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Life Itself—Do We Want To Forsake It?

Of all the College matters facing those who are undergraduates today, the one to affect us most directly five or six years from now, after we have left College, is the success of the new Alumni Association membership plan.

A struggling Association of less than 2,000 members, the Association is potentially our strongest bond with Penn State if its student membership solicitation is successful.

With an active and large membership, the Association could be for all Penn State alumni a real means of continuing all the friendships, contacts, and experiences that make college one of the happiest stages of life.

College, after all, is more than preparation for life. It is life itself. If it has been a good part of life, it should be continued as long as possible and that is one of the best arguments for an Alumni Association membership.

For an Alumni Association membership to be worthwhile to any of us, all of us must have one. One man in an alumni association would hardly find it a continuing contact with the college—but 100 from his class would. Those 100 would have each other to renew the days which were some of their best-loved.

That is why it is important that the coming experimental student membership drive should be a success. If it is, the Association will finally have found an effective way of building up its membership to the size necessary or effective action.

The present system offers a five-year membership, effective on graduation, for eight dollars, less than the cost of the Alumni News. Foresight has determined this low price. Most graduates for lack of time and money lose contact with the College during their first five years out. When they do get the time and their salaries are a bit higher, they wake up to the fact that they've been out so long they've lost all contacts with the College and it with them. When an alumnus makes that discovery, he's likely to forsake the College for good.

The present plan is aimed at keeping him in the Alumni Association during the dangerous period when he is most likely to be lost. After five years, it is reasoned, he will be able to pay regular alumni dues, and he will probably be anxious to because of his continuing interest in the college.

Such is the philosophy of the membership campaign about to begin, and such are its advantages to the undergraduates it will seek to sign up. The advantages to the College itself are even greater because one of the first functions of an alumni association is to serve its college.

THE CAMPUSEER



Swan Song

There comes a time in the existence of every so-called collegiate columnist when he faces the distressing prospect of seeing himself in print (ah ecstasy!) for the last time.

To break it to you as gently as possible, this is the last and positively final column with which we, as the Campuseer, will insult your intelligence and blacken your reputations.

With no particular fanfare and scarcely a mixed drinking party to celebrate the event, we are herewith putting our tail between our legs and slinking silently back into private life.

Au Reservoir

We had plenty of the usual spicy (?) stuff for this week's effort. We could have played up the "Johnny Barr plus Jo Condryn equals Connie Smith minus SAE pin" equation. We could have printed the nasty things Alpha foundation-savers say when called out to battle raging matchstick fires.

Then we could have told how the State College hotel detective rescued Sally Miller from a horrible fate Sunday night and how Bud Smyser thanked the Junior Board for their cooperation and who was Emily Corl's current love, and . . . Corl and . . . (Censored.)

From Our Diary

We thought our first column (topic: sex) was pretty hot stuff until ye editor got a letter from a newspaper man in Harrisburg asserting that divel like ours was what made college papers stink.

Our chief claim to fame is that we outlasted "Collegiana," George Schenkein-edited doit column (do we look proud?) Upstart columns come and go, but the Campuseer lives on.

We received numerous favorable comments throughout the year, chiefly from the junior board.

We have it on good authority that there is a large sign in a certain campus sorority to the effect that we are black. A viewpoint shared by numerous individuals, some of whom have unkindly classified us as closely related to a certain fun-bearing striped animal.

Happy Ending

Nevertheless, we have gotten a terrific kick (almost literally true) out of our weekly expedition into sub-literary and anti-social realms.

To Our Readers

In conclusion, I should like to thank you both for your sincere interest and support.

Affectionately yours,
BILL FOWLER

Passing (But Telling) Note

The Interfraternity Ball financial report made last night leads to interesting comparisons.

Attendance and income were approximately the same in both 1940 and 1941. The band this year cost \$1,200, last year \$1,100 (although it was reported at \$1,200). This year, Interfraternity Council received a profit of over \$700. Last year it received one dollar! Last year's report, incidentally, did not mention any checking income, a sizeable sum this year.

"The greatest contribution any university can make to the national defense program is to do its regular job even better than it has done it before. It may adapt its program, curriculum and services to meet the special demands of the times, but this adaptation should not throw the normal program out of balance or adjustment." Views of Wayne University's Executive Vice President David D. Henry on the new duties of higher education.

"There is no sound reason why young men of draft age as a group should be permitted to defer their military service simply because they happen to be students in an institution of higher education. Special provision for all college students as a group is contrary to sound public policy, and is contrary to the best interests of educational institutions in the long run." The committee on military affairs of the National Association of State Universities advocated army duty for most collegians.

"In Europe, even as in this country now, loyalties to family, region and church thinned out and were replaced by one huge national loyalty. This is one of the causes of Europe's present state." Harry B. Gideonse, president of Brooklyn College, sees the lack of private loyalties as a serious drawback to the United States.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Spanish Club Hears Talk On Ecuador

TODAY

PSCA Seminar, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p.m. Prof. John H. Frizzell will speak.

Meeting of sophomore cheer-leading candidates in front of Old Main at 7 p.m.

Student Radio Committee, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Chemistry Student Council, Room 305 Old Main, 7 p.m.

English usage test for Lower Division sophomores will be given in Rooms 121 and 10 Sparks building, and Rooms 105 and 3 White Hall, from 3 to 4 and 4 to 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Student Handbook staff, Room 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Student counselor committee, Room 304 Old Main, Room E, 7 p.m.

Coeds interested in attending the Camp Counselor's Conference to be held May 16-17 should meet in the WRA office at 7 p.m.

TOMORROW

American Chemical Society meets in Room 119 New Physics, 7:30 p.m. Dr. N. H. Furman of Princeton University will speak on "Recent Trends in the Devel-

Dr. Stuart W. Frost, professor of entomology, who recently returned from an expedition in the interior of Ecuador spoke at a meeting of the Spanish Club Tuesday night.

Dr. Frost exhibited a shrunken human head obtained from a savage tribe at a cost of approximately \$10. He also showed a film taken during his stay in Ecuador.

The meeting was attended by the following faculty members, all authorities on Latin American culture: Dr. Harrison H. Arnold, professor of Spanish; Dr. Henry J. Bruman, instructor in geography; Vido J. DiVincenzo, instructor in Spanish; Dr. William H. Gray, professor of history; Joseph W. Fosa, associate professor of Spanish; and Dean Frank D. Kern of the Graduate School.

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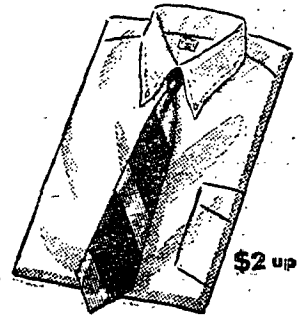
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