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A Physical Failure

Freshmen, you are joining us in the most important years of your life. You have come here for an education. In view of this fact you should realize that an education at Penn State is not only limited to the development of the mind, but of the body as well. Let us remember that a well-trained mind is dependent on a healthy body. This is the sine qua non of a successful college career.

During the past few years there has been a growing tendency in high schools and colleges to emphasize the importance of hygiene in their regular courses. The nation has learned its lesson. In the last war more than 33 per cent of the men called to the colors were physically unfit. Of the present cream of the crop almost 50 per cent are suffering from poor eyesight, nutritional deficiency, heart conditions, and improper hearing. What does this record indicate? Nothing but the sad lack of education or the failure to put what had been learned to use.

Since this is true we must do something to improve the situation. We must have more health education. In the case of colleges and high schools, this education must be more extensive and continuous. Penn State, as usual, has been ahead of other colleges in realizing the importance of health as part of the students education. However, it has not gone far enough. A two-year course in hygiene and physical education is neither extensive nor continuous. Students must be reminded through continuous courses in those subjects that the body is as important as the mind.

Unfortunately many students are credit-minded and not subject-minded. Since hygiene is not even a one credit course, students seldom take their health instruction seriously. There is widespread indifference to the attempts of the professors to teach the subject. As a result, students know little after they have taken the necessary two years of hygiene. If hygiene and physical education were made into separate one credit subjects, students would begin to count credits and would take their health education seriously.

The School of Physical Education and Athletics is doing a fine job. With its limited personnel, time and equipment, it has made great strides toward the fulfillment of this program, but it remains for you, the new students of Penn State, to raise your voices for an accelerated health and physical program. Get an education for your body as well as your mind.

—M. D.

No Man's Land?

Apparently the war jitters have taken hold of Grounds and Buildings. About 50 feet of barbed wire has been stretched over the lawn between the Library and the upper end of Burrowes Building. Of course, the only idea is to prevent students from taking short cuts to Ag Hill through that gap.

But how is it all the other fences are of ordinary baling wire? Why was this one made of barbed wire? From all indications the unbarbed fences are effective. At least, there are no beaten paths through them.

Admitted that blackouts are a necessity, barbed wire is a bit extreme. If someone should happen to run through that field at night, or during a blackout, the consequences aren't nice to think about—what with the dispensary closed after 5 o'clock.

—M. B. D.

The Campuseer



Rush!
Spare the rules and spoil the Frosh
But RUSH!

Those things outside the Corner Room
Aren't permanent, you bet—
They're just a bunch of Greek boys
Who lack some Frosh as yet.

A splashy group of sport coats,
Broad smiles from ear to ear,
Breaking rules from right to left—
That's their style this year.

The frosh may shrink, but can't escape
The throngs that swarm about;
For Bill Lundelius has proclaimed
They can rush, now, out and out!

They appear at Frosh mass meetings,
A bunch of Collich guys,
Who wait for opportunities
To get a word in PSCA-wise.

One more week of polishing
And then the Frosh will see
What Greek clubs really look like
After they pledge a new rushee.

Hot Off The Press

Watch for Shirley Ives' picture on the cover of Everybody's Weekly, the Sunday magazine section of a Philadelphia paper, a week from Sunday . . . Theta Esthermae Hartos is now minus her second pin this year since Clark Daugherty regained possession of his DTD jewelry . . . A year-old engagement ended Saturday when Helen Chiappy became Mrs. Robert Jackson Schatz . . .

Wrong Number

Campy couldn't help blushing as he heard the tale of a phi sigma delta pledge who was sent to Ath Hall to get a book for an upperclassman one evening last week. The lad merrily trooped up to the dorm, saw an open door, and skooted in. Unabashed by the gigglings of scantily-clad coeds and still not realizing his error, the pledge hastened to a closed door, knocked, fulfilled his duty, and scampered home.

Things To Come

Always willing to help, we will attempt to publish a list of "eligible" freshmen girls, since sorority rushing starts next Wednesday. The fellows may appreciate it also, since we noticed many of the Greeks lingering around Schwab Sunday night after the prospective rushees had left, so that they could get in a little rushing on the new coeds.

—CAMPY

Airplane Drafting Offered To Students

To help meet the demand for trained technical men and women where critical shortages exist in airplane industries, the School of Engineering will offer a course in airplane drafting.

The course will include study and practice in the general principles of engineering drawing and dimensioning, aircraft numbering systems and practices, detail, assembly and installation drawings for airplanes and the application of descriptive geometry to simple structure layouts for airplanes.

At least three years of satisfactory college work and termination of this work by graduation or withdrawal on December 18, 1942 are the only prerequisites for the course. Classes will begin on July 1, lasting eight hours a week for a period of 25 weeks.

Students may enroll now at the Student Union desk or Room 301 Main Engineering Building. The course will carry no tuition, fees or equipment expenses.

Traditions

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thankful they weren't here in those days. One of the more popular diversions on campus was the dunking of the frosh class in the Textile Chemistry building, now the present site of the Open Air Theatre.

As Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock says in his brief "History of Penn State," "There is something in Penn State that goes on and on, unchanging even while buildings, faculties, and student bodies come and go. If you find out what that is, you will have found the source of the notable Penn State spirit and loyalty."

To find that "something" which is the heart of Penn State, a knowledge of her traditions is essential. It is "Your Penn State."

A cop can't see the joke when you speed—it's too fast for him.

"Girl Weeps Eighteen Hours"—headline. Wonder if she got the dress?

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

All freshmen classes begin 8 a.m. Freshman Aptitude Test in Schwab Auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Freshman men may tryout for the Men's Glee Club and College Choir in room 200 Carnegie Hall, 7 p. m.

WRA Archery Club meets room 3 White Hall, 6:30 p. m. WRA Club President's meeting WRA lounge, 6:30 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

An important meeting of sophomore members and freshmen tryouts for the ROTC band and Phi Mu Alpha held in 200 Carnegie Hall at 7 p. m. Thursday.

Freshman women may tryout for College Choir room 211 Carnegie Hall at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

College Choir, regular rehearsal in room 117 Carnegie Hall, 7 p. m. Thursday.

Frosh Customs

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come acquainted with campus life, helping them get oriented, and in counseling them, Ridenour urges freshmen to come and present their problems to them or to hatmen and that all possible assistance will be furnished.

The seven-man board realizes freshmen have not had a real opportunity to learn the College songs and plans to make reasonable allowances in such cases. No other custom offenses will be treated lightly, however, and after the first week of school freshmen may expect a general "crack-down," Ridenour warned.

Attention Three Freshmen—Hatmen Don't Wear Dinks

Three freshmen are due for a rude awakening.

The story goes something like this. Two sophomore hatmen were sunning themselves in front of Old Main yesterday resplendent with their hats. Up walked three of the class of '46 and one remarked, "Gee, look at the nifty dinks we get to wear this year."

Of course the two hatmen were a bit startled but before they had a chance to explain, the newcomers were halfway over to Mac Hall to get their ROTC uniforms.

Footnote for Frosh—Guys with hats on that are either black, grey or dark blue, aren't freshmen. They're far from it and are usually assigned the unpleasant task of keeping wardward freshmen on the "customary" path.

Moral—Never look a hatman in the mouth, you may get kicked in the eye.

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