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A STEP WORTH WHILE

The Inter-Mural Council is the sponsor of a matter that might well claim the attention of the entire student body and especially that of the fraternities of the college. At the first meeting of the Council, the members discussed the extravagance of the annual Junior Prom as regards the wearing of corsage bouquets. In view of the action that many western colleges and universities have taken and of the growing sentiment in the student and faculty ranks criticizing this practice, it is well to give the proposition careful consideration.

For years past it has been the custom at the Junior Proms for the ladies to wear bouquets during the earlier part of the affair. Due to the nature of the bouquets worn, they have been inconvenient and soon were mutilated or else were removed for the time being. A spirit of competition has arisen among groups in purchasing these bouquets until caution and common sense have had little influence in the expenditure involved. A few have recognized the folly of this needless expense and have expressed themselves against it but the voice of the majority has drowned out the feeble attempts of the conscientious objectors. This problem is not confined to Penn State alone but it is being faced by institutions in other sections of the country. In a great many cases, one single method has been employed to abolish this extravagance, that is, responsible organizations have gone on record disfavoring the use of bouquets at all-college dances.

It will be remembered that the keynote of the address given by President Thomas at the opening of the college year concerned the expense of modern collegiate life. At this time he spoke strongly against those practices, found in the social life of the American student, and recommended that the undergraduate give them up. Inasmuch as this movement was inaugurated at Penn State and since it has found such favor at home and abroad, it certainly must be worth consideration at least.

This is a problem that is not limited to the Inter-Mural Council alone but should be discussed and acted upon by the Inter-Fraternity and Student Councils. Perhaps, it might be well for the Junior Class to vote on the matter.

There is very little argument that can be advanced in favor of continuing this custom. The bouquet is clumsy, discomfits the wearer, is expensive and lasts but a short time. Its full value is seldom realized for it is given only momentary attention. It is extravagance.

No doubt, there are a great many on the campus who would be pleased to hear that the Councils and the Junior Class had gone on record disfavoring the wearing of bouquets at the coming Prom and, no doubt, hearty commendation would be given Student Council if this body should see fit to make this a condition of all-college hops.

ATTACKS ON COLLEGE SPORTS

Articles are appearing in the newspapers of the country, decrying the fact that college sports are apparently degenerating into huge public spectacles. Some have even gone so far as to assert that the modern football and sport stadium is fast approaching the atmosphere of and a semblance of the gladiatorial arena of ancient Rome. The amount of money involved in present day intercollegiate sports is startling and others cannot reconcile this high finance with the principles of "amateurism." Will the colleges and the universities of the country ever be free from blame? Surely "a prophet is without honor in his own country."

The present wave of opposition against college athletics is being led by a group at Northwestern University, incidentally the birthplace of the reform wave that swept the country fifteen years ago, as a protest against professionalism in college football. This was the transition stage from the mass formation, brutal type to the present clean-cut, open form. Some of the modern reformers have even gone so far as to suggest the radical contest, but, fortunately, the idea has gained little favor.

The University of Michigan has met the problem by turning over a large portion of sport financial returns to the developments of inter-class and inter-mural athletics. During the last few years at that institution, "Hurry Up" Yest has been a leader in following this policy and was able to report a net gain of one hundred thousand dollars. If the reference may be pardoned, critics might well consider the case of the Penn State Athletic Association which has devoted its total profits to the building of bleachers, to the proper equipment of class, unit, fraternity, and varsity teams, to the construction and remodeling of fields and courts. This year, it gave over twenty thousand dollars to the college welfare campaign drive, the largest single contribution yet received. Surely this is commendable, and hardly open to criticism.

These policies appear to answer many of the objections that are being raised. The American institution was founded to develop a man's mentality but in doing this it must not neglect the physical development which is in every way just as important. A sound mind in a sound body can work wonders but let these two be separated and the chances are that a dismal failure will result. Let the coffers of the athletic associations be filled to overflowing and as long as good is accomplished and no harm done, criticism is out of order.

Campus Gossip

Conservation
 We once heard a prof talk about the conservation of energy and the idea of it applied to us.
 In fact we never did like to work and we believe in conservation whenever it is advantageous to us. Take the month of February for instance.
 We have Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and the twenty-ninth of February.

On Groundhog Day we go around with an umbrella trying to kid ourselves that it looks like rain.
 For Valentine Day we must outguess the females and send valentines to those that might send us one.
 On the above-mentioned birthdays we have to listen to debates as to the relative merits of George and "Abbe" and like verses.
 (Personally we refuse to decide, but we guess that the C & A's win again.)

The point that we wish to make is that these numerous holidays are detrimental to the scholarship of the Liberal Arts.
 Consequently, let us combine all of these holidays into one big day and thus conserve.

Free Verse
 Roses are red,
 Violets are blue,
 'n' what's the use,
 You heard that before

The new Irish song, in the latest version of Gallagher and Sheen, criticizes the social class.
 We advise that the youngladies who do not like these things can blame 'n' and sit in a class cheer.
 The story of Aesop's is the title of tomorrow's educational movie. They ought to be hot, stuff. Heave, ho my heathens for the military bill!

When the general is surprised when they see our student duties in yellow umy shoes, at the big social function?

We know one columnist who received over a half-hundred invitations to dinner to the sum sundays when he hinted that he had the date open.
 We cite here that we wouldn't object in invitation to the Sport House.
 In fact we're willing to receive bids to anything Wed even go to the C & I dinner on Thursday.
 We thought that people rode on the Bellefonte Central only in fiction.
 But it's the truth that the last number of the "Y" Entertainment Course was delayed a half hour because the visiting artists, as noted by the B C which was late as usual.

Letter Box

GENERAL OF THE ARMIES
 Washington, February 10, 1923
 Dr. John M. Thomas, President
 The Pennsylvania State College,
 State College, Pennsylvania

Your kind note of February eighth extending me a cordial invitation in behalf of the faculty and students of the Pennsylvania State College, to attend the annual Nittany Ball to be held on the evening of February twenty-third has been received, and I wish it were possible for me to accept. Much as I would like to attend, however, a previous engagement on that date will prevent my doing so.

Please accept my sincerest and extend to all concerned, my very cord thanks for the courtesy of the invitation and my best wishes for a most successful affair.

Yours very sincerely,
 (Signed) JOHN J. PERSHING

BACTERIOLOGY COURSE
DRAWN MANY STUDENTS
 There has been a marked increase in the number of students taking up the study of bacteriology, according to a report received Tuesday from that division. The increase is due to the unusually large number of students in the advanced courses.

UNIV. OF PITTSBURGH TO BUILD STADIUM WITH 60,000 CAPACITY
 The University of Pittsburgh has just completed the purchase of eight acres of land for the purpose of building a new athletic stadium. This stadium will seat 60,000 persons and will accommodate football, baseball, track, and other outdoor sports.

After Every Meal
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 and give your stomach a lift.
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ALONG SPORT LINES

WILL THE NITTANY FIVE MEET DEFEAT?
 With the coming Pitt game on Saturday, Penn State's basketball team will bring into the last leg of its long and difficult schedule. Thus far Coach Thirman's men have made a splendid record winning every game and the majority of them by large margins, and optimistic Penn State students are beginning to hope for an undefeated team this season. Pitt and Cornell, not to mention Syracuse and Swarthmore, are good reasons why Penn State might meet with defeat. Of these teams Syracuse and Pitt have been already defeated by the Nittany men and Swarthmore has made a poor showing thus far this season so that Cornell appears to be the most formidable threat to the hopes of the Blue and White followers.

Cornell's "O" developed a team of championship caliber at Cornell this season. The Ithaca team defeated the strong Princeton five and lost to Yale. The present leaders of the intercollegiate League race, by a three point margin on the New Haven floor. It is out, but, however, that Cornell will topple the league leaders out of first place when the Bulldog plays on the Ithaca floor. On Saturday night Cornell's team stepped into second place by decisively defeating Penn in the time of a 28 to 14 score.

From comparative figures this game would indicate that Cornell outclasses the Nittany five for the Blue and White passers defeated the Penn team by the close score of 30 to 21. Despite the hope we have a feeling that Penn State will not be headed this season and we would like to predict a victory over Cornell and an undefeated team. Such a prediction however, might forever ruin our reputation as prophets, so we will be content with joining the optimistic ones in hoping for such an outcome to the season.

STATISTICS FROM THE SCORE BOOK
 An analysis of the official score book of Penn State basketball brings out some interesting figures in regard to the team and the individual players. As a result of the Nittany passers can be judged by a tabulation of the scores which gives Penn State a total of 363 points as compared to 202 counters that have been cleaned by their opponents.
 "Pip" Koehler's splendid work has given him a total of thirty-one field goals, and ties Gerhardt for the scoring honors of the Penn State team. Reed due to his late start in scoring is leading by a single goal and at the present rate he is going, should finish in front by a comfortable margin. "Sam" Shafr is next with nineteen double counters and Loeffler has nine to his credit.
 At the start of the season Koehler and Shafr were responsible for a big proportion of the Nittany field goals. On January twenty-seventh, Koehler was responsible for ten of the field goals scored in the Lebanon Valley game and Shafr accounted for three more, whereas Reed and Gerhardt played only four double counters between them. Since that game, however, both forward and center have been improving with the result that they led offensively in the Dickinson game, Reed making six field goals and Gerhardt accounting for five.

Penn State has a consistent foul shooter in Johnny Reed, for out of 142 tries this season he has managed to net an even hundred of them. The most encouraging feature of his work, however, is the steady improvement he has shown with each passing game. In fact, in the first game he attempted 11 field goals by scoring thirty points from the fifteen-foot line out of a possible thirty-seven, and he has kept up his splendid work in the Penn and Dickinson games.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE GOLF
 Golf will take on an added importance in college circles with the organization of a golf league among eight of the leading universities of the East. At a meeting held recently in New York City, representatives from Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Dartmouth, Columbia, Penn and Williams drew up plans for the new league. Each member will play every other college in the league and the team championship will be decided by the standing at the end of the season.

An article appearing in the "Yale Daily News" gives an indication of the type of golf players that are in college ranks. Yale will have a powerful team this spring with Jess W. Sweetser '24, National Amateur champion, W. D. Millard, Jr. '24, Middle Western champion and a half dozen other players with tournament experience. The Bulldog does not have a corner on the golfing talent, however, for her traditional rival, Princeton and Harvard have some players of championship caliber. Harvard may be represented by "Bobby" Jones, considered the greatest amateur player of today and Princeton will have Buster Starks and the two Knepfers. R. Knepfer holds the title of the Trans-Mississippi championship and reached the semi-finals of the National Amateur championship last summer.

Golf has been making steady progress at Penn State the proportion of students playing the links game, increasing each year. Last year Penn State required a coach in "Bobb" Furtner and under his guidance, a team was selected. But one match was scheduled and that resulted in a victory for the strong Pennsylvania team by the close score of 4 to 3. The recent purchase of ground by the Athletic Association will give Penn State an eighteen hole course and is an indication that in the near future Penn State may be among the leaders in this as in other sports.

"CIVILS" SCHEDULE SECOND SEMESTER DANCE FOR APRIL
 The second semester dance of the Penn State Student Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers will be held on the sixth of April at the Theta Xi House. Auchenbach's Studentes will furnish the music for the occasion. Tickets may be obtained from W. C. Roxby '23, at the Delta Upsilon House.

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Penn Statesmen

William Glenn Killinger '31
 Among the scores of athletes who have carried Penn State to the pinnacle of sporting success, Glenn Killinger stands out as the greatest of them all. It was in football that "Killy" gained his greatest fame but his true worth and versatility as an athlete is shown by the equal success that he secured in baseball and basketball.

Killinger entered Penn State in the fall of 1917, unknown in athletic circles. He had prepared for college at Harrisburg Tech and at that school, had never displayed enough ability to make a varsity team. His subsequent achievements at Penn State are, therefore, an encouraging example to the man who enters college without a reputation as a "prep" school athlete.

His football career was a continuous struggle to overcome the handicap of his lightness in weight. In his sophomore year, Glenn landed a half-back position on the varsity team and the following year was substitute half-back on "Bob" Helgins' famous team. It was in 1920 that "Killy" first flashed such high honors. During that season he was the star of several games, especially in the Dartmouth contest, and at the end of the season was given an honorable mention by Walter Camp. The most brilliant period of his career came in the following season. That fall "Bee" shifted him to quarterback and in this position brought out all of his real ability with such startling suddenness that the end of the season saw him a member of Walter Camp's all-American eleven and hailed by many critics as the greatest quarterback of all time.

In baseball and basketball he met with an equal success although in these sports his development was more rapid and sure. The basketball season of 1921 will long be remembered at Penn State for that year Killinger led the Nittany team through a difficult schedule with but a single reverse and in addition defeated the strong Pennsylvania five, at that time leading the intercollegiate League and the best of the Eastern States.

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UNIV. OF MICHIGAN ADOPTS 'NOVEL PLAN' TO GET DOORMEN
 The University of Michigan has hit upon the idea of a Dormitories Corporation composed of alumni of the university as a means of solving their student housing problem. The corporation plans to erect twenty buildings on a prominent part of the campus for the accommodation of the student body, with a miniature campus laid out among the group. The first of the buildings was started in November and it is planned to have it completed in time to house visitors at the spring commencement exercises.

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 in "The Voice from the Minaret"
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SHIRLEY MASON
 in "Pawn Ticket 210"
SUNSHINE COMEDY
 "The Poor Fish"

WEDNESDAY: JOHNIE WALKER
 in "Captain Fly By Night"
SUNSHINE COMEDY

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: Lou, Chaney and Billie Dora
 in "All Brothers Were Valiant"

NITTANY
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY: VIOLA DANA
 in "Crimline Romance"