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WHAT, ANOTHER?

HONOR SOCIETIES, once referred to as "political springboards to be manipulated by interests seeking to perpetuate their own control," have since been on the upswing. The trend has been toward the better.

Yet, with the petition for a new honor society presented by the Independent Men's Association to the All-College Cabinet, the cry of "Investigate!" has been emitted.

The IMA proposal was tabled by Cabinet pending the housecleaning.

Just what the outcome of the finds of the committee will result in is difficult to forecast. In any event, the time to take stock of the existing system has arrived once again.

The committee may find that students no longer respect the honorary societies, that selection methods are questionable; that deserving students still are overlooked. It may even discover that some present societies are overcrowded, hence unwieldy, inefficient, and generally disintegrated.

If the latter should be revealed, it would indicate that too many honoraries are now existing. Why have another?

Let it be understood, the Collegian cannot predict this to be the outcome. Nor will the Collegian make an issue of whether the proposed organization is justifiable.

Sound in principle but lacking an immediate motive, the IMA hat society would be tagged "independent." It is regrettable that this should occur for such differentiation would tend to replace the barrier between fraternity and non-fraternity men which has gradually been whittled away.

On the other hand, proponents claim IMA would be only the organizing force and would withdraw after the initial selection of members—students who would be chosen because they were deserving, regardless of affiliation, and had been overlooked by other societies.

Whether the current petition for another society is approved or cast aside matters little to the Collegian. Despite its outcome, it will re-awaken the campus hat societies—those which are slacking.

True, some groups have been active, some have retained a clean-cut method of selecting members, some have cooperated wholeheartedly with the new financial setup organized especially for the handling of hat society funds.

But, the detrimental facts must be faced again.

SPARKED BY an "intangible," the Nittany Lion football team ignited with devastating perfection to amaze the grid world in general and Penn in particular last Saturday.

Hats off to a pair of three-ply combinations: Brawn, Brains, and Bedenk; Power, Pep, and Petrella.

Joe Bedenk is the unsung hero who so methodically scouted the Pennsylvania team. Pepper Petrella is the lad who made Bedenk's task successful.

DESERVING PRAISE may be directed to the Cabinet committee for investigation of all possible places available for social functions. But, some day a Student Union building!

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Somebody made a brilliant suggestion to us the other day. The young genius (we can't remember just who it was) proposed that pre-season conditioning, training table, etc., be established for the student body as a whole—not the football team. Judging from Penn week-end, it wouldn't be a bad idea. While the football team, which was supposed to do the heavy duty, escaped unscathed, the same can't be said for the lot of students who made the trip.

Despite the sad condition in which many of our numbers returned from the big city, reports from competent sources indicate none of the casualties will keep regulars from making the Army trip.

But if the Army excursion turns out to be like Penn, there'll be a miserable looking collection of humans around here by the end of the Pitt-Soph Hop engagement which concludes the autumn suicide schedule. Alumni Week-end, Cornell-Dutch Kitchen, Syracuse-Garcons, Houseparty, Penn-Camden, Army-German American, Pitt-Soph Hop A schedule like that should rate Penn-State's student body a Suds Bowl game.

Under Billy Penn's Hat:

High spot of Penn week-end, aside from the game, of course was the get-together in Doggy Alexander's Old Grad Saturday evening "Dick" Grant, music dean, evidently was still celebrating the glee club win over the debaters. He put everything he had into leading Penn State songs.

Hum Fishburne got as far as the piano and 'he mob wouldn't let him leave for an hour by actual count, "To Hell, To Hell With Pennsylvania" was sung 108 times. Weber's Hofbräu at the Camden Airport was Penn State headquarters after Sunday morning and the Blue Law rolled in—cheers, songs, drunks, trunks, Morrie Feldbaum pandemonium.

Grigger Grover Washabaugh, theta Peggy Schaeffer, beta Jack Bachman, and Jack's New York steady, were stranded taxi-less after dinner Saturday night, so the Gotham miss persuaded two darkies to give the quartet a ride downtown in a delivery truck packed with turkeys. A doorman at a downtown hotel is reported to have fainted when the truck drove up, the driver and his helper courteously opened the rear doors, and the two couples solemnly stepped out from among the fowls.

"Pepper" Petrella stuck his head into a downtown spot to say hello to some friends early Saturday evening and the MC wouldn't let him get away without a speech. Those who heard Hal Kemp at the Earle are still raving especially about Jack Lemarc's jitterbug number.

Warmup:

Just to assure against going stale before the invasion of New York City, a good-sized mob travelled to Hecla Park to hear Glenn Miller Monday night. Lots of stags, the whole Corner force (most of them were at Penn, by the way).

Mel Robbins beta shocked the bar-room into silence when, overcome by Miller's Moonlight Serenade, he ordered the bartender to set them up or him. Then when the bartender asked him what he wanted for himself, Mel ordered a blank check. Beta brothers did the paying.

On To New York:

The German-American Club should do a record business this week-end, after all those tales that have been told about the annual Christmas gatherings there. Many a student has been waiting for the chance to visit New York's traditional Penn State meeting spot. This is the week!

Friday night's smoker will be one of the big features, and for once the program is different. No hard feelings, Philly and Pittsburgh alumni, but those old cut and dried smokers are a little boring from the student's point of view. Fred Warning, the Pennsylvania's Madhatter Room with the echoes of Benny Goodman's conquest there last year still in the air, a maf chorus that's supposed to be really good. Alexander Gray, plenty of pretzels. No one can call that cut and dried.

See you at the cadets' drill at 1:10 tomorrow afternoon. —CAMPY

If You Make The Test... You'll Find The Food Is Best At The Allencrest

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Notices of meetings to be published in this column may be left at Student Union Office in Old Main up to 1 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

TODAY
William Conover of the U S Steel Corp. will speak on "What Industry Expects of the Engineering Graduate" in Room 110, Home Ec. at 3:10 p.m.

Organization meeting of all interested in reading in Room 304, Old Main, at 4 p.m.

Record concert in Room 417, Old Main, at 7:30 p.m.

Freshman All-College Party Dance in the Sandwich Shop at 8:30 p.m.

Freshman Commission hike to the PSCA cabin. Freshmen should sign up at PSCA office.

MISCELLANEOUS
PSCA Commission will meet in Room 304, Old Main, at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The \$5 deposit for Soph Hop booths should be handed in at the Student Union office immediately.

Bridge tournaments at Pi Kappa Alpha at 8 p.m. every Tuesday.

Students or faculty members wishing to enter call Wayne Bortz, 2220.

Fox, Gordon Named Heads

H. Jean Fox '41 and R. Helen Gordon '42 have been appointed co-chairmen of the Christmas Dinner by WSGA Senate, while Charles S. Knabb '40 will act as advisor.

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Hillel To Dedicate New Headquarters In 3-Day Program

David L. Ullman, former chairman of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Board, will speak this evening at the beginning of a three-day dedication program for the formal opening of the new Penn State Hillel Foundation headquarters.

Rabbi Theodore H. Gordon, director of the local Hillel Foundation, will speak tomorrow night at the formal dedication ceremony in which officers of B'nai B'rith, sponsoring group for the Hillel Foundation, and College officials will take part. An informal dance will be held after the ceremonies.

Fresh Women Permitted One O'clocks For Tonight

Freshman women attending Motar Board's Spinster Skip tonight have been granted a free one o'clock permission by WSGA Senate.

Hours over Thanksgiving and Soph Hop weekend announced by Senate for both freshmen and upperclass women are: 12 o'clock, Wednesday; 10 o'clock, Thursday, three o'clock, Friday; and two o'clock, Saturday.

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Of course they'll manage the extra \$5, \$4 or \$3 for the series if you stress how important attendance at this concert series is!

THE ARTISTS' COURSE