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A COURSE IN SPEAKING

There is a dearth of men in this college who possess the courage to take the floor and address their fellow students Undergraduate government bodies campus societies, fraternities and clubs are alike in one respect, the majority of their members are content to sit back and allow a few men to conduct the business of the organization

Yet, quite often these students who are most reticent, have excellent ideas on the solution of the various questions that come up for discussion No sooner is the meeting adjourned, however, than these "after-meeting" speakers are airing their views in no uncertain tones How much better would it be if they would present their suggestions to the meeting instead of holding post-mortems on action that has been taken

The ability to talk in a convincing and logical manner is a characteristic that the majority of students who are leaders in the activities of the college possess. Certainly then, this is one of the essential ingredients of success, not only in college but also in the business and industrial world Unfortunately, the average graduate finds that opportunities to develop this asset are comparatively few outside of college

"Become a leader by developing your power to address men in a forceful and convincing manner!" Here is advice that has all the ear-marks of a correspondence school advertisement, but in reality, it can be applied to a course in public speaking that is offered by every student organization of this college

When compared with curriculum work listed in the college catalog, the course is an attractive one There are no examinations, no regular assignments and no faculty task-masters Classes are held whenever undergraduates gather together in meetings A perfect recitation is made by merely getting up on one's feet and entering into the discussion

It is a wise undergraduate who takes advantage of this extra-curriculum course He will find that the ability to express his ideas confidently and forcefully will be no small part of the assets that he has derived from his college education

THE ARMORY QUESTION

As a combination dance hall and indoor athletic stadium, the Armory has not been a great success since the student enrollment first passed the thousand mark Fortunately the time when Penn State will have a modern and adequate Recreation Building is not far distant Until that Utopian project is completed, however, the students will be compelled to emulate the sardine in its well-known propensity to pack into small spaces, and committees in charge of social functions must contrive to find dancing space for six hundred couples

Penn State has gone through another season of winter meets in the Armory with no serious mishaps and now the Junior Prom is not far distant In an effort to reduce the fire hazard at this annual event, the college authorities have ruled that smoking should be prohibited, that all exits should be kept open and that crepe paper should not be used in decorating

But in making these excellent regulations, the authorities have over-looked the very evident means of making the Armory safe for crowds namely the construction of a new door on the east side of the building and opening directly on the street Last October a committee from Student Council suggested that such a doorway be constructed The idea was well received and, recognizing the value of such an exit at not only social events but also at the long list of coming indoor meets with their Armory-filling crowds, the college authorities assured the student committee that the new doorway would be completed before the first athletic meet

But, at this writing, not a single brick has been disturbed in the east wall of the Armory Surely the expense involved in this work would be nominal Yet all during the winter sports season, the undergraduates have jammed through the south exit and have wondered just what reasons prompted abandonment of the idea of the promised doorway

COUNCIL TAKES ACTION

The undergraduates at Penn State may be divided, as a basis for comparison, into two distinct and separate groups, one representing the law-abiding majority, the other exemplifying the thoughtless element, craving excitement and destroying property on the slightest pretext Fortunately, the latter group is decidedly in the minority

But even a few individuals, unwilling to take a moment to think, may do much harm of a serious nature in a college community. Recognizing this fact, and having it brought forcibly to their attention by several incidents in connection with the recent holiday celebration, the members of Student Council have drawn up a resolution supporting the town ordinance against the discharging of firearms Civil law is to apply and no leniency is to be shown undergraduate offenders

The Council is to be commended for this action. The indiscriminate use of firearms about the campus should be made an offense with a heavy punishment. For no amount of celebrating can compensate for the loss of a life or even an injury inflicted in such a manner.

Thoughts of Others

GETTING YOUR SECOND WIND

(Temple Weekly)

The long distance runner who participates in a five or ten-mile race must depend upon his second wind to carry him through the last lap He must have the stamina to call forth an effective reserve of strength when the need is greatest

So it is at Temple, not only in athletics, but in nearly every other activity, and most of all in scholarship The early spring is a time of rapid sledding in all colleges That is when all sorts of interests are at their lowest level when good scholars cut classes, when social affairs have the weakest support, and when it is hardest to get rushees for the school publications It is the time when we should get our second wind'

The first semester is over the first half of the race is run but the second half is waiting The same effort the same enthusiasm and the same resolve should be shown in the finish as at the start We need our second wind' Whether we can call it forth or no will be shown in the response made to the calls of the University for service in the class rooms on the athletic field and in all other school activities

SPORTSMANSHIP

(Oregon Sunday Emerald)

Oregon men are traditionally gentlemen They are also gentlemen good sportsmen It is not good sportsmanship to cup it in unable or refuse to in athletic contest Some students who pose as loyal supporters of the Oregon spirit while themselves and their teams look ridiculous by a consistent line of petty scrubbing in the interest in some of this last week's contests A custom possibly put into effect by the Oregon Knight of exciting cheer who heckles triumphant opponents during a contest might well be started It would have the backing of the student body generally if we are to judge from the number of complaints which came into the editor's office yesterday from representative students who insist that something must be done to stop this juvenile lack of good sportsmanship

Letter Box

The Editor The Penn State Collegian

Dear Sir

The outburst of pep and spirit shown in the beginning of this week was a fitting close for the winter sports season and augurs well for this spring's [illegible] Undoubtedly it was a source of satisfaction for those who have labored for Dick Almy Mitchell during the past winter months and an inspiration to those who will endeavor to add to this number of Penn State's athletic victories this spring

At this time a note of victory it is appropriate that we take an inventory of the past and find how we stand at the beginning of a new period of autumn sports Our teams and our individual athletes have borne themselves well sometimes in spite of provocation They have not stopped to gain a point by fouling the sportsmanship fostered by our traditions The student body, with few exceptions has maintained ideals of fair play It has not complained at the decisions of experienced judges, and seldom forgot that more weight than spectatorial action decides the outcome of an, inter-collegiate contest Neither has the student body as a whole countenanced or condoned the action displayed by those individuals who have forgot

The real Penn State spirit was evidenced again by tangible results in the way the spectators conducted themselves during the exciting and close contested rounds of the inter-collegiate boxing meet last Saturday evening The dismission of quite a few town and one judges during the afternoon bouts however was not consistent with the ethics of the majority All students know full well that if these individuals are not curbed, that their attitude may spread gradually and insidiously to a greater number Consequently before we realize it the campus traditions and ethics may be diluted to such a degree that comparisons with some other institutions which exhibit inferior sportsmanship might be justified

After all, the tone of our cheering and rooting depends upon the individuals, even more than as a group The student body's reputation is more than proportionately affected by the questionable actions of a few individuals

Individual responsibility must be depended upon more than the leadership of the group at outdoor games where the spectators are scattered over a large area than is possible at the indoor meets

Are we going to accept the challenge to stand what our forefathers have always showed the reputation of Penn State for sportsmanship and honor'

Signed — C A P, '25

Editor of The Penn State Collegian,
State College, Pa.

Dear Sir

In February while visiting my son in State College, I availed myself of the opportunity of attending the concert which was rendered by the Penn State College Military Band

I am not a student of music but consider myself a music lover and wish to extend my congratulations through your paper, to the members of the band and to Professor Bible director both for the class of music rendered and for its rendition

I was formerly a resident of Oxford University, England and during which time I had the pleasure of listening to concerts by such bands as the Philharmonic Band of Berlin, the Garde Republicaine Band of France under the baton of Perez and the Grenadier Guards Band of London Since that time I have listened to the Municipal Band of Havana Cuba the Governor General's Foot Guards Band of Canada, the President's Band of Mexico City, Mexico, and to the Philippine Constabulary Band In other words I might be termed a band hobbyist and I think I am somewhat of a judge of concert bands

After your military band's concert I spoke to Major Thompson and was amazed when he told me that the band was composed entirely of amateurs who come together for only two hours out of every week for a period of [illegible] Comparing Major Thompson's organization to our famous Yankee bands such as Conway's John Philip Sousa's Arthur Pryor's, William Santelmann's U S Marine Band and Creatore's of the above mentioned bands, your school musical organization can be justly proud of its accomplishments If many of the nation's colleges and universities are producing concert bands such as the one at Penn State our American symphonic music future shall, in a few years have number of organizations rivalling those which were and which are now world-famous

Yours truly,
KARL AMRSEN

ARCHITECTS FROLIC AT ANNUAL COSTUME BALL

Mummies Pharaohs and Tut-ankhamens vied with one another at the architects Egyptian Ball at the Alpha Rho Chi and Sigma House last Friday night Anchemouch's Seven-piece playing a rapid clip of music also contributed greatly to the wonderful success of the ball

The first prize for the evening was awarded to Miss Helen Savard Instructor in Industrial Arts Miss Savard were an original and tastefully designed Egyptian dress Mr and Mrs D Campbell did an old mummy costumes were awarded second prize H Schachette '25, L Wagner '27, and P Pierce '25 and his partner were awarded honorable mention for their costumes

Absences Granted Many Instructors

The following members of the Faculty are spending a term of leave authorized by the Board of Trustees

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PENN STATE ALUMNUS WRITES ON PROHIBITION

W. F. White Scores Disobedience of Law—Points Out Danger to American Nation

An article on Prohibition written by W F White a prominent Penn State alumnus of the Class of 87 and holder of John G White scholarship and the John G White founder of the Scandinavian Foundation and the Mary Baxter White Loan Fund is sent for the attention of the COLLEGIAN

Call to the mind of every lover of the moral effects of election Mr White presents a vision, appeal to the enforcement of good laws is a second law He shows that the whole trend of civilization has been away from compulsion and that we have gained something better and more lasting has been protected by the laws made for it

The advocates and schools of law does not come from criminal classes Our progress in education and government has come through the example and guidance of those who have pushed for best Thus the Pilgrims the Immortal patriots of 1776 and all of us it is among this upper class of our citizenship that it is most obedience of the statute is most noticed. I believe that, after having secured his liquor through secret and nefarious means the good citizen throws off all secrecy and before his friends and his family openly violates and denounces the law

Mr White states that this is the common-place condition throughout our land and that the question of Prohibition has now become the question of whether law is to survive, or civilization endure The big issue to be decided is whether or not the upper half of our people, who have previously stood for progress are going to lead to anarchy of respect for and obedience to law, upon which our nation and all civilization depends

GOVERNOR MAY ATTEND CONSERVATION MEETINGS

Governor Pinchot and several other prominent officials of the state are expected to be at Penn State for the meeting of the State Conservation Council which will be held on May seventeenth and twenty-fourth It is expected that there will be upwards of one hundred and fifty delegates, including the leading conservationists in the state, in attendance during the two days Among these will be Major Stewart, commissioner of the State Department of Forests and Waters Ralph Gordon, secretary of the State Game Commission, N R Butler state fish commissioner and a number of other supporters of conservation

The chief subject to be taken up at the sessions will be the bond issue of $1,000,000 to be expended in purchasing additional forest lands which would be administered by the state department of forests and waters The matter of stream pollution will also be considered and some action may be taken upon it

Dean R L Watts of the School of Agriculture at Penn State is president of the State Conservation Council and Prof I A Ferguson, head of the forestry department here is secretary

WILLMAN'S ARTICLE ANSWERS "WHAT STUDENTS THINK ABOUT"

The question of 'What the student thinks about' has been answered by Harry R Willman's article in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine According to the minds the things are in the order of their importance Himself Women, Activities Studies, Politics Movies, Liquor and Men

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