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HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE

BEHIND THE GRIZZLY face of Burgess Wilbur Leitzell there rests not only a pot of student gold...

And warm it should be. His association with students has been most beneficial. But what we have particular reference to is the good will statement he issued last week when students were arrested for playing ball on a borough street.

Prior to Thanksgiving vacation students were arrested for the same offense without warning. They were ignorant of the law and were told by the kind Burgess to kick in a dollar apiece to the coffers and go home without a trial.

Observers of Burgess Leitzell's dispersement of student justice will agree that the students did the wise thing in kicking in the dollar and going home. Arrest in State College has proven tantamount to conviction.

Now we see. The students hadn't been warned. They knew nothing of the 1897 statute that caused their arrest. Remember that statement, "we warn them."

Was it that out of the goodness of his heart he was loath to see students throw their money toward the borough coffers? Hardly does his record permit one to believe that fantastic tale.

Could it be that his "we warn them" policy had been violated? Could it be that he had made no effort to inform students of the 1897 statute that had plagued them? Could it be that his conscience would prick him a little too much to charge \$21 for ball throwing?

Could it have been that he was embarrassed to bring such a case into trial? Could it be that he realized he was doing an injustice and that he crawled out of it, picking up a few dollars as he went?

Could it be that there was no case against the students, and that he was afraid of breaking his long record of convictions? Is it possible that he did not wish to admit that the borough was wrong?

We think all these situations possible and plausible in this case.

Yes, between that grizzly face and a pot of gold lies a warm heart. But unlike Old Sol it radiates its little sunbeams in but one direction.

It would be interesting to know why Burgess Leitzell and his police force are so efficient in arresting boys playing football and so opposite in performance when cars are stolen, houses are robbed, and miniature gang war shatters several hundred fraternity house windows.

WAKE UP WOMEN!

With a new women's activities building to be finished for next fall, it is time that you received some recognition in the line of intercollegiate sports.

The building that will have a swimming pool, a gym two-thirds the size of the one in Rec hall, a bowling alley, squash room, rhythm room and game rooms, is to be devoted entirely to your sports.

Certainly your physical education department is equal to that of other colleges. Your interclass competition can not compare with that of intercollegiate. But so far you have been content to have a mediocre one!

Each of you women in the school of physical education is going to look for a job when you have finished. With a background of a well known school to fall back on you will have a definitely better chance.

If the College cannot or will not finance this move, why not do something about it yourselves? Why not have an increase in fees? You will have something to repay you for it.—R. E. S.

OLD MANIA

Extinguished:

Bill Provost staggered up the stairs to his apartment in the Montgomery building Saturday night. Smoke filled the hall and Bill decided to act quickly.

A few minutes later, those dashing Alpha firemen arrived on the scene. They put the thing out and then looked around for wreckage, etc.

Lying on the floor in the shop was none other than our hero. Bill was smiling, stretched out, lovingly holding the fire extinguisher in his arms.

The question now puzzling the fire department is: Did the flames and smoke extinguish Bill or did some other explosive cause the accident?

Silk Pants Game:

Events following the Maniac's selection of a corner room All-America football team were as follows: The er gridders solicited Leo Houck as trainer for their team. He accepted.

The diner waitresses think they can enter formidable opposition to the Mateer-water-boyed eleven. The diner waitresses were alleged to have offered Houck a job as their trainer.

Houck is holding out for the best offer.

Nationalism:

A young man appeared in the courts recently and asked to have his name changed. The judge asked him his name.

"It's Franklin D. Stinko," he said. "Well," said the judge, "I can see why you would want such a name to be changed. What had you in mind?"

"John Stinko," was the answer.

Dirty Work at the Cross Roads:

Last week when snow was in all its glory, the bzp's received a telephone call. "This is the phiepps. We're coming over to attack your house. Prepare.

A few minutes later, the phiepps got a 'phone call. "This is the bzp's. Get ready. We're coming over to attack your house."

More than an hour passed and nothing happened. In full view of a hore cop, who was parked in front of the phi epp house, a bzp representative, waving a white flag, met a phiepp and the boys decided it was all a joke and the thing should be called off.

Love is the Sweetest Thing:

The TKE boys took the DG's for a sleigh ride the other night. It wasn't too successful because the hesses refused to go along. Silvia Pritzler and Mert Greenfield are sipping from the same straw.

And everyone wonders how Gordon Zern and Sylvia Elters can be so happy together.

Tat Wirt is back in circulation again. but it's only because Jack Sartz is buried in the woods trapping. Love's angle on Friday night's dance changed the name of the annual affair to soph flop.

Dee Watson has been getting 'phone calls telling him to go out and look at the moon. he don't know why. Dee Graham and Johnny Moeller are still staring into each other's eyes.

—The Maniac

UNDER THE COLLEGIATE SPOTLIGHT

Candle Light Brigade Protests University Of California Library Lighting Facilities; Judge McDevitt Calls College Drivers Good But Terrifying To Others

By ROY NICHOLS

Protesting inadequate lighting facilities of the University of California library, students organized a candle brigade—250 strong, and marched into the building, sat down, and began to read by candle light.

Bellefonte Clerk Handles Refund

Affadavits Must Be Presented To Probation Officer To Get Payments

Fraternities which lost money in a series of thefts by a student here last year may recover sums due them by presenting signed statements to Roy Wilkenson, probation-parole officer of Centre county, with offices in the Bellefonte courthouse.

Although at present funds paid into the custody of the court are exhausted because some fraternities already have levied against the account, refunding of the money will proceed as rapidly as the money becomes available.

Fraternities desiring to recover the amounts stolen must make out statements giving the amount taken from each person, his home address, his signature, and the signature of the chapter president certifying the validity of the claims.

The total amount claimed must equal in all cases the total specified on record at the court as having been stolen from that house.

FELINE

Fair play, was sidetracked when overnight rushing was railroaded from the sorority, schedule in a stormy Panhellenic session last Tuesday. A deadlock between the ten houses provided an excellent opportunity for the Advisory Board to wheedle, persuade and finally threaten to abolish overnight rushing themselves, if the five houses which voted for it refused to change their opinions.

The procedure of abandoning the issue until a final decision was reached was contrary to our form of governmental law. If an act was declared unconstitutional before the Supreme Court, assuming that one member was absent and there was a tie vote of 4-4, the act would continue to be constitutional until there was a majority vote for or against it.

The houses will present their results of a re-vote Thursday. If there is another deadlock we hope that the issue will be dropped and that the sororities resume overnight rushing.

"College men are good drivers, but they terrify everyone on the road," says Judge Harry S. McDevitt, Philadelphia. "The student driver has perfect control of his car," he asserted, "but the way he drives scares a lot of other motorists into accidents."

Harvard freshmen have petitioned university authorities to replace the young chambermaids who make up their rooms with older women. The young maids are too "giddy," talk too much, and sing too frequently while at work, say the freshmen. This disturbs students at their studies, they contend. (Forgive them, they're just freshmen.)

Fi Batar Cappar is a mock honorary fraternity for men at the University of West Virginia.

Charley McCarthy is going collegiate again. Latest rumors on the Northwestern University campus have it that Edgar Bergen is bringing his woodenhead stooge to the campus to receive the degree of "Doctor of Innuendo and Snappy Comeback."

A shipment of new biology text books at Mississippi State Teachers' College produced some fireworks recently.

A chapter on evolution annoyed John M. Frazier, biology instructor, to the extent that he ripped the offensive pages from 60 books.

His action, a decade after Tennessee's famous "monkey trial," renewed the evolution discussion. Mississippi fundamentalists in 1926 had enacted a law forbidding teaching or use of books which related the theory that man "ascended or descended from a lower order of animals."

Dean Trabue To Speak During Holiday Season

Dean Marion R. Trabue, School of Education, will speak at two meetings in Harrisburg during the Christmas vacation.

On December 27, Dean Trabue will address the College Teachers of Education on "Our Own Medicine." On December 29, he will speak at a research round table of the Pennsylvania Education Research Association. His subject will concern a suggested study of successful teachers.

Correction

The four students who were caught gambling last week were not residents of Watts hall, as stated in the last issue of the Collegian.

Dorm Operations Progress Rapidly

Building One Month Ahead Of Schedule; Central Steel Construction Finished

Work on Frances Atherton hall, the new dormitory for women students, is progressing rapidly at the building site on the southeast corner of the campus with operations now a full month ahead of schedule.

All the steel construction in the central part of the building is completed with the roof trusses for the wings the only remaining steel work to be done. Approximately 500 tons of steel have been used to date. Working at top speed whenever weather permits, the 175 workmen have labored late into the night to complete tasks on more than one occasion.

Cold weather hinders operations. Cold weather makes concrete pouring difficult because mild temperature conditions must be present until the mixture has set. Concrete and mortar is ruined by freezing when still moist. Despite this fact the weather hasn't been unfavorable enough to hinder the progress of the project to any great extent.

Much of the plumbing and electrical work also has been completed. The first floors of the wings are finished. As much is being done now as possible in order to keep ahead of the winter weather conditions which are almost sure to slow up operations.

The excavation work on the new women's athletic plant just north of the new dorm is about 95 per cent completed. Foundations are being laid and steel construction is expected to begin about the middle of January.

Journalism Smoker At 7:30 Tonight

Inviting all men students interested in journalism, Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism honorary, will hold its annual Christmas smoker at the Phi Delta Theta house tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Highlighting the program will be talks by Chester Smith, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Press; Major Albert H. Stackpole, publisher of the Harrisburg Telegraph; and Marion S. Schoch, publisher of the Selingsgrove Times.

Xmas Carol Sing Set For Thursday Evening

Led by the College choir, the traditional Christmas carol sing will be held in front of Old Main Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock. Both students and townspeople have been invited to attend.

Dean Marion R. Trabue will give a short reading on "The Spirit of Christmas." The rest of the program, as arranged by the Christian Association, will include a brass quartet and several hymns sung by the choir.

A worship service in the Hugh Beaver room, Old Main, will follow the sing.

Luzerne Women Feted

A tea in honor of Luzerne county women attending College here will be given at 2:30 o'clock, December 28, at Chase hall, 184 South River street, Wilkes-Barre, by the Penn State alumnae of Luzerne county. Mrs. Sara Sanford, soprano soloist, and Morgan Reese, concert pianist, will entertain.

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