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The Intramural System

The complete overhaul of the intramural system which the Intramural Board proposed at its meeting last week was considerably belated in view of the criticism which has been directed at the system.

There is still no new plan, only talk of one and warm discussion now that everyone admits the present system is unsatisfactory.

The major objections to the system are that it is complicated and hard to follow, that houses never know exactly where they stand and thus the element of competition is weakened.

There are probably a thousand and one major and minor criticisms all told. There is no scoreboard on which a running score can be prominently displayed. Weightings in the point scoring seem unfair. Last year the house that won the most intramural events, five, did not win the trophy because another house won on the strength of managerships and varsity men (which some quarters rate an intercollegiate activity and not an intramural activity at all). The competition is not adequately staffed. Scheduling difficulties often forced teams to forfeit. The list is a long one.

Tomorrow night the Interfraternity Council will be asked to tell what it thinks of the current practice of including managers and varsity men in the point scoring. With that to go on the board can begin to study out ways and means of changing the system so as to satisfy the most students.

Collegian holds no brief for any particular way. It considers only two things important enough to be fought for tooth and nail:

1. The scoring should be simplified.
2. A running score should be kept and publicized so that fraternities will know at all times where they stand.

There are other things worth considering. With its present budget it is almost impossible to give the intramural program the staff it deserves. Although there were a total of 4,000 participants last year there is not even an intramural office. The complicated scoring system lends to incomplete records. Perhaps some improvement can be achieved by thrusting more of the burden on the Intramural Board which, until it made its proposal last week, was a rather inactive group.

"People in Central and South America hate North America. They still think of America in terms of Yankee, which is still far worse than the connotation carries here. If the United States is to get the confidence of the South American countries the people here must make an effort to show them the Yankees are human beings without dollar marks and, above all, are not arrogant. They resent the fact that you do not speak their language because they think you consider Spanish unnecessary, and many of them attribute arrogance to ignorance. The best tool for winning their friendship is to learn their language." The case in behalf of the Spanish language is given a new twist by Jean Autret, professor of romance languages at Presbyterian College.



LION TALES

It seems rather fitting to us to begin our first column of the new year with the subject in which we are most interested—money. Did you know that Lindsey "Calamity" Arison has offered to pay \$10 to anyone who, without a death in his immediate family, can top his misfortunes over Christmas vacation.

Arison left home the day after Christmas to go on tour with Rockwell's Band. At Punxsutawney a suit, a camel's hair vest, and a box of candy were stolen from his car—a total loss of \$48. In Philipsburg, he laid a cigarette on his music stand, put his glasses down on the cigarettes and burned the glasses. When the band played in Lancaster, a drunk fell off the band stand and broke his brass sax case. In Greensburg, he lost his wallet with \$64 in cash, his matric card, his license, his draft number, etc. in it. At Harrisburg he had two blowouts, he lost a glove, and then the tailor shop where he had taken a suit to be cleaned was closed and he had to go to his best bird's home dressed in a pair of tux trousers and a green sport coat. Any contributions or expressions of sympathy for this forlorn creature will be received at the DU house. Applications for the \$10 may also be made there.

Friday night the Greek girls had their dance at the Nittany Lion. There wasn't much room for fancy dancing but in spite of the jolts everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. We were surprised to see Jack Good and Patty Chio Patton there together and even more amazed to hear that Harriet Stubbs took Bill Armstrong's Phi Kappa Sig pin.

Ed Wagner attended Panhellenic Ball with Eleanor Benfer and according to the girls, who are apparently much interested in Eddie's activities, it is just about the first date he's had in State College.

Saturday night, the Sigma Chis held their annual Costume Ball (this year it was a Boudoir Ball). Many of the costumes were in keeping with the theme. George Harrison came in a flannel nightshirt. Tommy Allison came in tails without the trousers and his date, Mary of the Corner, came in a pajama coat over a street dress. The most sensational costumes, however, were the ones Jimmy Stagg (we can't seem to keep her out of the column) and Jane Parsons wore. They consisted of a few square inches of cotton and several whisks of straw. Yes, you guessed it—in the dead of winter they came dressed as hula dancers.

We were talking to Don Kratzer about his social life "Fifty-one week-ends out of the year," he said, "I can't get one date, and this week-end I had two." The girls were Helen Briola and Betty DeFrain. Nice going, Don.

You'll Enjoy

The Corner
unusual

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY:
PSCA Freshman Council, Hugh Beaver Room, 8:15 p. m.
PSCA Cabinet, Room 302 Old Main, 8 p. m.
Liberal Arts Council, Room 318 Old Main, 4 p. m.
PSCA Freshman Program Committee, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p. m.
PSCA Freshman Forty Forum Cabinet, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p. m.
Make reservations for Pi Gamma Mu initiation banquet Friday night by calling Miss Dwyre in Room 102A Library.
Election committee, Room 318 Old Main, 8:30 p. m.
Book Exchange committee, Room 420 Old Main 7:30 p. m.
Student Union dance, Armory, 4 p. m.
Parmi Nous, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.
Tribunal, Room 305 Old Main, 7 p. m.
Alpha Tau Alpha, Room 418 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
Penn State vs. Bucknell court trial debate, Room 10 Liberal Arts, 8 p. m.
Skating on tennis court rink every day from 2 to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 10 p. m. Admission—15 cents per session.
Phys ed elective cards due in Room 213 Rec Hall.

TOMORROW:
Freshman Independent Party, Room 318 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
Varsity basketball, Penn State versus Syracuse, Rec Hall, 8 p. m.

At The Movies

CATHAUM: "Love Thy Neighbor"
STATE: "Four Mothers"
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Short Course To Start

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