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A SHOT IN THE ARM

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how little his profession means to him. Years of service in a salaried and non-competitive field has dulled rather than sharpened his evidenced ability.

The fault lies, we discover, not in lack of money or facilities. It lies in lack of interest and ability.

Since President Hetzel's committee did not find the correct answer to the problem last year, it is its duty to open the question again. The Collegian is firmly convinced that the trouble is with the head of the Service.

An efficient, conscientious head of the Service would satisfy students that they can receive proper medical treatment on the campus. Students would know that they were being given a service which their health fee demands.

The Collegian hoped this fall that the answer to an ancient complaint had been found. That hope is shattered. New faces are needed in the Health Service—especially at its head. A complete reorganization is needed.

An efficient and skilled head of the Service would build an efficient and skilled staff.

AN HONOR—UNDER BABYISH TREATMENT

SHOWING ALL THE tactics of a child with a new toy, the Liberal Arts School with the acquisition of a local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa this year has characteristically attempted to run off into a corner and keep it all to itself.

Through the prompt action of several faculty members aiming to support the L. A. School and let the rest sink or swim, a set of by-laws limiting the student membership in Phi Beta Kappa as closely as possible to students from the L. A. School, was drawn up, hastily read at the first meeting of the faculty members of Phi Beta Kappa on November 23, and railroaded through the meeting by the narrow margin of 23-21.

The by-laws set up state that 80 per cent of the student members to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa each year at Penn State must come from the senior class of the School of Liberal Arts, the remaining 20 percent to be chosen from the various other schools. Of the 80 per cent chosen, members must be in the upper fifth of their class and must have at least a 2.5 all-college average.

A little figuring will show just what chance anyone who is not a L. A. student has of attaining membership at Penn State.

We find that the eligible five per cent with the necessary average in the L. A. School last year would amount to 12 students. If these 12 should represent 80 per cent of the total membership per year, the remaining 20 per cent to be chosen from the other schools of the College would amount to two and two-fifths students, representatives of approximately 900 graduating non-L. A. students. Should this number of eligibles in the L. A. School for some reason take a drop some year, then this pitiable figure of representation from the other schools would drop correspondingly.

There seems to be nothing wrong with the scholarship requirements, nothing wrong with the limiting of the number admitted, as Phi Beta Kappa is based primarily upon scholarship and exclusiveness; but—the designation as to which schools on the campus the members come from seems to be sadly gummed up in scholastic politics. For why should a student in one of the three branches of the L. A. School, arts and letters, commerce and finance, or journalism; have a four to one better chance to make Phi Beta Kappa than a student in a number of other courses taught here? The answer seems to be purely an arbitrary one—because the pro-L. A. faculty members of the fraternity managed to get their 80 per cent rule passed. There's not much logical reason as to why the majority of the student body should be left out in the cold. Other curricula outside of the L. A. School have just as many liberal subjects included as do certain of the L. A. curricula.

Although our chapter's publicity, smoothly dished out by chapter president Carl E. Marquardt, designates Phi Beta Kappa as "primarily a liberal arts fraternity," the national interpretation of its principles call it a "scholastic fraternity of the arts and sciences." In other colleges its membership is chosen on the basis of the number of liberal, non-technical subjects the student is taking. However, here it appears that an education student, for example, could take many more liberal subjects than a commerce and finance student and have identical high grades and yet have one fourth the chance for Phi Beta Kappa of his classmate in the L. A. School—simply because the faculty of the L. A. School were thoughtful enough to hog the honor for their own school. The same may be applicable to students in botany, chemistry, geography, physics, English, and social sciences. Thus it would appear that this looking out for the interests of the L. A. School has been done not only at a sacrifice to the principals of fair play towards the students of the other schools, but to the principals of the fraternity itself.

Up to the present a bitter internal fight has been waged among the faculty members over this point, although nothing of it was known to the student body due to the planned, unfruffled publicity releases of Dr. Marquardt. However, the fact that remains to be seen is whether the L. A. School will be allowed to keep its newly acquired toy to itself, or whether students in other schools may also have a chance to share the honors.

—B. T.

OLD MANIA

Hangover:

When Marcella Anderson, kkg, went home for the holidays she had the pleasure of sharing her seat on the train with an ardent WCTU advocate. The old lady displayed from her travelling bag several small bottles of "fire water," pointing out their harmful effects, frowned on Marcella's smoking, and became very much concerned about the girl's welfare.

Returning from vacation, Miss Anderson received a letter from the prohibitionist in which she suggested that she make her acquaintance with Warren Elliott "there at Penn State," giving the debonair the chap an excellent recommendation. The genial lady also contacted Elliott, highly recommending Miss Anderson, and then "having soon her duty and done it," her conscience was at ease.

Collegian Classified:

NOTICE—Ed Gold, Don Miller, and I plan to announce our engagements at a dance during Easter vacation. Anyone interested in joining us to make such an announcement should dial 2710 and ask for Bob Baxter.

Foul Ball:

Thursday's blaze at the beer storage house gave the "Crimson Flames" a two-game lead on the Alpha Fire Co. The record to date shows a tie at the foundry, and a defeat for the Alphas at each the bull pen and "the home of the brew."

The tilt on Thursday was a hot battle but the Alpha pitchers were able to throw nothing but water. The largest crowd of the season gathered to cheer for the Crimson. No rain checks were issued despite the heavy downpour and many disgruntled spectators went home wet, but not soaked, tired but not happy. Hi!

Most disgruntled player of the recent series was Hum Fishburn. The first battle was waged at noon, the second during vacation, and the third at night, depriving the music appreciator of an excuse to cut classes.

Wasted Postage:

Jean Walker loves to receive mail. So she spends her spare time writing letters to herself. But someone else has come to the rescue and she'd like to know whom.

Last week she received a card with the picture of the interior of a beef cooler with hundreds of sides of beef hanging in rows. The second was a scene in a slaughter house.

A Toss-up:

Dr. E. A. Betts, ed. prof., conducts a clinic in the home ec. bldg. where faculty members and town-people bring spoiled archives with the hope that it is still not too late to correct their bad habits.

A recent visitor was a mother with a child that she never contradicted. When she attempted to leave the clinic, the boy shouted to his mother, using the threat he always employed at home to gain his ends.

"Stay here, mama, or I'll vomit." "Oh, no, you won't," replied the mother. "That's why I didn't give you any breakfast this morning."

Trivia:

A clipping from the Scranton Tribune shows a picture of Sammy Donato sliding beer across his father's bar and says "the right hand that now crosses the tops of the steins will soon cross opponents' chins" ... Vance Packard, former Collegian man and Times stooge, is now writing a daily column for the Boston Daily Record, "Success Struggles." Printed beside the writings of Westbrook Pegler, the column contains interviews with some of New England's more prominent men ... and Franklin Banner of the jour. dept. took his twelfth trip around the world since September when he addressed the ag. ed. honorary, A. T. A., on Saturday.

—TIT MANIAC

Changes In Final Exams Scheduled

Chemistry Annex Destruction Necessitates Revisions In Room Locations

Below are printed the changes in rooms for the final examinations resulting from the loss of the Chemistry Annex building by fire. Ray V. Watkins, scheduling officer, also announced that all students who have reported their conflicts to the registrar's office will be notified by mail of their new schedules.

- Subject Time Old Room New Room
AH 1 T 8 120 Dairy Stock Pav
Bact 1 M 10 120 Dairy Armory
Bact 2 M 8 101 CA PH
Bot 1 Th 10 120 Dairy Armory
Bot 11 Th 2 120 Dairy 109 Ag
Chem 1 M 8 Amp Aud
Chem 3 M 10 Amp Aud
Chem 20 W 10 Amp Aud
Chem 32 Th 8 201 CA 207 HE
Chem 40 T 8 Amp Aud
Chem 437 T 8 201 CA 100 EngA
Chem 470 W 8 206 CA 200 TC
Ch Eng 5 T 10 CA 102 EngA
Com 15 S 10 120 Dairy 100 Hort
Com 40 T 10 Amp Aud
Econ 5 F 8 120 Dairy 100 Hort
Eng 14 Th 8 Amp Aud
Ed 16 M 10 101 CA 100 EngA
EnglComp 1 M 2 Amp Aud
EnglComp 5 F 2 315 MI 108 Phys and
102 EngA
Ger 1 W 2 120 Dairy Armory
IE 315 W 2 Amp Aud
Journ 35 T 8 206 CA 203 EngA
Math 4 Th 10 all sections Aud
Math 10 F 8 Amp Aud
Math 431 T 2 120 Dairy 108 Phys and
223 EngP
Met 59 F 2 120 Dairy 315 MI
Phil 7 T 10 120 Dairy Armory
Phys 211 S 8 SEE LIST
Phys 217 S 8 SEE LIST
Phys 231 S 8 all
Phys 232 S 10 sections Aud
PhysSci 1 Th 2 all
PhysSci 7 Th 2 sections Aud
PhysSci 8 F 2 Amp Aud
PolSci 14 M 2 108 Phys 300 EngA
101 EngA 300 EngA
Psy 1 F 10 120 Dairy Armory
Psy 2 S 8 120 Dairy 405 Main
Soc 1 F 10 Amp Aud
Soc 2 W 10 120 Dairy Armory
Zool 3 T 2 Amp Aud

Debating Team Meets St. Francis, Bucknell

Fred S. Carlson '39 and Jack R. Cobb '39 will represent Penn State in a varsity debate with St. Francis College, Lorain, Pa., at the Bellefonte High School auditorium Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. State will take the affirmative side in an orthodox debate on the subject, "Resolved, That the National Labor Relations Board should be empowered to enforce arbitration of all industrial disputes." Assistant Coach Harold P. Zelko will accompany the debaters.

Four members of the men's Freshman debating team will go to Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa., on Friday to participate in a number of debates on the NLRB resolution. David R. Benjamin '41 and Louis P. Green '41 will represent the affirmative team, and Harris Friedman '41 and Leonard S. Schneider '41 will debate the negative side. Freshman coach J. Edwin Matz '38 will also make the trip. Bucknell University men debaters will meet the varsity team in the Home Economics auditorium here on Tuesday night, Jan. 18 at 8:15 o'clock. Penn State will take the negative side in the parliamentary session on the question "What is the best solution of the employer-labor struggle in the United States?" Following the debate an open forum discussion by the audience will be conducted by the debaters. Harold P. Zelko will be chairman of the meeting.

Prof. O'Brien Honored

Professor Joseph P. O'Brien has been selected Curriculum Chairman of the Speech Round-Table of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association. O'Brien received this honor at the annual convention of the association in Harrisburg during the Christmas holidays.

Letter Box

To the Editor:

The American Student Union, as a leading proponent of a boycott of Japanese goods by American citizens, has accomplished an unexpected end. It has aroused the thought of less publicity-seeking and more even-keeled university students.

I question if the United States—still less, its private citizens as individuals—is obligated to make the rest of the world do what we think is right. We have enough to do to make sure that we ourselves do what is right!

One of the foremost right things for us is to stay out of foreign wars. What effect would a nation-wide boycott have on this? It would inflame the Japanese against us, while no realistic person believes it would cause them to cease fighting in China. I see no margin in stirring up anti-American feeling in any part of a suspicious world.

More important, a boycott might easily arouse anti-Japanese feeling to a high pitch here in our own country, for we are an emotional people. It would make our people easy prey for a cheap jingo press and cheap jingo politicians that might seek to embroil us in an Asiatic war. Every foreign war in which we have engaged has been preceded by a campaign to arouse our hatred of the nation against which we eventually went to war. A boycott is made to order for that kind of folly!

If we want to keep out of war, we must not allow ourselves to be will war—and that means we must not get emotionally overwrought about what happens in other countries. Plenty happens here to keep us busy. Sincerely yours, Dave L. Swank, Jr.

To the Editor:

I would say very strongly that we do little good by making military training compulsory in our colleges and universities. If the aim is thereby to develop patriotism, we defeat our object. It is very much like compulsory chapel. We make students hate what we wish them to like. In this matter, where conscience so often plays an intense part, we Americans ought to be generous enough to permit students to choose freely whether they wish to elect military training or not.

As a matter of fact, the amount of training that a student receives in college will not make him an effective defender of his country in times of stress. Hence there is no excuse for the course from the point of view of national efficiency. We build a far more effective citizenry if we permit individuals voluntarily to undertake the kind of patriotic duties they themselves feel called upon to undertake. This is the democratic spirit, which should rule in colleges as well as in our civic and social life.

Sincerely, H. A. OVRSTREET Department of Philosophy and Psychology The College of the City of New York.

Szymczak Reinstated In Advanced R.O.T.C.

Francis H. Szymczak '38, was reinstated in the senior infantry R.O.T.C. through an order received recently by Colonel Russell V. Venable, professor of military science and tactics, from the adjutant general in Washington. Szymczak is at present practicing teaching in Altoona and upon his return will be given the rank of cadet captain in the infantry regiment.

Szymczak had completed three years of military work in the R.O.T.C. and spent six weeks of summer camp at Fort Washington, Md., when he was dropped at the opening of the present school year.

His case was reviewed by the chief of staff and he will be able to complete the work missed in time to receive his commission in the reserve corps at graduation with the rest of the senior R.O.T.C. officers.

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Fractured Bone Not Worthy Of An X-ray

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as he entered the dressing room after leaving the game. Witnesses told the Collegian that Dr. Ritenour had to be summoned from the bench to tend the prostrated player. They said that Ritenour spent approximately five minutes getting from the bench to the dressing room.

Later in the fall, persons injured in an automobile crash at the corner of Center drive and Burrows street on the campus, were treated for over an hour when they were taken to the Infirmary, Ross P. Shaffer '38 told the Collegian.

Coaches, players, and managers, who did not wish to be quoted, said that they receive little cooperation from Dr. Ritenour when injuries are obtained in athletics. They particularly emphasized that Ritenour would not X-ray injuries frequently when asked to.

When Robert E. Elliot, Jr., '38 was a victim of infantile paralysis this fall, Dr. Ritenour withheld the information from the press until it was uncovered from another source. J. Edgar Book, State College health officer, denied knowledge of the case at the time, but later Dr. Ritenour said that he had written the State Board of Health, telling it of the case. When the Collegian queried Harrisburg, concerning the case, no record could be found. Dr. Ritenour, had in his possession, however, letters from a member of the Board, recognizing the incident.

14 P.S.C.A. Members Attend Nat'l Meeting

Fourteen members of the Penn State chapter of the Christian Association attended the National Assembly held on the Miami University and Western College campuses in Oxford, O. The assembly lasted from December 27 to January 1, inclusive.

Wallace Dunlap '40 went as the official representative of this district to a student commission which discussed the relation of students to agriculture.

Harry Semmans, secretary of the association, served as chairman of a program laboratory on "Students and the Educational System." Juniors who attended the assembly were Italia DeAngelis, Helen Underwood, Ruth Smith, Dorothy Snyder, and Edward Kraybill.

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fair, and (bless the ladies) the house-party favor.

Several interesting studies appeared under the No. 2 item on the list, "date," but will be omitted. However, other typical answers picked at random from among the men of the entire school included the following big moments: When the last keg of beer came in. Getting plastered after my date went to bed. Draining the last drop out of the keg at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Cracking up fraternally brother's car. Tapping first keg. Having campus cop handcuff me to my girl so I could get a dance with her. Seeing my date walk towards me on the dance floor and pass out cold on the way. Getting kicked out of football game after lending ticket to brother's H. P. Q. Waking up on floor Sunday morning—Need more be said?

General opinion after it was all over was that houseparty was something ushered in by Sam, the old clothes man, who makes the rounds of the fraternities and a fortune at the same time and ushered out by one of three remarks, "Never again," "By —, I'll have a date next time!" or "Freshman, quick, my Bromo-Seltzer!"

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SCHILLING SKATES GROUND

MARINE DINING ROOM 123 W. Nittany Ave. Operates as a "Club." Offering excellent food. Board weekly, or \$5.50 ticket for \$5.00. A Suggestion for Second Semester. G. R. LAIRD, Prop.

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