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Still Nothing Done

Penn State's physical fitness program resembles a myth which might have existed but merely was a tool to drop the freshman and jayvee athletic teams and turn the money into a padlocked fund which is gathering cobwebs instead of being used to sponsor that talked-of and thought-of physical fitness program. Nothing has been done.

Last year student leaders made many efforts to try to get a compulsory physical education program for upperclassmen and possible lengthening of the hours for freshmen and sophomores. Now, instead of having a single two-period, the latter two classes have what amounts to three one-half hour periods, an improvement, at least. But about the request for more phys ed for upperclassmen, nothing has been done.

It is only logical that a person who is greatly experienced in matters of this sort would realize the necessity for having such an extensive athletic program—one that would extend to every individual. But instead of getting busy and figuring a way to stretch present facilities the Phys Ed school fathers sit back and wait for a miracle to solve the problem, again nothing has been done.

Penn State students should be grateful to Art Davis coach of the hockey team whose efforts finally got the College to flood the tennis courts so that Old Man Winter's freezing temperatures could provide students with an ice skating rink on campus—not two miles down the road. At first someone decided that it would take too many men to provide this needed means of exercise then Davis and others yelled in behalf of the students so that work on the ice rink has now started.

What all this downright laxity means is that some other group or some other persons will see the need and finally take some action on it. If Dean Schott won't see the way clear to get male students in shape then somebody else will. Some other group will probably sponsor an afternoon hike and calisthenics program a couple of times a week or maybe at night. This would be a move in the right direction but would really be trying to close the door after the horse is stolen. Action should have been taken a long time ago so that phys ed classes for juniors and seniors could have been scheduled this semester.

Grippe, smallpox, and other diseases are around. Good diet, adequate sleep, and plenty of exercise are necessary to effectively combat sickness—a condition no one wants or can afford. Most of the male students will be entering the armed services of the country on a more active status and will have to undergo a stiff physical training program.

It'll be fun entering the services nice and soft so that everyone from Penn State can be stiff while the toughening goes on. It might have been the case that Penn State's would be well prepared after having a good physical fitness program. An, well, it was thought about, any way.

CLEVER COMMENTS

By Fred E. Clever

Dear Pop:

Please rush a century note—fees come due next week.

Gee, isn't it funny? When I was a freshman, I always buried the request for cash down in the last paragraph—kinda eased into it. But when I was a freshman things were different up here in the Valley.

This year I don't feel a bit ashamed about asking for cash, even though a lotta pebble are saying that we college kids are a bunch of draft dodgers. Reason I feel kinda good about it all is because my prof. told me the other day that, with my technical background, I'll be a pretty important man in the war effort when I graduate in May.

For awhile though, I was a little worried—you know how I put on those extra pounds because I never got any exercise? I don't have to worry about that any more. Last Fall, the college decided that because only a few fellows benefitted by freshmen athletics, the five thousand dollars spent every year for this purpose would be better used if applied to a physical fitness program. One of these days they might get started on it.

When I pay my fees next week, seven and a half of your well earned bucks are going into the athletic till. I'll get to see a couple of pretty good basketball games and a few boxing and wrestling matches, but the rest of the money is going to help defray the expenses of my thinking of a couple of hours of exercise in our modern gym every day.

Dean Schott and the rest of the Phys Ed school faculty have been swell. Some of them now work two or three hours a day conducting classes. Even some of the upperclassmen in the Phys Ed school are doing the same thing.

Of course, there are a few inconveniences. Some of us have to dress in our rooms because the locker space in Rec Hall is being rationed, but none of the fellows mind it at all.

Really, Pop, it kinda makes you proud of the college, the way they seem to be going out of their way to help us become more useful to our country.

Sincerely,
Joe.

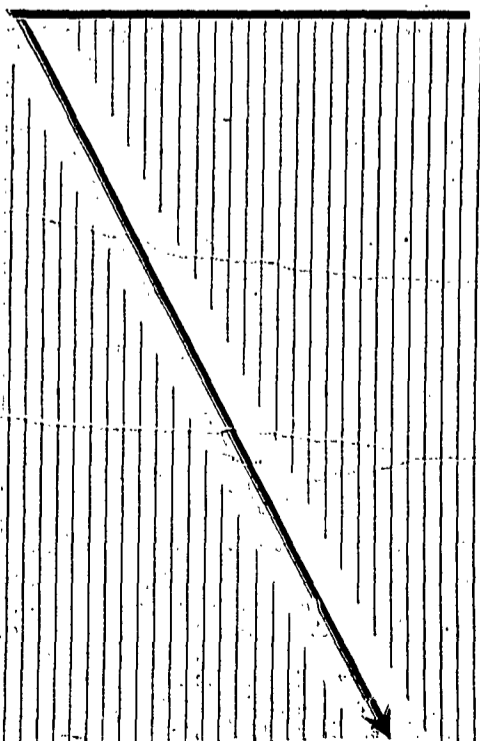
Frothy In A Turmoil

'Tis a sad day for Frothy and his staff of illiterates across the hall. Twice now the deadline for the humor-mag's first edition of the semester has been extended.

Froth staff members contend that the deadline was extended because the big-wigs of the staff retired to the Rathskellar to dope out an editorial policy.

Others say, however, that the delay resulted when an over zealous janitor, who, while cleaning out the "hole," tossed all the back issues into the wastepaper basket.

IT'S ALWAYS ...



The Corner
unusual

CAMPUS CALENDAR TODAY

Final tryouts for Players' "The Moon Is Down" at Little Theatre in Old Main starting at 7 p. m.

Freshman women's customs, name cards and ribbons, will go on at 12 noon.

SATURDAY

WRA Intramural Board meets in WRA lounge, White Hall, 11 a. m.

MONDAY

WRA Club Presidents' Board meets in WRA lounge, White Hall, 4 p. m.

Tryouts for Glee Club and Chapel Choir in Carnegie Hall at 7 p. m.

Reserves

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who have been dropped from College due to grade deficiencies or who drop out on their own accord was also discussed by the Faculty Advisor on War Service.

Men who do not meet the College's requirements and are removed from the class roles will receive a notice from the Third Service Command to report in 10 days for active service.

Those in the same category, earmarked for the Navy, will have their names turned over to the Navy and they will be subject to 48-hour call.

They will be given the opportunity to apply for V-5, Navy air corps, if they contact Lt. J. Henderson, Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Widener building, Philadelphia.

We, The Women

Putting It Off Means Failure

When a freshman class is large, orientation helps the College to keep track of new members and gives the class unity as well as acquaintance with the school. When the class is small, the training period is definitely beneficial for the cbeds and men within the class.

The poor frosh who came this semester stick out like sore thumbs because the orientation has seemingly been postponed until it's convenient for the "higher-up."

These frosh are going to have to sing and cheer the same as other classes; they'll want to know about sororities and fraternities; they'll be interested in activities, too; they will wonder, as others have, what WSGA, WRA, ROTC, and other abbreviations stand for.

Because they aren't living in just one dorm, coeds of the new class will need meetings and introductions to the campus and at least coed government heads.

Yet, what has been done?

The frosh have been here for three days now and the only definite thing that they've heard so far is that they have to don customs next week. All other meetings and arrangements for mixers and introductions are "indefinite."

In an accelerated semester, time laughs at everyone. Any postponement of such essential orientation might be fatal to the class.

Dorothy Gray

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