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BON VOYAGE

New York City will be the mecca for wrestling enthusiasts today and tomorrow when eight of the most powerful teams of the nation meet at Columbia university in the annual Intercollegiate classic. Every indication points to the closest battle that has been waged since the inception of the event twenty-one years ago.

Entering the struggle as chosen favorites, Coach Leonard's grapplers have a difficult task before them. To wrest a title from the most aggressive and formidable aggregations of the East for two years in succession is indeed a task, to enter as favorites makes this task more difficult. Yet this is the situation which faces the Blue and White.

Successfully completing one of the hardest schedules ever carded for a Nittany team the 1925 combination has followed well the pace set by last season's titlists. Unmarred by defeat, the Lion now enters the Intercollegiate stage backed by the undying spirit of every loyal undergraduate, and by fearlessness gained through knowledge of clean sportsmanship.

May the wrestlers return to the Nittany Valley victors of the fight; but win or lose, Penn State is solidly behind her team.

**AN UPPERCLASS AFFAIR**

Tempus fugit! In a little over a month, Nittany upperclassmen will be celebrating the biggest event of Penn State's social calendar, the Junior Prom. Members of the committee have already begun preparations for the affair and indications point toward success. However, there is one element which in former years has not been in keeping with tradition.

The Junior Prom, supposedly limited to members of the two upper classes, has gradually assumed an all-college aspect. Former committees have always informed the student body that the Prom is to be exclusive, with only upperclassmen permitted to attend. But the word "upperclass" has been given a very liberal interpretation, with the result that usually, anyone who is able to "raise" the price of admission gains entrance.

According to tradition, the Junior Prom is for upperclassmen only, and it is the duty of this year's committee to broadcast this statement and make it definitely known that the presence of underclassmen will not be tolerated. By its very nature, the Prom should be the outstanding social function of the college year, an affair attended only by juniors and seniors. Freshmen and sophomores should have this to look forward to, and not lower the dignity of the occasion by attending before they are eligible.

Depending considerably on the attitude taken by the successive committees, the Prom may be placed in a position of dignity, or degenerate to an ordinary subscription dance, a condition which certainly is allied to failure. This is a challenge to the 1926 committee.

**WHERE CREDIT IS DUE**

Jibes from the students are often directed at the College Health Service, possibly for mere amusement, or more likely because few have paused long enough to conscientiously consider the good that has been derived from the presence of this unit on the campus.

Health Service at Penn State is comparatively young, having been inaugurated in 1914. Since that time it has developed until now it is on a par with that of other institutions. It may surprise those who so thoughtlessly point out the seeming inefficiencies, to know that the equipment and dispensary are of the best in the State, and that these students themselves are the greatest cause of inadequate service.

Although demands on the service have steadily increased, the health fee has remained small, and only lack of resources has prevented a more extensive work. The college physician and his staff often render twenty-four hour service, and little credit is given for their extra efforts, no matter how willingly it is extended. It is a matter of record that numerous difficult cases have been successfully treated.

Indifference and inconsideration for others are reasons why many students delay visiting the infirmary during office hours with the result that work is always piled up in the evening. Others suffer from imaginary illnesses and when sympathy is not forthcoming, there is a tendency to deride the service. This is one form of selfishness, because there is sufficient serious work to occupy the attention of the health staff.

Criticism of a destructive nature is often resorted to as the easiest way to voice opinions, and in this particular instance it is harmful to the best interests of the College. If criticism is deserved it should be brought to the attention of the proper authorities so that its worth might be determined. Critical remarks concerning such vital subjects, when they are passed for the sake of amusement, are not only detrimental but also cast a reflection of discredit upon the speaker.

## Letter Box

State College, Pa.  
March 18, 1925

The chapel bell tolled ominously by the snow which decked the campus, but the students who hurried to chapel did not see the beauty no feel the inspiration of that touch. "It's dead stuff to wide through" was the prevailing comment. There was a little too much noise and confusion in the chapel. The speaker was talking. Many students were resting or their feet, minute spirit. "The high load of the balloons" might mark them absent. Others were reading the college paper with a song book in a hand. A few were taking a list minute look at their notes.

Compulsory chapel is wrong. We go there either of indifference or to come out the same way. You may say that we don't care about our religion. Mistake not the signs of the time. We do it is the word of God and not a tradition or organization that we would maintain. "Thank God I am through with that kind of religion," was one senior's expression. He meant compulsion.

Why are seniors evaded their last semester? Why must we be compelled to attend at any time? Perhaps the ninety-nine per cent of some of our faculty members might be discarded by them for real interest when they learn that their students are out after something big. A Christian philosophy of life that is to be used.

A SENIOR

**Sparks Booklet Released Soon**

A booklet, culminating the life and work of Dr. Edwin Little Sparks has been prepared by a memorial committee of the College Senate and will be available to the student body next week. In the preparation of this short but comprehensive story of the life of Dr. Sparks care has been exercised in the writing of each of the articles.

The booklet consists of seven parts, which are as follows: I. A Biographical Sketch by Dr. Edwin W. Runkle; II. College Administration, written from the minutes of the Board of Trustees upon Dr. Sparks' appointment to the Presidency of the College, III. Press Photograph, which was a series of articles contributed to the COLLEGIAN; IV. A Briefed College President taken from his autobiography; V. The Closing Scene, from the State College TIMES at the time of Dr. Sparks' death; VI. Eulogies, delivered by President Thomas at the funeral services; VII. Appreciation, written by several members of the Board of Trustees, members of the Phi Phi Fraternity, with which Dr. Sparks was affiliated, other colleges and newspapers throughout the country.

These booklets will be placed on sale at the library desk next week and will be sold for twenty-five cents per copy, merely the cost of publication. Alumni may also obtain copies of his publication upon application. The committee in charge of preparing this booklet consisted of Dr. F. L. Patton, Dr. E. W. Runkle, Prof. E. C. Woodruff, Prof. A. H. Espenshield and Dr. M. Crosswell.

## Did YOU Know—

That Penn State students adopted the Home System on March 7, 1915 by a vote of 1140 to 417?

And that this was discarded for the proctor system on July 1, 1921?

That the Dilemma Cottage is probably the oldest building on the campus and perhaps the oldest in town?

That the Pennsylvania Stones Obelisk on the front campus was erected in May, 1896?

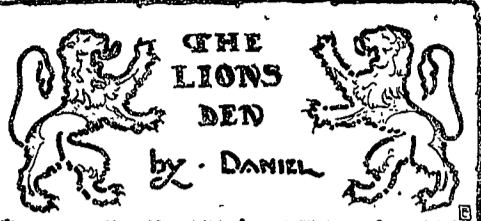
That State College Borough was incorporated in August, 1899?

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Dear Daniel

My attention has been called to your contributions to the Lion's Den which I was seeking to praise those of my most cherished friend who share with me K. R. T. Please understand that I do not wish to disparage your work or to belittle your efforts. It is my dear sir you and children are no more than quiet-witted notions when compared with the intellectual offspring of the magnificent K. R. T. My feeling is not one of anger, it is one of pity, for the laws of nature are more or less inflexible and your mental process indicate an intelligence that is far surpassed by that of a conventional human. Pardon my frankness but your work is terrible. It is so bad that the editors betray a gross lack of good judgment in allowing you to remain on the staff. Now Daniel I do hope that you won't take this in a personal manner.

I am not usually affected by newspaper criticisms so it may be possible that your pitiful attempts at humor may arouse some faint interest among the intellectually incompetent who foolishly patronize your paper, but as far as I am concerned they leave me cold or fill me with nausea by turns.

On the other hand, the incomparable pen products of K. R. T. have the indefinable air of savagery, the comic if you wish, an irresistible, bubbling spontaneous humor that throws those who read them into paroxysms of mirth. The Lion's Den was a doubtful experiment in the first place. Its only educational lies in printing in its contributions of true literary merit.

Yours truly,  
A MORPHOS

There was a young man from Pennsylvania  
He had a speed crazy manly  
A sixty-mile fish  
Loaded up in a fish  
Now he sleeps no more in-a-min

Since the announcement of the final examination schedule in last Tuesday's COLLEGIAN, upperclassmen have something to worry about besides getting right for the Junior Prom.

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Mick Bennett Comedy

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In "The Prairie Wife"  
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