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### (More) Advice To Rushees

Fraternity pledging starts at 5:30 this afternoon.

That may not be important to a lot of students but to every freshman being rushed and who intends to join a fraternity those words contain a problem: What house shall I pledge?

Much advice has been offered. A very little more may not be amiss.

Don't be in a hurry about pledging. If you have any doubt at all about whether you should pledge a certain fraternity, don't do it. You have four years of Penn State life ahead of you. That is a long time in which to make a wise choice, and an equally long time in which to regret an unwise one.

On the other hand, don't be too fussy about unimportant things. You won't like everything and everybody in a dormitory or rooming house, so don't expect fraternities to be perfect. Nothing is.

The best guide you can have is yourself. If you really want to pledge a fraternity, do it. But be certain you are making the right choice.

J. A. B.

### A No Parking Notice

Several of the smaller eastern colleges have seized upon the gasoline shortage as an excuse to prohibit student ownership of automobiles. Judging by new campus traffic regulations put into effect last June, it looks as though Penn State might be trying to achieve the same result by making it almost impossible for students to benefit from using cars.

Under the new rules, students may park in only two areas, the parking lot beside the varsity tennis courts, and the lot across from Atherton Hall. That's all. Even the spacious lot in front of Rec Hall is not for students, according to the rules.

The regulations make it pretty easy for faculty members, however. They're permitted to use any parking area.

Parking on roads is ended too—but only for students, not faculty members. When the owner is on an errand (how long does an errand take), faculty members are permitted to park on the north side of roads running east and west and on the west side of roads running north and south.

As usual, all student automobiles must be licensed by the College. Permits may be obtained at the Campus Patrol office, 320 Old Main. They cost 25 cents each.

J. A. B.

### Cassius Is Dead

Cassius is dead.

Those of you who were here last year remember The Lean and Hungry Look, a Collegian column written by Jacob Hay '41 who signed himself Cassius. Students new to the campus missed one of the best regular bits of writing ever printed in these pages.

We think—and we are not alone in this opinion—that Cassius was unique. Knowing no one can be found to take his place, The Collegian is discontinuing The Lean and Hungry Look as a tribute to its writer.

J. A. B.



## THE FACULTY SAYS . . .

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Mrs. Ralph D. Hetzel's Fund for Emergencies moves quietly into its third year of operation at Penn State. Modest and unsung, this little fund has proved itself one of the most helpful on the campus.

It is not an ambitious fund. It will never finance any young man or woman through college. It wasn't designed for that purpose. Its only purpose is to produce quickly, without any red tape, small sums of money for worthwhile students who find themselves suddenly in critical need of money. And it has served that purpose well since its creation by Mrs. Hetzel and a small group of administrative and faculty people meeting in the PSCA office back in January, 1940.

Evidence: Russell E. Clark, College bursar, who regards the fund as a special pet, reports: "As of August 27, 1941, 184 loans have been made to 154 students for a total of \$1,529.91. . . The total repayable loans amounted to \$1,430.51." Total money contributed to the fund is \$1,158.14—a lot of money, especially when we realize that no gift to the fund has exceeded \$100 and that many of the gifts have been as small as \$5.

Money, unsolicited, comes from numerous organizations and persons that have admired the quiet effectiveness of the fund. Probably the most interesting sidelight on the organization contributions is that all but four of the contributing organizations are made up entirely of women; yet 136 of the 184 loans made to date have been made to men.

The fund plays no favorites, however. Those who find themselves in emergency need of money generally apply to Mr. Clark, either directly or through a faculty member or administration employee; and the bursar, ramed and feared for his ability to uncover the shrewdest of schemes, sizes up the applicant. With the aid of others who may or may not vouch for the applicant, he then decides upon the worth of the request, grants or refuses the loan. The whole procedure may take no more time that it takes to write a signature on a check.

Loans have been made for all kinds of reasons. The fund has helped to buy books, food, shoes; it has supplied money for repair of eye glasses, for emergency trips home, for commencement expenses, for job interview trips, for room rent.

Such a fund as Mrs. Hetzel's has a very important place on a campus as large as that of Penn State; for there is no more comforting feeling for the student, we should imagine, than the realization that someone stands ready to help him in his personal need.

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