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VICTORY IN DEFEAT

It is never the policy of a Penn State student to offer an alibi for a defeat which his team might have suffered at the hands of some other team; a Blue and White team never makes an excuse for losing a contest; the Lion is among the first to give deserved credit to a winning foe. For these reasons, Penn State praises the Naval Academy for the team which battled the Lion eleven in Washington last Friday and asserts that the middy team was the best that it has met this season. Also that the Navy team played just as good football as did the Blue and White warriors, but they did not deserve to win by fourteen points. Let the statement be explained.

Penn State fought its hardest last Friday against a team that outweighed it, and it lost mainly because the "breaks" of the game were in favor of the midshipmen. From the statistics of the game, it can be seen that the Penn State team gained more yardage in scrimmage and forward passing than did their opponents; through which they were unable to gain consistently. A fumble proved costly and the punting of Cullen kept the Nittany team from the Navy goal. It was a game of fortune, in which the Dame smiled upon the sailors.

The midshipmen played an excellent game and had a team which Penn State could hardly hope to defeat. They fought in a clean-cut manner and put forth their greatest energy in every play. Always they were on the alert and they have been well rewarded for their efforts. Penn State can be proud of losing to such a foe.

A WORD ABOUT THE TEAM

The student body has no cause for being disheartened about the score of Friday's game. This statement does not anticipate such an attitude, but is made as a tribute to a Blue and White team that can be measured according to the Nittany standards of the past and in no way found wanting.

The line held like a concrete wall throughout the game. Only on a very few occasions were the Navy backs able to gain more than three yards. It repeatedly made holes through the heavier opposing line for the Penn State backs and fought desperately against Fate as few other teams have. The two substitutes, McCoy and Logue, strove with their teammates like veterans and gave a good account of themselves. McMahon broke through and blocked a kick on one occasion and checked the Navy advance at several other times. Bedenk and Bentz bore the brunt of many an assault and gave no encouragement to the mid-dies. They seemed imbued with the spirit of "They Shall Not Pass." Hamilton started the game as a convalescent and stuck to his post throughout the battle. He was another important unit in the defense which he helped maintain, although suffering from injuries. Hufford did not sponsor any flashy plays, but he was steady and reliable, doing his share in every play.

The backfield performed miracles when conditions are considered. Lafferty played for the first time on a varsity eleven in a big game and gained at least one yard whenever called upon to carry the ball and more than once he made four or five yards. He proved to be a demon in attack and a boulder in defense. Kratz cannot claim as much yardage gained but he should be credited with the same attributes. On more than one occasion his work was commented upon favorably by sport critics. He bucked the line with a force and stubborn persistence that brought dread to those facing him. Palm was outplayed and outgeneraled, but he did his best. No more can be expected of him. Time and again, he hurled his weight against the Navy line in a superhuman effort to pierce it; he called upon his muscles to give their all in end runs and when tackling. He played a game worthy of notice. Wilson, the veteran who starred for the first time in the Harvard game last year and who has added fresh laurels to his brilliant career ever since, proved to be the best ground gainer on the field. Conroy, McKee, Taylor, Barchet, and Cullen were good, but they could not equal the fast and determined Wilson who plowed through the line at will. He of all others, was the outstanding player of the day, and to him should go the credit for many of Penn State's first downs.

NOW IS THE TIME

With three hard eastern teams and a western eleven to be conquered if the season is to a success, the student body is entrusted with a sacred duty of which it should prove worthy. The outcome of the last two games have been disappointing, but they were inevitable. The eleven men that represented the college on these occasions and who are scrimmaging every night under the expert coaching of Bezdek, composed a team of which Penn State may well be proud. They have acquitted themselves honorably on the field of battle. Now before the next contest, they look for words of encouragement from their classmates, who should not be slow in praising their efforts. Let every student, faculty member, alumnus and friend of the college stand back of those who are carrying the colors of Penn State and cheer them on as they struggle for the glory of their Alma Mater.

FROSH IN THE LIMELIGHT

The showing that the freshman football team made against the University of Pittsburgh freshmen last Saturday was a revelation to the spectators of the game. The college has been slow in realizing the worth of the yearlings and has failed to recognize their ability as gridmen.

Coach Hermann has developed a team that reflects no little credit on himself. In the home games this season, they have shown themselves to be far superior to any of the visiting aggregations. They have decisively beaten their ancient foes in the best freshman football games that have been seen on the campus in the last three years. If they keep up the good work, Penn State may have some new varsity material next year.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

From the number of underclassmen that put in an appearance for the tie-up scrap Saturday afternoon, it might be estimated that the college possesses about six hundred freshmen and approximately two hundred sophomores. Are customs getting so weak at Penn State that the upper classes are unable to compel an attendance of at least half of the underclass enrollment? The Student Tribunal is ready to take action, and action should be taken. The names of all freshmen and sophomores who failed to report on New Beaver Field for the scrap should be reported and dealt with accordingly. To those few sophomores who did report, the credit of victory is given, but to those who did not report is allotted the discredit of placing a blot on their class honor. The showing was deplorable.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE AT TORONTO

Meeting Called by Intercollegiate Prohibition Association for November Twenty-Four

An important International Student Conference will be held at Toronto, Canada, November twenty-four to twenty-ninth. Representative student delegates are expected from colleges and universities of Canada and United States, from among students of foreign lands attending these colleges, and also from other countries.

Support of Prohibition

The Conference, called by the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association as the student department of the World League Against Alcoholism, has for its object the support of prohibition in North America and the establishment of friendly connections with student agencies and universities in other lands in the growing struggle against alcoholism throughout the world. The Conference occurs in connection with the Convention of the World League to which delegates from many lands are coming. An attendance of three thousand or more is expected.

Students who attend will have an opportunity to hear the speakers, both of the Student Conference and of the World League Convention. Among the speakers who will have messages especially for students may be included Dr. C. W. Saleeby, of London; Dr. Robert Herold, of Lausanne, Switzerland; Professor August Ley, of the University of Brussels, Belgium; Dr. C. C. Weeks, of London, who is President of the World Student Federation against Alcoholism; Mr. Tarini Prasad Shukla of India; Dr. Ira Landrith, President of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association; Mr. Harry S. Warner, General Secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association. Other noted speakers will be present from Europe, South Africa and Australia. There will also be student conferences by nationalities; dinners; demonstrations; "stunts"; exhibits and other interesting features.

The Intercollegiate Prohibition Association sent a circular letter to every college and university president in the United States last March, asking an answer to the following question: "What do the faculty and students of your institution and your acquaintances think of prohibition in theory and in fact?"

"We desire your frank opinion," continued the letter, "The I. P. A. has always stood for a scientific approach to the problem, and in our contacts with student agencies in other countries will continue the same attitude. We believe that those who ask the question have a right to know what the educated leadership here thinks of the great experiment now being made."

Penn State Replies
Replies to the letter were received from 158 institutions of higher learning in forty states. Penn State being one of the colleges to respond, through Dr. E. E. Sparks who wrote as follows:

"Prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the U. S. may have been due in large measure to the industrial concern of manufacturers and employers over the effects of liquor upon efficiency of employees; but to a degree it rests upon ethical grounds. The American students, by their unceasing agitation in public speech and press, made popular opinion long both industrial and ethical lines. Their efforts had unquestionable influence.

"Students realize that no law can be enforced beyond the willingness of the people to obey the law. Millions of people did not favor the abolition of slavery and it died out slowly under forms like compulsory labor and the like. It will take some time for the sentiment of all the people to be in favor of obeying the law abolishing liquors. College students as a body will help to enforce it as they helped to secure it."

EDWIN E. SPARKS
President Emeritus
April 6.

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NOVEMBER "DIAL" HAS MANY NEW FEATURES

"Old Stuff"

Because, while a student in college, he had lusted too many greasy fried potatoes and cold baked beans, doubtless under the impression that his insides were constructed with the sturdiness of a concrete mixer and the durability of a hydraulic ram, many a man of forty-five is obliged to go about with his pockets full of zwieback and poppy seed, which requires more attention than a six-week-old infant.

Having taken all of his exercise in the bleachers, and practiced deep breathing only while smoking, there comes a day when all his steep grades must be taken at low gear or at the end of a friendly tow rope.

At the very time of his life when he ought to be concentrating all of his attention on his task of moving forward, rapidly toward the destination he had picked as his chief objective, he spends most of his time getting out and under to see what all the machinery.

Of course, this is old stuff. It makes one yawn. Everybody knows that these things are true—so why repeat them? Just because a generous per cent of every annual crop of college students go out to fail for the reasons indicated above.

Because, while a student in college, he had never learned how to think, rapidly, clearly, and independently, being under the impression that his chief mission, as an undergraduate, was to cram himself to the gulleys with a miscellaneous cargo of unclassified facts, many a man of mature years spends his time sharpening tools for other people, collecting data for other men's books, and holding the lantern, and murmuring, "Well, what do you know about that?" while his comrades unearth discoveries.

Having seen nothing in his college course but "credits," and no brighter prize at the end of it than a diploma, there comes a day when he is glad to carry the water-jug and trot errands for the men higher up who may have only half his brains but twice his mental training.

This, too, is old stuff. How can anybody be so stupid as to write it—much less expect anybody to read it? Nevertheless, every institution of higher education annually hatches a new flock of birds whose wings have fledged no feathers. About the time they ought to fly they are inquiring for the latest questions on crutches.

Because, while a student in college, he had lusted at every serious agency that tried to coax his soul out into the sunlight where it might grow, many a man of middle age finds that neglected organ a shriveled, ugly thing, consisting only of a troublesome conscience and an assorted lot of unpleasant memories to enjoy life's best leaguers.

He has "no ear for music," and it bores him; he has "no interest in pictures," for he does not understand them; he "can't see anything in poetry," most of which he considers stupidly sentimental.

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Campus Gossip

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the rewards of his own industry provide him with leisure, his faded senses—the five—the same that his Alredale terrier has—must be depended upon for all perceptions. He has lost his soul, and it is too late to sprout another.

This, likewise, is old stuff. So is breathing old stuff. The mountains and the sea; the sky and the rivers; human hopes and fears; the bright dreams of youth, and handfuls of ashes—all are old, old stuff.

Aspos of this last consideration, religion, which has been mankind's "chief concern" from the beginning, is to the development of the soul what food and exercise are to the body and mental discipline is to the mind.

What ever may be the warp of a soul that is pleasant to have about, religion must be its wool.

As this is a Christian land, the best we may ever know about religion must come to us through Christian institutions.

The edgewise student should avail himself of that which the churches have to offer—Lloyd C. Douglas, Board of Education, Methodist Episcopal Church.

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LIBERAL ARTS SCHOOL GAINS SIXTY STUDENTS

One Hundred and One Courses This Semester—Eighty-Four a Year Ago

Professor A. H. Espenshade, Registrar of the college, reports that one hundred and one students have changed their courses from one school to another at the beginning of the first semester, as compared with eighty-four similar changes one year ago. The changes have been as follows:

From Ag. 18; to Ag. 7; loss 11
From Eng. 43; to Eng. 6; loss 37
From H. E. 3; to H. E. 3; loss 0
From Mines 9; to Mines 3; loss 6
From Nat. Sci. 19; to Nat. Sci. 13; loss 6
From L. A. 9; to L. A. 69; gain 60

Of those who have changed to the School of the Liberal Arts, forty-nine have indicated their intentions of pursuing the course in Commerce and Finance.

PENN STATE MEN SERVE IN FRUIT INSPECTION WORK

The past two years the Department of Horticulture has had a demand for its graduates to serve in the fruit inspection service of the railroad companies. There are now seven Penn State men in that capacity and several more will enter the work upon graduation. The students have a preparatory course of three months in the Pittsburgh produce yards and are then sent to other cities, such as Wheeling, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, and points west.

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