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It's Time For Action

The Collegian is glad to see that the caterers' association is still alive but wonders how much life there actually is in the group. Will the association struggle along, accomplishing nothing, as it did last year? Or will it realize the increased need for cooperative buying and do something about it?

In this connection, the caterers will do well to review a report presented last November to the National Interfraternity Council by its committee on policy. The following problems were included among those which the committee predicted American fraternities would have to face:

1. "With costs increased, chapters will have to enlarge revenues or reduce expenses.
2. "With the loss of leadership due to the military enlistment of older men, additional guidance will have to be provided."

That time has come. Costs have increased and fraternities must face the facts and do something about them. First among the means of decreasing expenses in the chapters themselves, the committee recommended cooperative buying of food, coal, and other supplies.

The committee's report included this statement: "This is already being done in some colleges. It can be organized almost anywhere. The chief essential is an able purchasing agent; and the savings should be large enough to permit a salary adequate to secure competency."

That is sound advice, and Penn State fraternities cannot afford to overlook it. Fraternity leaders admit that expenses have to be cut to the bare minimum. If this can be accomplished without sacrifice by cooperative buying—and it can—why not do it?

—J. A. B.

"If At First You Don't Succeed . . ."

Freshmen have no cause to complain about the extension until after Christmas of the period during which customs must be worn. To us, Tribunal's action seems logical. Say what they may, freshmen cannot deny that observance of customs has been lax.

What freshmen fail to realize is that customs include more than dinks, black ties, corn cob pipes, dating restrictions, "Button Frosh" commands, and admonitions to "keep off the grass." There is more than this. Customs include participation in Penn State life—an intangible feeling of closeness to the College as something with a personality as unique as that of a person.

The failure of freshmen to try to do this is evidenced by the low attendance at freshman class meetings intended to foster Penn State spirit and knowledge. The extension of customs is the result. It may not be the remedy but, at least, it's worth a try.

—J. A. B.

Helpful Hints On 'How To Study' Simplify 'Blue Book Cramming'

Now that "blue book" season has caught up with us and the air is filled with the groans of students suffering from unpreparedness, it might be a good idea to formulate our own scholastic defense program and round it out with a few valuable hints on just what this thing called "study" is, and how one goes about it.

Since it is improbable that outside preparation for classes will be discontinued in the near future, it is advisable to set aside a definite working period each day. Your preparation schedule should provide for at least 25 hours of study a week, and since eating and sleeping really are necessary too, it is wise to really concentrate when you "hit the books."

Make yourself comfortable, be sure the light isn't glaring, and decide on a definite plan on



THE FACULTY SAYS . . .

By ROBERT E. GALBRAITH

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Are you dull on dates, dour at the dinner table, beaten down at bull sessions, reticent in recitations? Well, we are not surprised. The cause of the foregoing social stymies is not hard to find. The void can be filled by constantly reading up-to-date periodicals that are not illustrated by Mr. Petty.

Turning sleuth, we did a bit of investigating. We discovered that the library subscribes to 1,200 various publications, ranging from five-cent weeklies to such dollar items as Fortune. Technical papers span the alphabet from the Acetylene Journal to the Zoological Record. We found scores of "digests" of both general and specific subjects.

Where are all these magazines? Well, besides the periodical room in the central library, there are branch libraries in Patterson Hall, Pond Laboratory, Main Engineering, and Mineral Industries. Furthermore, reading rooms have been established in the Agriculture, Forestry, Home Economics, and New Physics buildings. In addition, the architects have a reference room on the third floor of Main Engineering. We were told that any women's magazine one could ask for would be found on the shelves of the Home Ec reading room.

The central library is now a repository for governmental publications, which have, of late, been greatly improved in content style and format. Many are profusely illustrated.

The best of general and cultural magazines include several devoted to belles lettres, such as the Yale Review, the Southern Review, and the New England Quarterly.

Hence, we clear the library of any charge of not being interested and active in providing periodical literature for the students. What about the student? Technical students have used this treasury for occasional assignments, but too many stop with the reference to a single item, never referring to any page or article not mentioned by the instructor. Numerous students feel that they have "done enough" when they have read a chapter from their texts. But texts are at least a year old. Journals print the latest findings of literature and science long before these items can be assembled in a printed volume.

Since almost every vocation has one or more trade or technical journals keeping its workers up-to-date, the trainee in any special curriculum must rely upon these publications not only while he is in college, but for the next twenty years, if he is to keep abreast of his fellows. The sooner one gets acquainted with the best sources of dependable information in his vocation, the better off he is. We know a score of "3" students who are "periodical prowlers," but we are not acquainted with a single "0" boy who finds time to do much more than glance through the picture rags.

Many a bull-session is a waste of time because no one present can produce a recognizable authority to support his "facts." When the session turns into a debate, the disputant with the greatest lung capacity "wins." Don't rely on half-remembered quotes from a single article—broaden your reading so that you have a back-log of information on both sides of any contemporary question.

But you haven't the time? You may save minutes by following the bulletin, "Outstanding Articles of the Month," that is posted at the reading room. Try asking the librarians for help. They are the most willing workers we know.

attack. If you have several subjects to study, finish one before you move on; don't try to fit at random from one to the other. Don't day-dream. If you really try to understand what you're studying you'll find it becomes much more interesting. And don't attempt to lie down and study, especially in a warm room. The temptation to sleep is terrific.

In regards to classroom work, write your notes legibly and in outline form whenever possible. If you simply have to "doodle," use a separate sheet of paper. Don't try to copy everything your "prof" says. Think first, then note what you think is important. Review your notes frequently; the time to study for exams is throughout the semester.

When you study for an examination, don't spend too much time on what you already know. Concentrate on what seems hard for you and try to link seemingly disconnected material with a central thought, or with things that you have previously learned.

Letters to the Editor—

Doggett Questions Bus Stop Editorial

To The Editor:

Your Saturday, October 11, issue carries an editorial in reference to the matter of bus stops. It should be pointed out that three members of the Borough Council have continuously and consistently favored College ave. bus stops, whereas two members have continuously opposed such stops. The remaining two members have taken variable positions depending on the character of the proposed legislation.

Under these circumstances and with our usual democratic procedures the business of the bus stops has taken some ten months to settle. We now have a modern bus terminal on Highway No. 322 and in addition bus stops located conveniently close to the main entrance of the College, the State College Hotel, and Atherton Hall. The present majority of Council has, attempted to suit the convenience of as many individuals as possible and at the same time minimize the congestion at Co-op Corner.

The editorial states that "the Borough Council has written another chapter in the smutty book known locally as the bus stop situation"—"adds more confusion for already perplexed students"—"All of which may be very amusing, but also confusion". The Borough Council is very anxious and more than willing to cooperate with student representatives, but editorials such as this are not apt to further understanding and kindly feelings between the two parties.

In closing may I point out that if the Greyhound Bus Line wishes to let girls off in front of Atherton Hall, there is nothing in the recently passed bus stop ordinance to prevent this.

Yours very truly,
LEONARD A. DOGGETT,
Member of State College Borough Council.

Cabinet Rescinds Action On 2 Council Budgets

(Continued from Page One) to determine what signs will be permitted.

Refusing a suggestion of the Athletic Advisory Board to ban frosh parades between halves of home football games because "Penn State has outgrown this parading," Cabinet decided to recommend to the Board that this tradition be continued.

Cabinet also sanctioned the payment of dues to the American Federation of Student Governments, and decided to send All-College President Gerald F. Doherty '42, to the national convention of the Federation.

Water Colors Exhibited At Library This Month

During the month of October the College Library is exhibiting a collection of 41 water colors sponsored by the Southern Printmakers Society. The show is comprised of the work of contemporary artists throughout the country, including Arthur Flory of Pennsylvania.

The original purpose of the Southern Printmakers Society, formed in 1936, was to gather together excellent work from the world at large for display principally in the South where good exhibitions have been few and far between. With a membership now international in scope, the exhibits have reached the North and Far West.

Huttinger, Mendenhall Named Ball Chairmen

William D. Huttinger '42 and J. Howard Mendenhall '42, have been appointed co-chairmen of the annual Forestry Ball, it was announced last night by Robert A. Elton '42, Forestry Society president.

The ball will be held in Recreation Hall on December 13.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

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

Theta Sigma Phi meeting, Kappa Alpha Theta house, 6:30 p. m.

PSCA project committee of the freshman forum meets, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

Intermediate Hebrew at Hillel Foundation, 4:15 p. m.

Call for Business Staff members of Portfolio, 416 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Walter von Neudegg, Austrian ski champ, will show movies concerning skiing, 121 Sparks, 7:30 p. m.

Grange meeting postponed until next Thursday.

Clover Club will meet tonight, 103 Agriculture Building, 7:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served.

Meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Mechanical Engineering Laboratory, 7:30 p. m. All Mechanical Engineers are urged to attend.

Student Religious Workers Council, Hugh Beaver Room, 1:30 p. m.

Student Faculty Relations Committee, Hugh Beaver Room, 7:30 p. m.

Cabin Maintenance Committee 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

PSCA Cabinet. Philotes Room, 8:15 p. m.

Meeting of the Cercle Francais Club, Grange playroom, 8:00 p. m.

Meeting of the '45 Campus Party, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Men's Debate final tryouts, 316 Sparks, 7 p. m.

TOMORROW

Red Cross Group, Hillel Foundation, 3 p. m.

Coffee-Round-Table discussion, Hillel Foundation, 4:15 p. m.

Engineering Student Council meeting, 101 Main Engineering, 7 p. m.

FRIDAY

Choir Rehearsal, Hillel Foundation, 4 p. m.

Oneq Shabbat Program, Hillel Foundation, 7:15 p. m.

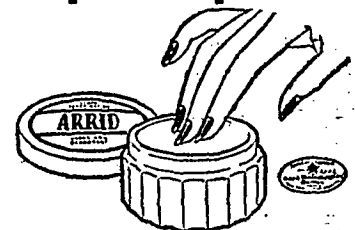
Hebrew Folk Song Group, Hillel Foundation, 8:15 p. m.

Phi Epsilon Kappa Taps 6 Students, Professor

Phi Epsilon Kappa, men's professional physical education honorary society, has tapped six students and one honorary member for fall initiation.

The students are Sidney Cohen '44, Charles P. Lebow '44, Robert J. Perugini '43, Benjamin J. Snipas '43, Wilbur Van Lenten '43, and Harold L. Zimmerman '44. The honorary member is Lloyd M. Jones, professor of physical education.

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