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## THE OLD GRAD RETURNS

(By an Alumnus)

Alumni Day! What a diversity of memories the word brings to the active alumnus. Truly, Alumni Homecoming Day is an event which keeps even the most sedate "grad" on his toes during the greater part of the year, more especially so when the time draws near for him to say, "I will attend."

Penn State men and women who have long since received their degrees, and have become permanent fixtures in the world of business, harbor, as a general rule, the same enthusiastic outlook toward the yearly reunion as do the members of the class of 1924 or 1925.

It is natural to suppose that the younger generation would be instilled with the greater desire to return, to mingle again with the crowd and to cheer the team on to victory. For time has merely scratched the surface of memories and associations which have been formed during recent years. Yet even a casual observance of the attendance today will recall the fact that the old-timers have turned out in goodly numbers. The spirit is there, grizzled, gray-haired veterans slap their younger brothers across the backs and Penn State is in its element.

That the Nittany institution is making material advancement in scholastic and athletic achievements is apparent. To the graduate of four years ago, there appear many physical changes, every one of which denotes a forward trend. A few minutes conversation with the deans and professors brings another revelation—scholastic attainment has been placed at a higher premium. It is a more difficult task to "make the grade" now than it was then, yes, even five years ago. These changes tell of progress and they are a source of gratification to the alumni body.

So the alumni have returned to refill the cup of life which the College and undergraduate body pour out with reckless abandon. But not a drop will be spilled; all of it will be retained and carried back to the fattermost parts of the country, there to be shared and consumed with less-fortunate fellow alumni as a lubricant for busy business days ahead.

It's great to be back!

## THE WORLD COURT

On December seventeenth, the United States Senate is scheduled to open discussion on the Swanson Resolution for the entry of the United States into the World Court. Preparatory to this discussion, a nation-wide effort is being made to obtain public opinion on the issue. Student opinion, especially, is being crystallized throughout the country as a valuable index of sentiment, pro and con.

From all indications on the Penn State campus, in session, and even in more serious discussions, the subject of the nation's entry into the Court, like every national or international question, is practically non-existent. When questioned as to his personal opinion on the subject, one representative undergraduate replied, "Yes, I think the League would be a good thing." If the same man were so unimpaired on other subjects he would reply, in answer to a query on his attitude toward grapefruit, "I'm quite fond of oranges." The instance is typical, typical of a mental complacency on the part of ten men out of ten on the campus when confronted with a world problem.

The entry of this country into the Court is not a far-away, impractical issue; it is a living question that demands the study and thought of every person capable of study and thought—including Penn State students. Moreover, interest in the Court does not require an "international mind." From the most familiar standpoint, the purely selfish, the question compels consideration. On the one hand it is claimed that the Court will be a prolific source of war; on the other, acceptance is expected to end all war. And war, viewed either by the pacifist or the militarist, is at least interesting.

In a few weeks Penn State will be asked for its verdict. Will it be forthcoming? And will it be well-considered?

## ALUMNI AND NOTRE DAME

The Nittany Valley is restless. It vibrates with expectancy and thrills with the thought of the morrow. Thousands of loyal alumni will return to their Alma Mater to renew old acquaintances, to see those who have taken their places in the undergraduate body and to witness a ferocious Lion do battle against a group of Notre Dame football warriors who have made gridiron history. Never before in the archives of Penn State has such a buzz of excitement swept the campus on the eve of an Alumni Homecoming Day.

Penn State welcomes these loyal alumni back to its folds. It greets them with open arms, and sincerely hopes that this event will be one never to be forgotten. And the Lion throws open the door of hospitality to Notre Dame—may they also be impressed with the greatness of Penn State. Let Blue and White prevail. Let every loyal student sport the colors of his Alma Mater, for we must make Alumni and Notre Dame feel at home. The College is yours for the asking.

## Letter Box

Penn State COLLEGIAN, Dean Editor

I've been searching for a subject on which to write ever since I saw your recitation of my last letter. It's funny how the most touching happenings of life arouse emotion which blinds us to the awfulness of them. Oftentimes these emotions do not include the greatest—sympathy.

Did you see in the paper the other day, a small-type article briefly announcing the death of Charlie Provor, I might senior and varsity football man, just twenty-two years old? He was fatally injured in a football game, dying a few days later. Even as I write this, I experience the most irascible turmoil of emotions. Looking at it coldly, why should I think twice of the death of a stranger? But this, coming when all that our minds register is "football—play—play," etc., does more than strike home—it sinks right in, lodging in the "sillow" of our hearts.

When I read the pitiful obituary in the Philadelphia Inquirer, my heart tore out of me, crossing the many miles to take its place with reverence before the body of that lifeless hero. How I wish that his parents, broken physically by the long hours at his bedside, mentally by the sudden horror of losing a boy whose activities and scholastic standing show him to be a joy among boys, could know that I and many others unknown to them, now and, perhaps, forever, UNDERSTAND.

This is a sad letter, but I feel that here many will be affected and will join in their wish to classes, moans, notes at class meetings—stop mentally—to join in silent "requiem."

Sincerely,  
A WOMAN STUDENT  
Notre Dame

## PROF. PLUMB TALKS TO BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB

Using as his subject "Early American Breeds," Prof. C. N. Plumb of Ohio State University addressed a record assembly of the Block and Bridle Club at its meeting Friday night in the Ag Building.

Professor Plumb who is an internationally known live-stock expert, drew the rustic conclusion that the present college dairy husbandry graduate is a detriment to both his college and the country because of his poor breeding of pure-bred cattle. He said that the early moments brought with them the best grade of live-stock, we have ever had in this country. Concluding his talk Professor Plumb urged all agricultural students to uphold the ideals of these early pioneers.

## H. S. NEWS RECEIVES NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

Prof. H. S. News of the Forestry department has been appointed by Hugo W. McKewen, chairman of the special committee on Forest Education and dean of the College of Forestry, University of Washington, to serve as a member of the sub-committee on Training of Specialists in forest products. Professor News is one of the five men, selected from different universities throughout the country, to be appointed to this committee. The committee will have an excellent opportunity for useful and constructive work as it will deal with the following problems: forest research in educational institutions; fields of graduate work in forestry; non-professional courses and extension work; training of specialists in forest products; vocational training in forestry; and public service in forestry by educational institutions.

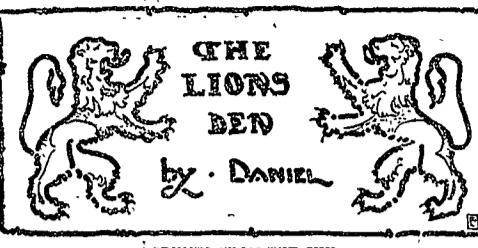
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Gourmet, glutton hog you be,  
Many there are who gouge on thee,  
And they who love your tastes most,  
As ham and chop or seasoned roast,  
Tun'd dainty nostrils from your pen  
With sneers and scorn that all may ken

L'EVOI  
Sage philosopher of the pig  
Though not tolerant, not a prig,  
But better, fat to tillage just  
For a good sport in the world's zest

FROSH LIFE  
Going down Allen the other day,  
I met a co-ed on the way,  
As pretty a gal as you'd want to see  
But what's that got to do with me—  
For I'm only a freshman low  
And with girls, I cannot go  
A cushion on yells, "Get off the grass  
And hands you quite a line of gas,  
On that six customs  
Now don't dare to bust 'em—  
For you're only a freshman low  
And you have to take it so  
Boys, "Soph Life" is the life for us  
And there we want to land or bust,  
Then with gals, we can talk,  
And with girls, we can walk—  
But we're only freshmen low,  
Until we're soph's—go slow

COLLEGE FAD  
State College students have started a fad that is reported to be spreading rapidly in the student body and threaten adoption among the students of other colleges and universities. They have taken to writing poetry. But it is not in their line of duty that the college boys are racking their brains for sentences that rhyme, but it is, it is not in their line of college duty. The poetically inclined students, however, claim that there are other duties back home that require just as much attention as those of their college curriculum.

The new fad was discovered by a local mail carrier. When he says he noticed written on the back of a letter postmarked State College addressed to a Harryburg girl the following:

Postman, postman, do you duty  
By delivering this quickly to my tooty frooty,  
Oh, Mr. Postman, strong and brave,  
Here's a note from a willing slave  
To a lady fairer than any I know,  
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A SAD and solemn-sounding phrase it is—that line from "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."  
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## NATURE STUDY CLASS GLEANS SEVERAL THOUSAND FOREST SPECIMENS FOR EXHIBIT IN NEW MUSEUM

Gleaning from the forest things of every size, beauty and oddity that are passed unnoticed by the casual observer, the class in nature study has prepared a collection of several thousand items, to be used in stocking their newly-acquired laboratory and museum. This room, on the fourth floor of Old Main, has been given over entirely to the Forestry department and will be used exclusively by students in nature study.

In one corner of the room there is an aquarium which will be inhabited by families of sunfish and frogs. As the latter division will show every phase of the varied life of this curious animal, it will be one of the most interesting of the exhibits. A section adjacent to this aquarium is to be used for the collection of birds and butterflies. A huge plant in full color hangs here also, so that some of the birds that are not seen in life may still be depicted to the student.

Probably the most complete section of the museum is that containing the collection of mushrooms and different varieties of fungi. Every size, shape and color that is common to the world of fungi is to be found in this part of the laboratory. Together with the fungi and mushrooms, the different mosses have been placed, as these three all come in the same general class.

Many curious articles have been brought to this laboratory for classification. The skull of a common weasel that has attained the height of six feet stands in one corner of the room, the skull of a long-extinct cow grazes the table, and many other curios may be seen.

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