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HAVE WE LEFT GOD OUT?

"Pray without ceasing" commanded the Master of Men centuries ago, and from that time, the foundation of Christianity has been prayer. To accept prayer blindly is a fallacy likewise to follow a set form merely from habit usually is of little avail. Real prayer is intensive, requiring energy and effort. It's no small task to really pray—it's a job large enough to challenge all.

Prayer is a heartfelt desire spontaneously expressed to God. A real prayer grips the person who prays in an unmistakable way. It is man's means of communication with God—as Frank Buchman says "A Long Distance Telephone with God." By it, man is lifted to higher planes, ideals are strengthened and an inspiration for work results. Prayer satisfies, for by it man tends to forget himself and lays his burdens and problems on God. Prayer is an acknowledgement of the omnipotence and omnipresence of God. By this acknowledgement man becomes a better servant to his fellows.

Penn State has problems to solve, problems of the individual and of the group. The Honor System time and again is discussed. Gambling, petty thieving, hazing and a multitude of other questions face us every year, and in the majority of cases, little seems to be accomplished in their alleviation. Can it be possible that God has been left out of the calculations? Penn State is not too small for God to notice, nor so good that He is not needed. Why not give Him a chance? When these problems again arise, should we not be prepared to meet them with a sense of judgment more than human? We are all anxious to occasionally turn out desiring God-ward, believing that from Him, a degree of satisfaction and an abundance of wisdom will come.

WHERE WE STAND

Student Council's action last Tuesday evening in regard to the betting of large sums of money on athletic contests and in general, was a most commendable one. It was decided that gambling on a large scale, pooling of large sums of money and telegraphic wiring of money from organizations and individuals of one college to those of another should be most decidedly discouraged. It is also very pleasing to note how the leading men about college, not only students connected with student affairs, but faculty men connected with both faculty and student affairs have lined up on one side against the practice which, unfortunately, has been with us at several instances this fall. The decision thus reached is a weighty one and one which should in the future bring about a better relationship between college students here and at other institutions.

Whether betting, as it is meant in this sense, is right or not from the college man's standpoint is a matter which we believe will in some future day be thrashed out and recommendations toward discouragement of which will also be made. We are more vitally concerned at present with the proposition of decreasing the amount and the number of bets that are being handled between students and student organizations of contesting colleges. It is a high hope which has been reached by the opponents of betting that the amount and number of bets will soon be decreased to a sufficient degree and sentiment created against it so greatly that in the near future there will be no more such practices conducted by college students, whether for their own desires or acting for another. Betting on the whole has always been looked upon as an undesirable method of handling one's money, the belief being that it rather encourages men to be reckless, tends to make them less law or conscience abiding and certainly has no moral backing.

Telegraphing large sums of money, pooling, and betting on a large scale, are certainly undesirable things for college men. Not one of these increases their love and loyalty to the college. It does not increase their ardor and faith in the teams. It does place sports and college activities on a commercial basis and detracts mightily from the true meaning of college spirit. At Penn State men are strong in their faith and loyalty to all that means Alma Mater. There is not a single act which would detract from the good name of the college that a Penn State man would perform were he advised properly beforehand that it were a wrong against himself and his college. No college can afford to go on with a name held high when its students make of their activities and those of the student representatives, a commercial proposition. The great difficulty in most cases lies in the fact that a college student or group of students will advise those of other colleges that they have a certain amount of money which they are desirous of laying against a like amount or a proportionate amount produced by the other student or students, on the results of a contest in which teams of the two colleges in question will meet. It is possible that these men call this operation an example of college loyalty and spirit, but in truth it is merely a hollow, selfish desire to profit in any easy manner by the recklessness and chance taking spirit of another, leaving the contest itself, or the work of the men on the teams but a minor feature, to be commended if the team wins and to be ridiculed or mocked if it loses. It is this spirit of recklessness, this desire for personal gain, this desire to appear well in the eyes of one's

fellows by a large display of currency, that will in some future day wreck the fondest dreams of many a future citizen and many a college. Remember, above all, your college comes first. Let this point guide you in the future when personal acts may jeopardize her good name.

ENGINEERS TO AID IN RESEARCH WORK

Various Technical Departments Will Cooperate With U. S. Bureau of Chemistry

To make one blade of grass produce as great effect as two blades now do is figuratively what is to be done by the U. S. Bureau of Chemistry through its newly established "Development Division" if the plans of the Director of the Development work, Mr. David J. Price, are permitted to materialize and it is expected that the Engineering School of this college through its Department of Industrial Engineering will play no small part in aiding in this work.

The chemists in the bureau have heretofore developed many products from a laboratory standpoint that appear to have great commercial value of which we mention especially those which pertain to the use of waste products or by-products in products of value either as food products or for use in the arts. The work of the Development Division will be to see that these processes are considered from an engineering standpoint, to see if they can be properly commercialized and, if so, that in each case equipment is selected and a plant organized and designed to produce a given quantity of product and the cost of manufacture compared with the price of such commercial commodity as may now be on the market compared with this cost of production. The problem also of geographical location of a plant or plants to manufacture the prospective product with all of its varying factors must be carefully considered. These engineering problems are those of the Industrial Engineer and Mr. Price, the Director of the Division, and one of his assistants, Mr. H. R. Brown, visited the college on Monday in conference with Dean Sackett of the Engineering School and Professor Kunze, head of the Industrial Engineering Dept. with a view of securing the cooperation and aid of the I. E. Department in developing the engineering features of commercializing of the chemists' efforts.

At present the Bureau of Chemistry has seven different projects in more or less partial state of completion. It is expected that the work of perfecting the engineering features will be carried on in only one case this year but the field of service that may be developed from this small beginning is so vast that it is very great. Much loss of time, effort, and money will be saved by the avoidance of too deep a plunge into complete organization in many projects by the proper engineering consideration of the manufacturing possibilities and costs and the side lights that may issue from contemplation of the projects may lead to much valuable information.

The projects to be considered by the Development Division will not be those of the individual nor of the individual concern but those that will be especially of interest to a whole, particularly such industry that may be of particular interest to any one state but rather such as will concern a larger section of the country as a whole. The establishment of the cooperation between the Development Division and the I. E. Department will doubtless lead

to work that would interest other departments in the School of Engineering. It may be found that certain special machinery may be designed by the I. E. Department; materials may be tested by the Mechanics Department; a need may be presented for the design of an electrical device or system in which the E. E. Department would play its part or it may lead to the establishment of Engineering research work for a testing nature, which would be taken up by our Engineering Experiment Station.

Besides the large projects mentioned above Professor Kunze has already had in mind several projects referred to him by the Development Division for investigation and report and he feels enthusiastic over the prospect of the part of the Engineering School may play in the agricultural resources of the country in the way described.

TURKEY DAY RECALLS FORMER PITT CLASHES

In the last ten years State has had many important games with strong Pitt elements on Thanksgiving day. On the twenty-fifth of November, 1910, the game of the year was witnessed as a football game in Pittsburgh saw Captain Gray's valiant men lose to Pitt 11 to 0 on the Forbes field gridiron. It was one of the greatest struggles ever put up by any Blue and White team. Pitt's only first downs came as the result of well directed passes while State's backs gained consistently by line plunging, yet were "outkicked" and lost by two touchdowns. "Shorty" Miller was the star of the game and electrified the crowd at times by splendid end runs.

Nine years ago on Thanksgiving day, Penn State closed a brilliant football season with a three to nothing victory over the University of Pittsburgh. The game was played on Forbes Field in mud ankle-deep but this did not prevent it from being a remarkable game. It was one of the closest and most bitterly contested battles ever staged by teams representing the two institutions. Captain Vary, leader of the Blue and White eleven, played a wonderful game at right end and proved himself worthy of the honor conferred upon him when he was chosen as a running partner to "White" Princeton on several All-American teams.

On "Turkey" day eight years ago, Captain Mauths, with his Blue and White warriors, administered to Pitt an overwhelming defeat on Forbes Field by scoring a remarkable game. It was one of the closest and most bitterly contested of the game. State had more speed, was better trained, possessed more versatility in her greater number of plays, and showed better command of all plays attempted. In this game Captain Mauths kicked the longest field goal reported for the season.

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iversity of Pittsburgh won the annual Thanksgiving day game on Forbes Field by being able to convert a goal from touch-down into one point margin. Penn State, with such light but fleet men as Captain Miller and Berryman to depend upon, was greatly handicapped by the slippery mud which covered the field and made attempts at dodging or quick turning almost impossible. Although losing the battle, State gained more yards than did Pitt and during three quarters of the game kept the Blue and Gold on the defense by having the ball in the Pitt territory.

Six years ago, one of the best coached teams ever turned out by the University of Pittsburgh defeated State's warriors 12 to 3 in their annual battle on Forbes Field and thereby established a new record by registering two victories in as many years. Coach Duff had perfected a wonderful system of forward pass and developed a splendid drop kick and excellence in these departments was the factor which swung the tide of victory in Pitt's favor. "Sam" Miller, State's sterling guard, was the star of the game. His low and deadly charging made Pitt gains through his position impossible.

"Y" RECEIVES THREE MORE NEWSPAPERS
The Y. M. C. A. has subscribed to three more newspapers, which will be available at the Hut. These are the New York "Times," the Philadelphia "North American" and the Pittsburgh "Dispatch," daily. In addition to these, the Y. M. C. A. receives about twenty daily papers from within and without the State.

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The Y. M. C. A. has also ordered the

book, "The Science of Power," by Benjamin Kidd. This is the book which William Jennings Bryan recommended when he lectured at State College last week and which he stated was the book of the hour. It will arrive in a few days and may be read in the "Y" Hut.

BUTLER COUNTY CLUB HOLDS INITIAL MEETING OF THE YEAR
At the first meeting of the Butler county club which was held last Wednesday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, F. L. Kradol; Secretary, J. C. Kradol; Treasurer, C. F. Eberle.
It was decided to hold the next meeting in the first week in December, concerning which notices will be posted.

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