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Thank God No Change

Collegian is glad to see that Interfraternity Council next year plans to follow practically the same rushing code it had in effect last fall. From a purely bystander viewpoint, it has seemed to Collegian that too often students have changed their organizational procedure simply for the sake of change, discarding a perfectly good method and often substituting a worse one just to show their originality.

Much of the credit for not changing goes to the Fraternity Counselors Association which has urged that the present code be given at least a three-year trial. This almost looks like the beginning of sanity.

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Faculty In Student Self-Government?

The editorial above raises an interesting question. Where does the faculty enter and exit in a supposedly strong student self-government?

Particularly to the officers who are now being elected for next year, this is an important issue. The answer, so far as Collegian has been able to discover, is that the faculty should be ever present but ever in the background.

Students will do well to recognize that they are students because they don't know all the answers, that the faculty is here because it is supposed to have experience which will be valuable to the students.

That word faculty should include administration members, too. Student self-government is not sacrificed when one of its leaders goes to a faculty man for advice any more than President Roosevelt's New Deal is sacrificed when he goes to an expert for advice. In fact, the best leader is the man who knows best what expert to consult in each situation.

Cleaning The Slate

Hopes are high that the two assistant deans asked last fall by the Dean of Men and by All-College Cabinet will be granted. They can be used.

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The Intramural Board is to be congratulated for its action several weeks ago in cutting varsity competition out of intramural point scoring and providing for a running score of the standings to be kept and publicized through the year.

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Representative Moul and his investigators are still at work mixing education and politics down in Harrisburg but the bill of Mr. Moul's which has now reached the Senate looks to many like a fairly honest attempt to improve the soil conservation program.

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One of the possibilities in increasing the strength of student self-government lies in training the new officers before, rather than after, they come into power. Earlier elections have made that possible this year. If the new officers don't take advantage of it, Penn State will be losing a lot.

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Word about who is going to take care of the murals is still not forthcoming. If there was even a whisper in the darkness that has hung heavy since the senior class voted for the loan fund, Collegian has missed it.

Nibbling At The News

with ROBERT LANE

(The opinions expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of The Daily Collegian.)

Another Berlin Party

Society Note: Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka of Japan is being entertained in Berlin by Chancellor Adolph Hitler at the latter's request. The conspicuous absence of Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy at this current rendezvous does not necessarily mean that he has been scratched from the Berlin social register. The Italian premier has returned to his headquarters in Rome after an extended tour in Albania. (Ed. note: News reports claim that he was extended considerably.) During his brief visit the Fascist leader bolstered the morale of the Italian legions by personally leading the retreat.

Mr. Matsuoka is the third member of the Axis three musketeers, and represents the Nipponese who are handling the "civilization movement" in China. Lately the Chinese have proved to be not as yellow as their skin would imply, but that is apart from the Foreign Minister's present visit.

The current party between Mr. Matsuoka and Mr. Hitler deals with the aid which the United States is furnishing Britain. Although German sources have stated that the amount of aid will be "precisely nil," it is probably the thought of all this American aid going to waste that is bothering the Reich. It will be Japan's duty to divert American interest elsewhere, which means the Far East.

How this plan will appeal to Mr. Matsuoka is not generally known as yet, but there are several items which he cannot fail to overlook. A great many observers are of the opinion that there are too many boats floating around in the Pacific which do not fly the Nipponese flag. This situation is not healthy, should in the diverting of U. S. interests, the Japanese junks be caught too far from home without an oar.

Then there is the, annoying Chinese affair. Every time the home office in Tokyo attempts to get in touch with their troops in China, the non-cooperative Chinese cut down the communication lines.

If Mr. Matsuoka embarks on a new adventure before clearing up the embarrassing details of the first one, he has the case of Mr. Mussolini, the No. 2 musketeer, to think about. Il Duce tried to take over Egypt and ran into a pyramid of British troops. Not quite satisfied he started in on Greece, and slipped badly there also.

As the party in Berlin progresses Mr. Matsuoka may or may not be convinced that Mr. Hitler has the right plan. But as he gathers his thoughts it is to be hoped that the absence of tea at the party will not bother him, since the only way a tea leaf can get into Germany these days, is for one to float up on French soil from the Atlantic Ocean.

National Judge



Braton R. Gardner, assistant professor of journalism, is one of the board of judges in the National Editorial Association contest for community newspapers being held in Chicago today and tomorrow.

Read The Collegian Classifieds

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

WSGA dance in Rec Hall, 9 p.m. to midnight.

Friday evening service at Hillel Foundation, 7:30 p. m. Lillian Schoolman, field secretary of National Student Zionist Federation, will be guest speaker.

Movies, Schwab Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sign up at Student Union to try out for Players' show, "Merchant of Yonkers."

Dean Hammond will give senior engineering lecture on "The Place of Engineering in American Education" in 110 EE at 4:10 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW

that three Penn State men have won National Intercollegiate boxing titles—

- Davey Stoop . . . 1932
- Al Lewis . . . 1932
- Frankie Goodman . . . 1936

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