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State Triumphs in Debate.

What turned out to be a great victory for State was the semi-final debate with Dickinson on Friday night. The auditorium was comfortably filled with an enthusiastic audience who interspersed the program with yells and songs.

Professor Pattee was the presiding officer of the evening and announced the question as "Resolved, that the initiative and referendum systems of enacting legislation should be adopted by Pennsylvania." The affirmative side of the debate was upheld by G. Harry Ketterer, William H. Davenport, and Lewis H. Chrisman of Dickinson, while the negative was argued by W. F. H. Wentzel, M. Smith, and A. A. Borland, with W. R. Lams as alternate, for State.

Our opponents maintained that the referendum would make it impossible for the Legislature to pass laws against the will of the people, that our present system is in line with our political development, and that the referendum system has proved a success wherever it has been tried.

State developed the weakness of the proposed system and the comparative advantage in retaining the present system.

At the close the judges, Professor Llewellyn Phillips, of Bucknell, Robert A. Zentmyer Esq., of Tyrone, and Dr. Thomas Smith, of Mansfield State Normal, rendered a unanimous decision in favor of State.

On the same night Swarthmore won from F. and M. The struggle for the championship of the league will take place next April between Swarthmore and State.



Captain-elect McCleary.

Edward McCleary, the captain-elect of our football team, came here with an enviable record from California Normal. He was captain of the football and baseball teams of that institution for two years and played on both teams when they won from such colleges as W. and J., St. Vincent, and W. Va. "Bull" was also prominent in literary work and won a contest for his literary society one year. In his work here, he can always be depended upon to gain ground, he was instrumental in making the touchdowns of all the big games last year, and he is always cool and collected. His cool, steady playing, his genial disposition, and his frank and open honesty are sure to win from the team the respect and admiration which a captain deserves, and we feel sure that he will develop a great team for Penn State next fall.

The Football Season of 1907.

In reviewing the football season of 1907 we cannot laud our college or our team so much in victories gained as in the true, noble, and cheerful manner in which our heart-breaking defeats were accepted. "Anybody can smile when he wins," said one of our faithful admirers, "but it takes a man to smile when he loses." And well may the individuals composing our team be called men—men of the highest caliber in whose hearts there is always ringing that filial love for their Alma Mater.

The following record of the season has its victories which will ever be bright spots for Capt. Burns and his trusty followers in the memories of Penn State's admirers:

Sept. 21, State 27, Altoona Athletic Club, 0; Sept. 28, State 34, Geneva College, 0; Oct. 5, State 5, Carlisle Indians 18; Oct. 12, State 46, Grove City College, 0; Oct. 19, State 8, Cornell 6; Oct. 26, State 75, Lebanon Valley, 0; Nov. 2, State 52, Dickinson, 0; Nov. 9, State 0, U. of P., 28; Nov. 16, State 4, Navy 6; Nov. 28, State 0, W. U. P., 6.

The first big game resulted in a defeat by the Indians at Williamsport in which the wonderful kicking of Houser scored 12 points for the Redskins when they could not cross our line. However, when we considered that our team had but three weeks' practice for the game and that the Indians are not a college team, the sting of defeat was replaced by something infinitely better. A quiet determination within themselves to work harder, was the lot that befell the representatives of the White and Blue.