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BOXING AND PENN STATE

The boxing season at Penn State that has just ended has been the most successful one that the college has yet enjoyed. True, it is but the second season in which the college has upheld the sport on an intercollegiate scale, but that fact alone makes it all the more a decided success. Right here we wish to say that Coach "Dick" Harlow and his boxers deserve a very great amount of credit and honor for the wonderful record that they have given Penn State this season. Ever since boxing was conducted on any scale at all at this college, "Dick" Harlow has been one of the foremost men in its uplift and his efforts have finally resulted in placing the beloved name of our Alma Mater higher in the sport realm of the country.

The splendid relationship that existed between coach and men and the wonderful spirit that marked the whole work of the boxers this season is another true example of what we want more at Penn State—truer types of college spirit. Several splendid examples of sportsmanship and love of the college presented themselves during the season, when upperclassmen, with hearts full of love for the sport resigned themselves to the non-participation in some of the bouts so that the plans of the coach might better be carried out. Personal resignation, when for the benefit of the whole, is a rare virtue, and such cases deserve the honor and admiration of the entire student body. Penn State's boxers were gentlemen of the sport every minute they were in the ring and the high name of the college, in sportsmanship, as well as many other things, has received another boost.

We look over the past season with a great deal of satisfaction and because of that anticipate a future that will be brighter still and that will place boxing and Penn State higher in the scale among the colleges of this country.

CHOOSING AN OCCUPATION

Penn State women students have been very active in obtaining for themselves a period when they can hear men and women of national and international reputation in their various professions and works on matters that concern to a very great degree the future work of the women themselves. They have demonstrated that they, at least, have an interest in what the various pursuits open to women mean to the world at large and what opportunities present themselves as inducements for college women to enter these professions as life works. They have succeeded in having many noted personages come to the college next week and have thereby prepared themselves for a guidance that can but be beneficial to them.

Without question vocational guidance should touch every student. Every man and woman should really know what each course of study ultimately leads to and what its possibilities and responsibilities are. Such explanations should come from persons whose knowledge is not only theoretical, but essentially practical and which has been derived by close contact with that profession in its relationship with the work of the world. Vocational guidance should also be applied to men students. It is indeed unfortunate that the plan was taken up by the men students at a time too late for it to materialize, but hopes are held that next year the men of the college may also have such a conference, when men of national reputation, who have made a success in their certain line will come to Penn State and speak of the phases of their work.

Too many students come to college with no definite end in view. There is too much changing of courses, a shifting about that is often detrimental to the student. Imaginative hopes, that often have a false start, cause many of these changes and a man will enter on a new course of study with but a very hazy idea as to what it really will bring him. In this day of advanced learning and highly trained members of professions, it is of prime importance to the man that he know what he desires to do, and that he remains with his work to an ultimate conclusion. A wavering course will never bring one anywhere. The number of men who complete a course of study and then enter upon a work that is absolutely unlike that which they prepared for, is too great, and while circumstances often prohibit a man from entering his chosen field immediately after graduation, he should take such matters into consideration at an earlier date and shape himself accordingly. The meetings next week will, it is expected, give students a clearer insight into numerous professions. They will not give everyone the secret to success. They are, however, a step in the right direction—a lead to the time when men at Penn State shall also hear men in professional life and learn more of the professions they have chosen.

The conferences, while intended primarily for the women students of the college, will also be open to the men and the programs include a number of interesting subjects that will be of equal importance to the men. The COLLEGIAN urges that as many attend as possibly can do so. It will be well worth their while.

STUDENT URGES HONOR SYSTEM BE RETAINED

Declares That Abolition of System Would Mean Disgrace for Every Penn State Student

To the Editor of The COLLEGIAN.

In a recent issue of your paper you print a letter from Professor W. D. Crockett condemning the present Honor System in this college and advocating its abolition. He goes further and says that, "If you put the Honor System out of this college, then you do not put out honor."

It is on this last point that I wish to take issue with Professor Crockett. I grant him that the present Honor System is a dismal failure in that it only applies at infrequent intervals and does not apply to anything but formal quizzes. Under the present system it is true that there are men, if they may be called such, who go through their college with one standard of honor in between periods of examinations and one entirely different at examination times. It is this man who personifies the failure of the system to create or rather to foster honor, for honor cannot be created. It either exists or it does not. At its very roots the opposition to the system is based on this fact: if we believe that it is a fact, the opposition to the Honor System rightly opposes that system which will permit of a double standard of honor and as such system is a disgrace to every student who goes to Penn State. No one, not even an ardent supporter of the present Honor System can fail to see the crushing power of their argument which is relentlessly forcing the Honor System into degradation.

The opposers of the system reason so far faultlessly then spoil their argument by saying "Throw the useless thing away, we do not want it with us. We lose no honor by letting rid of it." But men and women of Penn State, should we throw it away without trying to save it? If your hand is crushed do you ruthlessly cut it off and throw it away, saying that it will not make any difference whether it is here or not? No, he tries to save the mangled member and only throws it away after he has proved conclusively that it cannot be saved. Can the Honor System be saved? Have we tried to save it? It is for you to answer.

They tell us that we cut through this thing away from ourselves without throwing honor with it, but can we? No matter how faulty our present system is, it is based on the supposed fact that we have honor in us. Without assuming that, no Honor System, no matter how faulty it is, can be conceived. If we throw out the system we must say that there is not enough honor among us to support even a faulty system before a real system can be tried. Men and women of Penn State, before we take the drastic action advised by Professor Crockett let us earnestly look at the question and give a real Honor System a chance. If that fails then it is time to take drastic action advised by Professor Crockett and throw the thing out. But, we must then stand up and say to our parents, to the commonwealth, to the nation, "We, men and women of Penn State, are crooks, we cannot be trusted by you for we have no honor among ourselves." True we will not be

looked upon as crooks but will be awarded the honor of a villain who gives warning that he is going to strike. Is that the kind of honor we want? No, we want to be able to let the world turn a searchlight into our souls and then say, "There is a man who can be trusted." If we admit that we are all crooks by throwing out the Honor System without fail and exhaustively before the world gets a chance to prove that the greatest majority of us are honest, and the world will take our own word for it rather than find out itself.

Men and women of Penn State let me conclude by citing an old proverb with perhaps a new meaning, "Look before you leap." And finally a question: The present Honor System is an experiment and no experiment is counted a failure until every possible case has been tried and found to fail. Have we tried the Honor System a failure after only experimenting with one that theoretically would not work? Let us give a real Honor System a chance. R. M. SPENGLER '22
State College, Pa.

R. O. T. C. TO ENTER TEAM IN NATIONAL RIFLE MATCH

In order to improve the efficiency of the R. O. T. C. units of the Third Corps Area, which include Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia in target practice, and to provide a strong rifle team to represent the R. O. T. C. units of this corps in the national matches, at which it is probable that an R. O. T. C. unit will participate, gallery practice will be held at each R. O. T. C. unit in this area within the next month. It is planned to have two competitions held at each college which will include a mass gallery competition by a team composed of two hundred men selected by lot from the unit, and another shoot by a team composed of the ten best marksmen in the unit. In both shoots the U. S. Winchester .25 calibre rifle will be used with each man firing five shots at fifty feet from the three positions of standing, kneeling, and prone. The Military Department will provide suitable trophies to be awarded to the teams making the highest scores.

Judging from the latest information received, the following list of schools and colleges will enter teams: Georgetown University, Howard University, Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland, St. John's College, Annapolis, Western Maryland College, Carnegie Tech., Drexel Institute, Jefferson Medical School, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, Penn State, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, Virginia Military Institute, Pennsylvania Military College.

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PENN STATE ALUMNI HOLDING MANY DINNERS

The Penn State Alumni Association of Philadelphia held its annual dinner on February twenty-fourth with ninety persons present. Addresses were made by W. Freeland Kendrick, Receiver of Taxes, E. J. Cattell, City Statistician, Hugo Bezelok, Ray Smith, E. K. Hishman, and the Alumni Secretary, D. N. Sullivan. An entertainment consisting of music and vaudeville sketches was presented by the committee in addition to an excellent dinner. The alumni members sang collectively and the latest popular songs and the dinner was a decided success. George M. Downing '22, President.

The Westmoreland Alumni held their first meeting at the Hotel Rapier, Gettysburg, Pa., on the evening of February twenty-third. "Ken" Bair '12, presided while "Spence" Free proved an able assistant. Talks were given by J. L. Minnick '99, president of the General Alumni Association, D. K. Hishman, and the Alumni Secretary.

A permanent Elk County Alumni Association has been formed with W. J. Garrison, president, J. K. Spence, vice president, and W. H. Brown, secretary and treasurer. They will hold a smoker sometime near Easter at the Community House, Johnstown, and the regular meeting every sixty days thereafter. All Penn State alumni and former students are eligible for membership and all prospective students of Penn State are welcome to the smoker. The Penn State Alumni Association of New York City will hold its annual

dinner at Hotel McAlphin on March twelfth. They have hopes of having as speakers Dr. Thomas, the president-elect, Attorney-General George D. Alter, Judge Mitchell, Ex-Governor John K. Tener, and Colonel Shields.

On March fifteenth the Chicago Alumni will hold their annual spring dinner. A large turnout is expected from the middle west.

The alumni of Trenton, N. J., Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, and Schenectady will hold dinners on the eleventh, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth of March respectively.

PENN STATE EXTENSION WORKER DIES ON MONDAY

Mr. R. M. Love of the Extension Service of Penn State, died suddenly at his home here last Monday from uremic poisoning. The body was removed to Tarentum, where interment was made yesterday.

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