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R. H. SMITH MAKES STATEMENT

Rumor of Injustice Toward University of Pittsburgh Authorities Is Squelched by Penn State.

Since Thanksgiving 1910, at which time the Pitt team defeated our eleven, stray stories have arisen that Forbes Field had been watered before the game that year. The matter of wetting the field was denied by all connected at Pitt and, in order to quell the unfounded rumor and lift an injustice from a university whose advancement in all lines is greatly appreciated by Penn State, R. H. Smith has sent the following letter to the University of Pittsburgh which dispels any suspicion that our authorities may have in the matter.

The Athletic Association of the Pennsylvania State College, Office of Graduate Manager, State College, Pa.

February 17, 1913.

Mr. Charles S. Miller, Director of Athletics, University of Pittsburgh, Grant Boulevard, city:

Dear Sir—I have your letter relative to the revival of rumors charging the University of Pittsburgh athletic authorities with watering or otherwise tampering with the gridiron at Forbes Field, for the purpose of handicapping Penn State players in our annual football game. I also note your suggestion that I attend an investigation to prove the falsity of these rumors, and that you have a number of prominent men whose evidence would be unimpeachable, who are willing to take oath that the charges are false.

The athletic authorities at Pittsburgh are done a very grave injustice by the circulation of these rumors. I believe that I have been in closer touch with athletic affairs than any other representative of Penn State, and I can say that there is absolutely no foundation in these stories.

With reference to your suggestion that I attend an investigation to prove the falsity of the rumors, I would say that such action is entirely unnecessary as I have never placed any credence in the report, and have always had the greatest confidence in those who have charge of athletics at the University of Pittsburgh. In the nine years that I have dealt with Pitt our relations have been most pleasant and, for my part, there has always been a feeling of confidence in the fair dealing and good sportsmanship of your athletic authorities.

I will be glad to co-operate with you in any way possible toward a correction of these rumors, and the great injustice they have done.

Very truly yours,
R. H. Smith,
Graduate Manager of Athletics.

Altoona Dance.

Penn State students around Altoona, on the evening of March 25, are invited to attend the big State dance given by the Blair County Club in Knights of Columbus Hall.

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THE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

Notre Dame and Naval Academy Are Added to Our Schedule.

The schedule of football dates as completed for the 1913 season is as follows:

October 4, Carnegie Technical School at State College.

October 11, Gettysburg College at State College.

October 18, W. & J. College at Washington.

October 25, Villanova College at State College.

November 1, University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

November 8, (Penna. Day) Notre Dame at State College.

November 15, U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

November 27, (Thanksgiving) Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh.

With the loss of the Ohio State and the Cornell games the management faced a difficult problem in securing desirable games to fill their places. Negotiations for games were made with Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, Brown, Syracuse, West Point, Michigan, Lehigh, Swarthmore, Colgate, Dickinson, and Haverford, but all of these efforts were unavailing. Prospects for a game with Yale or Harvard for a short time looked very bright but when the tentative schedules were submitted to the respective Athletic Committees our game was crossed off as being too severe for the time of the season for which it was scheduled.

The schedule of games for the Freshman team, as completed to date includes the following:

October 25, Indiana Normal School at Indiana.

November 1, pending for a home game.

November 8, Mercersburg Academy at Mercersburg.

November 15, Bellefonte Academy at Bellefonte.

November 22, Freshman—Sophomore Game.

Deutscher Verein.

The regular meeting of the Deutscher Verein will be held in the Old Chapel, March 14, at 7:30 p. m. The program will be unusually entertaining and will follow an important business meeting of about thirty-five minutes. The program will be as follows:

Songs, O Du lieber Augustin and O alte Burschenherrlichkeit, Verein; humorous recitation, V. G. Burns '16; orchestra selection, Verein Orchestra; talk, "The German Language", Mr. Campion; mandolin and guitar selection, Verein Mandolin Quartet; Songs, Heil dir in Siegerkranz and Der Jaeger Abschied, Verein.

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