service to society. They provide moral stability and steadfastness to civilization, the speaker added.

There is work for us all to do within our limitations, Dr. Pfohl said. One of the great days in a man's life is the day when he realizes happiness is within his reach," he added.

**U. S. CAMERA 1937**

Just Published \$2.90

Only one printing of this book will be made. The publisher's supply of U. S. Camera 1936 was exhausted within two weeks of publication.

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**'Bounds' Is Theme Of Pfohl Sermon**

Shanghai as a peaceful Oriental city is much busier than New York City.

Impossible? Well, it may seem strange, but Cho Yuan Lin, graduate student in ceramics, says it's so. And Lin should know because he's been in both places. In fact, he's spent his entire life in China; that is, all except the two months he has spent in this country.

Lin, who speaks excellent English, claims that subways, elevated railroads, and other transportation bric-a-brac are unknown in Shanghai and that the net result is a crowd of rickshaws, automobiles, and massed humanity on the streets of the city.

**Aims to Help China**

Granted a fellowship in ceramics here from the China foundation, Lin spent five years in study and three years in research at Yen Ching, the American missionary university in China. He intends to study here for two years, then return to his homeland to aid the Chinese Government in doing what he termed "a vast amount of work."

"It is tragic," Lin stated, "that hostilities between China and Japan began at a time when China was well on the road to progress and reorganization under Chiang Kai-shek."

The people of Japan do not want to fight, Lin said. The real cause of Japanese aggression, he explained, is government instability—military leaders on the one hand are bitterly opposed to the emperor and political parties on the other. Both sides want

**Penn State Fans Number 288,331 This Year**

If all the people who have attended the 137 events here from January to October this year formed a snake-dance, the line would reach from State College to Elizabethtown, Pa., via Lewistown and Harrisburg.

This estimate was based on figures released by Capt. William V. Dennis, head of the campus patrol. According to Captain Dennis, 228,331 people have attended the 137 athletic, seasonal, and conventional events of the past 10 months.

The campus patrol has handled the parking of 47,921 cars in that time, or enough cars to cover a field of 140 acres when parked solidly, leaving no space for lanes. If these same cars were parked end to end on the highway, they would extend from here to Downingtown, Dennis estimated.

**Defeat Of Bond Issue Would Speed Program**

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two retirement funds at the same rate to be paid the federal government would mean no loss to the State Authority, but, on the contrary, would leave the taxpayer public \$12,000,000 richer, inasmuch as the retirement funds would be earning their required interest and no assistance from the state's general fund would be needed.

Actual savings under the "retirement plan" are estimated at \$11,000,000, with another million added by the elimination of brokerage fees, commissions, trustees' fees, printing, and other official red tape.

Furthermore, authoritative sources said, inasmuch as the retirement funds are available at once, construction will go forward without the delay which would be precipitated by any other method of financing.

Rumors that the sale of bonds to the state agencies rather than to the federal government would affect the federal grant to the General State Authority also were spiked.

**Dean Hammond Feted**

Dr. Harry P. Hammond, new dean of the School of Engineering, and Mrs. Hammond were honored at a dinner given by the School's faculty in the Nittany Lion Inn last night. Hammond was appointed to the post early last summer.

**Howe Replaces Bowen**

Maj. James H. Howe, of Fort Thomas, Ky., has been added officially to the R.O.T.C. staff, replacing Maj. Arthur Bowen who was transferred recently to Denver, Colo.

**Three Penn State Students Soloed This Week**

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**Lin, Chinese Student, States Nipponese Are Against War**

Lin agrees with Sen. Key Pittman, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, who recently stated that if economic pressure were applied to Japan, the Nipponese would be forced to quit within a month.

**Sees First Grid Game**

Turning from the troubled international horizon, Lin explained that the environment at Penn State is ideal for study. As far as students are concerned, Lin believes that the attitude of Chinese and American students toward their work is very near alike. Customs at Lin's alma mater in China take the form of tossing freshmen into pools, but usually are disregarded.

Lin saw his first football game a few weeks ago—the Gettysburg-State contest. Despite the fact that it was his first game, Lin found it "interesting"—he had the actions on the field interpreted and fully explained to him.

Asked what had impressed him most since his stay in this country, Lin didn't hesitate to say, "The generosity and liberalism of Americans."

**UNDER THE COLLEGIATE SPOTLIGHT**

**Penn Observes 200th Anniversary With 'Bouquets' To State; Grid Star Fined 2 Touchdowns for Speeding**

By ROY NICHOLS

With a drive for \$12,500,000 to be collected by 1940, the University of Pennsylvania celebrated its 200th anniversary at a "world-wide" dinner in Convention hall, Philadelphia, last night.

A coast-to-coast network linked together more than 75 similar world-wide dinners held simultaneously throughout the United States and abroad by Penn alumni. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, a Penn graduate, presided over the celebration at Convention hall.

Said a Daily Pennsylvania editorial last week, "Then, on October 18, a Pennsylvania 'round-the-world' dinner will be held, with millions of Americans listening in at their radios. By this time, hundreds of people will have found out that Penn and Penn State are two different schools."

"After 200 years!"

Aside to the editor: We're just as happy as you are.

It wasn't a pajama parade that prompted 300 co-eds of the Slippery Rock Teachers' College to go tripping out into the gray dawn with only

**Campus Bulletin**

**TODAY**

Red Wing Society will meet in Room 35, Education building, at 7:15 o'clock. Illustrated talk on "Birds on Bonaventure Island."

Sophomore Seminar meeting will be held in Hugh Beaver room, Old Main, at 8:15 o'clock. Jessie Schminky will lead on "Summer Education Unique."

Freshman Forum will be held at 7 o'clock. Alice Calhane will speak on "Fraternally Speaking." Nominations for officers will be held. Check lists must be brought.

**TOMORROW**

Alpha Delta Sigma, honorary advertising fraternity, will meet in Room 318, Old Main, at 7:30 o'clock.

**THURSDAY**

House of Representatives will meet in Room 305, Old Main, at 4 o'clock.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Philates will meet in clubrooms at 7 o'clock.

Candidates for freshman and varsity wrestling report to Rec Hall today and Thursday at 4 o'clock.

Registration of candidates for Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society, will be held in Room 209, North Arts building, today and tomorrow from 7 to 9 o'clock.

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**Lakonides Fetes Dr. Carl Schott**

Formal Tea In Grange Lounge Given By Women's Group Honors New Dean

Lakonides, women's physical education honorary, welcomed Dr. Carl P. Schott, new dean of the School of Education and Athletics, at a formal tea in Grange lounge Sunday.

Invitations were extended to the staff of the physical education department and to Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray.

The committees: Refreshments—Violet Bailoni '39, chairman; Gene Giddings '38, Dorothy McAuliffe '39, and Amy Blandy '39.

Properties: Helen Ketter '38, chairman; Louise Sutton '38, Eleanor Carrins '38, and Edith Trigrani '40.

Invitations: Mary Ann Rhodes '40, Clean-up: Bertha Wright '39, chairman. Madeline Funnell '39, Patricia Altwater '40, Eloise Rockwell '40, and Beatrice Lowe '40.

**Daddy Groff Gets New Fruit Used As Medicine**

Dr. G. W. Groff, known as "Daddy" to thousands of Penn State graduates and students, who is now dean of agriculture at Lingnan University in China, has discovered a fruit highly prized by the Chinese.

The fruit, lohon, is found in a restricted province in China where it is grown and dried by primitive tribesmen. In its fresh state, lohon is very sweet and irritating to the lips and tongue. However, in its dried state, it is known in Chinese stores the world over as a medical remedy for colds and congestion of the lungs.

"Daddy" Groff found he was the first white man ever to be seen by these tribesmen who have a highly developed horticultural technique. He collected the first leaves, blossoms, and fresh fruits of the plant for the National Geographic Society.

Lohon, which for years was "just beyond" science and botanical identification can now be studied for its actual medical value and plant history as a result of this discovery.

**Bently Attends Show Of Percheron Horses**

Prof. Franklin L. Bently of the department of animal husbandry attended the national percheron horsemesh and bred-type conference, in Columbus, O., last week-end.

Bently also acted as judge at the percheron horse show in Frederick, Md., last week.

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