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## THE ATTITUDE TOWARD SCHOLARSHIP

In the opinion of various members of the faculty who have expressed their ideas on the subject of scholarship and its reward, it seems that there is not enough importance attached to the purely scholastic attainments of college undergraduates. Students, or those individuals who are called by want of their association, are accused by learned professors of losing sight of the purpose which they had in mind when they enrolled in curriculum work at an institution of higher learning. And the attitude at Penn State, may it be said, is but a reflection of conditions, in general existing throughout modern American colleges and universities.

Several years ago, an idea was hit upon for stimulating interest in school work by setting aside a day, or part of a day, when undergraduates who had achieved distinction in academic work should be recognized and honored according to their worth. The idea was worked out, and Scholarship Day became an institution at Penn State.

Since that time, Scholarship Days have come and gone, but their purpose has been defeated by the death of common interest among the undergraduates. In cases where classes were excused to allow students to attend the convocation called for the purpose of honoring their fellow-students who had won the right to recognition for scholastic work, it was found that the time was given over to personal pursuits and pleasures in no more than a passing thought for the individuals who had more possible their leisure moments.

It is a case, then, of changing the sentiment of the majority with respect to the merit of work done in a scholastic way. "Grinds" and "head rooms" are rightly looked upon with disfavor. Penn State should have no place for such misguided and selfish individuals. But the fact remains that there are undergraduates in every institution who are possessed of a higher degree of native intelligence than others, and when men of this calibre achieve distinction in academic work, there is no side-stepping the fact that they are deserving of recognition.

The problem of general disinterestedness might be solved in a commonsense manner by doing away with Scholarship Day entirely and substituting in its stead a Recognition Mass Meeting, presided over by a prominent undergraduate where honors might be paid to the most deserving individual, in all lines of collegiate endeavor, with special emphasis upon the scholastic side if necessary. Linking work done in a scholastic way with non-curriculum activity of a more popular nature might be one means of securing a more friendly feeling toward scholarship in general.

## PENN STATE CAMPUS

It has been said by educators and other prominent men who have had occasion to visit the Nittany valley, that Penn State has one of the most beautiful campuses in the country. Frequent assertions by well-travelled college critics have been made to the effect that few campuses of learning in the United States can compare with Pennsylvania's land grant institution in the natural beauty of its campus. And undergraduates and friends of the college have been rightly proud of this recognition abroad.

But beauty is a quality, as well as a quantity, that can not exist for long under continued abuse. And abuse is a rather mild term with which to designate the particular kind of mal-treatment to which Penn State's campus is being subjected during the winter months.

The condition of the grounds in front of Old Main presents a spectacle that would not fail to attract the attention of even the most unobservant individual. The front campus is rapidly taking on the appearance of a checker-board, with paths in cross-cross fashion being cut indiscriminately by unthinking students.

Put the unimagined ideas, although the chief offenders due, perhaps, to scarcity of numbers, are not alone to blame. Cords and other vehicles of locomotion carrying benign instructors and sedate professors have been seen to wend their ways over plots of ground which were never intended for highways and on which fond nature lovers are constantly expecting grass to shoot in the spring.

The grounds surrounding the Engineering buildings and in front of the Library furnish favorite subjects for complaint. But, with all the haranguing of the press and the pleading of the Grounds Commission, conditions seem to become consistently worse from year to year. It has been suggested as a last resort, that certain portions of the campus subject to particular abuse be enclosed by fences. If action of this kind is necessary, Penn State must, indeed, be harboring an irresponsible student body.

Paths were made for pedestrians and highways for vehicles. Let them then, be used for that purpose to the exclusion of short cuts over ground originally intended for grass to grow upon.

## IN RECOGNITION OF RIGHT

It is the policy of the COLLEGIAN to pay tribute where tribute is due, and there is no disputing the fact that the undergraduates of the college, and particularly the seniors, are to be congratulated upon their success in making this year's Senior Dance one of the most enjoyable social functions ever staged at Penn State. The gentlemanly conduct of the whole affair, made possible by the marked absence of alcoholic liquors and intoxicating beverages, is deserving of rightful appreciation by the college administration and other friends of the institution who are actively interested in its welfare.

It is to be hoped that a precedent has been established in this respect which will govern the attitude of undergraduates toward subsequent class and college social functions of a similar nature.

## NEW YORK GLEE CLUB APPLAUDS NITTANY LION

Penn State Song Is Introduced to Former College Singers by J. A. Leyden '14

Several hundred college men who had been members of their college glee clubs in their undergraduate days, with scores of their friends, were seated upon a recent evening in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. The occasion was the fifty-ninth members' concert of the University Glee Club of New York City, one of the biggest musical features of the New York season.

An excellent program was just drawing to a close with the singing of college songs representing Yale, Columbia, Cornell and Princeton. They had made a great impression upon the audience. The time came for the final number of the program. The announcement read that it was to be a selection none other than "The Nittany Lion" song of Penn State. The motion was given that the words and music of the song were by James A. Leyden '14. The club director called "Jim" Leyden to the stage to sing the song "Jim" did.

The great audience representing colleges all over the United States virtually went wild with applause and asked for a repetition. Everyone had the words of the "Nittany Lion" song which had been printed in the program. They caught the air and joined in the singing with Leyden leading. Needless to say, the occasion was a big "hit" for Penn State.

The demonstration so enthused a friend of President Thomas that he sent a copy of the program and a note to "Press." It was from Herbert D. Tuttle, president of the Seaman's Bank for Savings, New York City, and is as follows:

"You would have been greatly pleased with the reception of this song. The director, James A. Leyden '14, which he did with a good deal of enthusiasm. The audience demanded a repetition."

"With a setting of men from all of the colleges who joined in the singing. It was an enthusiastic period for Penn State before a crowded house."

Leyden is a prominent member of the University Glee Club of New York City, acting as chairman of the committee on Music and Admissions. It was largely due to his efforts that Penn State several years ago secured admission to the annual Intercollegiate Glee Club Contest. Other Penn State men who are members of the club are Charles M. H. Atherton and Robert Harding, Jr.

## SEVEN CASES OF MUMPS REPORTED AT INFIRMARY

Mumps are prevalent at Penn State with seven cases under quarantine at the present time. Because of the long period of incubation fourteen to twenty-five days, the disease is easily spread. Every student should use every precaution to avoid contact with any one who has been exposed to the disease. As it spreads by direct contact, students should avoid congregating in close quarters and poorly ventilated rooms.

It behooves the students to be unusually careful to avoid this disease because of the long period of quarantine.

The monthly report of the College Health Service for the month of January is as follows:

Office Calls	796
New Conditions	429
Old Conditions	252
Excuses Granted	39
Hours Missed	75
Bed Patients	8

## SENIOR ENGINEERS WILL TAKE INSPECTION TRIPS

The annual inspection trip of the senior engineers will begin on Wednesday morning, April ninth, and will continue until five-thirty on Wednesday afternoon, April sixteenth. The Industrial Engineers will travel to Philadelphia, and the Civil Engineers will go to Pittsburgh, with the possibility of a longer western trip. The Electrical Engineers will visit Schenectady, New York and Philadelphia. The Mechanical Engineers will go to Philadelphia, York, Philadelphia and New York and the Architects will go to the two last named cities only.

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## Along Sport Lines

"Blondy" Romig Returns  
If a casual observer should happen to linger in the vicinity of the Army honor track any afternoon around four-thirty o'clock, he would undoubtedly see a tall, blonde-haired, clean running with all the grace and form of a finished track athlete. Newcomer at Penn State would ask each other who this unknown athlete was, but upon closer inspection would immediately recognize the smiling face and graceful running form of "Blondy" Romig '21, holder of the college two mile record and the greatest distance runner ever turned out at Penn State.

When Romig announced last fall that he would be returning to the Army honor track, it was a surprise to many of the Penn State athletes. However, it is now known that he is returning to Penn State to continue his education at the University of Pennsylvania. He was picked last season for the third team on Walter Camp's All-American.

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Through the generosity of M. A. Diehl '23, the Dairy Husbandry Club has received moving picture films which will be used in an entertainment to be held in Old Chapel on Thursday night at seven o'clock. The films are on the manufacture of dairy feed and the Lavoie research firm.

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