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### TO THE VICTORS

Once again, a Penn State athletic team has brought back fame and glory to the Nittany Valley. Spurred on by the loyalty of an unflinching student body, coached by one of the best mentors in the country, the Penn State wrestlers on Saturday afternoon battled against seven of the mightiest teams in the East and, for the second successive year, carried off first honors in the annual Intercollegiate classic.

The plaudits of every student should be forthcoming, for the team is deserving of them. In every bout of the meet, the clean sportsmanship of the Penn State representatives was clearly demonstrated. In victory, the Blue and White was equally as great as it has been in defeat.

Penn State welcomes back to its portals the victors. It welcomes back its coach. It takes into its fold once more the men who fought bravely for a victory that would not be denied them. Let the Lion rejoice for it has truly been a great victory for the sons of Mount Nittany.

### AN HONOR COLLEGE

Students are notoriously slow in recognizing and appreciating improvement in methods of instruction, particularly slow when the betterment entails effort and application on their part. When Penn State students abandon their traditional indifference in this respect and openly praise a College department, that department has done something worth while. Only a year ago, the R. O. T. C. was treated with ridicule and something very similar to contempt. Today its praise is heard from almost every thinking and observing undergraduate on the campus. The personnel of the Department of Military Science and Tactics may pat itself on the back with the just pride and satisfaction of accomplishment.

In the history of the present College generation, at least, interest in R. O. T. C. subjects has never been as high as it is now, and to the ability and zeal of the group of army officials now stationed at Penn State must be attributed this increasing good-will and enthusiasm. Into a course which formerly was scoffed at and neglected on account of its dull and haphazard nature, these men have brought innovations which have made it at once more interesting, more enjoyable and more valuable. Responding as they have, the undergraduates making the course have demonstrated that they can appreciate the efforts of energetic and able men.

The stage is set for an achievement unprecedented in Penn State history—the gaining of the "honor college" rating from the War Department. Although the reserve unit at the College was one of the first established in the Third Corps Area, lack of student cooperation has prevented it from winning this coveted distinction. Many of the younger posts have received the honor again and again. For fifty years Penn State has been content with a place far down on the list.

Here is a matter for the serious thought of every underclassman. In no other fields of activity have Penn State men been satisfied with mediocrity. The sincere and unstinted cooperation of these students can make Penn State excel in its training for national defense as well as in scholarship and athletics.

### THE UNDERGRADUATE—DOOMED

Urged on by the intoxication of temporary popularity, the esteemed Percé Marks, who gave us that thrilling expose of college life labeled "The Plastic Age," takes another crack at the undergraduate. In a recent article appearing in the BOOKMAN, Mr. Marks states that "seventy-five percent of the undergraduates of American colleges are common-place thinkers not capable of doing work above mediocrity."

"Granted that most of the teaching is bad, granted that some intelligent undergraduates are indolent, the fact still remains that most of them were denied at birth the mental strength ever to attain intellectual superiority," further states Mr. Marks. While our leading educators broadcast statements to the effect that the future of the world depends upon the present-day undergraduate, the author of "The Plastic Age" sits back and bewails the fact that there is no hope for the future. Fortunately, very few thinking people share Mr. Marks' opinion, if they did, would we not be compelled to look to our common laborers for the intellectual attainments of tomorrow?

Evidently Marks selected as his hero for "The Plastic Age" the type of student which is included in the other twenty-five percent, or those who do not fall under his "common-place thinkers" classification. He should have chosen one of these intellectual dumb-bells from the "skim milk" or common-place category and, by gradual transition, carried him to the higher group. When criticism is forthcoming, it should contain constructive hints. His accusation offers no solution; it is merely "razzing" from an individual point of view, and the fallacy of the indictment is obvious.

Judging from appearances, the author has developed a strong liking for publicity, no doubt brought on by the popularity of "The Plastic Age." As far as its literary value is concerned, the book is practically nihil. Statistics should prove that "The Plastic Age" was absorbed more readily by those always willing to suspect only the worst from the modern college student.

If the author of "Romeo and Juliet" had made this same accusation, it might have carried some weight. But as for Mr. Marks—his influence over undergraduates a few years ago during an instructorship at Brown was greater than it is today!

### Letter Box

State College Pa. March 23, 1925

Penn State COLLEGIAN

A tree is an appropriate living memorial to express our esteem for one who has left us. For a person truly loved and deeply loved a grove is not too much.

Penn State is preparing a memorial for Dr. Sparks. The proposed grove is being laid out for such a memorial. You, for a man who lives in our hearts as long as Dr. Sparks, why should we not add a living mark of remembrance?

To do his world our better money must be spent. We have two groves the one on the hill, the one on the campus—each through the best operated and the most neglected. There is scarcely a day of it out on games who does not exclaim, the beauty of these woods is being up on the background.

Dr. Sparks and even at summer, get and joyfully about touched with autumn colors and steadily dignified in white. These woods give Penn State its character much of the charm it possesses. Why not do the one or both of these to the memory of Dr. Sparks?

How do you have thought of these bits of forest, a source of joyfulness. We have a grove, made them steady is dumping around for all kinds of use and successfully killed trees by a thoughtlessness. Whether or not we are to give it is suggested let us give this a serious thought before it's too late and cease our wanton destruction of their beauty and make.

A JUNIOR

### State College To Have New Theater

When Penn State students return to the campus of the Nittany Lion next fall a new theater will occupy the vacant lot on College Avenue next to the Fine Arts Building. The new theater is being planned by Mr. Alvin C. Pomeroy, Executive Director of the Penn State Extension Service. The work of construction has begun and is expected to be completed in the near future.

Although the interior decorations have not been definitely planned, the new theater will be of a modern type and will be equipped with the latest in stage machinery. The theater will be a valuable addition to the campus and will provide a place for the presentation of plays and other dramatic productions.

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### GIRLS' PUBLICATION WILL APPEAR BEFORE EASTER

Editors of "Lion's Tale" Engaged in Gathering News Items for Second Issue

The second issue of the "Lion's Tale" girls' publication will appear before Easter. The editors are currently engaged in gathering news items for the second issue. The publication will be a valuable addition to the campus and will provide a place for the presentation of news and other information.

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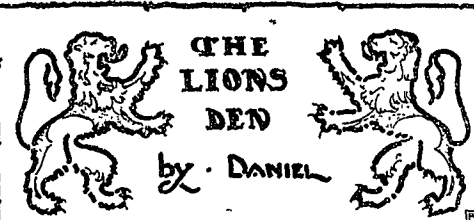
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### LIFE'S LITTLE IRONIES

Tim Bittle was the star athlete of the Hays Central High in college though as an athlete he fell flatter than a pie.

Percy Whible went through Prep 111 from the athletic team. And yet it was old Woodz U. He was the whole darn team.

Jim Jones has in it of wealth, Accented by small clothes, But that doesn't mean a thing, 'cause For he's in debt where he goes.

The word has quite a different th, You'd think that he is broke, But in the pockets of his jeans Is a roll all tied with a rope.

He must be a vegetable man because he has: Cauliflower ears, Reddish cheeks, A furly nose, A 6-7-8 beard, A slouch accent, and looks like he was born in the cab age.

### AFTER THE PROFESSORS AGAIN?

A writer in a recent issue of Collier's WEEKLY provides much space for conjecture by a choice morsel of satire, the object of which is open to question. A certain event which took place at a Southern school is related.

The young women of Newcomb College in New Orleans were put through an intelligence test and came off badly. Thereupon they challenged the faculty to a similar test. This time the results weren't much to boast of either. Here are some answers from a group of twenty-three professors.

All Johnson is a wrestling champion. Piled mignon is an opera by Puccini. Bill Blunt is a preparation that I'd like to put into their eyes to make them shine. Grover Cleveland Goodell was a World War hero or perhaps a demagogue.

Marschello was prime minister of Russia before the war. The writer then adds these significant words by way of conclusion: "All of which suggests that what Blooding at Chicago would do to a student would not mean much to the professional mind."

Which is the intended victim of the satire—Broadway and Chicago or the professor?—MINNESOTA DAILY

### Dr. Sinclair Speaks at Chapel Services

Using as his text the statement which Christ made to his disciples, "I have many things to say unto you but ye can not bear them now," Dr. A. B. Sinclair addressed the chapel audience last Sunday morning.

Dr. Sinclair, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Bloomfield, New Jersey, came to Penn State in the place of Dr. Gilles, who was unable to fill the engagement. He chose as the subject of his sermon the seeming carelessness of Christ in his relationship to the disciples.

He pointed out that a single word given in explanation would have saved the Christ in world many arguments and disputes. Then he explained the reasons which would serve as explanations of this Christ was not interested in having the people learn the exact letters of his teachings but he wanted to teach them how to live.

His text was that people had to learn to live by life just as children learn by asking questions. The great interest of the Bible lies in the fact that in this book all questions are not answered. Here lies the greatness of the Bible. God has will power light to bring out in his world and this can be done only through prayer.

The spirit of pioneering is present in nearly all activities and it should not be excluded from the Christian faith.

### Thoughts of Others

#### INJURY PLUS INSULT (HARVARD GRIMSON)

The current issue of "The Commonwealth" states that "the greatest defect of the American colleges is that they teach their students to educate, and the general run of them totally fail to create a love of learning or an enthusiasm for the highest life."

This is the old familiar plaint of those who are continually weeping over the American college. It is shown that if a man receives a good education at college, he does so in spite of the college and not because of it. Statistics are produced to show that the Harvard room of the Harvard Union is more popular than its library, that only six men submitted essays in the Union essay contest, while over

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### GRANGERS PLAN FOR BANQUET AT U. CLUB

The Penn State Grange will hold its annual banquet at the University Club on Friday evening at seven o'clock. Among the guests to be present are President Thomas Deitrich, Vice and Judge Arthur G. Dale, of the State Bar Association. Dr. Dale will be the principal speaker of the evening and C. J. O'Donnell '25, president of the Penn State Players will entertain. After the program there will be cards and dancing music to be furnished by a seven-piece orchestra. Customs will

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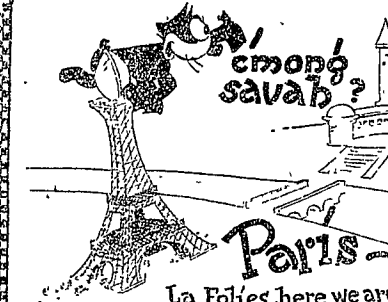
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Jack and I found a wonderful little cat pension hotel near Kitty's oven on the left bank where they have the best milk and fish and mouse grills. Better than we ever had back in Murphy's Alley. And all for only \$1.50

Today we got 18.60 francs for each of our \$5, and tonight we're going to the original Folies, ole cat, and we're young in the promenade for only \$0.25

Jack just went out for a walk, and I saw him headed down the Rue de la Chat. I suspect that cat of felonious motives

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