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COMMON COURTESY

State College is essentially a college town and, as such, it suffers little from the delinquency, for college towns, as a rule, are pleasant places in which to live. The thriving borough of State College certainly is no exception. There are no furnaces belching forth clouds of black and greasy smoke to delight the heart of no one but the laundryman. There is no glue factory, contaminating the atmosphere; there is no foreign section with its vexing problems. In a word, State College is singularly free from those things that are the bane of life in many of our industrial cities.

But the fact that State College is a college town does not mean that it is entirely free from certain petty but annoying nuisances. As proof of this statement we have the complaint of a member of the faculty who has a peculiar aversion to stepping off the sidewalk to allow several students, walking abreast, to pass. And a number of townspeople and faculty members have re-echoed similar sentiments against the offense, in connection with which the happy-go-lucky, careless student has probably never realized his guilt. Playing ball on the sidewalks is frequently indulged in and when a woman was hit by a thrown ball some time ago, the accident became cause for further complaint. Other examples of the infraction of the rights of others will occur to the student if he will but give them thought.

All are but a reflection of the attitude of the student who regards the town as a kind of an annex to the campus and whose indifference to the wishes of the townspeople might well be summed up as marks of disrespect. The student alone is not to blame, others are equally responsible. Such thoughtlessness on the part of some individuals is an utter violation of common courtesy. Without doubt it is a thing that will be corrected if the matter is given a moment's attention.

IF SPIRIT CEASED

College spirit has been interpreted in various ways; from physical combat where shoulder is placed to shoulder to that indefinable something which works inwardly and unseen in the best interests of the institution and the student. A college without spirit is like a ship without a rudder,—it may go forward but its course will be in circles never docking at the port of highest achievement. There is a time when man's enthusiasm wanes and grows cold with constant turmoil and strife. Penn State has just been revived from such a period.

With very few exceptions the student body threw itself into the conduction of Spirit Week with a vigor and wholeheartedness that awoke even the most cynical to action. It is lamentable that more upperclassmen did not attend the mass meeting last Tuesday night and that a meagre handful of freshman girls did not view, with favor, the slight imposition of customs that was arranged for them. Yet the benefits that were derived from this week of revival far overshadow the delinquencies of the few. The Pants Scrap was an incentive to some as a means of showing their willingness to partake of something new, to foster that which was attempted in the interests of the College. It matters not on which side of the fence the score was marked, it is the spirit of the thing that counts. The scrap was a success inasmuch as it awoke a spirit of friendly rivalry between the classes.

Spirit Week to some will soon be a thing of the past, to be thought about as a time when freshmen ran to and from their classes and coats carried umbrellas bedecked with green ribbons; as a time when the Pants Scrap was inaugurated. To the majority of the student body, however, it will be remembered as a time when Penn State awoke from its lethargy and again revived its spirit. Some are sitting back with cocked ears and wide open eyes to watch the reaction which eventually follows such a revival. A few have even gone so far as to predict that the conditions will be the same as they were before Spirit Week was started. It must not be. All the preparation and calling together of hosts will avail Penn State nothing if the undergraduates are soon to forget what has been done; if they are again to become spiritless. Do not let the spirit die.

A TRIBUTE

Give the average student a few days vacation at home and one of the first things that he does is attend a theatre. Some prefer musical comedy, others drama and many vaudeville, very few, it is feared select opera or concert. Yet the latter two are probably the most instructive of the group. While this is true of the college student it is also true of the average young man and woman the world over. They wish something light and airy, something that requires no arduous mental effort for its enjoyment.

That the student is filled up on the so-called "high class stuff" can not be said to be the case at Penn State. There are the Players, representing the dramatic side of the stage, the Thespians with musical offerings, and the department of Music with its operatic presentations. All of these are amateurish in their personnel to be sure, but they develop that essential quality of appreciation that does much to broaden the mind.

There is one organization on the Penn State campus that has furnished entertainment of this nature to the student body in the past. It has attempted to arrange a sufficiently varied program to meet with the approval of all. This organization is the Young Men's Christian Association, better known as the "Y". In this issue of the COLLEGIAN is announced the Y. M. C. A. Lyceum Course that next year will bring to Penn State artists of no mean repute. This is but an example of the varied fields in which the "Y" is serving Penn State.

Seeking but little support from outside sources, the "Y" has done much good work among the students at Penn State and its influence has been felt and appreciated in localities other than the campus. Now comes the welcome news that some reward for its earnest endeavors has been received. Reference is made to the plot of land recently bequeathed to the organization from one who, for many years, has been called "Penn State's oldest freshman." The Y. M. C. A. has already made plans to have a cabin erected on this grant for use of the various campus societies and for the conduction of its work in other fields. But in order to do this the "Y" will be forced to call upon the students for some aid. Let there be a good response to the call when it is made as a tribute to the work which has been done.

ANALYSIS IS COMPLETED ON EXPERIMENTAL SOILS

An important and valuable study on the fertilizer plots which have been in progress since 1911, has been completed by Professor J. H. White and Professor P. J. Holben. These fields represent the oldest fertilizer plots in America.

After the plots had been in progress for more than forty years each of the one hundred and forty-four was carefully sampled and prepared in the laboratory for analysis. These analyses promise to supply valuable information concerning the effect of fertilizers on the soil.

Three papers are now being prepared for scientific journals dealing with the effect of lime on soil organic material. The work just completed by Professor White and Holben shows that banded lime does not have a destructive action on these materials as previously supposed. This entire work forms quite a remarkable study.

Letter Box

The Editor Penn State Collegian Dear Sir

The fresh are certainly doing their bit this week to renew the life of our Penn State Spirit. Scouring around the campus with the evidence of their verdure flying in the air, they are a picturesque and entertaining spectacle. As we are not sure if the other classes are making a contribution that is proportionately large and deep? A mighty wicked public and an indignant student body do not wholly discharge the obligations of those in the higher classes. Nor would any of us so cheaply Penn State Spirit as to suggest that it consists of nothing more than a split on the part of freshmen of prompt obedience when told to "Hurry".

Why could not the Sophomore class tackle the problem of making the Seven Mountains mean more to the colleges? Andy Lytle is giving the Y. M. C. A. a plot of ground over at Shingletown Gap and we hope to put up a large cabin there as a memorial to Andy, for the use of college organizations. Maybe the class could help raise the money needed to make that cabin a reality. Open-front shelters might also be erected at Sand Spring, Bear Meadows etc. Healthy outdoor life is surely a part of our Spirit.

The Junior class might tackle the problem of law enforcement, and endeavor to make sure we have a clean and wholesome commencement. Penn State Spirit surely stands for law observance and decent pleasures. A little concerted thought and action would go a long way toward good results.

The largest and most needed bit of business would naturally fall to 1924. The seniors could well tackle the task of absolutely preventing rebelling at the coming exams. Our Penn State Spirit should mean the Penn State man is honest. No other single thing hurts the reputation and self respect of our college as much as rebelling. Why couldn't the outgoing class take so vigorous a stand that it would become as popular to rebel as for a freshman to walk across front campus with a girl on his arm and his hand in his pocket. Such definite effort to the line of things that will resurrect our dead spirit and put meaning in our "Hurry".

FRANK I. OLIVESTAD

Thoughts of Others

A NEED OF NEW BLOOD

(The Daily Californian) No one who has taken any interest at all in the developments at Washington within the last few months can fail to be convinced of one thing—that however good and perfect our system of government may be, the personnel of it is in sore need of improvement. The greater part of our lawmakers—no we will not dignify them with the title of "solon"—are men who have entered into the political life after having acquired money and standing in business or the professions (in most cases, profession is identical with lawyer). With them, politics is not a career, but an interesting game in which their financial standing allows them to indulge.

It is noticeable that the two outstanding Presidents of recent years, whose character, ideals and record of service have been unimpeachable, are men who were college trained, and who deliberately embarked upon politics very soon after they had finished their education. Theodore Roosevelt and Calvin Coolidge did not enter politics after becoming successful lawyers or business men, they chose the field as their life-work and began upon it immediately. There have been other men like these who have given their lives to the public service and have records just as enviable, if not as conspicuous.

We cannot think of a career of greater service to the nation, or of one standing in greater need at the present time of men with high ideals and good capabilities than some form of government service. Legislative, executive, judicial—all these branches would be improved if young men, many of whom will soon leave colleges and universities all over the country, would seriously enter the profession of politics, not only with the idea of making it a life's work, but to work conscientiously and with a constant effort for the betterment of the government and its administration.—L. B. R.

"Penn State's Oldest Freshman" Tells Early Experiences in Nittany Valley

A. J. Lytle, familiarly known as "Andy" Lytle of Penn State's "oldest freshman" has been absent from events on the campus for the past six weeks or more due to illness. When visited by a reporter the other day, however, his condition was much improved and "Andy" spoke interestingly of a past which is probably little known by many students to whom the white haired little man is a familiar sight.

Andy is now seventy-seven years of age, but he does not plan to let this interfere with his "activities" at Penn State. While engaged in conversation the reporter noticed a freshman cutting the grass about the neat home, and as Andy remained seated he explained, "I had to go out to show the boys how to cut the grass and I'm a little tired now. I don't know how to run a mower these days."

Home Near Here

Back in 1847, eight years before Penn State began, Andy Lytle was born on what is now called the O'Brien farm, several miles southeast of State College. In 1855 the Lytle family moved two miles toward the west and settled on what is still the Lytle farm. Though covered with forest at first the land was cleared by the pioneers in four years and prepared for wheat, while the wood which was cut from the tract was hauled over from the hills and used to fire the old Center Furnace which now stands along the Leominster road, marked by a tablet.

In 1862 the family moved to Pine Grove Mills and Andy became a stage driver. The only means of transportation at the time were stage coaches from Spruce Creek to Pine Grove from Pine Grove to Bellefonte and from State College to Lewisburg. Andy chose the Bellefonte line and for two years he transported students and student mail from the Farmer's High School to the cities at either end of his stage line.

Leaving the Pine Grove settlement in 1864, the Lytles moved back to the farm previously cleared and since that time the farm has been held by the family. In 1908 Andy built the present home on Pugh street, and eight years ago he left the farm and came to live there. Engaged in farm work at the age of ten years Andy's early life was far from easy, and he tells with pride of the hardest season when he cradled thirty acres of wheat by hand.

Worked On Old Main

When Andy was eight years of age the present Penn State was chartered as "Farmers' High School" in 1855 and the west wing of the Main Building was begun. Classes were opened in February, 1859, and Andy remembers the first class graduated in 1861.

When only twelve years old he helped erect a wall to burn the bricks being used in construction, for in those days the materials were made on the spot where they were to be used. Andy was the proud driver of a four horse team, and when it was necessary to haul the big sill to the main entrance from the place down on the campus where it had been cut, Andy was the man for the job. The sill was safely placed and work continued on the building until it was completed in 1863.

Since the first unit was completed in 1862, Andy has seen remarkable growth on the Nittany campus, but he has kept pace with all the improvements and is still an interested spectator of the college life. After attending some of the winter meets he became ill, however, and for the past

two months has been confined to his home by a severe cough and a general weakened condition.

Gives Radio Talk

The arrival of drier weather has brought greatly improved health to the "oldest Nittany freshman" though and last week he was able to go by automobile to station WPAE where he delivered a talk to radio fans throughout the state. Andy said that he enjoyed the broadcasting and since has received a number of cards commending him on his speech.

From his plot of timber land over at the base of Tussey Mountain, Andy has given a section to the Penn State Y. M. C. A. and it is planned to build a cabin in memory of one so familiar to the students as the donor of the land. When finished, the cabin will be the scene of pleasant outings for various groups upon the campus and will be a useful tribute to one who has for so long a time been a well known part of Penn State life.

"When you see some of my friends" remarked Andy as the reporter was about to leave, "tell them I still live on Pugh street and that I wish the boys would come to see me often. I expect to go to a few house parties though for I have to see the boys and talk to their girls a little."

"Prexy" Reviews Events of Term

President John M. Thomas has just completed his third year at Penn State and a review of his administration to date being to light the many progressive steps that have been accomplished. Among these the following are outstanding.

Organization.—The Graduate School and the School of Education were organized, the College Senate was constituted as legislative body in place of the general faculty, the Council of Administration was reorganized to the

President's cabinet; Library reorganization was planned. Public Relations.—Contacts were made through addresses in 44 counties; four Attorneys General's opinions rated the college as a state institution; education results from the Campaign; Annual Report issued and sent to 20,000 constituents.

Plant.—\$3,000,000 Bond Issue Bill passed Legislature of 1923; 274 acres added to farms by purchase; 302 acres leased with option to buy; men's dormitory system begun with Pugh, Wertz Hall, Varsity Hall started; beef cattle barn completed; \$1,500,000 pledged for Welfare buildings; development plan adopted; campus improvement plan outlined; \$11,000 added to trust funds.

Instruction.—Correlation of courses of study through permanent Senate Committee; Improvement of Summer Session program; courses added in Civil and Highway Engineering; simplification of courses, especially in Liberal Arts; Department of Agricultural Economics established; Engineers' Unit of R. O. S. C. established.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION TO HOLD PICNIC NEXT WEEK

The School of Education is planning a picnic for members of the newly organized school and faculty to be held in some nearby grove the afternoon and evening of May twenty-third. The picnic will be similar to the ones held annually by the Rural Life Department.

The committee consists of members of the departments of Education and Psychology, Agricultural Education and Vocational Home Economics, with

Miss Mary McLean '24 chairman. The feature of the picnic may be a Dellsfontaine Central excursion to the picnic grounds.



PASTIME—FRIDAY—ALL STAR CAST In "Broadway After Dark" H. C. Wiltwer Telephone Girl Series "When Knighthood was in Tower"

SATURDAY—MADGE BELLAMY In "His Forgotten Wife" News Weekly

NITTANY—FRIDAY & SATURDAY—JACHIE COOGAN In "A Boy of Flanders" Mack Bennett Comedy "Flickering Youth"

COMING—JOHN HARRYMORE In "Hennu Brummel"

REEL DANIELS, ERNEST TORRESCE & NOAH BERRY In "Zane Grey's" "Heritage of the Desert"

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