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JUSTIFY YOUR EXISTENCE

TAPPING TIME for honorary societies is practically at an end.

Soon a half-dozen men's organizations will have completed their initiation of new members who will be entrusted with the problem of carrying on whatever work they are supposed to do during the coming year.

Whether the selections made by the societies were the best possible, however, remains questionable. And they always will remain questionable—unless present conditions are remedies—for the simple reason that no one seems to know exactly upon what basis these men are chosen and just what service they are expected to render to the College and the student body.

There seems to be no doubt but that honoraries here are capable of rendering invaluable service to the College and to the student body. They have it within their power to do so. In the past, many of them have done so.

During the last few years, however, many of them have drifted into a coma of indifference and have done nothing more than fleece students of their money through unwarranted initiation fees.

Now the Collegian is not against honorary societies as such. The Collegian does not seek to abolish them completely. To do so would be foolish.

Conceivably, there is at least one honorary society which renders some indispensable service to the College. On the other hand, some of them have fallen into utter disrepute. Controlled by unscrupulous politicians seeking only to further their own ends, they have departed from their cherished ideals and have become mere political tools. Honoraries of such a nature have no right to exist and should not be permitted to exist.

As student organizations, the honorary societies are bound to keep the faith of the students. As student organizations, they should divulge to the students among other things the principles and ideals upon which they profess to stand, the qualifications necessary for membership, the actual services which they render, the disbursement of the funds which they collect.

All this is an honest appeal to the honoraries to put their own house in order before the general housecleaning begins. It is a sincere, frank, and fair warning.

These honoraries which can prove they really do something to justify their existence have nothing to fear.

Those which cannot justify their existence should not be permitted to exist.

What could be fairer than this?

LIQUOR AND MINORS

REPRESENTATIVES of the State Liquor Control Board have warned the fraternities here that legal steps soon will be taken to stamp out the alleged dispensation of beer and liquor to minors living in the houses.

For the second time within a few months the Board has declared, in forceful but common-sense language that such practices are in violation of state laws and will no longer be tolerated.

Certainly in view of these warnings the fraternities cannot plead ignorance of the law, whatever little defense that may serve to present.

The houses here have been amply warned that they are not outside the law. As citizens of the state, as residents of the state, as visitors in the state, the members of the fraternities are bound to the letter of the state laws.

If there is disapproval of the liquor laws, recourse is not in infraction but in amendment.

The Liquor Control Board has been more tolerant than most of the legal agencies in the state. It has attempted to reach a common-sense understanding and a hand-in-hand cooperation in enforcement of the laws.

The case now would seem to rest in the hands of the fraternities. The Liquor Control Board only enforces the law.

CAMPUSEER

So That All May Know:

In May 1938 issue of Sigma Nu's booklet "The Delta of Sigma Nu" Vol. 55, No. 4, page 672, column 2, paragraph 2, sentence 1, reads: "As usual Delta Delta men have taken more than their pound of flesh with regard to campus honors." Sentence 4 continues: "Charles Campbell, politician and leader in campus activities, was named Inter-Fraternity Ball chairman this year. Campbell is a member of Lions Paw and Skull and Bones, highest campus honorary societies."

Penn State or State Pen?

Campy believes that he went to the wrong institution since he has read this story from the Weekly Island Lantern published by the men at the United States Pen on McNeil Island, Puget Sound.

"We, each of us, owe to those unfortunate on the outside who are fighting life's battles, struggling for life's necessities, to do what we can, at every opportunity, to cheer them, to encourage them, to help build that ray of hope which urges them on."

"We who are here in a safe harbor, well fed, comfortably clothed, with good beds to sleep in, a strong roof over our heads, furnished with all the necessities, freed of the vicissitudes of life, find it so easy to forget those who are not so fortunate, who are tired, weary, and heart sick of the turmoil."

"It is easy to forget the trials, the hardships, and the disappointments of others when we are not confronted with their problems, their day-to-day, hand-to-mouth struggle for existence. This is not because we become callous to the hardships of those who are less fortunate. It is because we are so far removed from such sordid things as gas, light, and grocery bills, house rent, and scores of other vexing, depressing problems, that we are prone to forget that such wretched matters exist."

Sluggo Slugs 400 With Words:

Champ Sam Donato, boxer and footballer, added another niche in his belt Saturday when he KOed 400 guests with verbal punches at a testimonial dinner in his honor at the Hotel Jermyn, Scranton.

After the show, Sammy heard himself being lauded, praised and back-slapped as speaker after speaker enumerated his deeds since the days when he was sports editor for the Dunmore P. S. 11 publication. But Donato electrified his honorees "with straight from the shoulder verbal barages that scored a series of perfect knockdowns over Webster," as one reporter put it, "that made Bob Higgins and Leo Houck rub their eyes and look twice to see if it was their Sammy talking."

Another writer expressed Donato's oration thusly: Sammy never scored a quicker and more decisive knock out or hit a line harder than he did in "kay-ying" the audience with brilliant talk, 55 words dropping from his lips with speed greater than Sammy ever displayed in his sports career.

And, oh yes, governor-seeking Margiotti spoke too.

It's a Fact

That a pet snail crept away from the caresses of Lillian Miller, Frazier street dormiss. There's a reward for its return.

That Bill Ulerich CDT editor, apologized to Dixie Smith . . . before strapping lost garter around his limb.

That Johnny Chambers, beaver house, took Betty Long, theta proxy, to the train when she left last week-end for Princeton . . . not only that, he also met her when she returned.

That Jack Kannon, ex-senior class head has pinned Dottie Lutz, theta.

That Ray Cokey, president of JF council, is battling 400 in the Barbara Fleming league.

That Hermione, the fair, rushed into class thinking she was 20 minutes late, to find that she was 40 minutes early and was so embarrassed that she stayed in the class to avoid more confusion.

That Donald S. Cryder, chem eng; prof will give a blue book tomorrow morning after Junior Prom. Tom Sica, du Fresh, waited for Peggy Jones on the second floor Mac Hall.

After the Prom

it's The Corner unusual

Poster Contest Prizes Awarded

Four Art, Two Press Winners Announced in Alpha Delta Sigma Competitions

Four prize winners and ten honorable mentions were awarded in the Pennsylvania Poster Art Contest by Alpha Delta-Sigma, national advertising honorary.

First prize was won by Ruth Sochen, Technical High School, Scranton. Second, third, and fourth prize winners were: Jean Hamlin, Chester High School; Herbert P. King, Altoona High School; and Mary Calder, South High, Pittsburgh. Edith Denger, State College High School, received one of the honorable mentions.

At the recent High School Press Conference, Alpha Delta-Sigma plaques for advertising excellence were won by the DuBois Forum and the McKees Rocks Rox Rock. ET. Honorable mentions were awarded to the Indian High Arrow and Bethlehem Catholic High Beach.

Co-Edits

Recent initiates to women's fraternities are: Alpha Chi O: Charlotte W. Devers '40, Anyarita O. Shiley '40, Jane A. Fulton '41, and Mary Elizabeth Rindard '41.

A E Phi's: Ruth Goldstein '40, Sybil B. Ivler '40, Shifra L. Kirschman '40, Eleanor F. Fineberg '41, Betty Jandorf '41, Doris J. Schambelan '41, and Harriet Singer '41.

A O Pi's: Ann V. Bass '39, Ruth V. Davis '40, M. Cleary DeSilver '40, Margaret R. DeSilver '40, H. Jean Fox '41, H. Louise Frost '41, Jane B. Hoskins '41, Darlene A. Newhauser '41, and M. Jean Townsend '41.

Gamma Phi's: Katherine B. Tenney '39, M. Isabella Pfeiffer '41, and Jane H. Weber '41.

Theta's: Dorothy E. Berry '39, Emma S. Jennings '39, Jean C. Taylor '40, L. Eleanor Berfer '41, Margaret M. Crawford '41, Gertrude L. Hallmeyer '41, Ruth K. Kistler '41, Leslie A. Lewis '41, Betty L. Long '41, Charlotte M. Lowe '41, Jeanne A. Smith '41, and Elinor L. Weaver '41.

Kappas: Narriet E. Colgrove '39, Ruth M. Reynolds '39, Ruth O. Beach '40, Agnes J. Ross '40, Helen B. Cramer '41, Mary Jane Dalton '41, and Mima A. Smith '41.

Phi Mu's: Eleanor H. Connelly '40, A. Dorothy Goldschmid '41, Vera J. Palmer '41, Marjuerite E. Strohmman '41, and Beth M. Swope '41.

Theta Phi Alpha: Mary Kay Connell '41, Harriet King '41, Martha E. McCormick '41, and Rita Rosini '41.

Chi O's pledged Betty L. Mattas '41, and Phi Mu's Janet R. Schmidt '40.

The new women's social fraternity, formerly called Themis, has changed its name to Eukratia.

The Alpha Chi's won the women's debating cup from the Thetas in the finals Wednesday night.

The Delta Gam's held coffee hour for the A O Pi's, and the Thetas entertained the Kappas Wednesday.

Building Program Rumbings

By EMANUEL ROTH The campus will begin to take on a skeleton-like appearance beginning June 1. From fresh foundations, steel, scheduled to start coming in from Bethlehem at that time, will crop up on every building site.

First structure to get steel, will be Agricultural Engineering, on June 1; last will be Chemistry-Physics, July 15. To be situated north of the Dairy Building, the Agricultural Engineering structure, L-shaped and fireproof, will bear on its facade "Agricultural Engineering, Anno Domini MCMXXXVIII."

Quickly rising are the foundations for the Forestry Building, east of the present Ag building. The facade will sport two ornamental pine trees, flanking the carved word "Forestry."

Pouring of foundations for the Education Building will begin next week while shovels continue to work on the Library site, near the tennis courts, and the Liberal Arts middle unit. Fourteen trucks and four shovels are now being used throughout the campus by the McCloskey Company.

Visions of a beautiful, sweeping front campus entrance were pictured yesterday by Prof. Harold E. Dickson of Fine Arts, who stated that the vast expanse of College grounds justified a more imposing campus portal.

Said Prof. Dickson: "I hope that in some future building program it will be found feasible to supply the campus with a handsome entrance. It is interesting to consider what might be accomplished on that site by a really good modern sculptor."

Too bad, but dozens of fruit trees have been hacked down to make way for excavations. Latest scene is the L. A. middle unit where about 10 trees were relegated to the hatchet as tractors and shovels moved in on the site last week.

We Women

Move-up day brought with it the advancement of the green freshmen to the ranks of the learned sophomores. But this class did not run true to form. It has actually formulated plans for an intelligent guidance of the class of '42 with a purposeful Freshman Council and Freshman Dean to lead them.

A proposal advocated by Miss Betty Bell and approved by Senate will provide for a committee on education that will be empowered to limit the social privileges of freshmen women deficient in scholarship. With Miss Bell as an advisor, tentative plans indicate that each class will be considered individually with limitations judged according to the particular woman.

Junior women have been one jump ahead of the regulations for next year with many of them already attempting to enjoy senior dating privileges. Senate is very emphatic in dispelling this illusion. As for next year's freshmen women, the lucky girl's will be allowed a one o'clock, a 10 o'clock, and Sunday until noon for dating.

Dormitory treasurers will be happy to learn that W. S. G. A. is eliminating the practice of collecting house dues by giving Mac Hall, Grange, Frances Alberton Hall, and Women's Building proportional sums for entertainment purposes.

Transfers will not be neglected next year in orientation programs. A committee headed by Ruth Beach will undertake a schedule to aid the adjustment of transfers similar to that of Senior Sponsor groups.

A proposal to improve student-faculty relationships may take form next year with the possibility of professors and their wives entertaining freshmen women.

Student 'Who's Who' Honors L. A. Senior

Thomas H. Moore, Jr. '38 has been selected as one of the outstanding college students to appear in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The students are chosen by a representative committee from the 475 schools listed in this annual publication on the basis of scholarship, extra-curricular activities, athletics, and future possibilities.

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Scarab Banquet Set For Monday

Barney To Be Guest Speaker; American Institute Award Will Go To Burgener

Scarab, honorary architectural fraternity, will hold its Annual Inter-departmental Banquet at the University Club, 6:30 o'clock Monday night. W. Rope Barney, visiting design critic at the College and a nationally known architect, will be the guest speaker. Prof. Burton K. Johnstone, head of the department of Architecture, will be in charge.

At this dinner, Scarab Medals will be presented to three sophomores for outstanding work during the school year. John R. Snydam will be awarded for his work in Architecture; Earnest J. Mihalya for Architectural Engineering; and Robert R. Tryon, for Landscape Architecture. The American Institute of Architecture Award, given annually to the outstanding senior architect of the year, will go to Edward H. Burgener '38.

Joseph C. Didingar, '39 will receive a 2nd medal which he won in the Emerson Competition, national Renix Arts contest. The banquet is open to all student and faculty members of the departments of architecture, landscape architecture, architectural engineering, and the fine arts division.

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ELECTRICAL QUIZ

- How many of these Questions can you Answer? 1. What was the first successful application of reduction gear drive to a large marine vessel? 2. How many kinds of heat are supplied by the "Corox" surface units of a Westinghouse electric range? 3. Who introduced the Parsons steam turbine to the United States? 4. What are the seven major types of rectifiers? 5. What alloy, consisting of non-ferromagnetic elements, is nevertheless ferromagnetic? 6. What type of power is used on the electrified portions of the Pennsylvania Railroad? What voltage? 7. What and where was the first commercial "repeating" broadcasting station? 8. When were the main rolls of a steel mill electrified for the first time? 9. What was the first large-scale display of incandescent lighting ever seen? 10. What is a sterilamp? ANSWERS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE FOUR

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