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AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY

To men who have no inclination toward athletics, Penn State offers exceptional advantages for non-curriculum activity along other lines. It is at this season of the year that most of the campus organizations issue their calls for aspiring freshman candidates.

The fields of dramatics, music, managerial positions, and journalism offer opportunities for development other than that received in the class room. With the first try-outs for the new Thespian vehicle, "Wooden Shoes" being held last Sunday and the earlier call for candidates for the Penn State PROTH, the freshman's chance has come to break into a campus organization that will aid in his development while at college.

There is a tendency for many men of ability to refrain from becoming connected with some work other than that called for in their regular courses of study. Perhaps it is because they have never realized how valuable is the training and experience offered by participation in such activities. Supplementary to the instruction received in the class room and from the text books, the work which is conducted by these organizations is substantial and well worth while.

No better opportunity to obtain four years of valuable experience and knowledge can be gained than in an active participation in journalism. The man who enters into collegiate newspaper work in his freshman year can, by diligent work and active interest in news reporting, prepare himself for a vocation that will prove entertaining, fascinating and lucrative. He encounters no expense while he is connected with the college newspaper and at the same time he is gaining experience that will stand him in good stead when he is graduated from college.

Such an opportunity is being presented to the Penn State freshman today. The Penn State COLLEGIAN has issued a call for first-year candidates to report at the office tonight at seven o'clock. It is urged that all men who have ability or inclination along journalistic lines enter their names tonight so that a class of instruction may be started at once.

SUPPORT THE TEAM

Penn State had a traditional, fighting team on the gridiron on Saturday.

Will this recent victory instill new spirit into the student body? Many undergraduates are hoping that it will.

Once before it was said that the coaches had the material with which to build a winning Nittany eleven. What was lacking was that characteristic Penn State fight and determination to "do or die." It was all "do" in the game on Saturday.

But Saturday and the game are over and gone. Another encounter looms up on the horizon as being far more formidable than the bright colors of the Tartan Band. There is not a student on the campus who does not know where the Penn State team will play next Saturday. There is not one among them that does not know that Penn State will have the hardest battle of the season when it meets Penn on Franklin Field.

Knowing this, how many students are going to support that Penn State team?

Every effort was made to secure a special train to convey the Penn State rooters to Philadelphia, but without avail. Still, there seems to be an indication that over half of the Nittany student body will be absent when the rolls are called on Saturday, November fifteenth. While the COLLEGIAN is not advocating an extension of vacation periods, or urging that students unlimitingly cut classes, it does believe that a fighting, battling, earnest, and determined Penn State team should be supported.

There has been more spirit and enthusiasm exhibited in the campus since that memorable game on Saturday than was apparent since September twenty-fourth. The reason for the sudden response is obvious. Penn State students have been shown that a lack of spirit and cooperation was the demoralizing factor in the recent defeats; they have been shown that their support is essential if Penn State is to survive in athletics, in spirit and in mentality.

This is the football season and all minds are in that channel. It has been said that college men spend more time during the football season figuring out what next week's scores will be and in playing the game over and over, than they consume in the perusal of text books. Perhaps things are not as bad as that at Penn State, but it is evident that an unusual interest is being shown in the Penn-Penn State game.

Believing that football can do more to put Penn State "on the map" and that nothing but good can be reflected upon an institution that has a well-supported and winning team, it is suggested that those Penn State undergraduates who can conscientiously attend the game at Philadelphia next Saturday do so. In order to absent himself from college to attend a football game, a student must be conscious of the fact that he is incurring cuts which count against him when the final summing up is made. It is not well to cut if a sufficiently high scholastic average is lacking to counter-balance unexcused absences. Many

undergraduates realize this and so refrain from taking "French leave." Attention is drawn to the fact that the Syracuse University authorities excused from all week-end classes those students who attended the Penn State-Syracuse game. There was no need for a call for supporters as was testified by the large number of Syracuse students who saw the game on New Beaver Field. Likewise it is believed that more Penn State students would journey to Philadelphia if they were permitted to absent themselves from classes next Saturday.

In a meeting yesterday morning the College Council took under consideration the feasibility of granting a holiday on Saturday. But inasmuch as no special train will be run to Philadelphia it was deemed inadvisable to let the matter rest within the hands of the instructors who will have the power to honor excuses presented by those students who attend the game.

It is safe to presume, therefore, that those students who journey to Philadelphia will be allowed due consideration in regard to the cuts they incur on Saturday.

Gridiron Gossip

Now for the Panther and the Red and Blue!

Even the severest critic could find no fault with the Penn State eleven of Saturday.

And it looks as if Coach DeZek has had that "spark" he has been looking for all season. Here's hoping that the following is not just a flash.

Since Saturday's game with Rutgers, "Head-nuts" are not so popular at Lafayette.

"Bass" Gray was up to his old ticks against Tech. He covered Goodwin's fumble late in the third quarter.

The score of the Chicago-Illinois game should read like this: University of Chicago 21-Red 21.

Statistics show that "Shots" Watson, DeZek's latest find, gained 147 yards in scrimmage against the Carnegie Tech eleven.

There's going to be a sweet place looking out this weekend when King of Penn and Prexy of Penn State get together.

A true optimist is the Harvard student who lives in Princeton, New Jersey, and who plans to spend the Thanksgiving vacation at home.

Harry Wilson snafed Army from a tie game with Florida Saturday when he ran forty-five yards for a touchdown in the last quarter, giving the West Pointers a 14-7 victory.

Penn State football players will be in great demand for coaches now since "Pop" Higgins, West Virginia Wesleyan eleven, has victories over Navy and Syracuse.

And by the way, Syracuse defeat at the hands of Wesleyan Saturday was the most startling upset of the day.

A Pittsburgh sport writer who watched the Phil-Dean game from the press-box, stated that the Penn State team of Saturday would have beaten Syracuse by three touchdowns.

"He may be drifting to Boston but he's arsenic to us" sing out eleven members of the Marquette football team after they were handed a crushing 24-7 defeat at the hands of Boston College.

The Massachusetts had scored fifty touchdowns, Dying, the big football looking four of these.

"Gill" Eddie's Cornell team seems to have found itself at last. The Indians rolled up 91 points on Susquehanna Saturday afternoon.

Hobbie did some good work for the Blue and White against Tech in the first quarter. He was replaced by Gier early in the game when an old log injury "hobbled" up.

Notice to week-end tourists—the best route to Philadelphia is through City College.

Have you answered the Red Cross Roll Call?

Thoughts of Others

THE EVOLUTION OF AMBITION

(U of Toronto "Varsity")

There is nothing so little and insignificant as the ambition of college students. Ask any first-year student what he is going to do after graduation. Such a mark is "corporation finance" and "professor of English" are up to flow glibly from the youthful lips. In the full glow that a career at college opens up for them, the future is surrounded with a rosy atmosphere of scholarship and the prestige of a University degree.

To the Sophomore the future is wreathed in uncertainty. Perhaps corporation finance, is too much to expect at once. One might study law and become a corporation lawyer. A professional might not leave one's time free to reach the Intercollegiate Rugby team. As a Demonstrator, an instructor one's time, might be free for outside activity.

By the time the Third Year is reached ambition has taken an entirely different form. A desultory interest in one of your courses, or its instructor, leads to the casual remark "Oh, I am going to take post-grad work, in Economics or History, as the case may be." The Junior year has been indulged with the idea that ambition is but a veil of and something must be done to keep an intellectual atmosphere about the mind.

Ask any Senior "What are you going to do when you are through?" "I'm not sure, but I'm not sure." The answer is often "O.G.E." with the rest of them. "O.G.O." "P.O." as soon as possible. From these of the hypochondriacal ambitions the remark is invariably "A job as soon as possible." "What kind of a job?" "Any kind!"

Life seems to be just one disillusionment after another for the ambitious student. Ambition knocks down at the student's door and when it enters it makes itself at home for some time in the different rooms of the mind, but if you watch carefully you will see it sneak out the backdoor sometimes before and often immediately after graduation. It would be well if more of

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