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Above all, the Collegian will be tolerant. For in tolerance there is vision and there is might.

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JUSTIFYING THEIR EXISTENCE

THANKS to the slap-happy portrayals of college life by movie producers who probably never saw the inside of a college, incoming freshmen are most likely to have a bad taste in their mouths when fraternities are mentioned.

Although fraternities naturally put on their Sunday accent during rushing season, only to have their celestial finery wear off to a more realistic level after it's all over, they are not, as some would have you believe, hopeless dens of scoundrels and minus twos.

Were this the case, fraternities would have died a long time ago, if for no other reason than that they would have run out of scatterbrains and minus twos.

On the contrary, fraternities were founded to answer a pressing need for greater social opportunities to the students.

And they have continued to exist and multiply because they have answered that need.

Now, it may be true that different fraternities foster different ideals, judge rushes by different standards, function upon different principles.

But basically all fraternities are social groups, knitted in common fellowship, seeking to unify the fields of student opportunity in an effort to make their college education a more rounded whole.

For regardless of what you may say, an education—rather, anything approaching an education—cannot be gained in the classroom alone.

A person must do more than cultivate his brain to become a desirable citizen, able to discharge efficiently the obligations and responsibilities that are conferred with citizenship.

He must be more than intellectual, whatever the word implies.

He must be able to meet, to handle, to tolerate people, people from different walks of life, people with differing opinions, people with differing personalities.

He must be able to accept responsibilities with out shirking.

And above all, he must be able to utilize his "education" efficiently.

Unable to do this his education is not worth the price of the ink on his diploma.

Here it is then—in the cultivation of these important things—that the fraternity shines above all else.

For no one yet has been able to devise an efficient educational system that is so prevalent in the fraternity's biggest contribution to the educational field—the time-honored "bull session."

That contribution alone can justify their existence and their growth.

Now again it may be true that minus twos are prevalent in fraternities. But they also are prevalent among non-fraternity men.

Just as there are good professors and bad professors, so there are good students and bad students. And they come as they come, fraternities or no fraternities.

In fact, the fraternity scholarship averages published on Page 3 of this issue disprove any theory that fraternity membership and fraternity environment serve to drag grades downward.

As the averages show, 15 houses are above the all-College mark of 1.43, with a score or so of others within striking distance. And the difference between the all-fraternity average and the all-non-fraternity average is the mere fraction of eight one-hundredths of one point.

All in all, it's not the difference in fraternity membership that counts so much as it is the difference in grey matter and personal initiative.

CRACKING DOWN

ANNOUNCEMENT that Student Tribunal will enforce customs rigidly again this year comes as welcomed news to most of the students here, including freshmen, who have watched the past week's developments.

On the whole, the Class of '42 is as well-behaved and as friendly as any, but a few cocky birds already have appeared who think they are more important than the school itself.

During Freshman Week they've been given a free hand. But now it's time to crack down.

For their own good as well as the good of the student body as a whole, let's take a nice workout on fellows of that ilk.

OLD MANIA

The Maniac Is Here Again:

We just blew into the office in time to dash off the first Old Mania column of the year. It might do to remind our readers that contributions are always willingly accepted. Aich Waid, sports ed of the Chicago Trib and original promoter of the All Star games, writes a contributory sports column, "In the Wake of the News." And as he puts it:

The Wake Depends
 Upon Its Friends.
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Lead Pipe and a Prayer:

On the first day of rushing, one house went to call on a fash legacy who happened to be a four-letter athlete. Said the landlady, "Why he moved into a fraternity yesterday."

Another house put away the lead pipe and opened the cellar door when two freshmen rang the door bell and said, "We can't get a room, how do we join a fraternity?"

Some fraternities are thinking of stealing Leitzell's idea and installing parking meters beside the sofas on Saturday night.

Here's one for the Inquirer's new puzzle page. How was D U able to serve about 90 individual steaks to rushers at Sunday noon when fraternities were officially informed only an hour before that they would serve dinner to rushers?

Living Happily Ever After:

John Roosevelt, Jack Kennon and a whole mess of people were married this summer. Kennon talked Dotty Lutz into a trip to the altar. Track star, Norm Gordon, sprinted up the aisle with his Philadelphia bride. Windy Wear is hitched and we hear he has been for some time. Ginny Smith, public information ornament, used to break off with Scotty every week before they started even by getting married. Lucille Giles is keeping house for Prentiss Wilson while he attends the Duke Med school. Sigma Nu Bob Blum married Prof. Martin's daughter the acme of apple polishing and, of course, Barbara McClure is reported married again.

One Never Knows:

Adam Smyser, sophomore Collegian salesman, spied what he considered another freshman Collegian subscriber-to-be last Saturday. He popped the routine question, "Shall I sign you up now for your Collegian subscription?" Smyser was very polite. The prospect was beautiful, she was billowy. "I'll have to ask my husband first," she replied.

Another Froth Mistake:

When Art, Elion, froth graft manager, was strolling the beach at Atlantic City, a little last with a crew hat caught his eye. Blue figures or the white hat said P. S. 42. Big Art thought he would make this freshman's acquaintance and pave the way for a State College romance, but after a few dates he found out that the letter stood for Public School No. 42, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Addenda:

Jean Smith wears Walter Scott's S A E pin under the collar of her dress. A freshman asked at W S G A meeting, "Must we go to all the out of town football games?" ex-editor Chue, Wheeler is editing the woman's page of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telly. Leslie Lewis wishes Duten Voster would offer her his pin again. Alvera Goldey, now Miss Pes Tibbett, is attending a girls' school this Fall. Doris Stewart, ex-coed, left here a year ago for Syracuse. This year she's looking the Penn boys over. Mac Weinstein all most sold a freshman a college catalogue. Bud Schanck is still going around in circles, after spending the summer working on a merry-go-round. Corner Room Arnie gave the girl friend a diamond ring and it seems that a certain Philipsburg romance is about to go to the rocks, too bad, considering the "other guy" in the triangle.

JACK HARPER



TRADITIONS

EVERY COLLEGE HAS ITS TRADITIONS, NOT THE LEAST OF THESE IS THE SHOP WHICH OFFERS THE NEWEST THINGS FIRST IN UNIVERSITY STYLES—WHETHER THEY BE SHIRTS, TIES, HATS, SPORTS WEAR OR AN INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED SUIT—STYLE WISE PENN STATE MEN HAVE MADE JACK HARPER THEIR STORE



Between the Corner and the Movies

Players Select 1st Production

Will Present 'Room Service,' Broadway Comedy Hit, On October 1

"Room Service," one of the most popular and fast moving comedies ever played on Broadway, has been selected by the Penn State Players as the initial offering of the year.

The comedy will be enacted in Schwab Auditorium on October 1 in conjunction with the Dad's Day celebration.

Mason Will Direct

The play will be directed by Prof. David Mason, of the French Department, who has been associated with the Players for many seasons. Tryouts for the 14 parts of which will be handled by men, were held last night.

"Room Service" ran for almost two years in New York and is now being made into a movie in Hollywood. The show closed last July in the absence of Prof. Frank Neusbaum, of the division of dramatics, who is studying under Benno Schneider, famous director of the Aitoff Players in New York.

Prof. Arthur C. Cloetgh, head of dramatics, and Charles Diehl, Diehl, graduate assistant, will direct all the Players' productions this semester.

Panhellenic Judicial Committee Selected

Panhellenic judicial committee will be composed of Miss Morris Bench, Pi Beta Phi, Miss Ruth Graham, Delta Delta Delta, and Miss Carl P. Schott, Alpha Delta Pi.

These women, members of fraternities not on campus, will pass judgment on violations on Panhellenic rushing code as reported to them by the rushing, chairman of the council.

We Women

For three long weeks after tomorrow, freshman women will turn their thoughts towards their friendships and activities in college outside of the dating realm. After seeing white Mortar Board and gray and red Gown jackets, new students should be enthused with the desire to possess at least one during their four years here.

The best way to try for these honours is to enter one or two activities as soon as you can. Don't waste a day in the admiration of our handsome males. You will soon find that other activity can be equally interesting.

And also, remember that the upperclass ego rebels when a freshman enters a door before a revered elder. Always wait until seniors, juniors, and sophomores enter the dining room before you rush for a table. Those eating in Mac Hall must always see that those at the

Whitmore Honored By Chem Fraternity

Dr. Frank C. Whitmore, president of the American Chemical Society and dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics, was inducted into honorary membership in Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary professional chemistry fraternity, at ceremonies at Madison, Wis.

Dean Whitmore is the sixth scientist to be elected an honorary member of the society in the last ten years.

Dean's table are seated before they make themselves comfortable.

The head of each table is acknowledged hostess of the meal, and she gives the cue to start eating by placing her fork on her plate. Every platter should be passed to her before you help yourself. No one leaves the dining room without the permission of the head of her table and from the Dean in Mac Hall and in Frances Atherton Hall from the hostess.

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