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LEAD PIPES AND RUSHEES

WITH INFORMAL rushing over and formal pleading excitingly near, there are always some sororities which, realizing their weakness and not knowing what to do about it, dig out their "lead pipes" and set to work.

To the freshmen, rather bewildered by the whole process of rushing anyway, lead-piping is not always recognizable. However, it may be defined as any means of persuading women to join a sorority house other than through their own judgment or thoughtfulness.

What could be more insulting to a freshman? What could be a far cry of denying a woman's ability to think for herself?

Now houses have their opportunity. They get to put their best foot forward and show off their good points. They get to know women, discuss them, and decide whether or not they have what the house is looking for. Why, then, are freshmen denied the same right?

They should have a chance to know a house—yes. They should be invited to parties so that they can learn which groups, like them and which they fit in with—yes. They should be shown the good qualities of a house—yes. But lead-pipe—no!

Any freshmen who really have the power to think, which some sororities refuse to recognize, will need to use it this weekend. And when sorority women monopolize their time for hours at a time, when they feed them a stereotyped "sob story," when they cut other houses' throats, when they violate silent periods, when they dictate rather than invite—then it is time for the freshmen to use that power.

DO FRESHMEN want sorority women, no matter how well they like them, to make up their minds for them—or do they want to make their own decisions? Do they think that if a house had the proper self-respect and loyalty to its ideals that it would stoop to using a lead-pipe? Or do they feel that down underneath the rushing glamour there is a weakness that the house is afraid they will discover, and that this is the reason the sorority women throw themselves at the freshmen with a blinding force?

It is a problem, not for the freshmen as a whole, but for each woman as an individual.

If freshmen are too weak to make up their own minds, to judge fairly and accurately, then they will be easy marks.

On the other hand, if they can decide for themselves, they will pass up the houses which crowd in at the last minute and "lead pipe" until they are too bewildered and overwhelmed to do anything but what the women ask. And they will join a group which wants them just as much but at the same time gives them credit for being able to make a fair decision themselves.

—H. L. C.

PREVENTATIVE OR INCENTIVE?

ONCE AGAIN students are in the midst of their semi-annual fee payment march to the Treasury. Unlike last semester, however, they will not be required to pay a damage deposit, for the College has provided that this be paid in a lump sum of one dollar per student at the beginning of the school year in September, rather than being applied equally to both semesters as are all the other regular fees.

Now a fee of \$1 per year for each student does not seem too much to pay, especially in view of the fact that this money is deposited as a guarantee against damage of College property, any remainder of which may be disposed of at the close of the school year by the student body.

Nevertheless, the Collegian believes that this damage deposit has outlived its usefulness, outlived it to such a point that today instead of preventing damage to property it actually is encouraging it.

That this is so was clearly evidenced during the mob riot last September, when students, perhaps unaware of the fact that the deposit covers damage only to College property, proceeded to destroy private property and Borough property just to "get on money's worth."

So it is that the damage deposit, originally included in the student fees as a preventative, has now become an incentive. And when such a revolution in reasoning occurs, it is time to do something constructive—and to do it before additional damage is done.

The Collegian, therefore, hopes sincerely that the administration, fully aware of this condition, will move to discontinue the damage deposit as a regular feature of student fees and substitute instead a penalty fee every time the students cause damage to any property—after that damage has been done.

In that way, the pinch would be felt more strongly. And, above all, the original incentive would be removed.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Post Mortem on the 14th

Norman Lang, signaturfoofey's perennial freshman received a valentine telegram from one of his brothers which went like this: "If you were seven and I were nine I would be your valentine." Signed M. K. C. Believing in Santa Claus, or St. Valentine if you like it that way, he spent several hours calling 4961 checking up on all the M. K. C.'s but to no good.

From the same house, Campy learns that George Schless sent out western union's No. 214 which is this: "Please send me collect one word 'yes' if you want to be my valentine." When the "Yes" came back Schless had to borrow the 35 cents to pay the boy.

Round and Round

A few days ago when the hit whistle blew, the pride of Alpha Compy was venturing around the Corner for two or three times. Interested in this race of head catch L. L. Bob Robinson trailed over to the clubhouse. When the engines came around for the fourth lap he belted out, "Hey, you blind bums, you blinding's on fire!"

Not In The Mail But—

In the "Emporium Independent," Emporium is north of here somewhere, I think, this column is mentioned with a bit of an adjective that makes us feel good. Anyway here's the quote:

"Our own Alice Murray, first year student at the college, also got a brief mention in this edition (P. S. Collegian) in the comment column called the 'Campuseer.' Although her name was lightly mentioned in connection with campus romances, it shows that she must be popular and getting acquainted. It is seldom that Freshman girls get publicity notices from this popular (stales) mine and clever comment column."

A Coincident?

A reading room in the new library is called the "Delivery Room," and overlooks the kappa shack which is known as the "marriage bureau."

Quote of the Week

At the beginning of Hum Fishburn's Music 5 course he put the old case into the group quipping, "I realize that three-fourths of you are here because you think you can sleep as well to recordings as you can looking at pictures in a dark room. Well, I want you to know this is no snap course. Same goes for Prof. Thomas in I. E. 409, pity the L. A. stogges then last semester."

Brawl Department

Paul Dean, self-styled matinee idol of the College, does not like to visit the kathskella anymore because he cannot express dramatically his true feelings. Paul was forced to escort the Dean to the door when Paul insisted upon illustrating his ire by winging a beer glass at his companion.

Alumni Report

From Pittsburgh we learn that Chubby Charlie Wheeler, one time reputed editor of this rag and now a roundabout town reporter for the Sun-Telegraph was forced to run from a knife throwing interviewee, whom Wheeler had wanted to see after a neighborhood brawl. Billy Simms reports that lefty Charlie would have taken F. Well by 400 yards.

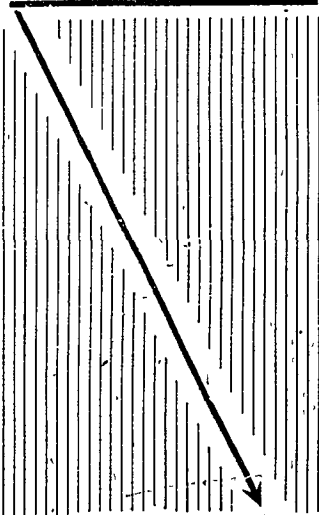
Publicity Note

Since God is now in the attic of the theta lodge the hats and suits have departed, so they claim.

Rant About Town

The signature on the Duke Ellington letter to Tom Boal is genuine, Curly Pomroy tells me because he has one just like it which he got in the Cotton Club last year when the Duke came in after his midnight show suggested title for Johnnie C. to submit for the Duke's new blues song, "Why Did You Date Dean?" Davis Jackson is now "at liberty" ok. Hughie "lead" the rest out.—CAMPY

You'll Enjoy



The Corner unusual

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

and

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

By BERNIE NEWMAN

Do you think that an unlimited cut-system for all courses should be established here?

Russ Rodham, '39, pre-medical. "Yes. If a student thinks he can get the work without going to class, then why go to class? Then again, such a system would help to do away with many incompetent profs when students show that they are unwilling to attend their classes."

Roland Young, '42, lower division. "No. Students would take advantage of such a system. But I do believe that the present number of cuts allowed can be doubled to approximately six."

Velma Jeffrey, '38, home economics. "I do. The students would establish a feeling of responsibility and go to classes on their own accord. This way, they would get much more from the class lectures."

Frank Binford, '41, Zoology and Entomology. "No. College students are the only people who pay good money to try to get the best for themselves. Besides, the students here wouldn't know how to use such a system sensibly. A greater percentage of them would flunk out."

Len Parkinson, '39, advertising. "Yes. If a student can get a good grade or even a satisfactory grade out of a course without attending the required number of hours, there is no reason why anything should be subtracted from his grade for cuts. There are certain students who can derive a greater amount from a course by doing side work."

Jack Allen, '40, petroleum engineer. "I think there should be such a system, because some students are so much further ahead of others that it isn't necessary for them to attend every class. This type of student shouldn't be forced to attend these classes, because they would turn out to be boring anyway."

Bob Slack, '42, chem engineer. "No. In the Chemistry School with a system would be unsuccessful because there is too much practical work in the labs that the students would miss. However, it would be all right in some of the lecture courses."

Bud Biting, '40, poultry husbandry. "I think there should be an unlimited cut system only for certain courses. If this unlimited system took in all courses, there would be many students cutting courses which require strict attendance."

Rushees To Answer Dinner Invitations

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Pledges to different campus houses may be recognized by the colors of the pledge ribbons they will wear until formally pledged and named. Colors of the sororities are: Alpha Chi Omega, red and green; Alpha Epsilon Phi, green and white; Alpha Omicron Pi, red and white; Chi Omega, cardinal and straw; Delta Gamma, pink, blue, and gold; Eukratia, purple and gold; Gamma Phi Beta, mode and brown; Kappa Alpha Theta, black and gold; Kappa Kappa Gamma, light and dark blue; Phi Mu, rose and white; and Theta Phi Alpha, silver, gold, and blue.

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Retirement Of Brandeis Brings Fear, Indecision

Liberals, Dissenters Have Lost True Ally, Ferguson Writes, Lauding Ex-Justice

By DR. JOHN H. FERGUSON

With the retirement of Justice Brandeis from the Supreme Court liberals and dissenters have lost a true friend and ally, and for the moment they are left in fear and uncertainty. Following the World War, the laborer, the small business man, the farmer, the consumer, the pacifist, and the farmer knew that though they lost their case before the supreme tribunal, it would at least be ably and forcefully represented by 'Holmes and Brandeis dissenting.'

Other liberals remain on the bench—Stone, Black, Reed, Frankfurter—and another will undoubtedly be appointed. None of these, however, has sat through the ordeal of war when war passions clamored for the extinction of cherished liberties. No have any of them, except Justice Stone, been forced to grapple intimately with cases involving revolutionary issues. Only time can demonstrate whether these men can retain their liberalism in time of crisis and restore the confidence which goes with Justice Brandeis.

The late Justice Holmes retired and died without seeing many of his most cherished convictions become the law of the land. Not so with Mr. Brandeis. During the past three years he has seen a re-interpretation of the commerce and tax powers to permit greater action on the part of the federal government on behalf of the general welfare, and he has witnessed a re-interpretation of the fourteenth amendment to permit the states greater latitude in enacting social legislation, for the achievement of which his life has been a long crusade.

He has also seen the personnel of the court change so that these gains will not be quickly scuttled, and he has witnessed public sentiment develop to a point where the courts will soon be compelled to accept more of his dissenting opinions.

The retirement of Justice Brandeis presents President Roosevelt with his fourth opportunity to appoint a new justice. His chief concentration upon

Hotel Course Gets Support

Association Head, 4 Others Endorse Infant Course In Management

The hotel administration course started here last year, received a tremendous push forward Monday evening when four prominent hotel and restaurant men of Pennsylvania pledged their full support to the advancement of the course.

Mr. E. S. Shuck, president of the Central Pennsylvania Hotel Association, and four others, in his alleged infractions of professional ethics, accused him of making "false and misleading statements," representing "interests opposed to public welfare," and resorting to "duplicitous in the performance of his professional duties." If the "best" citizens cited

so greatly in 1916, is it not possible that they are making similarly erroneous judgments about current personalities and issues? men's Association and manager of three well-known hotels, spoke enthusiastically of the course at a dinner meeting of the Penn State Glee Club, organization of hotel administration students, in the Nittany Lion Inn Monday night.

Shuck stated that there was a definite need for such a course in this state. Harry W. Wagner, vice-president of the C.P.H.A. and manager of two hotels, reiterated Shuck's statements, along with John W. Lee, manager of the Nittany Lion Inn, and M. C. Mateer, manager of the State College hotel.

Receives Scholarship

Margaret Ross '41 has been awarded the Elizabeth Clewley Memorial Scholarship of \$50 by the Penn State Alumnae Club of Centre County.

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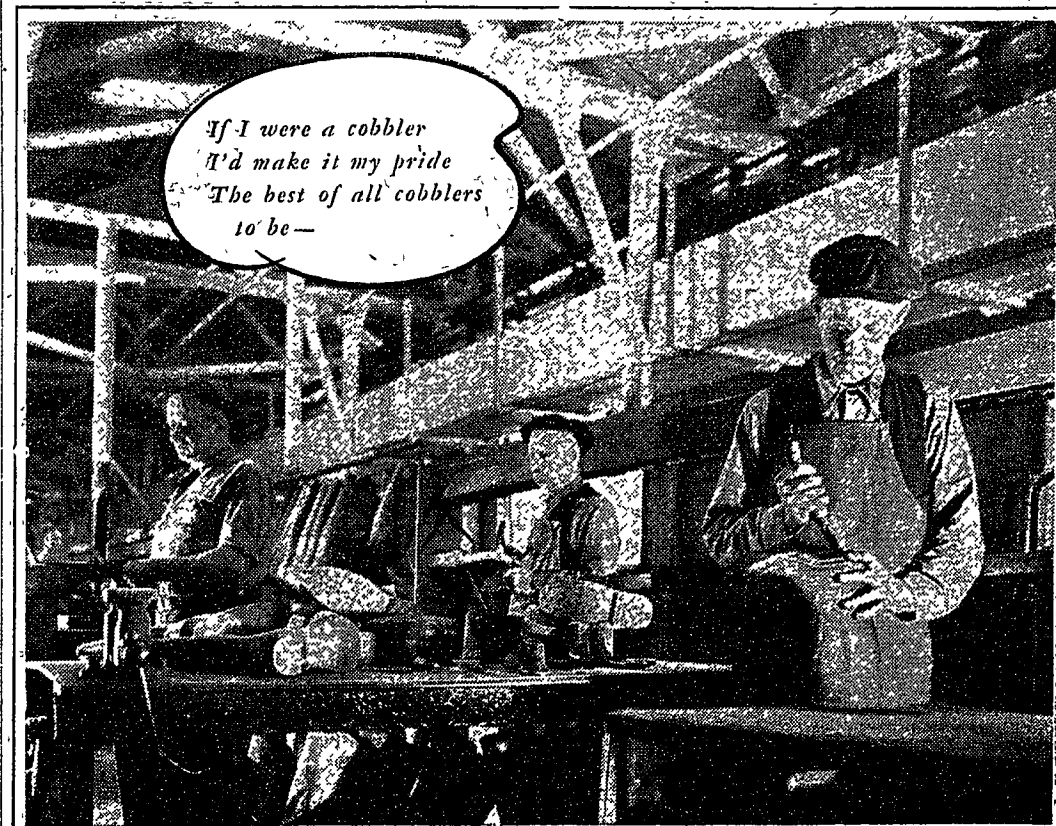


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