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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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TOWARDS UNITY

SLOWLY GAINING momentum during the past five weeks has been the unprecedented movement to weld Penn State's thousands of non-fraternity men into a unified organization to parallel the present Interfraternity Council, a movement which promises to revolutionize the whole existing order of the student body, a movement which eventually will be regarded as a landmark in the College's history

During the early part of this century, when the College was only beginning to emerge as one of the East's leading educational institutions, the student body was comparatively small and compact and personal relationships—fraternity and non-fraternity—were the order of the day

Gradually the influx of mass education began to be felt here and more and more fraternities came into existence in an attempt to answer the social and fraternal needs of an expanding student body

As the years passed on, however, there came in increasing numbers students who had not the necessary means or the necessary connections to join these fraternities. A larger and more complex student body evolved from the hodge-podge of mass education and soon the proportion of fraternity men in relation to non-fraternity men had dwindled to an amazingly low level

NO FOCAL POINT existed—no focal point exists today—where these thousands of non-fraternity students could meet in common fellowship, where students denied the advantages of a fraternity could assemble as members of a common society called Penn State to cultivate the social side of their lives and perhaps unconsciously to transplant and perpetuate the ideals of this institution in the outer world

Under these conditions it is no wonder, then, that the College should one day have awakened to the startling fact that the 50-odd fraternities represented no more than 30 or 35 per cent of the men students here and that under its very nose there had arisen a problem undreamed of as recently as ten years ago—the problem of the non-fraternity man, strewn helter-skelter throughout a small backwoods village, unable to find their place in the fraternity world, removed from the ordinary social necessities of a modern age

And out of this condition grew an even more pressing problem—the breakdown of the solidarity of a traditionally-united student body, the development of a widening breach not only between students themselves but between students and the College

That the College cannot long hope to prosper and grow in the presence of such unhealthy conditions is quite evident

TO THE END that these conditions may be remedied, therefore, the Collegian has championed throughout the past year the erection of a central Student Activities Building, the realignment of students with the administration, the democratization of student government, the betterment of student-faculty relationships

Today, despite doubts in certain quarters as to the feasibility of the plan or the motives behind it, the Collegian places itself unequivocally behind the movement to organize the non-fraternity men and congratulates the men who are in the driver's seats upon the man-sized job which they have accomplished in the short space of the last 12 days

There are still many people—many politicians—who fear the result of such an organization, fear instilled by purely selfish interests. To those people—to those politicians—the Collegian professes the words of Dean Men A. R. Warnock as spoken at the annual interfraternity banquet one week ago Friday

"In my opinion its (the plan's) political importance will soon pass. For this reason—in a student body in which the division is 70 per cent non-fraternity and 30 per cent fraternity it is politically impossible for the dividing line between cliques long to continue to be fraternity affiliations

"Within a year or two we are almost certain to see a new alignment—with fraternity and non-fraternity students evenly distributed—between two cliques not based on fraternity lines.

"In such a situation the political advantage that may accrue to non-fraternity students in being organized into social units like fraternity students will no longer be a matter for any fraternity politicians to worry about."

OLD MANIA

This Can't Be Love:

Mannie's prize of a one-handed bridge deck to the recipient of the so-called "sorry-but" goes to Howie Castrow, phi sigma delti, who received the following telegram from his prospective impostor for I F

DEAR DRIP TWO MILLION AND ONE UNEMPLOYED IN NEW YORK AND I HAVE A JOB STOP NEED I SAY MORE STOP FULL OF REMORSE LOVE STINKY

Best Joke Of The Week:

We heard the funniest thing the other day. A couple of the boys were yowling because fraternities were being taxed \$2.50 for each member attending I F Ball. Last year they were charged two bucks to watch Lily Will O'Home lead his stumpy hand, and this year the same guppies paid \$3.85 to listen to Ellington. They screamed blue murder because Senior Ball committee didn't book Goodman, Clinton, or Alie Shaw, and now they have the crust to gripe at paying a measly two and a half for Clinton. That's really funny. These chrome discontents ought to be strung up by their ears. Personally, we can hardly wait to hear Bea Wann sing Martha and Deep Purple. We'll meet you at the business end of Ford Leary's trombone

Calling Bryant 709:

The possibility of getting 4961 on the first twirl of the dial now looms on the horizon. We take a great deal of pleasure in announcing herewith the new pay phone numbers of the following women's fraternities

Bea McKelnie, Marcella Anderson, etc.—2622
Marge Davies, Tai Wits, Lou Haines—444
Nita Chambers, Lucia Ohi, Ervive Woi—469
Slappy Jennings, Lou Emmett, Washabaugh—3772

There has been an unavoidable delay in the installation of Mary Jane Veil's, Betty Shaw's, and Helene Tully's private wires. We'll give it to you next week

A Young Man's Fancy:

Just a month ago Charlie Matten, handsome floss boxer and cigar-passer-outer, was telling us how immune he was to State coeds. It seems there was a gal at home. However, Charlie has taken a hard right to the heart and fallen heavily for Carolyn Moorehead, floss biscuit

With Malice Toward None:

We were under the impression that Cadet Colonel Robert Goeder went to Pittsburgh Friday to have his flat feet operated on, but a little bird out of the west tells us that he went to Pitt's Mill Ball and took an impostor who flew in from Chicago

RX for Spring Fever:

An ounce of prevention and all that prompts us to give out a few precautions to observe during this lovely Spring weather

- 1—Don't ask her to wear your phi. Wait till she asks you if she can wear it.
2—Don't use Old Man Tower for privacy. As the couple Friday afternoon learned—the girl's on-Mac Hall's 4th floor have binoculars.
3—Don't forget the old adage, "Keep 'em guessing"—if you want to keep 'em.
4—Don't go for a walk on the campus if you want to stay romantic. Wait till George Ebert gets through fertilizing.

Heels of the Week:

are the Phi Kappa Taus, and we mean heels. When some foolish delta tau delts decided to raid the former's trophy room about 2 a. m. Friday, they were surprised by the whole phi tau house. Of course, the raid was damn foolishness, but we see no excuse for the five big brave kappa taus who pounced Nazi-like on a hidden delti and beat the hapless kid to a pulp

Joint Set-Up Seen Helpful

New Government Will Offer Better Understanding, O'Connor Believes

"I feel that the combined student government will help both men and women to understand each other's problems more fully," said Mary H. O'Connor '40, newly-elected president of Women's Reorganization Association, yesterday. "After one year under the revised recreation system for women, we are now planning a larger and more inclusive program that I feel will be furthered by representation on such a student government," she continued. "Women students, Miss O'Connor believes, will have a chance to prove the earnestness of their professed desire for equality with the men, in campus discussions

off the records

Decca gives us some more of what we want—Ella Fitzgerald—two records, four sides. On the first she sings MY HEART BELONGS TO DADDY and IT'S FOXY with another big hit, TAIN'T WHAT YOU DO AND I CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU. The latter number we used to sing in Grammar school, LITTLE SIR ECHO, and it's fast becoming popular again

Decca also releases two Glen Gray records—with four more popular sides. The first has I PROMISE YOU paired with SHUT EYE, and the second is THIS NIGHT, and HONOLULU. Clyde Burke is still subbing for Kenny Sauter on the sweet vocals I F Ball maestro of last year, Will Osborne, features nifty vocals by Lynn Davis on HAVE A HEART and IT TOOK A MILLION YEARS

Fats Waller appears on Bluebird this week with a novelty number featuring his piano and brilliant vocal, PATTY CAKE, coupled with ARMFUL OF SWEETNESS. Van Alexander records the two popular "Blackbird" records, THURSDAY, and NAME IT. This band is jumping fast

Swing fans will be interested in the first picture history of Swing musicians, as portrayed in George Von Physter's book, DESTINY. The artist is an ex-musician who has spent years studying swing musicians at work and in relaxation, and he puts the result of his study into his sketches. The opportunity of the book is written by Carl Cons, editor of DOWN BEAT, in the typical language of swing. It belongs in every swing library

MacNeice Talk To Begin At 8

Famous Irish Poet, Critic, Makes First American Appearance Here

Louis MacNeice, Irish poet, critic and translator from the University of London, will make his first appearance before an American audience when he speaks on "Modern Poetry" in Home Economics Auditorium at 8 p. m. tonight

A prominent figure in the literary world, MacNeice was the subject of a Liberal Arts feature last year and is scheduled to speak at Havard, Wellesley and Columbia after his appearance here

To Limit Discussion By request of student members of the College Poetry Society, MacNeice will confine his discussion to his own work and that of two of his contemporaries, W. H. Auden and Stephen Spender

According to critics, these writers are principal factors in a revival of English poetry which is being recognized on both sides of the Atlantic

Sponsors of MacNeice's lecture here, in addition to those previously announced, include the Library staff, the local chapter of the American Association of University Women and Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray, and her staff

A foundation for absent-minded professors has been established by the Duke Times-Delphic, student newspaper. As memory aid to professors who qualify, the paper presents a certificate and a piece of string

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

WHAT DO-YOU SAY?

By BERNIE NEWMAN

Since Soph Hop these past few years has been a huge financial flop, do you think it should be changed to an informal and less expensive affair?

Jimmie McAdam '42, music ed. "I think Soph Hop should be given one more chance, but with the advantages of a more suitable date and a current top-notch band. If it fails financially after this, then it should become an informal, less-expensive affair"

Bertie Sandson '40, ag. econ. "Soph Hop should be as always. Arrangement for a better date is the only thing necessary"

George DeJure '40, commerce and finance. "No. If Soph Hop were held at a different time of the year instead of between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays when most big bands are on location at hotels, it would be a success"

Corky Darlington '40, commerce and finance. "I think Soph Hop should be held in conjunction with the first Prom to make one real big week-end out of it, such as is common on many other campuses. There would be no financial loss this way, for the social calendar would not be too packed"

Ed Harris '41, arts and letters. "I really do. An inexpensive affair would attract more students and, in turn, bring back Soph Hop's old popularity"

Eleanor Wasley '40, home ec. "Soph Hop is all right as it is, but if such hands as Alie Shaw or Benny Goodman were obtained, they would be no financial difficulties"

Bill Salberg '41, petroleum and natural gas. "I think Soph Hop would be more successful financially as well as socially if it were made in informal and less-expensive affair"

Herb Doroshaw '40, pre med. "I feel that either it should be made into an informal, less-expensive affair, or a different date should be arranged for the affair"

We Women

There was a lot of complaining after the rushing season this year. Everyone was talking of the tiring second semester rushing. All seemed to be in favor of first semester rushing

Pan-Hel's questionnaire was answered contrary to this, however. The great majority of freshmen favor rushing as is, with a little over half of the sorority women asking for a reversal of time in the rushing code

Perhaps the discontents had louder voices. The hallooting, and indications point to a revamping of the old code with the retention of most of this year's provisions

Mortar Board's Leadership Conference was responded to most favorably and deservingly so. The speakers all had something to say and the attendance was good

The women's junior class meeting tomorrow night has an important purpose, and every class member should attend

Library Plans Exhibit

An exhibition of books and pamphlets published between 1934 and 1938 by members of the Liberal Arts faculty is planned by the library. The department of economics and the department of history are each represented by eight books

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Student Body Ranks 16th Largest In United States

Penn State's undergraduate student body ranks sixteenth in high size among all the colleges and universities of the United States, and first in Pennsylvania

This is the belief expressed yesterday by Registrar William S. Hoffman after a study of an article by President Raymond Walters of the University of Cincinnati in the December issue of School and Society

Since not all schools list their first year professional students separately from the freshmen, the exact position of State's undergraduate body is not known, although it definitely ranks below California, Minnesota, N. Y. U., Illinois, Columbia, Ohio State, Washington and Wisconsin

Undergraduate Total 5,913. State has a total undergraduate enrollment of 5,913 as compared to the University of Pennsylvania's 5,181. Penn's full-time graduate and undergraduate enrollment of 7,151 is fourteenth in the country, while State with 6,404 is twelfth

The College's increase in size has been rapid in the past few years, according to the Walters report. Not listed among the first 25 colleges in 1935, State moved up to 23rd in 1935, placing behind Pitt, Penn, and Temple. The enrollment then was 5,228

In 1936 State stayed in 23rd place, but Temple dropped to 24th. In 1937 Temple dropped out of the list while State stayed in the same position as two years before

Although Pitt's enrollment this year is higher than 1937, it has dropped to 23rd while State has risen to 20th

The first twenty schools in 1937

May Day Ceremony To Be Held May 13

The annual May Day ceremony will be held May 13 on front campus, where bleachers and chairs will be provided for spectators

Von L. Kemp '41 has resigned as sub-chairman of May Day. Winifred M. Watson '40, chairman, will announce her successor tomorrow

Additional committee members have been announced by Chairman Winifred M. Watson '40. Eleanor E. Skinner '40 was announced as Budget Advisor

Other additions are Ceremony—Eleanor Benfer '41, Waidtobe—Margaret C. Allan '40, Helen B. Cramer '41, Elizabeth Musser '42, Jeanne A. Smith '41, Helene Q. Tully '41, Lillian R. Wallace '40, Entertainment—Eloise F. Rockwell '40, Decoration—Martha E. McCounick '41, Betty M. Martin '42, Mind A. Smith '41, Music—Louise L. Zierdt '40

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