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Does true spirit consist of yelling one's self hoarse at an athletic event or mass meeting? Does true spirit consist of devoting one's time exclusively to athletic or other activities, and thereby neglecting the other essentials of college life? Does true college spirit consist in committing enthusiastic acts, in celebration of some victory, yet at the same time breaking the college rules and regulations?

Does true spirit consist of any acts, which in any way conflict with the proper behavior of a gentleman or which indirectly prove derogatory to one's Alma Mater? It might be well to consider a few of the above questions in order to arrive at a correct and comprehensive definition of true college spirit. When one endeavors to interpret these two words, in a fitting and correct way, it is apparent that the task is not as simple as it seems.

Some judge spirit by attendance at athletic games, by cheering, and the like. True spirit may incorporate these qualifications, yet if the other essentials are lacking, it is merely a specialized enthusiasm.

Some judge spirit by devotion, heart and soul, to some college activity, but at the same time evidencing neglect of some of the other important qualifications. This too is only a specialized form of effort—a spirit of specialized enthusiasm. Some judge spirit, by the completion of acts, the committing of which is justified by precedence, yet the effect of which is non-beneficial both to those concerned, and to the college as a whole.

It is a practical impossibility for any individual to possess true college spirit—it would correspond to a mortal without sins. There are so many essentials necessary for this much desired qualification, that no one may hope to possess all of them. Our aim should be however to acquire as many of them as we can.

True college spirit must be made up of diverse qualities, which are balanced and blended into an harmonious whole.

In order to possess it, a man

must be courteous; he must be honorable; he must show enthusiasm for the various activities; he must evidence ambition in his studies; he must take a deep interest in his fellow student and his actions must be absolutely consistent with such as will prove beneficial and elevating to his Alma Mater.

True college spirit consists of a deep and wholesome interest in the diverse affairs of one's Alma Mater and the evidence of marked devotion to her progress and the welfare of her students.

The Penn State Collegian wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following communication:

"To the Penn State Collegian,
 In regard to an editorial which appeared in the last issue of the Collegian concerning a recent case of hazing, the particulars of which most of us have become more or less familiar with, we wonder whether the writer stopped to investigate both sides of the case or even the truth of the side on which he placed himself.

To our knowledge this freshman did not suffer all the indescribable tortures reported. It is our opinion that the writer jumped at conclusions, due no doubt, to certain overdrawn reports circulated by some outsiders who in our estimation were meddling in affairs which concerned only the student body.

It seems to us that the proper way to deal with such matters would be, in case the freshman or his friends felt that he had been unjustly treated, to appeal to the Student Council rather than resort to press jingoism which reflects on the good name of the entire student body.

Any student may demand a meeting of the Student Council for action on any act of injustice which he thinks has been done him. Since any student has this right of appeal to the Student Council, we wonder if it wouldn't show better College Spirit to try to rectify such acts of injustice by means of the Student Council rather than to publish them broadcast by means of the press.

We also wonder, if, since we have Student Government, it would not be more proper and fitting for the students to govern themselves through their governing organ rather than allow certain outside individuals to assume that responsibility."

Signed:
 J. H. Shollenberger.
 G. H. Gleason.

In answer to the above letter, it might be said that the case in question was investigated on both sides and that the most authentic information obtainable was considered. The opinion expressed was designed to be as impartial as possible, and above all, influences and "overdrawn reports of outsiders" had no effect whatsoever in formulating the ideas expressed.

The project of delegating to the Student Council cases of such character, is an admirable one and cannot but receive commendation. Such action however would not

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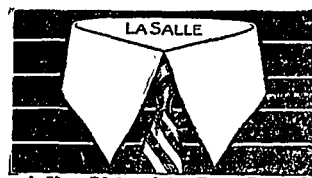
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The Central Committee of "Corda Fratres" extends to all student organizations of the world a most hearty invitation to take part in this great international movement by sending delegates to the International Congress of Students to be held at Ithaca, New York, under the auspices of the Cosmopolitan Club, in August and September.

Wrestling Elections.
 At the final meeting of the wrestling squad last Friday evening, the following men were elected for the coming year—Captain, Jones '14; Manager, Hess '14; Assistant Managers, Gleason, Hill, and Horner.