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The IMA Is On The Spot

Next year will be a test year for the Independent Men's Association. To give the IMA the benefit of the doubt, lack of progress during the three years since the association was founded can be attributed to a need for time in which to organize and build a foundation for the future.

This year, more than either of the preceding two, was unproductive when viewed in the light of benefits to non-fraternity men. The IMA's right to representation in All-College Cabinet was challenged on the grounds that the IMA was a stagnant organization. This puts the IMA on the spot.

However, the organization has made some forward steps, though it is granted not nearly enough. Among these forward steps can be listed an improvement in the scholastic standing of the IMA units. An annual scholarship award was established and went to the Blue and White Club this year. For the first time, independent intramural sports were generally recognized as an independent bracket and intramural basketball was set up.

Plans for next year have already been drawn up. They are more ambitious than ever before and IMA officers assert that every attempt will be made to carry them out. The more important plans are as follows:

1. A freshman IMA banquet will be established. IMA officers will work with the PSCA and the banquet will be modeled after the Interfraternity Council pledge dinner, for many years a success.

2. Recreation nights will be started in cooperation with the co-recreation committee. They will be a continuance of the freshman mixers. They will be intended to provide a chance for independent men and women to become better acquainted during the entire year as well as during Freshman Week.

3. More student-faculty activities will be held.

4. A drive will be started to add to the 13 units and 700 independent men now members of the IMA. The main object of the drive, however, will not be for increased membership alone but to enroll all interested independent students.

Elden T. Shaut '42, recently elected IMA president, has stated very concretely the general aim of the Independent Men's Association. He said: "We are trying to set up an organization among independent men to parallel IFC among fraternity men. We want to give a chance to the boy who does not have the money and the opportunity to join a fraternity."

Shaut pointed out that organizations of independent men have succeeded at 32 colleges and universities, including Oklahoma, Purdue, University of Texas, and Michigan. He offered those examples as proof that independent men can organize successfully.

We can see another reason why the Independent Men's Association may have a definite place to fill in the future of the College. Fraternities are on the decline. During the last 10 years an average of one fraternity a year has dropped out of Penn State. This year there were two—Beta Kappa and Theta Nu Epsilon. Thus in the future the IMA may be vital to the life of the College.

For these reasons, next year the IMA will have a better chance than ever to make good. It should capitalize on the opportunity. —J.A.B.

ONE MAN'S MEAT

Signing Off—For A While

It feels something like premature to be writing a column saying goodbye for the summer when thoughts of finals haven't even started to percolate, but this is my last chance at bat for a while, so it's got to be done.

I could ponder for the length of a few paragraphs about where all our senior friends will be by the time fall rolls around again, but that would be sentimental and somewhat silly 'cause nearly everybody I know who is graduating, except coeds, is going to be in the Army. Which leaves one without much grounds for conjecture.

COMES A CALL TO YOUTH

To Editor Lehman's desk this week came a "Call to Reaffirm Our Declaration of Independence," issued by the Seventh American Youth Congress.

This year's Congress, to be held in the City of Brotherly Love and Chlorinated Water, Philadelphia—the scene of the historic convention that nominated Wendell Willkie (now known as the "me-too man") for president—promises to be at least exciting.

Having once, in the dear pink days before the War, attended sessions of the Youth Congress, I know a great deal more whereof I speak than do most of its self-appointed and uninformed local critics who are firmly convinced that Soviet Russia has a direct wire connection into its offices.

What will really surprise them is the fact that Youth Congress delegates are, even as you and I, normal Americans with haircuts, neckties, three-button suits, et al. Union Leaguers will be surprised to find even Republicans among the "rabble."

Of course, the AYC isn't the lily-white outfit it was in other days. It's democratically run, though, and its sessions are open to anybody who has the registration fee. It's reassuring, in this hey-day of chauvinistic emotionalism, to see, negroes and white, Catholics and Jews, ditch-diggers and Harvard men all sit down together and discuss their common problems as youth without the petty prejudices which all too often are the hallmark of older, more dignified assemblies.

I'll admit that the leaders of the AYC are persons tinged with the scarlet brush. Which is more our fault than theirs. If our self-styled decent, 100 per cent American organizations would lower themselves to participating in the Congress, which is open to all "youth and youth-serving organizations, youth councils and assemblies and organizations desiring to promote the welfare of youth, a real youth movement might result.

Til next fall then, you happy, about-to-be-drafted people... au revoir. LOKI

Student Art Now On Display

Student art work in the division of fine arts comprises the final exhibit which will be shown in the College Art Gallery, Room 303 Main Engineering, until Saturday noon, May 24.

"The work of A. Roswell Gilbert '42, Wallace M. Riley '44, and George S. Zoretich '43 is so outstanding that it was necessary in assembling the show to display many examples of these individuals," J. Burn Helme, head of the department, remarked.

Many students are represented by one or two works in elementary and intermediate drawing, life drawing, water color, elementary and advanced design, and costume design.

Schedule Released For ROTC Refunds

The following schedule by which ROTC uniform deposits will be returned at the bursar's office, Room 110 Old Main, was released yesterday.

For uniforms turned in on Monday, May 26, deposits will be returned on May 28.

For uniforms turned in on May 27, deposits will be returned on May 29.

For uniforms turned in May 28 and 29, refunds will be available until noon, May 31.

Refunds for uniforms turned in on June 3 will be available on the afternoon of June 4 or the morning of June 5.

INFIRMARY CASES

Kurt Goldman '43, fractured femur; Ruth Barbey '42, Ruth E. Pearce '43, Frank J. Sanders '42, Robert F. Serating '42, Myron S. Wheeler '42, John M. Wolf '42, German measles; Robert E. Coates '43, streptococcal pharyngitis; Margaret C. Dillard '44, tonsillitis; Charlotte E. Luxembury '44, pharyngitis, Roland L. Hummel '41, Lorraine E. Thomas '43, observation; Kenneth H. Maddy '44, mumps.

Gets Scholarship

Paul M. Doty '41, major in physical chemistry, has received a \$1,000 assistantship and an appointment as Graduate Residence Scholar at Columbia University. Doty will do graduate work under Dr. Harold C. Urey, a Nobel Prize winner, for four years while studying for his doctor's degree.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Forensic Council Picnic. All men and women debaters meet in Borough Park at the west end of Fairmount Avenue at 5 p. m.

All seniors who have not obtained their invitations and announcements should get them at Student Union.

Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honorary, initiation in Room 304 Old Main at 5:30 p. m. Banquet at the University Club at 7 p. m.

PSCA Cabinet, Room 304 Old Main, 8:15 p. m.

All ROTC freshman and sophomore engineers report to the Armory for regular classes today and tomorrow.

House of Representatives, 5 p. m., Room 305 Old Main.

Banquet for all persons connected with "The Joint's Jumpin'" production will be held at Hotel State College, 8 p. m. to night.

Freshman-women choose rooms, McAllister Hall lobby, 6:30 p. m.

ROTC Regimental Parade, both Infantry and Engineers, Golf Course at 3 p. m.

TOMORROW

Big Sisters, Room 405 Old Main at 5 p. m. Dean Ray and Ruth H. Zang will speak. Big Sister sheets are still accepted.

The 1944 Agriculture Educationalists will meet in 107 Patterson Hall at 7:30 p. m. to discuss plans for a picnic.

Chapel Fund Vote

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made by a committee composed of three Cabinet members and three members of the Penn State in China committee, with Chaplain John H. Frizzell as chairman. The recommendation was passed unanimously by this committee.

The controversy started almost two months ago when Cabinet voted that two chapel collections each month should be given to a local charity instead of Ling-nan. This action was contested by the Penn State in China committee on the grounds that Cabinet had no authority to take this action.

Both Cabinet and the Penn State in China committee asked President Hetzel for a ruling on the question and the President asked that a special committee be set up to make a recommendation.

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