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SEMESTER PINK SLIP

A NEW SEMESTER has dawned. Thousands have registered. Hundreds will be indiscriminately dismissed from classes as the perennial "Not Enough Seats" bellows go out.

Is there no fairer method, the Collegian asks, than the present one which allows the instructor to thumb through the cards and arbitrarily pass sentence on those who are to stay in the course and those who are not to stay?

Can there be no yardstick of scholastic average besides the usual standard of seniority to give students the pink slip in any course? Is it not possible, the Collegian asks, for the instructor to make a more thorough investigation concerning individual students, their need for the course, its value to them?

A mere few minutes extra time on the part of every instructor confronted with the problem of over-crowded classrooms would do much to relieve an undesirable situation.

FOR MEN ONLY

Is there such an entity as the Penn State Woman?

Is there affixed a trade mark, a confining label of characteristics to every young lady who is listed in Hoffman's docket as a Penn State Woman?

We've often heard the topic discussed. The boys will invariably argue one way. Naturally, we're prejudiced.

VERDANT, alive and oh-so-naive—Mary Jane enters Penn State when she's 17. Her so-o-o wonderful—collidge... all the boys... the trees... wondrous Ag Hill.

Mary is from Smithville. She was sorta gald to get away from home—heck, never any date (the few who were left in town went out of town for theirs), her Ma insisting on her being in bed by 10:30 and always acting so old-fashioned.

Course she fully realizes that except for a hefty torso, a pair of spaghetti-like legs and a few bumps on her left cheek, she's pretty—pretty enough for the Penn State men who are hard up anyway 'cuz didn't Helen Anne—who-was-a-senior say there weren't enough to go around?

And so, wide-eyed Mary Jane enters Penn State.

Mary Jane doesn't change a bit. (Her mother says so, too).

But what's this, Mary, where is that awed, innocent face of yours? Why... why... rouge! 'Nn lipstick! And Mmary! A tight sweater... and Sins of Sins: a sh... a short skirt!

And Mary; that cigarette looks so out of place between your fingers. Sure, all the girls are doin' it and... it's SMART... and it makes you look sophisticated sipping on cokes and spewing smoke... but you're choking, Mary... please don't put on the dog what would your mother...?

You're not ashamed of her, are you, Mary? 'Course she's not polished like you and maybe she says the wrong things, but... she's a Mother, Mary...

Don't curse like that; it isn't what the best people do, and you're one of the best people, aren't you? You know, the Bamma Damma Omegoshs... best sorority on the campus... you girls date fellows from the Marimba Pew house only...

Your Pop wrote you last week, remember, Mary? Couldn't you cut down a little on expense? Say maybe not so many clothes and less shows... just for a while... it's tough goin' at home, Mary. 'Course you want a proposal from Bill before he graduates, but if he really loves ya, Mary, clothes won't mean too much...

And speaking of Bill, Mary, couldn't you sort of try to take him a little less for granted? Can't he ever ask you for a date without your reminding him of the seven you refused; and aren't you forgetting those little important "thanks you's" when he shows some little courtesy?

Do you shed your personality while he's around, assume your "cat" role when you slink back into the egotistical glory of a bunch of self-righteous females who discuss nothing but men day and night?

We could go on ad infinitum, Mary, but you get the point, don't you?

We hope we haven't offended you. The second semester's begun. Now's just as good a time as any to take stock.

ARE YOU THE AVERAGE PENN STATE CO-ED?—E.R.

OLD MANIA

BULLETIN: AT THE TIME THIS WAS WRITTEN, DAVE MORGAN AND JEAN LAWRENCE WERE GOING STEADY. BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, WHO KNOWS???

As a special service to those who are still around after heeding Uncle Campy's advice to exam-takers last week, Maniac today gives free advisory service on various courses. Thus you can take advantage of knowledge heretofore gained only through painful experience.

MATHEMATICS—The first thing that we suggest for Math courses is that you pray regularly and fervently. Another method is to have a grader for a room-mate or the prof for a brew-mate! PSYCHOLOGY—Exams in most Psych courses are true and false. As the coin-flipping technique has not been proved infallible, it is better to figure out the obvious answer, then write down the opposite one, as this is the basis of Psychology anyway.

EDUCATION—In the School of Education you are taught to teach by professors who were taught how to teach you to teach. So if you cannot learn something with all this teaching, you deserve to flunk.

ECONOMICS—These courses are relatively snags because finals consist of simple questions, such as "What caused the depression?" Econ profs are an argumentative lot and don't agree with each other or with texts. If you can prove that the depression was caused by Mrs O'Leary's cow kicking the lantern in 1891 you will get a 3 in the course and your ideas will probably be used as the basis for a new \$4 book by a Penn State Ph D (piled higher and deeper).

HISTORY—These courses are tests of endurance and memory. A vigorous training period before bluebooks is recommended. This training should consist of writing like a bat outta heaven for eight hours while at the same time trying to remember who borrowed your textbook a month ago. It is wise to make all answers in bluebooks voluminous and the writing blurred. If you write long enough, you may hit on the right answer or the prof may get disgusted and give you the benefit of the doubt.

COMMERCE—The secret of success in Comm courses is to be able to show by an unlimited amount of statistics that business is in a helluva condition and yet manage to show up with a sizable profit which is disguised as a deficit by using red ink. Dropping in on classes once in a while is also said to be of value in certain courses.

ENGLISH COMP—Most students get low marks on themes because of punctuation. Therefore, it is suggested that you use simple sentences, such as "Her has went Hei has gone Hei has left I all alone." If it becomes absolutely necessary to use a mark of punctuation, you can learn with a little practice to make a mark that looks like either a comma, semi-colon, or question mark.

ZOOLOGY—To sit through a Zoology lecture you must be in the mood, and bother, there's only one way to get in the mood (Thanks once again for the tip, Dr Dusham 1**191(1)*)

Women's Rushing Department:

As our first blast of the rushing propoganda season, we reprint a poem which appeared in the Daily Illin last week. It's by an Illinois '38 grad who is doing graduate work here.

So my smoochin' days are gone, I'll have to wait There's the corny Chi Omegas, and the tillulatin' Thetas

Oh, you can't take the Gamma Phis—if you must, And the Alpha Chis are cutups—we all trust— There's the torrid AEPHs, and the Phi Mus who draw flies

As a whole the girls at State are quite a bust! I'm a connoisseur of talent up at Grange, And the freshmen at Mac Hall are quite as strange,

And at Atherton the misses have the coldest, queerest kisses They all should be back in Texas on the range

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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

First duplicate bridge tournament, Pi Kappa Alpha, 8 p m Contact Wayne Boitz, Pi Kappa Alpha, or phone 2220

THURSDAY

American Association of University Professors, business meeting, Old Main Sandwich Shop, 7:30 p m Election of officers, reports of committees

MISCELLANEOUS

Men students having applications on file in PSCA employment bureau should report to the office, 304 Old Main, to fill in necessary second semester information Portfolio is now on file at Student Union

Reservations for Drydock may be made at Student Union now

Author To Speak To PSCA '43 Group

Burns '16 Gained Fame From Chain Gang Fight

Vincent G Burns '16, poet and author of "I Am A Fugitive From A Georgia Chain Gang," will address the Freshman Commission of the PSCA at its first meeting of the semester in Room 304 Old Main at 7 p m Thursday Burns, who gained national fame by his gallant fight in behalf of his brother, a fugitive from a Georgia chain gang, took graduate work at Harvard University and later graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in addition to this he served in the World War and has edited several books and numerous poems

It also has been announced that the Freshman Forum, PSCA women's group, will cooperate with the Commission in holding a "Leap Year Dance" for their members only in Room 405 Old Main Friday, February 16

Dean Whitmore To Speak At Open Meeting Of Phi Lambda Upsilon Thursday

Frank C Whitmore, dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics, will lecture on "Some Researches in Organic Chemistry" at an open meeting of Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical fraternity, in Room 10 Liberal Arts building at 7:30 p m Thursday

Dean Whitmore's lecture will be the first in a series of lectures about research and research problems, sponsored by Phi Lambda Upsilon

Girls! 5 Days Left To Ask Your Man To WRA Dance

Coeds! There are just five more days to ask your S P to WRA's Valentine Dance at White Hall from 9 to 12 p m Saturday Take advantage of the Leap Week opportunity, since it won't knock again for four years, and ask your man of the moment to be your Valentine escort

Super-special swing will be provided by Rex Rockwell for only \$1, so you can't afford to miss being there. Time is going, going—don't forget! There are just five more days

The School of Agriculture of the College mailed out more than 280,000 copies of bulletins, circulars and leaflets last year. The agricultural extension service published 225,000, while the remainder of the bulletins dealt with research activities of the agricultural experiment station

HEADS CONFERENCE



Harry W Seamans, general secretary of the PSCA, was recently elected chairman of the general committee planning a national conference of college Christian association secretaries, it was announced yesterday through the PSCA office

The conference will be held at Estes Park, Colorado, from July 1 to 15 and will include both men and women's groups

22,076 Class Hours Lost Because Of Illness Last Year, Ritenour Declares

More class hours than a liberal artist would attend in 44 years of average college activity were missed through illness last year, according to the College Health Service

The hours lost from September to June totaled 22,076 This year promises to bring just as many or more class absences, with total hours lost up to December 1 set at 6,236 Figures which include the recent flu epidemic are not yet in, but the total for only one day—Monday, December 11—was 808

Two of the months which usually provide the most sickness, February and March, are still ahead, Dr Joseph P Ritenour pointed out

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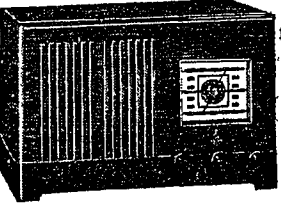
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