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Lion Tales

Bigger And Better

With Prexy Hetzel's accelerated program et al, froshmen have passed through one of the least haze-perfect semesters in history. Advocating bigger and better pajama parades (one was hatched up Tuesday night but died en route to Locust Lane) we salute the forthcoming march of the semi-nudes. Rumor has it that BMOCs will stage a freshman exhibit which the mighty Rose will envy after this rag has called it a day.

Sorry, Joyce

I hope that I shall never be
 A teacher like the ones I see
 A gal whose hungry heart is set
 On a masters that she wants to get
 A teacher who never gives a care
 About the clothes she's going to wear
 A femme who's fool enough to pay
 To hear those profs talk on all day

Chitter Chatter

Carol Kane, ChiO, recently took unto herself Ted Green's Phi Kappa pin. Jane Jones, Alpha ChiO claims a double triumph in the annexation of Travis MacDonald's Sigma Pi pin and ring. Polly Keller, AOPi, came out of the blackout with Goodwin's DU pin.

Let it be known to all that Rich Jones, ATO is recognized by the Thetas at Purdue. Final proof is seen in the Theta recognition pin he wears.

High school music students camped at the AGR house continue to arouse Locust Lane and vicinity fraternities with their 7 a. m. root-tooting. Just to please Mr. Robert Schooley, Esquire, it should be noted that the doll on the front page of a recent Life magazine cover is wearing a PIKA pin tucked on her collar. Si Siebert, will visit the Murfitt homestead come Saturday when this place will become a ghost town. The elder Murfitt rejoices his son's pinning of the comely lass and said so in the words . . . glad to hear your pin is coming home on a strong foundation.

Sights To See And Hear

Cenci in his dubonnet shirt trotting quickly up the Mall to preserve the hue from the elements . . . Carolyn Erb, Kappa, without Jack Morgan-Gehoe won against terrific odds. Bill Lundelius on Shalemar perfume . . . "It should be called . . . Knock 'Em Down and Drag 'Em Out."

Rating The Aggies

WHEN THE Ag School started its faculty rating poll at the beginning of this semester, there was considerable question as to the advisability of undertaking such a project. Many Administrative officers, as well as professors, expressed beliefs that the poll could be used as a dangerous weapon if not handled wisely.

But after learning the details of the proposed plan, the faculty on Ag Hill were willing to cooperate with the Agriculture School Council, which was sponsoring the poll. Realizing that the success of the poll would hinge on the type of questions asked, the School Council approached the College department of psychology which assisted in drawing up suitable questions that would command the serious attention and respect of every person answering the questionnaire.

Preparing the poll was only the initial step, however. The real machinery went into operation at the Summer semester registration when every Ag student was asked to fill out the questionnaire and to submit it along with the regular registration credentials.

The job of sorting the questionnaires was entrusted to three students who were told to maintain the secrecy of the information and to turn the results over to the Dean of the School, who was authorized to use the information as he deemed fit.

By taking this poll, the Ag Student Council did not intend to rate the faculty in any simple one, two, three order. Instead the poll was taken to analyze the teaching methods used by various professors, and to see where improvements could be made in different course presentations.

After checking the results of the poll, the Dean considered it advisable to "talk things over" with five faculty members who had been subject to the strongest criticism in the survey. Other instructors were offered mild suggestions pertaining to teaching methods, while on the other side of the fence, a number of professors were commended for their work.

Already, students are beginning to notice the remedies that a number of instructors have injected into their courses. There is now little doubt surrounding the tremendous success of the rating poll, and there is also little doubt that the survey should be extended to other Schools.

The Aggies have thrown out a warning that such a survey will entail plenty of work if the project is undertaken by other School Councils. It may be a warning, but to us, it appears as a challenge, which several Schools might well accept.

Home-Front Battles

EVERY ONE has heard the story which tells why Penn State doesn't know there is a war being fought at present. They tell us that we're a bunch of idealists sitting up here in our mountain Utopia, and that down in the eastern shipyards and the western steel towns, everyone is "all out" for doing his share to win the war.

But did you ever hear the other side of the story. It's insignificant of course, but just the same, there are hundreds of Penn State students enlisted in Army and Navy Reserves; there are hundreds of students taking defense courses, hundreds of engineers preparing to take over vital posts in American industry, and hundreds of professors are teaching third semester courses following a slice in salary.

After all, we can't forget that the third semester is Penn State's greatest contribution to America's war effort.

Ed School Plans Confab

School of Education will conduct a Conference on Instruction next Tuesday and Wednesday nights, July 7 and 8, according to Marion R. Trabue, dean.

A panel discussion will be held in Room 10 Sparks Building at 3:15 p. m. Wednesday on the subject, "What Should the Activity Concept of Learning Mean to Classroom Teachers?" Participating in this forum will be Dean Trabue; Charles B. Mendenhall, professor of education, Ohio State University.

Margaret A. Neuber, Teacher Trainer, East Stroudsburg State Teachers College; Phyllis A. Peacock, teacher of English, State College High School and instructor in education and psychology, Penn State; and Carl E. Whipple, principal, Keith Junior High School, Altoona.

The conference is intended for all persons interested in instruction. All who wish to attend are invited.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

PSCA-Hillel Bible Study group meets, Hillel Foundation, 7 p. m.

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

Student-Faculty Relation committee meets, Hugh Beaver Room, 7:30 p. m.

'46 Independents will meet in 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Herbert C. Lanks, noted author, lecturer, and traveler, will present an illustrated lecture, "Our Neighbors Down the Road," Schwab Auditorium, 3:30 p. m. The lecturer will include a color sound film on his recent trip by motor car from the Caribbean Sea to the Straits of Magellan. A question forum will follow.

A meeting of Summer session students interested in horseback riding will be held at the Stock Judging Pavilion, 7 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Seniors should get their La-Vie proofs as soon as possible at the Photo Shop. Seniors who have proofs should turn them in immediately.

Ag Hill At War—

School Grows Rubber

America's critical rubber shortage may be licked by a dandelion.

Penn State's Agricultural School, working under the supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture, is attempting to grow Russian dandelion as a new source of rubber to help meet America's war needs.

Russian dandelion, close kin of the common American weed, has roots whose sap is almost pure rubber, according to Charles F. Noll, head of the department of agronomy, who is supervising the Ag School's present experiment.

Seeds being used in the test crop of dandelion were flown directly from Russia, where over 2,000,000 acres of the rubber-producing plant is reportedly being cultivated.

Although exact facts are veiled by the blanket of official censorship, it has been estimated that the Reds derive over 150,000 tons of rubber from the "weed" each year.

A distinct advantage of the plant as a source of rubber, according to Noll, is that it becomes productive within a year, rather than in five years as in the case of rubber trees. If a crop producing over a hundred pounds per acre could be harvested in America, certain Department of Agriculture officials feel the United States rubber shortage might be off "the way out" in short order.

Search for a new source of rubber is but one phase of a vast program of cooperation in the war effort being conducted by the School of Agriculture.

The School's services in instruction, research, and extension, seeking always to increase farm production and efficiency,

were stepped up to double time with the approach of war.

Ag School research workers, continuing their traditional search for methods of increasing farm production, began concentrating on the most pressing war needs. Overcoming gasoline and tire shortages, the extension workers reached even more of Pennsylvania's farmers with bulletins, mass demonstrations, and lectures on modern farm methods.

Adjustment to this wartime role began when the war was still an "emergency." The change, according to Stephenson W. Fletcher, dean of the Ag School, was accomplished quickly and quietly, without thought of publicity or acclaim.

The School's present experiments with Russian dandelion are not yet far enough advanced to be conclusive, but excellent progress has been made with the first planting.

Whether experimental success can be transferred to rubber production on a commercial basis is highly problematical, according to Noll.

Early experiment results indicate that conditions in the East should be favorable to the Red-weed's cultivation. The vast farms of the mid-West, while lacking somewhat in rainfall, have a climate that seems ideally suited to the dandelion's growth. Irrigation might be necessary in some cases, Noll admitted, but with the rubber shortage so acute its adoption is entirely possible.

"Results of present experiments," the agronomy department head added, "will go a long way toward giving us the facts."

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Lv. Lewistown	12:30 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	8:50 P.M.
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