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### THAT SPIRIT

There has been talk about the campus of an indomitable spirit, a spirit that has often carried Penn State athletic teams to great victories when the outlook was darkest. The oldest undergraduates of the present student body look back, and find traces of this spirit—just traces, they claim. They have failed to look far enough.

Saturday afternoon, a Blue and White soccer team, undefeated for six years, battled against a professional team that had but one week before defeated the University of Pennsylvania's intercollegiate championship combination. As the whistle blew for the opening play, a mere handful of spectators were in attendance, and they came merely for the novelty of seeing Penn State go down to its first defeat since 1918. But they were doomed to disappointment. For the Nittany Lion battled on, refused to give ground when defeat stared it in the face, and emerged with a scoreless tie, a moral victory in effect.

With few to lend them encouragement from the side lines, without the tumultuous cheering from the grandstands and without the slightest hope of staving off an impending defeat, Penn State's soccer representatives came through, came through as no other Blue and White athletic team has in ages. They proved to the student body that this indomitable spirit still exists with Penn State athletes, if only on the soccer squad.

For six years, Nittany soccer teams have been playing at home to the smallest possible crowds. For six years they have played against superior teams, superior in the fundamentals of the game but not in spirit. And for six years Penn State's teams have never come off a field defeated. They have given Penn State the most enviable reputation possible in intercollegiate soccer circles, a reputation that can be attested to by the oval field crowd that greets them whenever they appear on foreign fields.

Let no undergraduate say that "That Spirit" has died. It still lives—with the soccer team. Men that have done as much for Penn State as these soccer men deserve a better fate.

### DEPENDABILITY FIRST

The failings of college students as a type are so often purely the failings of youth in general that critical comment on them is often useless. The great majority are the natural faults of immaturity. There is one, however, which is far more apparent in the college man than in his non-college fellow.

By the age of twenty or twenty-one, the man who has a job and is forced to rely on his own resources has awakened to the fact that dependability, sustained and consistent dependability, is the greatest factor in determining his future. If he is naturally irresponsible and thoughtless, as most young men are, his boss is more than willing to give him the choice of correcting the fault or finding a new job. With a man of any ambition, the decision is easy and if the correction proves difficult the boss is always at hand to check up. As a result, by the time the college man is receiving his diploma the non-college man has already acquired one of the most important assets for success.

The college student has had no boss to check up on his actions. His instructors, it is true, succeed in pounding into him a certain amount of dependability in regard to required work, but in almost all of his other actions the only discipline comes from "bawling-outs," easily disregarded, from fellow classmates. Small wonder, then, that many a college graduate, highly trained, finds his progress discouragingly slow for a year or two. He is working under a trying handicap; the complaint of his employer is less often, "You don't know enough" than "I can't depend on you." In the words of a great Pennsylvania industrial executive in charge of some thousands of men, "Reliability insures a steady job; reliability plus ability guarantee promotion, reliability, plus ability, plus personality bring success, but—reliability is the first requirement."

Every undergraduate can gauge very effectively his progress during the first two years after graduation by assuming that his college work is under the supervision of a critical boss and then calculating the reactions of that boss to his methods of doing things; his response, for instance, to the time-tied formula to be used on committee chairman, "Sorry, I simply forgot about that meeting; you know how it is."

Habits of four years standing are hard to break; if the student "forgets" and lets things slide throughout his college career he probably will be tolerated by his instructors and his associates, but after graduation, despite the diploma in his hand, he will find the "cold, cold world" very cold indeed.

### Grid Gossip

Lon Chaney and his gang will have nothing on the Penn State line, Chaney and two more are called "The Unholy Three." Make it "The Unholy Five" for the Lions, between the tackles, and you've got it right. They can't be punctured!

One of the glaring errors in Saturday's game occurred when Mike and Pincus got tangled up in a breakfast engagement. Mike thought the oval was a soft-boiled egg and handed it to Pin as such.

The Michigan Aggie scout jotted down in his note-book, "Lane first." Ward then broke through to nail a Nittany back behind the line. The scout continued "fastened to the ground."

To continue about the visitor from Michigan, he took one look at Michalske and remarked, knowingly, "He should be a tackle." Another scout remarked also knowingly, "He was, you know. But his tackles can't be pulled back to carry the ball all the time, while fullbacks are always there."

Too bad to see Notre Dame's scrappiest go down to defeat before the onslaught of the Army and have another record broken. Yeah! What was wrong with Harry—he scored only one touchdown?

And the Yale Bulldogs couldn't get a good hold on the Red and Blue jerseys of Pennsylvania. Result—Penn has the potential Eastern championship team—(see a Physics manual for difference between potential and kinetic).

Bzedek didn't have a chance to get out on the field and coach the Lions during the game, so he gave them an opportunity to be coached in a practice scrimmage afterwards.

Gal Dobie's Cornell team averages just a point or so below the requirement for admission to Phi Beta Kappa. The Penn State team averages about 184 pounds.

The dope tells us that the freshmen didn't have the punch. There must be something in that. Perhaps the so-called Greasy had a molasses bath Friday night.

**lettiket dashatay life**

**"I hold, sir!"**  
**"I hold, me eye, thou witch, for this avulsion of a life from its fellow copies I thus jaculate fifteen cents to thy faery palm. now shoosh."**

**Carte du Jour**

Nov, Phidias Krinkle, early in his college course, would have nofrills, either as regards scholarship and studies, or equipment. Hence, we found him (that is, some one did) buying a pen for \$1.37—today only—and putting the difference between that and the price of a Parker Duofold in books—good books, too, let it be understood. And passing charitably over some profane lapses, he got along with it till graduation, and then some. We're liberal—it would make a mark when you pressed it, frequently. But Krinkle, with this penny-grasping trait, went bankrupt three years after graduation. And he never did amount to much after.

Jack Frey, on the other hand, had an eye to quality, beauty, and—oh yes—quality. His second week in college found him with a Parker Duofold. Makes no difference if he did steal it—he knew what sort to steal, and the victim bought another Parker, anyway. Well, to come a phrase, that was just like Jack, and he graduated and signed his first check with a flourish and a Parker. And, due, it must be admitted in fairness by all, to this belief and insistence on quality at all costs, he went stony broke in two years.

So there really was little advantage in the Parker Duofold over the orphan-pen, except having something decent to write with during the period mentioned.

REGISTRATION TO DATE						
	Sr.	Jr.	So.	Fr.	Sp. 2 yr.	Grad.
Agronomy	2	8	13	5		28
Ag Econ	11	20	21	25		83
Ag Ed	11	8	20	8		47
Am. Husb	4	6	11	3		21
Bot.	0	2	0	0		2
Ag Biochem	6	13	10	1		30
D II	22	20	34	12		89
F. F.	9	7	14	21		51
Hort	12	18	11	10		51
L. Aich	11	11	14	8		44
F. H.	3	4	1	0		8
Agric	0	0	6	0	50	116
AGRICULTURE	95	117	158	153	50	573
Chemistry	5	7	13	21		46
Ch & M. Eng	16	17	20	25		78
Phy.	1	1	2	1		5
Pre-Med.	0	41	61	70		184
Science	4	8	4	4		20
CHEM. & PHYS	45	74	103	121		333
A. & Sci. Ed.	71	85	91	82		329
Ind Ed	1	5	2	1		9
H. Econ	31	26	29	32		118
EDUCATION	103	116	122	115		456
A. E. & S.	5	11	28	34		78
Aich.	5	9	14	17		45
C. E.	31	53	62	88		234
S. E.	0	3	2	7		12
E. E.	50	65	128	138		381
E. Chd.	6	10	12	18		46
I. E.	19	36	38	40		133
M. E.	27	40	65	67		199
Mlg.	1	1	0	2		4
R. M. E.	1	6	4	2		13
ENGINEERING	145	234	453	413		1145
A. & L.	63	59	69	77		268
C. & F.	63	102	147	82		399
Pre-Legal	0	30	45	38		113
LIBERAL ARTS	131	191	261	197		780
Ceramics	1	6	6	4		17
Mng Eng	23	19	17	20		79
Met Eng	8	11	17	12		48
M. G.	4	5	4	5		18
MINES & MET	36	41	44	41		162
Graduate					107	107
Specials					73	73
Probation	0	1	12	0		13
	545	774	1053	1010	73	50
					107	1642

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