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### A DISGRACEFUL POSTER NIGHT

Student activities in the vicinity of Co-op corner last Friday evening and early Saturday morning capped the climax of what have been the most disgraceful days at Penn State for some years. Groups of students lost all regard of their individuality, their college and the rights of others. Coarseness, buffoonery and shallowness were the types of character displayed. The first bit of ungentlemanly actions began with petty indiscriminate hazing about the Co-op. This brought forth language of a most dishonorable kind and showed the mean, self-debasing types of conduct of which these men were capable. Things were done which are regarded in the most part as belonging to prep-school days and which should be forgotten when men come to college. Yet these activities, bad as they were, were greatly eclipsed by what occurred on the occasion of the annual Poster Night. Then some students lowered themselves even more. Property was damaged, buildings defaced, sidewalks painted, signs displayed and in general type of conduct participated in which was far below that expected of the average college man.

Average college man! We wonder how many were in that mad mob which gathered about the Co-op late Friday night and early Saturday morning. Not many, we venture to say. No college man, and a real college man is a gentleman, could have done the things which occurred there. No real man, with the honest regard for his fellows and love of his Alma Mater at heart could have participated in the small town stunts committed at that time. No gentleman, with hometies which keep him strong in his critical hours, could have acted as that howling, tearing, fighting mob did. We must grant that at times class spirit justifies one group in enforcing on another the ideals of college spirit, but surely there need be no occasion for such demonstrations as those which did occur. The general impression at Penn State has been that the entire student body was composed of real men. There was an illusion that no such things would happen as have occurred at other institutions and which occur frequently at prep schools. Yet we have been forced to realize that there are men at Penn State who have not yet received enough real college spirit that would drown forever the small minded desires and deeds perpetrated here. We realize, of course, that the great majority of students have received a sufficient amount of our beloved Penn State spirit and ideals and that they would not indulge in the atrocities committed on Poster Night, and it is to be deeply regretted that the entire student body must suffer because of the misdemeanors of the few. These students are the kind who make college life worth while and who benefit most from the better associations received at Penn State. For those few who so belittled themselves on that night we have only to say that they are not real Penn State men and that they are not on the same level as the great majority of students at this college.

This matter must not be faced from the individual's standpoint alone. Nor must it be looked on from the view of the college and its authorities alone. We must look further, to the standpoint of the citizens and business men of the town, and to the people of the state and the great organizations which are at present laying such great plans for the betterment of Penn State. The individual stands alone in this matter. He is a goat who has been separated from the sheep, by no other agencies than his own. The college cannot look at this matter but with disfavor, nor can the better members of the student body. No one desires to see another's property recklessly and wantonly destroyed. The business men of State College have built themselves attractive looking places in which to conduct their trade and naturally do not like to see them defaced. They are trying to make this thorough an attractive, wide-awake place to live in and have invested amounts of money to make it so. They and the remainder of the citizens have tried to make better ways of traffic and entrance to the town. All have worked for the betterment of the town, its occupants, and this includes the students, and the college. Yet there are some among our numbers who have so little pride in civic welfare that they delight in working out such infamies as we have seen. This matter further deflects itself from a local view to a state-wide view. Would it not be beneficial to the growth of Penn State if all the newspapers in the state were to publish a graphic account of last week-end's activities? Would these serious minded business men of the state not delight in learning how Penn State students defaced the business property of others, marked college property and painted shameful signs? And all this some call college spirit. Some may call it the playfulness of the college boy, but to those who know what a college student should be like and what he should be seriously thinking of accomplishing in future life, this has been nothing short of damnable. How many fathers and mothers, do you suppose, will be delighted with tales of what their sons did on that night? There is only one way out of this difficulty. If these activities are indicative of what Poster Night means, then it were far better we had no such thing in our college customs. Poster night is certainly not a time for students to turn their liberties into licenses for doing their will upon what is rightfully another's. If Poster Night is conducted in a sane, proper manner, making of it a time when the underclassmen entertain the remainder of the college in a clean way, then we want it. However, we fail to see where it can be possible to do this.

From all evidences, the worst activities occurred at the Co-op. The various groups which left the town were gathered up quietly and taken some distance away. It is what occurred at the junction of College and Allen streets and on the campus which has been so decidedly dishonorable.

Students were warned beforehand in regard to their conduct on this evening. They failed to observe the warning. Now it is time for student action on the matter. Some definite law should be laid down regarding what may and what may not be done on Poster Night, and if the law takes all the delight out of some men's hearts as regards the custom, then it were better we did away with it altogether.

### THE USE OF SIGNS

From all evidences Penn State is again being troubled with an old evil left over from last year. This is the matter of placing signs about the campus. Last spring the trees and signboards and in fact all places where a nail would take hold were infested with signs. As a

result Student Council had the number of college notices boards increased and it was thought that the matter would be taken care of. This has, however, not been the case. The old evil of placing signs about trees is again prevalent. This makes a very bad appearance and should be discontinued at once. As regards the signboards, a suggestion might remedy that matter. There is absolutely no sense in placing a sign on these boards which almost covers the entire structure. A sign less than one-fourth the size of some which have been used would adequately do the same service. It is not the size of the sign which counts, but the method in which the information contained has been arranged upon it. Again, there is no use in placing a different sign containing the same information on almost every board on the campus. The COLLEGIAN is glad to see that Student Council has taken the matter in hand and that some remedy will be forthcoming. Certainly the size and number of the signs should be limited. In addition it might be wise for those making the signs to be more careful in the use of their language. It may be attractive to the reader if the sign carries misspelled words, or words used in the wrong sense, but it is certainly not good policy for a college man to go into that sort of thing. The majority of students read the signs anyhow, and so it is more advisable to strike a happy medium than to use the glaring, fancily prepared signs or their exact opposite as has often been the case.

### The Letter Box

State College, Pa.  
Sept. 25, 1920.

Dear Editor—

Notices have appeared in the COLLEGIAN that letters from students are acceptable and I take this opportunity to voice my opinion of certain matters which pertain to the interests of all students and the college in particular. I am speaking directly concerning the disgraceful actions of last Friday night. The dictionary does not provide simple words and phrases with which to condemn and criticize the actions of the students at that time. I have been a student at this college for several years and have visited colleges both larger and smaller than this one and in all that time I have never encountered a body of college students who acted so childish, so much like high school boys, so much like rowdies and rough-necks as the so-called Penn State students did on Poster night. I hesitate to call them Penn State men because it is disgraceful to Penn State. But we do not have all friends in this world and there are always those who are looking for those things which may hinder the development of something good and those people had their opportunity Friday night. We thought that we were rid of pests and trouble producers but we see that they are still in our midst and the sooner we get rid of them the better. Truly Poster Night is a custom at Penn State and when conducted in the right way has its advantage but the Sophomores undoubtedly desired to be inventors and create something new and the conduct of Friday night was the result. The Sophomores are not entirely to blame and I am not speaking to and about them alone but all those who took an active interest in the affair. Not only will the effects be noticed in the lowering of the college standards but the destruction of property is an added disgrace and expense which could have easily been omitted.

By doing the things which they did do the underclassmen have set an example to the Freshmen and I am hoping that this will, in a way, alleviate the feeling that they should do the same thing next year. If the student council does not think that this is possible, I think the best thing to do is to stop Poster night altogether. It is my sincere hope and the hope of the good thinking students of the college that in the future and even the rest of the year that the men will consider all phases and the results which their actions may produce before they act.

Yours Truly,  
A SENIOR

Editor COLLEGIAN—

Dear Sir—  
It seems that Penn State is doomed to an eternal annual outbreak of a disease which many "radicalists" call "advertising." For the past four years it has appeared at various and numerous times during the college year and the organizations which have been guilty of spreading the mildy have been as numerous and as varied as the occasions. Advertising is a necessity, there is a limit to the time, place and amount. No objection to legitimate advertising in legitimate and recognized places about the campus. Students with a sense of pride, however, do object to the litter of advertising which from time to time is perpetrated on the students from the trunks of the trees about the campus and the various buildings which are so unfortunate as to be made of material capable of holding such things. The Student Council has gone on record several times within the past three years condemning the policy and practice of placing the trees and buildings with advertising matter and posters. In the course of the last few months, quite a few new bulletin boards have been placed at conspicuous points about the campus, hoping thereby to supply space enough for advertising without reverting to Mother Nature.

One cannot help but wonder if some persons have lost their pride in Penn State. The appearance of the trees along the Main Drive is such as to remind one of a man who has not shaved for several weeks. Let's take heed to the rulings of the Student Council and the no more signs on the trees of the campus.

Yours for the best of Penn State,  
A SENIOR

### OLD MAIN STUDENTS HOLD ORGANIZATION MEETING

The students living in the old Main Dormitory met on Wednesday evening, September twenty-second, for organization purposes. Election of officers was held and G. W. Supplies '22 was chosen "Mayor." An executive committee was instructed to prepare plans for moving to the furnishings of the clubroom and consider plans for a dance or stunt night. Protest was also made against the practice on the part of outsiders of sending Freshmen to the dormitories to be hazed. This year sees a large increase in the population of the Main Building and for the first time in years every room is occupied.

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If You Break Your Glasses

Or Are Suffering from Eyestrain

SEE

DR. EVA B. ROAN

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SHOES EXCLUSIVELY

For Style, Quality, Assortment and Price, We Lead

If We Sell You Once, We Never Lose You

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## STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Course	SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE		Two-yr.	Spec	Total
	Sr.	Jr.			
Agricultural Education	5	8	17	11	
Agromony	14	26			
Animal Husbandry	28	27			
Botany	1	1			
Chemical Agriculture	31	23	113	132	
Dairy Husbandry	22	28			
Horticulture	18	30			
Forestry	3	17	18	21	
Landscape Gardening	3	1	7	4	
1st Agriculture					103
2d. Agriculture					98
Special					8
Total	125	161	155	168	201

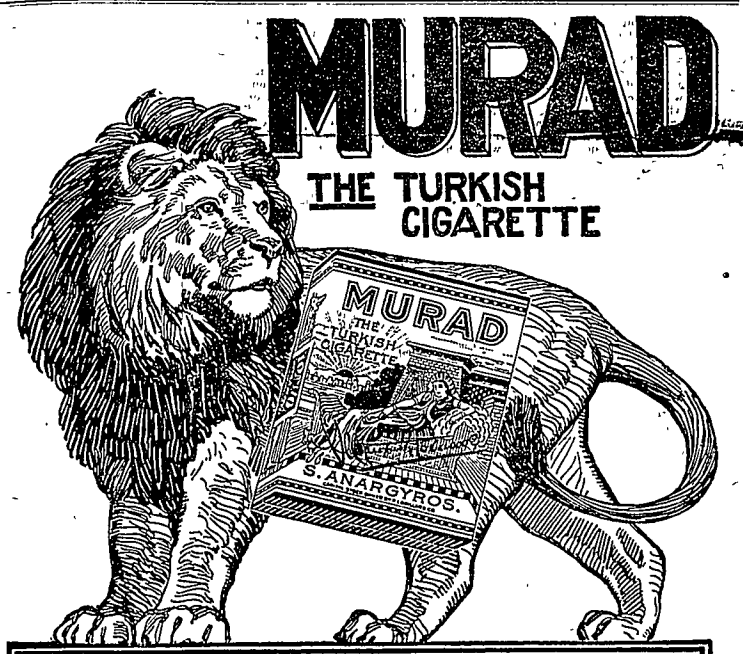
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING					
Architectural Engineering	6	6	14	12	
Civil Engineering	22	53	47		
Highway Engineering	0	3	1	50	
Sanitary Engineering	57	7	0		
Electrical Engineering	57	88	114	128	
Electro-Chemical	12	10	13	8	
Industrial Engineering	36	39	60	37	
Industrial Education	0	1	0	1	
Mechanical Engineering	44	51	61		
Rwy. Mechanical Engineering	4	4	0	86	
Milling Engineering	1	1	0		
Total	183	263	310	322	23

SCHOOL OF THE LIBERAL ARTS					
Classical	0	1	2	3	
Commerce and Finance	43	68			
Education and Psychology	8	7			
Modern Language	8	10	113	96	
Pre-Legal	11	29			
Mathematics	1	6	3		
Total	71	121	118	90	11

SCHOOL OF MINES					
Metallurgy	13	13	23	43	
Mining	7	12	23		
Mining Geology	4	6	5		
Special					8
Total	24	31	51	43	8

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCE					
Chemistry	19	17	14	21	
Industrial Chemistry	22	42	65	30	
Entomology	1	0	11		
Natural Science	4	6	3	22	
Pre-Medical	0	17	23		
Physics	0	1	0	1	
Total	46	83	116	74	319

DEPARTMENT OF HOME ECONOMICS					
Domestic Art	2	2			
Domestic Science	5	9	32	20	
Domestic Science (Inst.)	11				
Vocational H. E.	9	15	11	26	
Total	27	26	43	46	142
Grand Total	476	685	793	752	201



Mrs. Fox was bragging one day about the large number of her cubs. "How many cubs do you bring into the world at one time?" she asked the LIONESSE. "Only ONE," replied the Lioness—"but it's a LION."

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MURADS would be lower priced if we left out all or part of the 100% Turkish tobaccos of the purest and best varieties grown—or if we substituted inferior grades of Turkish tobacco.

But they wouldn't be MURADS—they'd only be Foxes!

"Judge for yourself—!"

Special attention is called to Murad 20s in Tin Boxes

Synagros Makers of the Highest Grade Turkish and Egyptian Cigarettes in the World