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## "BOOZE" AND THE COLLEGE MAN

The conduct of college men, their antics on the campus and the questionable past-times in which they indulge, has ever been the subject for considerable discussion in the outside world. Not a little criticism of an uncompromising nature has been directed against the youth of American colleges and universities in connection with their apparent disregard for law and order and the dictates of modern convention. The picture has been overdrawn, of that there is no doubt, but where there is so much smoke there must be some fire.

Prior to the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment to the National Constitution, hazing furnished the major subject for discussion of reform enthusiasts. But, with the passage of the dry enforcement act and the consequent curtailing of personal privileges in this respect, the lawlessness of college men came to be regarded from a different angle and hazing was relegated to a place of secondary importance. For a wave of drinking swept the colleges of the country, and undergraduates revelled in this new opportunity to break the law and disrupt the order of their community. It was but a short time until drinking became decidedly popular with college men.

The general situation was deplored and steps were taken for its correction. But individual efforts were not rewarded with much success and conditions did not give evidence of much improvement. The situation began to attract state and national attention and it was decided that a halt must be called. Law and order conventions were held at various centralized localities and the governors of commonwealths and other prominent state officials met with undergraduate leaders to discuss ways and means of preventing the lawlessness of college men. The situation took on the aspect of an organized fight.

In connection with the increasing sentiment against the violation of law and order by college men, it is a source of satisfaction to Penn State men and women to know that the Nittany institution was one of the first in the country to take definite undergraduate action against violation of the Eighteenth Amendment. The recent resolution, adopted by Student Council without a dissenting voice, which discourages illicit trafficking in alcoholic beverages and pledges support of the Administration in meting out severe punishment to student offenders, is a whole-hearted expression of undergraduate sentiment.

It is unfortunate, then, that Penn State, leader of the movement in the East for student action against wholesale drinking, is troubled with continued violations of that law which she is trying to enforce, by a small group of unthinking individuals who are decidedly in the minority. It is even more unfortunate when it is considered that Penn State is, as the name implies, a state institution, dependent upon the commonwealth for support. For tales of lawlessness emanating from the Nittany hills are not likely to have the effect of increasing the beneficence of state officials and others responsible for the continued maintenance of the institution.

It is well to think of these things now, for some of the year's most enjoyable social functions—enjoyable in the absence of liquor—are close at hand, and temptation is sure to come with them. Tonight is the event of the annual Senior Dance, an occasion where mirth and gaiety prevail. But it must be kept in mind that the mirth and gaiety is for all, not for a few. And those who acquire it by artificial means, with the aid of mirth-provoking stimulants, do so at the expense of their fellow classmates and their college. For, while they may be having a good time in an unnatural sort of way, they are making it unbearable for others to whom that kind of merry-making is disgusting. And, most important of all, they are bringing disgrace upon their college at a time when it will do the most harm.

There are times and places for all things. And an undergraduate who drinks on the occasion of an event like the Senior Dance may rightly be regarded as one of the most selfish and self-centered individuals known to man. The full extent of the law would not be too severe a penalty.

### A WELCOME TO THE NEWCOMERS

The Penn State COLLEGIAN, voicing the sentiments of the undergraduates, wishes to take advantage of this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to all new men and women who are entering the Nittany institution this semester. Best wishes are expressed for their success and it is hoped that they may soon be filled with that spirit of which Penn State students are so proud, the spirit that leaves the characteristic stamp of manhood and womanhood impressed upon every undergraduate who has become possessed of it.

The newcomers are assured that they will be accorded all the rights and privileges of first year men as well as their obligations. The admission of students at mid-year plays an important part in the system of class perpetuation, and those individuals who are fortunate enough to be admitted at this time will be denied none of the privileges of their class.

It is urged that the new men and women make an earnest effort to become acquainted with Penn State in all phases of college life as soon as possible. For in this way, they will be in a better position to benefit both the institution and themselves. And, in the maze of college interests, let them not lose sight of the primary object in coming to an institution of higher learning—the object of securing an education. The time to start work is in the beginning. For, if the start is delayed too long, they may find themselves facing an issue at the end of the semester which had to be faced a short time ago by some of the individuals whose places they are now taking.

## COMPETITION IS KEEN IN UNIT BASKETBALL RACE

### Watts Defeats Old Main by Last Minute Rally—Next Week's Games Are Listed

With the season a little over two weeks old, teams in the inter-unit basketball league are already commencing to display mid-season form and competition is growing keener with each succeeding contest. But three weeks remain before the leaders in the various divisions meet in the series of semi-final games to decide the intra-mural championship.

One of the most exciting games of the season was staged on Tuesday evening when Unit 1, composed of Watts Hall students, nixed out Unit 24, made up of Old Main students, by a 13-8 count. At half time, Unit 24 led by a 7-2 score but the team from the new dorms staged a great come-back in the last few minutes of play and managed to defeat their sectional rivals. Both of the teams put up a great fight and they will undoubtedly meet again when the semi-finals are played.

In the two other games played this week, Unit 4 took Unit 2 into camp by a 17-5 score while Unit 22 lost to Unit 13, 14-9. Unit 5, winner of the championship last year, is completely out of the running this season. Next week's games will mark the close of the first round and C. M. Osborne, '24, manager of the inter-unit league, announces that the standing of the teams at the end of the round will be posted on the bulletin board in the Armory. The schedule for next week is as follows:

Thursday, February 5  
Court 1—  
8:00—Unit 4 vs Unit 7  
8:15—Unit 8 vs Unit 15  
Court 2—  
8:00—Unit 6 vs Unit 21  
8:15—Unit 13 vs Unit 24

Thursday, February 7  
Court 1—  
8:00—Unit 25 vs Unit 2  
8:15—Unit 18 vs Unit 25  
Court 2—  
8:00—Unit 23 vs Unit 26  
8:15—Unit 7 vs Unit 20

## DAILY REHEARSALS ARE HELD BY PLAYER CAST

### J. N. Stewart and Miriam Roy Play Leading Roles—Miss Keppel Directs Production

Rehearsals of "To the Ladies," the next Penn State Player attraction to be given on the campus, are being held every night, and with intensive practice the cast is rapidly being perfected for the coming production. The play is being coached by Miss Vera Jane Keppel.

"To the Ladies" needs no introduction to the campus. Only a few seasons ago it was one of the most popular plays on Broadway and comments on it filled the columns of theatrical papers. The Players are one of the first amateur companies to present it and consider it their most advanced production. It is a sparkling, laughable comedy from the opening line until the final draw of the curtain.

Miss Keppel introduces in this play what is considered one of the best casts that has ever been assembled in a Player production. Each character role is played with a precision of interpretation that is remarkable. The leads, taken by J. N. Stewart '27 and Miriam Roy '27, carry the main action of the story that of a young couple who are obviously in love with each other to the exclusion of everything else. At a recent rehearsal of the play, a visitor from professional circles watched the work with interest and at its conclusion his comment was to the effect that in the first act and the first scene of the second act Stewart and Miss Roy displayed a remarkably professional touch. These two scenes portray intimate glimpses of the home life of the couple and their ability in handling the parts cannot be overrated.

Stewart and Miss Roy receive strong support in E. D. Sutherland '26 and Miss Elizabeth Mears '24. The roles taken by these people are in almost perfect contrast and the play passes from one amusing situation to another, tented always by one of these four actors. Frank Neuhbaum '25 is carrying a good piece of work in a comedy role and his lines invariably provoke mirth. Other roles worthy of note are those taken by Miss Freda Doppelman '27, H. W. Cohen '26, J. H. Meigs '26 and A. A. McCurdy '27.

Tickets may now be secured from D. D. Mason at the University Club, the prices being fifty and seventy-five cents. There will also be an advance sale at the State Shirt Shop on Wednesday evening at seven o'clock.

## FRATERNITY POOL LEAGUE IS FORMED AT AMHERST COLLEGE

Owing to the keen interest in pool by Amherst undergraduates, plans are in the making for an inter-collegiate pool tournament. The proprietor of one of the local pool establishments has placed his tables at the disposal of the students and signifies his willingness to present the winner of the tournament with a silver cup.

TAKEN BY MISTAKE—One Sillio Tule, Finder please return to E. J. Lewis, Department of Physics. No questions asked.

## Thoughts of Others

### THE HONOR SYSTEM (The Daily Item)

One of the chief objections to the Honor System at the time of its abolition was that the student body was too varied in its interests and former training to be able to accept any extension of honor without a basis of preparation and the education of every class of freshmen. Now that the students are governed by the prior system they should come to realize that the absence of an honor system does not mean that they are relieved of all personal responsibility.

The opportunity is now being presented for the beginning of a systematic plan of educating freshmen and new students. The students who were in school when the Honor System was in force and at the time of its abolition are the ones who should begin the process of education because they realize that a more mechanical system of honor cannot succeed. The only logical and practical honor code is one which is based upon personal honor. Because of the heterogeneity of the student body it is difficult to impress upon individual students the fact that the responsibility for doing the honorable thing lies entirely with them and that the practices are not spies. It will probably take sometime to bring them to accept these facts but if it can be accomplished in the end there is no doubt that it will be worth the effort.

## DRINKING IS ON DECLINE IN AMERICAN COLLEGES

### Speakers at Conference Say Students Are Curtailing Use of Intoxicants

Drinking in college students in America is on the decrease according to speakers at the Conference of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association at the Raleigh Hotel recently. Officials of the organization and its members expressed themselves as being gratified at the reports submitted to the meeting by field workers, who are in constant touch with conditions in the universities and schools.

A project was launched at the meeting to bring about closer cooperation between student prohibition groups at Philadelphia and another will meet later in Boston.

Speakers admitted that there is "considerable drinking in the colleges" and that the habit had been increased as a result of the war. However, it was declared, "the better class of students are becoming aroused and are taking action to promote law observance, both for the good of the institutions, themselves and through a spirit of loyalty to the government."

Dean Wilbur, of George Washington University, told the Conference that "people who think today look upon the liquor traffic as a menace." He placed "some society people" who violate the law in the same class with bootleggers.

George H. Roller, field secretary, suggested that students present encourage efforts to induce self-reliance by student bodies, such as recently was done in various forms at Yale, Princeton, Penn State, University of Illinois and Dartmouth. He told of the expressed opposition by women students of Cornell and the University of Wisconsin to men students using liquor on the campus.

## PRISON INMATES ENROLL IN NEW RADIO COURSES

### Work Is Conducted by Engineering Extension Department—Free Instruction Given

In addition to the classes conducted by the Engineering Extension Department in Mechanical Drawing, Automobile Mechanics, Mathematics, and English at the Western State Penitentiary at Rockview, several prisoners who operate the prison radio set have been enrolled for correspondence instruction in the Radio Transmission and Reception course which was recently announced by the college.

These men applied for help to M. C. Johnson, Extension instructor, who secured texts for them and arranged with the Correspondence Department to give them free instruction. Already one of the students at Rockview has prepared a creditable drawing of the receiving set the prisoners are using.

The Extension Department enters in its work not only in Engineering and Science but for business courses as well. When it is possible the Department co-operates with the organization of local classes for business subjects. Speakers have been sent throughout the State to talk before Chambers of Commerce and similar trade bodies, who take an active interest in, and appreciate the merits of, the Department. Recently the York Retail Merchants organization requested the Engineering Extension Department to supply a speaker for their meeting held on February 1st, 1924. In connection with the correspondence courses developed for business employees.

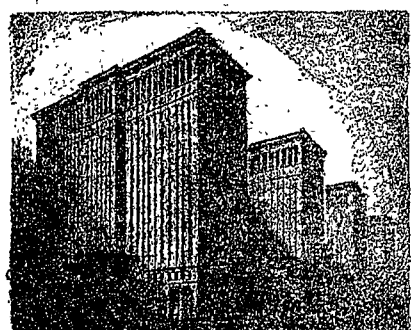
## COLLEGE BAND IMPROVES IN REGULAR REHEARSALS

Rehearsals have been held regularly by the College Band since the Christmas recess in order to bring them up to the usual high standard which has been maintained for so many years. Much progress has been made and a vast improvement can readily be noted. It is planned to give the first band concert in the Auditorium about the second Sunday in February.

These Sunday afternoon concerts have been a campus feature for several years and it is with delight that the students and townspeople look forward to this renewal.

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## CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY CALLS BASEBALL SQUAD

Eight letter men and a number of status from last year's freshman team reported for the opening practice of the University of California baseball team which was held last Monday afternoon. Freshman team practice started on Tuesday and over one hundred and fifty men turned out for the preliminary practice on both the young and the varsity teams.

Last year, the California line battled over 300 the best hitting average ever run up by a team. It is expected that this year's team will be scheduled to meet some of the strongest college lines on the Pacific coast will equal or even better this record.

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