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RENAISSANCE

WHILE A SEETHING, troubled world helplessly watched a continuing economic and political retrogression during 1938, and while the relentless hinges of time pointed to a dark and uncharted course of a foreboding future, things of manifest importance were altering the history of State College, of Penn State.

For 1938 and the changes which it wrought definitely heralded the dawn of a new era—an era of transition in the history of State College and of Penn State.

We are on the threshold of a Renaissance. We saw during 1938 the beginnings of a mass movement to match strides, to keep pace with the impending unfolding of the next chapter in our annals.

We saw eleven modern structures rising gradually to increase the physical facilities of the College by one-half, we witnessed a dramatic, successful movement which sought to root out the defunct honorary societies on the campus—symbols of a past age.

And we experienced the birth pangs of a revision of a tangled student constitutional mess and an increasing interest on the part of students in their government.

We were stilled as a progressive, conscientious faculty organization came to the fore with a thundering 18-point program which sought to benefit both students and faculty alike.

THIS ORGANIZATION, the American Federation of Teachers, recognizes that definite remedial action is inevitably bound up with the future of this throbbing, changing institution we call Penn State.

It has recognized the need of higher scholastic standards, the education of the student lead in the number of courses, adequate medical care for students and faculty. It has proposed that the low faculty salary scales be raised, that a more rational scale of salaries be adopted.

"In view of the notorious failure of local housing to keep pace with the growth of our College, and especially in view of the abnormal expansion of the student body which is in immediate prospect, the College should, as soon as possible, erect additional student dormitories."

Thus, in its third point, the American Federation of Teachers recognizes that adequate and proper student housing is one of the keys which will help unlock the vanishing barrier which separates the Dark Ages of Penn State from the impending Renaissance.

But additional student dormitories are not in immediate prospect; for the proposed second building program which was to include a 900-man dormitory has been doomed. How else can the problem be solved? If conditions in the rooming houses of State College warrant remedial action, how can this be effected? How are we going to meet the challenge?

THE COLLEGIAN has completed a thorough investigation of the rooming situation in State College and in Friday's issue will reveal the results of that examination. For two months Collegian reporters went from house to house, inquiring, recording, observing, investigating. The results are at the disposal of the students, administration, and townspeople. The Collegian recognizes that through joint action, and through joint action only can anything of a constructive nature be accomplished.

The Penn State Renaissance of 1938 demands that we fulfill certain conditions and requirements to be worthy of a new era.

The gauntlet has been thrown down. Action will be now be the keynote.—E. R.

BETTER TO GIVE

"... AND WE could never have done it without the Council's help."

So wrote Mrs. Robert Kirby, chairman of the State College Christmas Community Committee, in a letter to Raymond S. Coskey '39, Interfraternity Council president, thanking the Council for 50 food baskets which were donated for distribution by the committee to the neediest families in the State College vicinity.

For ten years the Christmas Community Committee has functioned as a charitable institution in State College during the Yuletide season.

For ten years this organization has made Christmas a happy season for many of the destitute families in this vicinity.

But not until this year has the Committee been able to furnish baskets for all who were in need. Thanks to Interfraternity Council, which carried out the plan suggested by its president, Raymond S. Coskey, every needy and deserving case on the Committee's clientele was cared for.

It is for this reason that the Collegian congratulates Coskey for his thoughtfulness in suggesting the plan, and commends Interfraternity Council for its unselfish generosity in making the donation possible.

"Things like this," Mrs. Kirby said, "make for a friendlier feeling in the community toward the student body."

The Collegian concurs. —R.L.W.

OLD MANIA

Return Of The Native:

The worst thing about vacations is returning to Penn State and where the Kappas speak only to Thetas and the Thetas speak only to God.

New Year's Resolutions:

—never to mention the names of Hank Cutter, Hermone Hunt, Paul Dean, Winnie Bischoff, Barbara McClure and Bob Goerder in the column again.

—to start a Stinker Club any day now.

—not to say all the nasty things we would like to say about Letzell, the College Calendar Committee, and Letzell.

—never again to call anyone a mink in the column.

—to glorify sex at Penn State from now on we spell SEX in caps.

Overheard On A Bus:

On a State College bound bus from New York early Wednesday morning, two book-wormish looking girls were discussing intricacies of their advanced chem course, while others were outdoing each other in New Year's Eve escapades.

When one girl got stuck on a problem, the other asked, "What did you do then?" "Well, I just wiggled my coordinates."

You Can Fool Some Etc.:

Russ Dobbins, spe prexy, was not used to going for any length of time without conversation with Molly Pugh, his steady, so when Molly was confined to the College Infirmary, Russ was stumped. No men visitors, you know. But Resourceful Russ borrowed a dress, etc., and with a couple of leucaps, some makeup, and a veil he looked enough like the real thing to get by Miss Chubb for several visits.

Cully Dobbins was the toast of Locust Lane over the weekend for his successful Mask and Wig act, and looked forward to more hospital rendezvous. However, when he called Sunday night, to ask how Molly was, the nurse said, "Why don't you come and see for yourself, or can't you borrow a dress tonight?"

Year In And Year Out:

vacation highlights included a pennstate party at the German American Club in New York among those present were phi gami Joe Elliott, Bud Clark, Bill Stohliener, ayteohs Lew Allemen, Karl Wiebesiek, thetavis George Parish, Al Simpson, Al McIntyre, Sammy Gallu, Bob Bass, agi Jim Kirkhoff, spes Lou St James and Dick Elmer with a girl from Temple, and Ed Hall dates included last year's Marie Perry, aopi, and Gerie Cronan, letagam, and we were there, too, altho Fritz wouldn't give us a free pitcher for the gratis advertising in the last column.

we liked the GA you meet so many people like Nancy the beer's good too saw Madeleine Carroll in Macy's she's as smooth as she looks on the screen what a rush we had a helluva time finding our brother-in-law in Philly's Twentieth Century Christmas Eve but we met more people including Mary McKay sweetheart of La Salle College and we could see why best radio gag we heard was when Lew Lehr in speaking of his girl friend said, "Why she's so how-legged, her mother must have been scared by a pair of ice loms."

best news we heard was that Manac will be an uncle in a couple months now we know why we can't find our brother-in-law our only disappointments were the Penn State basketball scores and the hand-blundered hankies when we had hoped for an air rifle other vacation news. Eleano Sklonner wearing the button from a West Point uniform. Doris Blakemoie once more fooltosee. Ruth Reynolds bringing back a cork book, Xmas present from Wallie Shea. Marcella Anderson minus her SAE pin. June Price, Chi O, received a diamond from phis Tom Young. Kern Schantz AZ finally gave up his pin to Ruth Williams, a local number. Chuck Cheundolo while playing with the Cleveland Rams on the West Coast dated Marjorie Weaver no less we still haven't gotten used to getting up in the middle of the night for breakfast.

—THE MANIAC

Aid For Student Refugees Is Sought Here

Council Would Finance Study At Penn State

Theatre Party Will Be Held; 25 Contribution Boxes Placed Downtown

A campaign to raise funds for the aid of German student refugees already in or in passage to the United States has been launched by the State College Council for Non-Sectarian Refugee Aid, organized last month by a group of student and town organizations.

If enough money is raised here, scholarships to Penn State will be created for the most deserving of the refugees. Other wise the funds will be distributed proportionately to all existent national agencies for student refugee aid or will be given to the International Student Service to be applied to placing students in American colleges.

Theatre Party to be held on a Refugee Aid theatre party to be held Jan. 25, 26 and 27, at the State and Cathaum theatres. Over the Christmas vacation contribution boxes were placed in 25 downtown stores, to be called in Saturday, January 21.

Tentative plans also call for a Refugee Aid rally to be held shortly after second semester registration when a speaker of national fame will be present. Thomas Mann, former Ambassador Dödd and Dr. Albert Einstein will be available at one time or another and may be brought here.

The motion picture "Professor Mamlock," a discussion of the refugee problem, will be shown at local theatres in the near future. This, however, will be separate from the theatre party.

Tickets printed in the name of the council are being sold now for 35 cents and will entitle the holder to enter any show at either the Cathaum or the State during the three days of the theatre party, which will include 24 shows containing four different billings.

To date 1500 tickets are in the hands of member organizations for distribution to their respective territories, and an additional 1000 are ready for distribution. The Council hopes that 5,000 will be sold.

Organizations which are represented on the Refugee Aid council are American Student Union, Collegian, Hillid Association, W.S.G.A. House of Representatives, High School Tri-Hy, International Relations Club, Mortar Board, Penn State Club, Penn State Christian Association, W.S.G.A. Senate, Sociology Club, Social Problems Club, American Pedgation of Teachers, Student Religious Workers Council, The Sigma Phi, Co. Edition, Agricultural Student Council and Cwens.

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Conflict Exam Schedule Posted; Cards Available In Offices of Registrar

Conflict exam cards are now available at the office of the Registrar. The conflict exam schedule is also posted on the Student Union bulletin board. Designated on both cards and schedule are the new places to take the exams and the time of examination.

Trustees Fill Ten Positions

Prentis, Mauthe Chosen To Board; Fletcher Named Acting Dean

The appointment of two new members of the College Board of Trustees, an acting dean of the School of Agriculture and seven new faculty members has been announced by J. Franklin Shields, Philadelphia, president of the Board of Trustees.

The new trustees are Henry W. Prentis, Lancaster, president of the Armstrong Cork Company and regional vice president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and James L. Mauthe, Portland, Maine, a graduate here in '13 and superintendent of the Youngstown district plants of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

Fill Vacancies Due To Deaths Prentis will fill the vacancy created by the death of E. J. Poole, Reading, and Mauthe will take the place of Hugh M. Clarke, Lancaster, also deceased.

Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, director of agricultural research, has been named acting dean of the School of Agriculture following the retirement on January 1 of Dean Ralph L. Watts, now Dean Emeritus.

Vice-dean of the School of Agriculture and director of research since 1927, Dr. Fletcher first became a faculty member here in 1917 when he was named professor of horticulture.

The new faculty members that have been appointed are F. P. Ferguson, assistant professor of agricultural journalism, J. R. Fredlund, instructor in English composition, Harold Westlake, instructor in speech, Leonidas Alaugu, part-time instructor in mathematics, Marjorie H. Fleming, assistant extension representative in home economics, Victor Conrad, assistant professor of geophysics, and Miss Marion L. Creaser, assistant professor of art education.

Resignations were accepted from Lavinia Belle McCormick, extension representative in home economics; A. G. Sandhoff, research assistant in fuel technology, and Aline H. Frink, part-time instructor in mathematics.

Eduard Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, has accepted an invitation to lecture at the University of Chicago.

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Warnock Asks For Students' Unity In 1939

"Get A Grip On Yourselves," Pleads Dean of Men In Survey of 1938

Asserting that the student body during the last year has created the impression that it lacks cohesion and is not aware of leadership, Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock, yesterday pleaded for the students to "get a grip on themselves during 1939."

"As an inevitable result of the physical disarrangement of the campus during the last year, we—faculty and students alike—have allowed our traditional way of doing things to become disarranged," stated Warnock. "Among the students there has been a noticeable disarrangement of the self-governing process to the detriment of the traditional Penn State unity of purpose, procedure, and customs."

Has Appearance of Crowd That the student body has taken on the appearance of a large crowd in which every man acts for himself is the description applied by Dean Warnock, who states that he is "frankly worried."

Upset campus conditions and new conditions of size in the student body are blamed by Warnock for the resulting situation. Warnock expressed the hope, that in 1939, the students, particularly the upperclassmen, would be resourceful and capable in solving their problems through universal cooperation with the leadership furnished by their chosen leaders and by their inherited traditions.

BULLETINS TODAY Alpha Delta Sigma, 310 Old Main, 7:30 p.m. TOMORROW Zoology talks, 2 Zoology Building, 7 p.m.

A meeting of the International Relations club in 105 Main Engineering at 7:15 p.m. THURSDAY P. S. C. A Cabinet Meets in Hugh Beaver Room at 8:15 p.m. House of Representatives will meet Thursday, January 12 in room 305 Old Main.

FRIDAY Penn State Chess Club, second floor lounge Old Main, 8 p.m. MISCELLANEOUS Amateur photographers, hand in photographs for Penn State Camera Club exhibit at Student Union.

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