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OPEN LETTER TO THE FROSH

NEXT WEDNESDAY more than fourteen hundred of you freshmen will arrive in State College...

As for the best four years of your lives, there seems to be no doubt about that at all.

It's the same old story they dish out to you when you're being graduated from high school.

And just as true as it is in high school, so it is in college.

For the four years spent in undergraduate circles at college form the embryo of life—a crude, undeveloped brainstem polished into something less crude, something less undeveloped, something which might stand the gaff in a modern world that remains primarily individualistic.

During your four years here, you'll not only have the best social and intellectual conditions available anywhere, but you'll get an actual preview of what real life really is.

You may be one of the few who will reach your goal.

You may be one of the greater number who will be content with shifting your field and be glad to get halfway to your goal.

Of you may be one of the few who won't even make a first down.

Into whatever category you may finally land, however, you should remember one thing.

You've got to decide—here and now—whether you're going to carry the ball for yourself or have someone else carry it for you.

And once you've decided that, you've got to keep on deciding as the ball moves up and down the field—as fortune shifts back and forth—just which way you want to go, whether you want to sidestep or jump or run or plunge or just sit down and quit.

And all the while you're got to bear in mind that this is only a practice game, that the real game—the one that counts—comes after you're out of college.

And all that time you've got to remember that the best way to prepare for the real game is to put everything you've got into the practice game and get everything you can out of it.

But there is still one other thing you've got to remember. No matter how much you put into this practice game, no matter how much you get out of it, you should not expect to be FULLY prepared for the real game.

To expect such a thing will not only place you school in an unfair position but bring you utter disappointment. For although someone might be able to substitute for you in this practice game, you're got to play the real game yourself.

There is something, however, which you should expect from your four years here, something which you can get if you properly apply yourself to your work. That's a better idea of what it's all about, a foundation strong enough upon which to build your future career, an armor that will help shield you in the free-for-all battle that life really is.

And for your sake, as well as the sake of the thousands of other students here, remember this institution, like any other institution, is judged by the samples it produces.

A NEW WORLD

FROM HOME LIFE to College life. That's the big step incoming freshmen will hope to complete in approximately one week.

Prior to 1925, there was no Freshman Week here. Students new to a College world wheeled into town a little bewildered.

Home ties, strained as they were by the entrance of the freshmen into a world practically free from parental guidance, only served to intensify bewilderment.

Naturally, freshmen found the process of adjusting themselves to a new environment not only slow, but to some—almost insurmountable.

One week from today, however, it will be different. Some upperclassmen will be in town, yes. But it will be Freshman Week—seven full days crammed with meetings, exams, registration, dances, parties, carefree jollity.

And when there is no time to worry, the process of adjustment becomes comparatively easy.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Advice: You don't realize it, dear Freshmen, but you're lucky. Yesirree, lucky. You're young, impetuous, and mebbe need a bit of "advice."

Don't: Spend a lot of money on wimmen, we'll know you're freshmen.

Neck on the campus, Captain Dennis' hid men go around with searchlights.

Neck in the movies. It detracts, those around you from the 35-cent feature.

Bring a car. I'll cost you a nickel every hour to park it on Co-op corner where everyone can see it.

Play ball in the street. The borough's law (Burgess Leitrell) will slap you for a \$12.50 loss for the crime.

Forget what you're up here for. Get here before the rest of the mob and pick out the best looker so you can brag to the gang back home about the swell umph you're courtin'.

Obey the silly customs. The upperclassmen will like you better in the silver attire the Tribunal will make you wear.

Think you are inferior to the sophomores. Why, only last June you were a senior and they were mere frosh.

Be meek with the profs. Tell them what you know. Just because they have a doctor's degree, doesn't mean they know more than you.

And, don't, feiveven's sake, walk around with your mouth agape. The fles are thick in these parts.

The Wit of the Roosevelt Corps:

Johnny Tioanovitch, editor of this rag, worked on the Scranton Trib this summer. Now Johnny was helping cover the American Legion Convention in Scranton a few weeks ago and to get through the heavy traffic he had a sign on the windshield which proudly proclaimed "PRESS."

He looked at the sign and looked again. Then he earnestly asked, "Which pressing company ya work for?"

A Parish Has a Bingo:

And then there was Muni Roth, another Collegian mug, who announced at WBAX in Wilkes-Barre for some time this summer.

One day when he was using his best diction, when the words seemed to come oh-so-smoothly, Roth was rattling off a commercial for some parish or other which was sponsoring a bingo. All went nicely. On "announced" continued.

"Prizes at the bingo are as follows—" (pause) —(pause)—(pause)

Roth gazed unbelievably at the announcer's book, it read "see list." He got red, he got blue, he got white. Where was the list? What would he say? The audience was waiting.

A "brilliant" idea finally flashed into his cranium. Husing and McNamee would have turned green with envy.

"Ah-er-hum—the prizes—the prizes," he continued, "will be announced at the picnic."

Add 1 Advice:

Drink a lot of water or beer before you go to take your physical exam. Ritenour will like it.

Don't ask upperclass women for dates. Listen to this one. Meekly the freshman walked up to the billyow senior co-ed. Weekly and half-quaking he asked her for a date. She looked down upon him and blandly said, "I can't go out with a baby."

He opened his mouth in amazement, "Oh—so-ry, I didn't know."

Parents...

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A. C. C. Closes For This Year

Fraternity Unable To Obtain Housing Quarters; Will Continue As 'Club'

Balked by inability to obtain housing quarters, the local chapter of the American Association of Common Clubs (A.C.C.) will close for this semester and function solely as a club during the year.

This was definitely established last night when the year-to-year lease which the organization held with Marion B. Meyer, State College real estate man and gas dealer, expired without renewal.

The English-named fraternity, whose chapter here was chartered in May, 1929, has been housed at 315 South Allen street for the past half-dozen years.

Acute housing conditions, sharpened by the presence of approximately 1,000 construction workers in town, was cited as the reason for failure to obtain an Ohio house.

Collegian Dance Will Unveil Beauty Queen

(Continued From Page One) look at, delightful to hold," etc., etc.

Last year, Jo Condrin was proclaimed as the first beauty queen in the history of the College. Miss '41 Jo's triumph was soon followed up by her appointment as honorary cheerleader.

The Collegian dance is annually the opening social event of the season. Music is supplied by a top notch campus orchestra. Admission to the affair can be gained only through presentation of one of the tickets given free with each Collegian subscription.

All freshmen women who attend are eligible for the contest. And remember, tickets are not on sale.

Miss '42, are you reading this?

We Women

To you, the women of the class of 1942, who will soon arrive on our campus, we bid welcome. It is yours to inherit our happy lot and to perpetuate your names in the hall of fame of women students at Penn State.

The few years that have just passed have witnessed a tremendous growth in both the number and the importance of women in this College.

It is your prerogative to do what you will with this progress. You will soon discover that the woman who maintains a balance in social life, activities, and scholarship is the most outstanding and the happiest student.

You are fortunate in that, for the first time in years, all freshmen women will be on the campus. There you will be able to enter into Women's Student Government association, Women's Athletic association, publications, and dramatics more readily than any class before.

Don't attempt too many things at once. Ascertain what you enjoy most and exploit it to its fullest. But always strike that happy medium that makes for the most enviable personality.

The glamor and excitement offered by fraternities, which must never be misnamed "frats," and all the other entertainment rampant in our life here should not and must not counteract other activities equally as interesting.

Our new women's activities building, Mary Beaver White Recreation Hall and Frances Atherton Hall serve as landmarks of the advancement of the women's student body. Your class, as the largest in the College's history, should serve as a landmark in the advancement of Penn State education.

Specimens Given

A gift of 847 specimens of native and rare butterflies has been added to the \$35,000 collection of the department of zoology and entomology by the Smithsonian Institute.

1,350 Degrees Set New High

57 Per Cent Increase In Past 10 Years Is Revealed By Registrar's Office

A total of 1,350 advanced and baccalaureate degrees—the largest number in College history—were issued during the last academic year of 1937-38, records at Registrar William S. Hoffman's office reveal.

Last year's total is an increase of 57 per cent over the identical period 10 years ago, when the College granted only 770 degrees in all.

275 Advanced Degrees. Of the degrees handed out last year, 1,083 were baccalaureate, with 267 advanced. Men students received 1,026, while women earned 324.

Conferred at the three usual commencement held during the year, the degrees were presented as follows: Regular June commencement, 994; mid-year commencement, 148; Summer session, 258.

Pen, Ink Required

Pen and ink, required during official registration, must be supplied as usual by students themselves. The College will supply neither, the Registrar's office announced yesterday.

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