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Fifty per cent of the senior class wants Henry Varnum Poor placed on the College faculty until he can complete his Old Main mural.

Wanted: An Organizer

The idea of a cooperative fraternity buying plan is gaining in favor with fraternity men as evidenced by the Interfraternity Council president's endorsement last week.

An idea which has been discussed for a long time, it has been allowed to lay idle until recently. And every day that it continues idle, fraternity men are failing to get their full money's worth at a rate of something like 25 cents a day!

After an inspection of the possibilities of the plan in one fraternity house and a glance at what other colleges have done with it, Collegian is convinced that Penn State men need only to understand the plan to be sold on it. Towards that end, it is planning a series of explanatory articles to begin soon.

Meanwhile it is time for fraternity leaders to think seriously about the plan and the possibilities of organizing it. The first thing that needs to be done is for someone to be placed in charge.

Desirably, this man should be appointed by IFC because that organization's sponsorship would lend responsibility to the plan.

Desirably, too, he should be a volunteer who would have the interest of the plan at heart. For this plan to be worked out will be a hard job and enthusiasm will be a great asset to whoever tackles it.

Collegian does not think it necessary or even desirable that all fraternities should go in on the plan the first year. It would rather see a group of about ten contribute \$250 apiece toward hiring a man the first year, because it believes the plan will be more successful if first worked out with a smaller group.

Collegian is not anxious to see the cooperative taken over by the IFC Caterer's Association unless that group is willing to interpret the paid manager's duties broadly.

Food buying is not the only place where fraternities can save money. They can profit as well on other buying — coal, for instance, on more careful management of what they already have, on closer attention to delinquent bills and on all manner of economies.

What is needed now is one organizer, a good one and an enthusiastic one.

"True freedom of all men and of all women has never yet been realized on this earth. It may never be realized altogether. But if it is ever to be realized, the people of the United States, with their tradition of political responsibility, their mastery of the skills of industry and agriculture, their ownership of the wealth of the richest of all lands, have a better right to hope for its realization than any other nation has ever had." Archibald MacLeish, poet and librarian of Congress, sees America as democracy's vanguard



A LEAN AND HUNGRY LOOK

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

There have lately come to our ears certain ribald and wanton comments having to do with our last week's little anabasis into the hinterlands of the sub-conscious. We are much pained, and the better our position to maintain stoutly do protest that, weary of ceaseless ill-humored paragraphs, we did but tread the hem of fancy's lacy garment. Unfortunately we tripped and got a pretty nasty cut over the right eye. It will not happen again.

The Greek War Relief has planned a benefit cinema showing at the Cathaum Theatre at eleven-thirty this Friday evening. The show starts just about the time every one is coming down from the fights at Rec Hall. Every last cent from the admissions goes directly to the Greeks; even the theatre personnel are donating their efforts to the cause. We'd like to see the thing be a success, if for no other reason than that so little attention has thus far been paid the little fellows who have managed the almost impossible feat of out-financing the Finns. Even if the Greeks have sent us no fox-hunters, or air vice-marshals, they still deserve some of our support. After all the Greeks were never quite au fait at the social graces... they had the insufferable cheek to discover democracy before Parliament could pass on it...

Walking, as we do occasionally, about this tree-shaded campus, we hear of many things. For instance, we have heard that an honor system would be an impossibility here. Conceive of six or seven thousand honorable persons. It staggers the mind. It might even mean that a chap would have to study for examinations instead of leaving it to some eager stooge. It would blast the intricate science of cribbing just when that science has reached its acme of perfection. In time the standards of the college might come to be raised. Horrible. Leave honor systems to such schools as Washington and Lee, and Western Maryland, and V. M. I. As a matter of fact leave honor systems to the trustees at Rockview, which is run pretty efficiently by the simple method of allowing chaps to preserve their self-respect by placing confidence in them. But never impose such a burden as honor on us. Not Penn State, please.

Concerning chapel funds... we recall with a smile what happened when Marie Antoinette and her husband sent money and ships to the starving Americans. Concerning her own bitterly poor population, the little lady made her well known remark about cake. Every one knows the rest of the story... —Cassius

Letters to the Editor—Dr. Marquardt Explains Statement On Loans

To the Editor: In reply to a letter which appeared in the edition of The Daily Collegian for March 15 and written by Miss Julia Brill, I should like to present the following facts.

In an interview, I pointed out that a letter to the Collegian to the effect that "the Class of 1922 has recently diverted its funds—about \$30,000—from a swimming pool to the student loan fund" was in error. This statement also appeared in one of the columns of the Centre Daily Times. My statement was an attempt to explain that the Class of 1922 had not taken official action in the matter of the \$29,000 at its disposal, but that the 1922 Class Memorial Committee was recommending that this fund be allocated to scholarships at the College. The undersigned hoped that the Class of 1922 would add its money to our scholarship fund. It was in connection with the money available for general scholarships that the statement was then made that these scholarship funds had not been materially increased since the year 1909 when the undersigned became a member of the College faculty.

Since the class funds of 1922 had not been allocated to the student loan fund and since those members of the 1922 Memorial Committee who had discussed this matter with our College Senate Committee were in favor of having those funds allocated to the scholarship fund, I remarked that there did not seem to be any new funds available which could be added to our present inadequate student loan fund resources at this time unless the Class of 1941 should decide in favor of putting its \$5,000 into that fund.

Very truly yours,
C. E. Marquardt,
College Examiner

Whole Hog Or None, Weatherman Asks

To the Editor: In an article in last Friday's Collegian there is a statement to the effect that Spring arrived six weeks late according to Mr. Ground Hog's prediction. Being from Punxsutawney, the home of the groundhog, I feel it my duty to correct your error.

On February 2, the groundhog saw his shadow and promptly dived back into his burrow, waiting long enough to shout to those loyal members of The Groundhog

CAMPUS CALENDAR TODAY

- Student Union Dance, Armory, 4 p.m.
 - Student Radio Committee, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p.m.
 - IMA Central Council, Room 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.
 - Cabin and Trail Club, Room 418 Old Main, 7 p.m.
 - WRA Bridge Club, Room 3 White Hall, 6:30 p.m. New members welcome.
 - Morning Lenten Service, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 a.m.
 - '44 Independent meeting, 302 Old Main, 7 p.m.
 - Senior women's meeting, northwest lounge Atherton Hall at 7 p. m. to select six honor women.
 - College Observatory open from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 - PSCA Freshman Council Dance Committee, Hugh Beaver Room, 4 p.m.
 - PSCA Forty-Forum, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p.m. Speaker: Rabbi Benjamin Kahn.
 - PSCA Freshman Council, Hugh Beaver Room, 8 p.m. Prof. E. W. Callenbach will speak on "Do You Want a Job?"
 - Arthur Espy, head teacher of fire schools, Public Service Institute of Pennsylvania, will speak on "Municipal Fire Fighting Organization and Problems" in Room 124 Sparks, 4 p.m. This is the fifth in a series of lectures on Pennsylvania local government and administration.
 - Meeting of Sophomore Editorial Board of Collegian in 312 Old Main at 4:10 p.m.
- TOMORROW**
- CA Seminar, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p.m. Dr. John A. Ferguson will speak on "Issues Before Congress."
 - Cosmopolitan Club meeting, TKE house, 8 p.m.

Club there assembled, "Well, boys, it looks like six more weeks of winter." As everyone knows, his prediction proved to be true. Collegian probably erred because it used the prognostication which leaked out of Quarryville sometime in February. Let me say that that prediction, made by a hybrid skunk masquerading as a groundhog, is deserving of the scorn expressed by Dr. Helmut Landsberg. Dr. Landsberg should realize, however, that the only authentic prediction comes each year from our own Seer of Gobbler's Knob, the Punxsutawney groundhog.

Sincerely,
Richard E. Jenks, '44

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