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OUTSIDE, LOOKING IN

ANOTHER "CLOSED CORPORATION" has grown up among Penn State honor societies. Sigma Xi, national honorary fraternity for scientific research, in a justifiable effort to raise the local standards of the society, has with glaring oversight of several important factors, consistently refused admittance of Penn State seniors to its membership.

Through its excellence in many others of the 65 colleges and universities that have chapters of Sigma Xi, that fraternity has come to be recognized as the top in scientific fraternities, holding a position comparable to that of Phi Beta Kappa in liberal curricula. Membership in Sigma Xi has come to be an honor, proudly carried by graduates and undergraduates of 65 institutions having scientific curricula, an asset when applying for a job.

Penn State's scientific curricula undoubtedly have one of the best reputations of any associated with Sigma Xi, but students here graduating with honors are barred from the same nationally recognized honorary that accepts seniors in other institutions with inferior standing, denied membership in an organization that could accept them but won't. Much of the incessant internal wrangling here within the ranks of the faculty members of Phi Beta Kappa would undoubtedly be eliminated if Sigma Xi would take care of students who should rightfully belong to the organization, relieving the clamoring for admission to Phi Beta Kappa.

Instead of raising the standards of the local chapter of the society this exclusion has back-fired. The membership here, according to the official scholarship day program issued May 9, 1937, includes 27 graduate students. Of these, two-thirds come from institutions other than Penn State. They will not claim themselves to be Penn Staters. Thus in any matter in which Sigma Xi is involved they will be little use in raising the standing of the local chapter. This figure of two-thirds "foreign" membership is almost necessary under the present all-graduate set-up, since 60 per cent of graduate students here come from other institutions.

Basis for the statement that undergraduates are perfectly acceptable to Sigma Xi's national charter comes from Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities, a recognized authority on such affairs. Baird's lists Sigma Xi as an honorary scientific fraternity, not an honorary graduate scientific research fraternity as the local chapter calls itself here. Quoting Baird's: "Eligible to election as member in a chapter: Any student who, as judged by his actual work of investigation, has exhibited an aptitude for scientific research. Eligible for election as associate members: any student who has completed two and a half years of undergraduate work: and has shown marked excellence in two or more departments of pure or applied science."

It is to be hoped that Sigma Xi here will realize its mistake and take steps to remedy it. The present standards of admission as compared to what they would be should seniors be admitted, are less beneficial to the College, the College students, and the local chapter.

—B. T.

THE TOURNEY

IT IS A peculiar pride and sportsmanship that prompts us to welcome the representatives of the various colleges that are entered in the boxing intercollegiate this week-end. It is hoped that they will go away from Penn State impressed with sportsmanship and fair treatment.

Strangely enough, the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing association should be equally glad to bring its tournament here again. Every tourney here has made more money for the association than any other single source. Here, too, we attempted to interpret the weird rules for eligibility set up last year. In one of the clauses adopted last year men participating in amateur fights outside the college were declared ineligible effective in 1933. In another clause this rule was made effective immediately. Out of this jumble Penn State dug up an eligibility rule of its own and barred the men at whom the rule was aimed.

In order to promote college boxing, Penn State has tried to be a leader in reform. In that she has been sincere. She has been weakened competitively by it.

We hope that the tourney here this year will be fair, square, and congenial. We trust that the other members of the association are anxious to foster clean college boxing. We hope they will not adopt a tongue-in-cheek attitude, and that they will study conscientiously their own methods.

We hope that the association will unuddle itself and adopt a clear-cut policy. We hope that it sees fit to open its gates to other colleges who are trying to develop boxing. Choking competition by denying certain colleges participation is the quickest way to kill the sport.

A clearer, more open, and sober policy must be built around a plan that would find all members conscientious in their pledges to carry on in the open the adopted regulations. Rocks are never tossed from glass houses.

CAMPUSEER

BY KIMBLEY

Around the Courthouse:

Helen Martin, '38, is now just a "former" campus cutie. It seems she and Bill Morgan, '37, delta sig, have been among the married ones for sometime but didn't tell us until recently. Bill, by the way, is working in Gimbel's Nursery Department!

"Flash" (because she gets around) Penley of the nipi mouse has tugged, Bob Ricks as her "man of the hour!" Snooper (Campy's stooge) has it that Miss Penley visits regularly at the Kappa Sig lodge every Wednesday and Sunday nights.

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Around the Gridiron Gate:

It is with the greatest of glee that "Campy" presents the following report as heard through the walls of the Nittany Lion Inn on Tuesday night.

Chuck Campbell received the traditional brown derby because he has slid through College with the least amount of labor.

Whitey Korskak won the big brown beer mug (self-explanatory).

Brew Hall is now lugging around the red bomb after proving himself the most worthy radical.

Joe Wentling for his polishing ability was bequeathed a very shiny apple—incidentally, Campy wonders if Dot McAuliffe is enjoying that bit of fruit?

Russ (voiceless) Gohn was given one more key to add to his collection.

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Around the Pennsylvania:

Bob Knupp, boxing first, had a little embarrassing experience Saturday night after the Army meet. While standing in the lobby of the Hotel Pennsylvania talking with no less dignitary than Dean Schott, a large leaf of Hotel stationery fell out of his pocket. Naturally, the lad was quite perturbed, but Dean Schott eased the situation by remarking that he was perfectly all right, he was just doing his best to advertise the hotel.

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Around the Disappointed:

Al Simpson, Theta Xi's much advertised candidate for May Queen, was cut to the quick when his name did not appear in the Collegian's list of the Campus' fairest! Too bad, lad, maybe next year!

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Around the May Pole:

Since everyone is making May Queen nominations, and, after the W. S. G. A. mass meeting, evidently upon no basis of beauty or merit, Campy has a new plan to disregard beauty, class and activities of the gal. The idea of this plan is to judge her from the number of fraternity pins she has possessed since her enrollment in College. So, with all due parliamentary procedure, the following have been nominated:

Hank Cupter	Barbara McClure
Janet Story	Helen Drow
Maybelle Penley	Gypsy Rose Lee
Huldah Brown	Cleopatra

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Around the Ditches:

Pat Altwater, Thespian's dancing daughter, is beating double time with "Dunk" Dierken's signachi pin over her heart. "Blackie" Rex, a brother of Sigma Nu, is really on the run for Eleanor Skinner. Lindsey Arison, du, is growing very much attached these days to a certain H. Q. T. of the Alpha Chi Omega house. George Harwick, sigma chi, pinned a Drexel import last week-end—just a home town gal, "Snoop" says!

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Add I—In the Ditches:

Some practical joker called the campus patrol on Tuesday night and said a prowler was fussing around the Kappa house. So, an "always at your service" campus protector climbed out of bed, trucked up to the said lodge, and, finding no one, decided the call must have been from the Theta house. His intellect told him he would be seen if he walked down the path to the Theta house and the culprit, if so, would escape. So, he crept, extra stealthily, down Holmes Field and—fell smack in the ditch.

Well, if the prowlers don't get you, the ditches must!

—CAMPY

**Don't Forget
The Fifth Corner!**

The four corners of the ring at Recreation Hall are in for a lot of action this week-end, no doubt. But don't overlook the fifth corner—The Corner—the restaurant at the center of things at the main campus entrance.

Sandwiches for those not so hungry, club meals and a la carte service for those that are.

The Corner
UNUSUAL

Skating Planned Again Tomorrow

Scheduled For Armory; Limited To Faculty And Students; Price—25 Cents

With roller skating making its very successful debut here last Saturday in the Armory, plans have been completed for another skating party tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 5, and in the evening from 7 to 11 o'clock.

Skating will be limited only to students and faculty; the students obtaining skate tickets only with matriculation cards. The price for skating will be 25 cents.

Small Skates Available

There are plenty of small sized skates available for women and the committee encourages more women to participate in the sport.

Last week the floor of the Armory was marred considerably by skaters who, when attempting to stop, dragged their skates on the side. An appeal has been made for more careful skating to eliminate any floor damage.

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Notices of meetings to be published in this column may be left at Student Union Office in Old Main up to 1 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

TODAY

All clique chairmen, 305 Old Main, 4 o'clock.

Sophomore Independent party, 410 Old Main, 7 o'clock.

Chess Club, 2nd floor lounge, Old Main, 7 o'clock.

Hillel service, 405 Old Main, 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY

Sophomore men editorial Collegian candidates, 312 Old Main, 7 o'clock.

Hillel Purim social, Beta Sigma Rho house, 7:30 o'clock.

MONDAY

Pan-Hellenic Council, 410 Old Main, 4 o'clock.

Freshman editorial Collegian candidates, 418 Old Main, 7 o'clock.

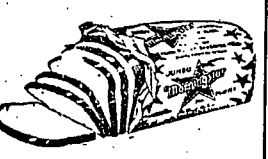
Future Farmers of America, 404-405 Old Main, 7:30 o'clock.

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Sketches Of The Candidates

Following is a sketch of the women who have been nominated for president of W. A. A.:

Dorothy A. McAuliffe

"Dottie" McAuliffe has been vice-president of W. A. A. for the past year and presided over the board while Gene Giddings, president, was practice teaching. Dottie has been a member of her class hockey and baseball teams. In her freshman year she was elected to Cwens and is a member of Lakonides, physical education honorary. These honors were earned by Dottie through general high scholastic standing, activities, and personality.

Rachael M. Bechdel

A member of the W. A. A. board since her freshman year, "Ray" Bechdel has been outstanding for being one of the women outside the school of physical education who has taken part in all the major class sports. She was elected representative from her freshman class and reelected her sophomore year. This year she has been secretary of W. A. A. board. She is a member of Cwens and is in the college choir.

Bertha L. Wright

"Berlie" Wright took part in hockey, basketball, and baseball her freshman year. In her sophomore year she was elected secretary of Lakonides, honorary physical education fraternity. She was winter sports manager of W. A. A. both her sophomore and junior years. This year she was elected treasurer of Lakonides. She is a member of the rifle team, and considers sports her major interest.

Scholastic Honorary Shows Local Charter

Copies of the permanent charter for the Penn State chapter of Phi Beta Kappa are on display in the offices of Dr. Carl E. Marquart, president of the local chapter, in room 108, Old Main. The typography employed on the charters resembles that of the original charter for William and Mary College. Names of 57 local Phi Beta Kappa alumni, charter members of the fraternity, are incorporated in the body of the charter.

First Workman Hurt On New Construction

The first casualty resulting from the College building program occurred at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning when a 3,500-lb. clam shovel struck and injured Ernest Music, of Coburn, on the front campus.

Music was walking down the ditch being dug to accommodate pipe lines when the crane plinned him to the ground as the operator slowly lowered it. It is understood that workmen called to Music but that he did not hear them.

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