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The Alumni Association Membership Plan—A Start Not A Finish

If the Alumni Council approves the Association's new membership plan when it meets here on February 1 it will be doing the Association a favor but the plan itself will not do a thing to revive the organization.

Like putting a pulmotor in place, the real work is not even started. But the stage is set.

The Association now is due to be "battled" tooth and nail by students who will be asking all manner of embarrassing questions in the hope not of ruining the Association but of finding in it the kinds of organization that can best be of service to themselves and the College.

It is going to be a good "battle" to watch and an even better one to fight in.

The students who will be asked to pledge memberships in the Alumni Association are not expected to pay eight dollars for five-year enrollment without first convincing themselves that the eight dollars is well invested.

Currently most Penn State alumni and undergraduates hold the idea (whether it is correct or not does not alter the situation) that the Alumni Association is an unprogressive organization. Less than 2,000 alumni have bothered to join the Association.

The idea needs to be changed and the present leaders of the Association are set on changing it. That is the reason they proposed their new undergraduate membership plan and fought almost a year to sell it to the student body. The first effort was won so completely that last November the All-College Cabinet gave the plan its unanimous vote of approval.

The next phase is just beginning. The students have not yet bought anything. They have only signified that they will look at the Association's wares, see what it has to offer, and buy their memberships only if the investment looks like a good one.

The net result cannot help but benefit the College. To sell itself, the Association will have to produce evidences of success and a worthwhile program. Each time it recruits a new member its capacity for success will be increased.

The Association leaders do not want to have each student meekly submit to paying an eight-dollar membership. The result of that would be a massive Association just as impotent as the present small one because it is flabbier.

In their plan the Association leaders see a sure improvement if the students, once they become members work to see their dues used to the best advantage. Active interest is basic to an effective alumni group.

Editor's Note:—The Association has already compiled a reply to many of the questions it expects to be asked by students. The major points of this will be outlined in the Collegian after second semester publication begins.

Whose Idea?

In view of the fact that students pay an athletic fee of \$7.50 a semester, and a physical education fee of \$4 a semester it seems unfair that they should pay \$.25 more to see a home hockey game.

Especially is this unfair in view of the fact that last year the student body and the Athletic Advisory Board voted to make hockey an intercollegiate sport and award a regular six-inch varsity letter to participants.

Any excuse that there is a lot of upkeep to be considered is invalid. There is a lot more upkeep for football.

Borough officials have announced that State College's new police officer, Roland A. Martin, arrived in town Thursday night. They have added that the taking up of his duties may be delayed to some extent until his uniform arrives.



Orchids To Hutchinson

Before you final-fagged students go over the deep end and condemn all and sundry profs to that place where the hot coals simmer, digest this little story.

Wednesday last Asst. Prof. K. D. Hutchinson's Econ. 23 class was bemoaning the fact that the one female member of their numbers, Anna Goldshmid, was bedridden with the awful-awfuls and they would have no one to show off before. Feeling sorry for Anna, they decided to pass the hat and buy her some flowers. The collection netted a nickel a man or approximately one iron duke. Maybe the small amount was due to the fact that Carl Guckelberger was passing the hat, or maybe it was because George Parrish and Rog Findlay were there, but anyway, it netted but one thin buck.

So what did Prof. Hutchinson do when Gucky got to him? Did he toss in a paltry nicky? He did not! He tossed in a week's salary, or one dollar, and said, "Buy her a real bouquet." It would be a please and an honor to get a minus 2 from a prof like that.

Tell-All Department

Jeanne Stiles says that the State kids in Philadelphia are going to have a party in Philadelphia between semesters. She doesn't know just where, but she is sure it will be in Philadelphia. That's what we like about these Collegian gals, they never forget their journalistic What, Where, When, Who, and How.

We wonder if Roy "Ride 'em" Rogers really got those twelve stitches in his hand by "shutting a window the wrong way" as he claims? Come on, Roy, let us up. Is it from too much pre-final hand-shaking? Were you trying to wipe that egg off of you, or did someone bite the hand that fed them?

Roy, incidentally, is m.c.'ing the super-colossal Drydock show tonight of Marce Stringer, Don Taylor, et. al. Maybe the bandaged hand is just a sympathy gag to keep the audience from tossing coke bottles.

We understand that Bud "Beetle-brow" Morrow, has been extolling himself to his chums as a deer-slayer par-excellence. According to reliable information the only deer he ever bagged was the one that bounced off the fender of his car this Fall.

Before we go any further we wish to apply for the position of all 50 of the strong young men advertised for in the want ads by Joanna Hood. Just write the Maniac, in care of The Daily Collegian. That guy Don West sure has delusions of grandeur. Why he's so weak he has to keep TWO women around to protect him.

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