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INTERCOLLEGIATE DRAMATICS

Less than a year ago, an idea was conceived, an idea that promises to reward its instigators and then interests tenfold. Last spring, representatives of ten colleges and universities, at the invitation of the Penn State Players, met in State College and drew up plans for a Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Dramatic Tournament. At that time it was only an idle dream, but tonight and tomorrow will find that dream a reality.

Penn State has been honored by being selected as the site of the first tournament and since the Players are acting as hosts, they will not enter a play in the competition. Seven colleges will produce sketches on the Auditorium stage tonight and tomorrow night and capable judges will award beautiful loving cups to the first and second prize winners.

When one reviews the events of the past ten years, he is surprised at the rapid strides which amateur dramatics have taken in the colleges and universities of America. They have risen from a place of mediocrity until now they occupy one of the leading places in extra-curricular activities. The excellent training which one receives in dramatics at college needs no further proof than a glance at former undergraduate actors who are now starring on the professional stage.

There has long been a need for concentrated efforts on the part of dramatic clubs in order that plays, ideas and helpful suggestions might be interchanged. And it is gratifying to know that the dramatic club of Penn State has been the one to take this initial step in the promotion of intercollegiate productions.

AND WE CAME AWAY HAPPY

Darkness was beginning to envelop the Pitt Stadium last Thursday afternoon when a battered Lion, prouder in defeat than in loss, for four years, walked off the field. There was no gloom in the Penn State team, no regret in the hearts of more than five thousand loyal Blue and White followers, for the Lion had redeemed itself, had played a great game against a great foe.

It was a victory for Penn State. There was a spirit that could not help but bring forth praise from even the Lion's most bitter opponent. There was that indefinable something that gave Penn State undergraduates the feeling that here was a team, a team that would not crawl on its hands and knees but would fight to the last ditch. And it did.

Penn State was battling one of the greatest teams in the country and even if we could offer an alibi for the defeat, we would not do it. We are satisfied with the showing, we are convinced that a typical Penn State machine played against the Panther. Pittsburgh scribes were dumfounded, they could not realize that the team was the same that had furnished listless battles against the Panther for the past four years.

With the close of the season, Penn State undergraduates and alumni can rest peacefully with a pleasant taste in their mouths as against the customary sour one. To Coach Hugo Rebeck and his men, we take off our hats!

WE HAVE WITH US

With this issue of the COLLEGIAN, Penn State undergraduates receive their semi-annual treat—the announcement of the final examination schedule. It is nice to think of the past Thanksgiving "test," it is pleasant to think of the coming Christmas vacation, but it is much more pleasant to think about the wonderful times that await us four weeks after the Yuletide respite.

Usually at this time of the year, the COLLEGIAN comes out with its annual editorial on the evils of examinations. This time, the editors will fool the student body, will depart from their customary procedure and use the usual space for advertisements.

We have argued year after year about the folly of final examinations. We could continue to argue for the next century and still the COLLEGIAN would have its twice-a-year surprise in the form of the schedule. It has taken years to convince us that even Daniel Webster himself could not change the minds of those who hand us the "program" for publication.

It would give us great pleasure to inform you that there are more Phi Beta Kappas per student in colleges and universities where finals are passed. However, it would be impossible to do this without running the risk of a libel suit. Gentlemen, let us bow our heads in prayer and be thankful that we don't have finals in the middle of each semester.

As was stated before, you can argue night and day about the merits and otherwise of final examinations but the fact remains that we have them. There are six weeks of college remaining before we shoulder blue-books, pencils, pens and sleepy eyes in a march to the fateful den. Let us begin taking inventory before it is too late.

MIDSHIPMEN LAUD PENN STATE SPIRIT IN SOCCER DEFEAT

Physical Director at Annapolis Gives Navy View in Letter to Coach Leonard

MIDDIE BOOTERS WILL FACE PENN NEXT WEEK

Writer Considers Contest With Lions as One of Greatest Played in Maryland

P. V. H. Weems, of the department of physical training at the United States Naval Academy, commented on the fine spirit shown by the Penn State soccer squad in a letter to Coach Leonard. The letter, written three days after the defeat of the Blue and White eleven at the hands of the Middle elevation, is as follows:

My Leonard, soccer coach, Penn State College, My Dear Leonard—

We are still talking about Saturday's game with you. And you will probably be surprised to hear that the big fuss is not about the score at all—it is all about the fine sportsmanship of your squad, including the coach. The papers are running long articles about it, and I am holding you up as an example in good sportsmanship. Of course you dislike to lose, but having lost you certainly made us feel mighty good by having won from such an exceptional team.

I have met Penn State several times in football and in wrestling, not to mention the many games I have witnessed, and I have always considered the Nittany Lion not only our most formidable opponent but also the best sport which it is our privilege to meet.

Here's to a win from Penn two weeks from now!

Yours very truly, (Signed) P. V. H. Weems
P. S.—We shall give you a chance to even up on the wrestling!

Article by Neun
With the letter from Mr. Weems came a clipping written by Johnny Neun, from one of the Annapolis papers, lauding the spirit of the Penn State soccermen.

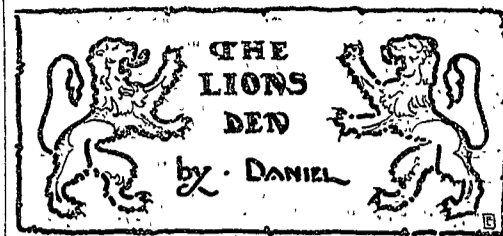
When the Penn State soccer team met defeat at the hands of the Navy booters at Annapolis Saturday it was the first time in seven years the Lions had lost a game. The players, however, accepted their defeat as a hard-fought and perfect sportsman. The sportsmanship displayed by every member of the vanquished eleven was indeed worthy of comment. Following the game the Penn State players filed into the Navy's dressing room and each heartily congratulated every member of the winning eleven.

Good sportsmanship is displayed by almost every college team after a defeat, but there was a unique feature attached to the method used by the Penn State players which caused much favorable comment and which will be remembered by those in attendance for a long time.

Greatest
The game between the Penn State and Navy elevens was one of the greatest ever played in Maryland, bringing none. It was well played in every department, both teams showed unusual skill in heading the ball, which in my opinion was the big feature of the contest.

Another outstanding feature was the perfect corner kicking. On every occasion the boots by both teams were in a perfect position for scoring, only once or twice did the ball carry out of scoring distance.

Victory Surprise
The victory gained by Coach Taylor's team was a surprise to a certain degree. The marvelous record carried by the visitors, of course made them the favorite before the contest. Not a defeat in seven years and only one in ten seasons is, indeed, some-



Dear Dan
The expression "heavy date" has been used so much that it doesn't mean anything any more, but heck, Dan, she WAS heavy and she asked me to carry her across a mud-puddle. Well, I tried it and next time she WALKS I always like them blonde and heavy because I'm blonde and heavy myself. And this one used to be a sensible gal before she went away to college, but now—I can't understand her. I've loved her ever since childhood and she never did anything like that before. This is the way things stand, Dan—there are only eighteen more shopping days until Christmas—and I don't know whether to give her reducing records or galoshes. Can you help me out?
A Freshman

"PITTSBURGH A LA FOOT"
Oh! how I love to hike,
There's nothing better I could like
I'll set with elastic stride;
A lift? Oh no I hate to ride
"Though when I reach the thirtieth mile
I make my faces all the while
Then to hike is not much fun
Some folks would say 'tis time to run,
But when you walk with broken stride
I'd say 'tis then high time to ride."
W. F. C.

FOR RESTLESS STIDES OF '99
We're getting back to "State" again,
Now don't commence to frown
I'll row unpark our coats and shirts,
And begin to settle down
The vacation's gone, so let's forget
The days that are behind
Let's open up our memory books
And write a little rhyme,
A verse or two, for past adieu
And mottoes large and fine
We're back in "College" town today,
And 'gosh', we're right on time
So let's start out with whoop and crash
And push off with a bang,
We're back in "College" town today,
Again we're with the gang.
S. A. M. '29

thing to talk about. In addition to gaining wins over all the best college teams, Coach Leonard's Penn State eleven defeated several of the strongest amateur teams in the country.

The work of Young, who scored two of the four goals registered by Navy, was greatly respected. He received opportunities a plenty all during the game, and it seemed that he was equal to every occasion. Captain Fradd's work appears more attractive with every game. He carried the ball out of danger time and again Saturday. The little leader, too, has mastered the art of kicking the ball from any position while it is either on the ground or in the air.

The next big collegiate soccer game at the Navy will be with the University of Pennsylvania, intercollegiate champions for the past five years.

PROFESSOR BLASINGAME RECEIVES APPOINTMENT TO IMPORTANT COUNCIL

Prof. R. U. Blasingame, head of the farm machinery department at Penn State, was recently appointed by Secretary of Agriculture J. R. Harbo as a committee which will prepare a national research program for agricultural engineers.

Representing Penn State at the farm machinery section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, held at Chicago on December 1st and 2nd, Prof. Blasingame brought before the national body questions confronting the local chapter. These same questions will be discussed by two other members of the department at the North Atlantic Section meeting at Schenectady, New York on December 11th and 12th.

D. C. Lantz, a member of the department of farm machinery who has been conducting a six months' research for the fire marshals at Harrisburg on the causes of farm building fires, has returned to Penn State and will resume his work with the department. This is the first study of its kind in the United States and a complete report of the findings will be published in January.



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PROGRESS MARKS WORK ON JUNIOR PUBLICATION

Replacement of Pictures Lost Through Photo Shop Blaze Almost Completed

Handicapped by the recent fire in the Photo Shop, which destroyed many negatives, the LaVie board, through redoubled efforts, has almost recovered from this set-back and has made rapid progress in other departments. All of the individual photographs which were destroyed have been retaken and all pictures of honorary fraternalities are requested to send a group picture to W. E. Frazer from which a cut can be made.

Every department is now running close to schedule and should meet the date set on which all material is to be handed in. The art department is working on the frontispiece at the present time and expect to complete most of the drawings in the near future. The college and class departments have also made great progress and will have their work completed in the next two weeks.

At a meeting of the editorial staff held recently in the Phi Delta Theta house, it was decided to hold a banquet for the board at the Centie Hills Country Club. Although no exact date has been set for this affair, it is planned to hold it some evening during the week preceding the holiday. Professors F. L. Pattee, M. M. Harris and W. F. Gibbons have been in-

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