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## THE LIONS DEN

While the columns of the COLLEGIAN have always been open to students, faculty and townspeople who might wish to express individual views on topics of general interest, there has long been a feeling that much good material in the form of poems, sketches and humorous items fail to get proper attention because there has been no particular space designated for this purpose.

With the intention of supplying this need, the COLLEGIAN introduces its new column entitled, THE LIONS DEN, by Daniel. Under this head will be found articles written in a light vein and intended primarily for entertainment. At some time or other, gentle reader, you might think that "Daniel," in his attempts to be witty, is getting rather personal. Old Daniel himself assures the public that nothing of the kind is intended.

The policy of inviting open discussion on general topics will be continued. Letters intended for the Letter Box must be signed for the purpose of identification, but the name will be withheld if it is so desired. If you see or hear something funny, write it down and send it to Daniel.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

"The place of compulsion in building college traditions," is the first subject that came up for discussion among the student-faculty groups last night. The Y M C A has started the ball rolling and already it has acquired sufficient momentum to bring together fifty group leaders who are now conducting classes on the topics which were printed in last Tuesday's COLLEGIAN.

The efforts of the "Y" and those student leaders and members of the faculty, who are taking a more than passing interest in the solution of these campus problems, mark the beginning of a method by which many of these questions may be solved.

In no respects are the meetings confined to any group or class, at every gathering there exists a democratic spirit which calls these men together for an informal and thorough round table talk which can do no other than prove beneficial to those who participate and to the College in general.

That there is some interest being shown by the undergraduate body in its attempt to solve these problems is manifest in the additional questions that have been added to the questionnaire. At present there is an abundance of subjects for discussion, what is wanted is more students to express their views and to hear what others think about the same subject.

## SELF CENSORSHIP

A certain individual once said, "Let a man or woman in a community go astray and that person is blamed, but should a college or university student commit a wrongdoing, the entire collegiate world is placed at fault." No better proof of this statement is to be found than the severe criticism hurled at one of the South's leading institutions of higher learning in which the student body as a whole was rigorously censured because of an obnoxious party staged by a certain few.

There is a decided misapprehension on the part of many narrow-minded persons who apparently believe that a college or university is a thing out of the ordinary, that it is something in the nature of a "reform school." This class of hypocrites stands ready at a moment's notice to assail the college student for anything regarded by the ordinary outsider as a matter-of-fact. And it is the above mentioned class that is making the road of the modern institution a hard one to travel.

These accusations seem discouraging, but after a little consideration the sky is clear. A college or university is a small community in which it is to be found the bad as well as the good. And with a trifle more reflection one learns that the average student of today is doing all in his power to correct these wrongdoers who, in any other community, would simply be brought before the law and punished accordingly. However, the knowledge seekers of this period attempt to go further.

In the case mentioned above, the accused students were found guilty by the undergraduate governing body and immediately dismissed from college. And in this action lies a wonderful encouragement. It indicates that the young men and women of today are ready to condemn those wayward ones among them. It bears further evidence that there is a strong desire for right and that the modern student is well able to work out the problems of his own community.

No calamity overhangs the college or university of today as some are inclined to believe. America has nothing to fear from her 1925 student.

## Letter Box

To the Students of Penn State  
I wish to thank you for the contribution which you have made and presented to me thru Mr. Morris for myself and the children.

I want to thank Mr. Holt and Mr. Wick individually who generously donated their share of the contribution to me and the children as a Christmas gift.

Sincerely yours  
(Mrs.) HENRIETTA WALSH

Table letter of acknowledgment was received from Mrs. Walsh, the most seriously stricken victim of the flu which occurred on November twentieth. —Editor's note

## Thoughts of Others

### FRATERNITIES DO SERVE

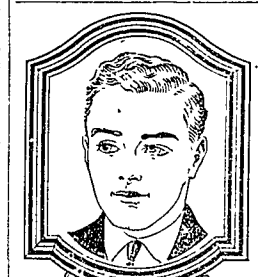
(The Intercollegian)

Abundant evidence is coming to hand that the students and alumni of America are at last coming to the conclusion that the fraternities and the upper-class clubs are "in line" with the university organization. The Harvard 'LITTLETON' quotes the Princeton phrase approximately: "Where ever this idea has taken root the undergraduates are seeing its first fruits and uncertainly but nevertheless with increasing distinctness that the social clubs exist for the service of the college and not for the little hand-picked clique. The result has been that somewhat hesitating and dubiously these clubs are holding out the olive-branch to the 'barbarians' and are endeavoring in other ways to help those around them. Of course such procedure will inevitably break up 'exclusive' societies—that will of course be a good thing. The cheap sports will feel quite looked for a while. But it will be the salvation of the system. Finally it will be a healthy move if instead of singing songs about dead old something or other the fraternities and club members voluntarily set themselves to solve the college social problem to make university life a genuinely civilized existence. Then the social clubs would have a meaning and in losing their lives they would save them. After all what they stand to lose is a pretty shabby affair to die at variance with the American spirit, what they would gain is immortality.

### COSMO CLUB PETITION ACCEPTED BY NATIONAL

The application for admission to the National Organization of Cosmo Clubs in Clubs made by the Penn State Cosmo Club last fall has been accepted with the reservation that the local society change its constitution to conform with that of the national organization.

This national combination is also international in scope and has a representation in almost all the leading countries of the world. In order to discuss the proposition of a new constitution or amendment to the old one, the Club will meet this evening at seven o'clock in room 124 Old Main. Although there is no provision for the admittance of American members in the national constitution nearly all the individual societies have such a clause. The local club adopted this measure but recently.



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**THE LIONS DEN**  
by DANIEL

By the number of Old Main flags seen on the campus during the past few days we surmise that someone might make some extra money by giving S. O. S. dancing lessons.

Penn State needs more fire exits. Fourteen men got their first exercise in four years when they attended a fire drill held the other day.

We have a new definition for an optimist. An optimist is a person who uses a fountain pen to work out a cross-word puzzle.

Have you heard that little ditty entitled, Who has the key for the mail box?

We wonder how many animals have will die between semesters.

Who said Pull sessions were a waste of time? You once during our column at this College the Y M C A is asking for something besides money.

**CAN YOU ANSWER THIS?**  
The first time Ned Wigham visited Penn State he was asked to give a short talk on "Making Women Beautiful." About three hundred Co-eds were on taking notes.

**SUCCESS**

When the light comes to your ceiling, by the  
And lights your eyes with a jocular gleam,  
Don't give it up when it seems in vain,  
DREAM!

But never stop with the dream alone,  
Just shape and form it is best you can,  
By dreams accomplished are true men known,  
PLAN!

Then tell and struggle must, hold you fast,  
You may not last and you dare not slack,  
This is your burden from first to last,  
WORK!

And if men scorn you and if they jeer,  
And war upon you by day and night,  
Stand up and show them you have no fear,  
FIGHT!

And though you weary and though you  
And though your heart and soul are sore,  
This you must do through flood and fire,  
STICK!

And so at last, by the years you spend  
The feet and warts the red and red  
You win at last to the journey's end,  
REST!

—V. I. M.

**PENNS STATE GRADUATE TAKES POSITION WITH GEN. ELECTRIC**  
An announcement from the General Electric Company of Schenectady, New York states that B. B. Schaefer, a graduate of Penn State in the class of '24, has recently been assigned to the Production Department of the Company's West Lynn plant.

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That more than a thousand students drew no books from the library last year?

That a Penn State man, William M. Patton '25, built the railroad up Pike's Peak?

That the first wing of Old Main was built in 1858 and the structure completed in 1864?

That Penn State has the only respiration calorimeter for large animals?

## GLEE CLUB PRACTICES "PENNSYLVANIA STATE" FOR COMING CONCERT

The new college song "Pennsylvania State" was introduced to the Glee Club in practice for the first time last week by Director Grant. The work is the song which met with enthusiastic approval were written by Professor J. Pennington while the music was written by Samuel Richards Gaines who is a well known composer. Mr. Gaines is an alumnus of Penn State and the Penn State Glee Club. The director plans to have this song presented to the student body at a Sunday afternoon concert in February. The next trip of the Glee Club will be taken during the week-end of January twenty-third when they will appear in concert at both Lock Haven and Williamsport. Thirty men will make the trip and they will be assisted by a Regina Fink violinist, Miss Betty Cull, Miss Dorothy Brandon, contralto and Hummel Fishburn, accompanist. The Varieties Quartette has prepared an entirely new program.

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