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CHAMPIONS

By virtue of its recent victories over Lehigh and Navy, the Penn State soccer team has completed the sixth consecutive undefeated year for the Nittany institution in this sport As far as can be determined this remarkable record is without parallel in intercollegiate soccer What is most predominant about the ability of the 1924 team, however, is the fact that only two goals were scored against the Nittany booters in six games this year Such performance is worthy of the best that Penn State has to offer for service and achievement

It is evident that the Penn State soccer team not only was well-coached or that it alone possessed a great quantity of pure, unadulterated fight, but that its morale was of the highest type throughout the entire season Each and every man on that team had Penn State in mind when he went into a game "For the glory of old Penn State" may not have been their spoken motto, but it was silently manifest in the playing and spirit that they put forth on the field

As a team they could not be beaten because that would mean that Penn State would be beaten and so this year they won, not once, nor twice but six times—and for as many years Penn State has has not been beaten! What can Penn State give them that will approach the joy that these men know in the goal that they have achieved?

Last year after a performance similar to that of this season, those men who were then seniors and who had played on two previously undefeated soccer teams were awarded the varsity "S" It seems only just and in full accord with a custom that has been established that those men of the 1924 team who have demonstrated their ability as members of the 1924 championship team be awarded a varsity "S" in recognition of their accomplishments

THE FRATERNITY'S JOB

According to figures recently compiled at Penn State, more than one-third of all the college students in the United States are enrolled in the land grant colleges and universities After a little thought this statement appears to have a broad significance for Penn State For this institution is one of the fifty-two colleges which are responsible for educating one-third of the college students in the country The importance of this chain of over half a hundred colleges becomes all the more apparent when it is known that during the past twenty-five years fully one-fourth of the total number of persons graduated from all colleges in the United States have obtained their diplomas from institutions similar to Penn State

Without doubt it is true that the greater percentage of graduates from such institutions are fraternity men These graduates are, therefore, more or less a living reflection of the colleges which they represent It is also true that these men determine to a large degree, the rating which is given to the college by the outside world

An unusual opportunity was afforded the Interfraternity Conference held in New York City on November twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth for a balanced discussion of collegiate and fraternity problems, because of the presence of groups of fraternity officers, alumni, educators and undergraduates The Interfraternity Conference, during the sixteen years of its existence has accomplished at least two important objects which have clarified the position of college fraternities in the national life, Chairman A Bruce Bielaski revealed in his report

"The first," he said, "is that fraternities while properly competitive are actually enlisted in a common cause and that every fraternity is entitled to, and in fact now has, the confidence and respect of all other fraternities Secondly, fraternities and college authorities have come to recognize that they are not natural enemies, but that it is the duty of the fraternity on the one hand to serve and assist the college in every way within its power, and to recognize that it must subordinate itself to the college and conduct itself in harmony with the college authorities, on the other hand, administrative officers of our colleges have come to have great confidence in the national organizations of the fraternities

"They realize not only the possibility of good which can be had for the college through the proper use of the fraternity system, but the positive duty of recognizing it as a helpful factor in the life of the college and, consequently, of giving to the fraternities recognition and encouragement"

In speaking of the comparative increase in fraternity membership and attendance at colleges, President John M Thomas said in part

"The fraternity world can not afford to be indifferent to the expansion of public higher education No fraternity claiming to be national can keep the geographical center of its chapters east of the Alleghenies or ignore the State colleges and universities. If it adopts such a provincial and prejudiced policy, it will find in a few years that it is outside the main stream of the educational life of the nation"

The American nation will reap the fruits of the ideals sown in the hearts of college youths by their fraternities, Bishop Robert L. Harris of the Episcopal Diocese of Marquette told the Interfraternity Conference. That the fraternity has a job—a big job—can best be shown in the words of Bishop Harris

"Ideals are the most practical things in life," he said. "What plans are to the architect, ideals are to the character We have a right to be prouder of our aims and ideals than of the sum total of our achievements.

"We are facing a great problem which all thinking men are conscious of today. In this crisis it is a very solemn thing to be a college man, a still more solemn thing to be a fraternity man There is a dire need for leadership if this nation is to keep its exalted place in the world

"I doubt if there ever was a time when a single human life counted for more than it does now. There are static periods in the world's history, and there are periods of flux, periods when old standards are passing, when traditions mean nothing to the rising generation, when a new civilization is being built up Such an hour of flux is at hand and strong men are needed to see to it that there shall be a little more justice, a little more brotherhood, a little more integrity and honesty, a little more chivalry between men and between nations

"For these things we must look to the youth of the nation, to our college men, and to our fraternity men."

Letter Box

Syracuse, N Y.
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Dear Sir

The writer did not have the pleasure of witnessing the year's Penn State-Syracuse football game I have however seen the preceding two games between the two universities and I have heard very full reports of the 1924 game and the hospitality that surrounded this game from many Syracusans

If victory is not the sole end of a college football team but true sportsmanship warm hospitality hard fighting, the real goal, and if the story which I have heard of your own university be true then there cannot be much doubt in the minds of those who know but that Penn State should be ranked the undisputed champion of the east in this year's football world

I dont want to be extravagantly hurling encomiums of praise, but I would like you undergraduates and alumni to know that the Penn State spirit is greatly appreciated and greatly admired by us from Syracuse The highest praise I can bestow I give you, and that is to tell you that we think that Penn State is the second best university in the country

Yours very truly
WM H EMERSON
WHE MN Syracuse 1915

Gridiron Gossip

Members of the COLLEGIAN board who picked the Penn State-Opponent games left State College early this morning

Provost's kick for a point after touchdown gave the All-East team a 14-12 victory over the All-West eleven in a game played at Cleveland last Saturday

And, by the way, Knute Rockne, Notre Dame's wonder-mentor, coached the Westerners

A near-sighted spectator at the freshmen-sophomore rough and tumble Saturday thought that Old Beaver Field was the Atlantic Ocean

Horace Chase Pitts star tackle, has been elected to captain the Panthers next year

Out in the West,—far out, in the open spaces—where men are men and football men are All-American

Syracuse failed to agree with the southern climate and the Orange went down to defeat at the hands of Southern California Saturday 16-0

Bezde Carnegie Tech's fullback who failed to appear against Penn State on account of an injury, will captain the Plaid in 1925

Notre Dame's Four Horsemen will ride to Pasadena on New Year's Day for the clash with Leland-Stanford

Johnstown planned to have a monster celebration when one of the natives rotund Baker picked on an All-American But it wasn't "Bill"—it happened to be Ralph of Northwestern

The man who invented slow-motion movies never obtained his idea from the Notre Dame backfield

One eleven that's incomputable—the Penn State soccer team

Reports on the Penn football team issued recently reveal the fact that McGraw did not fumble a punt all year

Bloomsburg's leading citizen has already sent in his reservations for tickets for the Lehigh Valley game next year

BOTANISTS REPORT ON PLANT DISEASE CONTROL

Under the direction of Professor E L Nixon, of the Botany Department, an extension committee has compiled a report of extension work in plant pathology for this year The report contains valuable statistics on the total number of farms visited farmers' meetings demonstration meetings besides showing the effect of sprays on plant growth

This committee has made an extensive study of seed and soil treatment and has established some important proof as to the cause of disease in plant life

Plant pathologists have been a great aid to apple growers in the spraying of trees to prevent apple scab which has been so severe that many of the most skillful commercial orchardists as well as home orchardists have failed to control it Demonstrations of effective spraying for the control of plant diseases has supplied a long sought need to the farmers of Pennsylvania

Historical Collection Donated to Library by Family of Mrs. Evan Pugh

The family of Mrs Evan Pugh, wife of the first President of Penn State has recently donated a collection of books to the library, most of them relating to the history of the Friends These books form a valuable addition to the collection which is already in the library concerning this religious sect A special book plate will be placed in each of the volumes as a permanent memorial to Mrs Pugh

Among the new books which have been added recently by purchase are some of considerable popular interest All the books are placed on the "New Book" shelf but many of them are taken out almost immediately The following list may be of interest to some who have not had a chance to see them

"The Editor and his People" by William Allen White is a collection of the editorials written by Mr White for the Emporia (Kansas) Gazette These are collected in their present form for use by classes in the University of Kansas As the editor is dealt with a wide range of topics the book is interesting as giving a picture of the times and is especially valuable as showing American journalism at its best

"Post Moving Pictures of 1922-23, edited by R E Sherwood discusses the pictures of the year and points out the best This book also contains a biographical list of moving picture folk

An entertaining book of travel is "Here, There and Everywhere," by Lord Frederic Hamilton a man who has traveled extensively and who has proved a wide acquaintanceship with world leaders In chatty style he discusses places and events with humor and insight which leaves with the reader a desire for travel and a new appreciation of books on the subject

"So You're Going to Paris," by Mrs Clara E Laughlin, is a travel book of another sort Departing from the usual guide book style the author discusses Paris and the things the traveler should see there as she would if she were personally conducting a trip to that city Writing with enthusiasm for her subject she has produced an entertaining and useful reference book

"Blue Water" by A S Hildebrand is an account of a years cruise by the author and a friend on a sailing vessel They sailed from the Port of Glasgow inbound Penzance through the Bay of Biscay and the Mediterranean to Athens

A different kind of book is "Matter, Life Mind and God"—five lectures on contemporary thought by the professor of philosophy at the University of Dublin R F A Hoernlé

"Seven Ages by "A gentleman with a duster" comprises seven essays on the main current of human thought from the time of Socrates to the present The chapters are entertaining as well as informing, and are closely enough connected to present a fairly consecutive outline of the development of thought through the ages

Several books of lighter vein have also been secured, both of poetry and of fiction Perhaps the most outstanding of these is Hugh Walpole's last novel "The Old Ladies" which is equal to any of his previous work, and is considered by some critics to be his best New books are being received every week, and the librarian is glad to have suggestions from any one who is interested in regard to the works which they consider valuable for the library shelves