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"Published semi-weekly during the College year by students of the Pennsylvania State College, in the best interests of the College, the students, faculty, alumni and friends."

Above, reader, you see in print a definition of this paper; defining its being, its policy, its function. Over the past week-end, the COLLEGIAN was criticized severely for its editorial policy and for the misapplication, all-inclusive notations which were contained in "The Bullosopher's Chair." Since aspersions were cast at the newspaper which is the reflector of student opinion, the printed organ which has as its very heart the best interests of Penn State, we feel that the policy and function of the COLLEGIAN should be brought to your attention in the most emphatic manner. This newspaper is published "in the best interests of the College, the students, faculty, alumni and friends." And first of all is the College.

AND HERE IS THE EXPLANATION!

Now that the damage has been done, let's get together and talk the whole matter over among ourselves. Note that that, let's do our talking sanely and openly. Let's look at both sides of the question, think over every point, discuss the matter and then refer the entire question to the final board of appeal—the board which is higher than "just us" and which has the authority to make definite decisions.

The leading editorial in this newspaper on Friday, October twenty-second, had an object in view which has been approached many and many a time, but which has never been brought out to see the light of day. To bring this object to light was a difficult task—just such a task as that of getting out of bed a man who has been busy; working extremely hard the night before. You can't get such a man out of bed simply by talking to him in an undertone, can you? But you can get him quite awake by grabbing both shoulders and shaking him a little. Isn't that true?

Let us, then, draw the connection between this anecdote and the situation which we tried to present in "Moleskins for Mudslingers?" on Friday. We think we garbled our material, and we'd like to straighten out the affair, and we hope to do this ironing out by showing the similarity between the story of the man in bed and the story of football at Penn State.

There should be a great deal of co-operation between the alumni and the students of Penn State. We feel that there is that great love between these two bodies; we know positively that the students respect alumni opinion and give such opinion a great deal of consideration. But when that opinion is not expressed, it is nice to say that the students are unable to consider it sanely or justly. In bringing together the two stories we have mentioned, and in connecting the editorial with the stories, we want this question to be decided by both alumni and student body "if there is something wrong with football at Penn State; if conditions exist on the gridiron which are not conducive to the welfare of this institution; if conditions exist which place the student body, the faculty, the alumni, the friends of the College, and the College itself on five entirely separated planes—if such things are and will continue to be, why not come right out in the open and decide them—for the good health of Penn State?"

"Moleskins for Mudslingers?" was thrown out with the intention of being nasty food to swallow. It was nasty; there is no doubt about that, is there? And it attracted a great deal of attention, didn't it? And now, since it has attracted attention, why not give its object a little thought? There are two sides to every question, and such a vital issue as this should be heard by both sides—and in the open. "Moleskins for Mudslingers?" was intended to be the man who would grab both shoulders of the sleeper and wake him up so that he might go on with his work. None of us likes to be awakened after a night of labor; none of us likes the man who does the shaking—for a few minutes—but then, we usually thank him for getting us up in time to go to work. Is that true?

Years ago, a Penn State Prexy used to call a general meeting of the student body and faculty for the purpose of placing before these men the vital problems of the week. The discussion was open and was as fair as fair could be. That's the whole thing in a nutshell—What is going on? Who is doing it? Is there any other group which should be consulted about it? And, if there is anything

to be decided upon, who is going to make that decision? The Penn State COLLEGIAN is not conducting a voting campaign. We feel that voting campaigns are useless unless there is someone to be elected to a public office—and then, sometimes, they are just as useless.

What the student body wants to know is this: "Just what, if anything, is wrong with Penn State football? Why does not Penn State have four or five or six football teams from which men can be thrown into a game at any crucial moment? Will Penn State continue to be victorious over small colleges and mowed down by larger institutions? Or will Penn State have more than one football team and be able to play and win from the big universities? Or will Penn State keep one football team and play none but the smaller teams?"

In the editorial which created so much comment, "jealousy" was mentioned among the alumni factions and among factions on the team. We think it is not "jealousy" among the alumni factions, but a bitter difference of opinion. Will the alumni please tell us just what their trouble for years has been? And in regard to the team—and we want everyone to understand that here we make a point, and make it very clearly—there is no "jealousy" among the members of the team which is, at present, upholding the Blue and White of this good old College.

But something had to be said—and said aloud—and we think we struck a chord which will vibrate until the concert is completed. The undertone was current in the alumni body—and sometimes it became an overtone—but it was never clear. The student body had inklings of what was going on, but inklings are the results of whispered conferences with people who know little about the things they speak of and surmise much.

The Athletic Survey Committee of the Alumni Association has material at hand regarding what might be a "situation," but as yet this committee has prepared no report. And since the Penn State football team is composed of students, we feel that the student body has been given by this committee the privilege of expressing an opinion upon something which is of great importance to the College.

And now that the "athletic situation" is brought within focus, let's clear it up, once and for all. Will the alumni who think there is something wrong with football, come to the students and tell us just what that "something" is and pass the same idea to this committee. Wouldn't that be fair?

Another suggestion. If, perchance, the so-called "athletic situation" is a mountain made of a mole hill, we invite authentic information upon that statement.

Everyone who loves Penn State—and principally the students and alumni—we urge to think much and say little until thought becomes conviction and conviction is expressed. And while we're all thinking, let's remember the PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE—the biggest single interest in our life right now.

The Bullosopher's Chair

SESSION I

"My dear Smithers, would you believe it! I understand a few of our friends who happened to listen in on our conversation last Friday took offense at what we had to say. And to cause bad feeling, you know, is not one of our intentions."

Smithers: "What's the trouble?"
Well, a most common error; on the spur of the moment, incensed by the thought of the existence of so much drinking on Alumni Day, some people think that when I spoke to you I chanced to make an unhappy selection of words. A few superlatives made the situation all-inclusive, when as a matter of fact a great many alumni have no part at all in the "hoodlum" side of the celebration. And these good friends were insulted, thinking our remarks were pointed their way.

Now Mr. Smithers, I shall try to make myself clear. We do have a very large percentage of our alumni who are true and tried friends of the college. They have Penn State at heart. In fact, I might say a large majority of our alumni are just men. I wish no sentiment expressed to depreciate the value of the character of these alumni.

But I do not retract the statement that there is a situation coincident with Alumni Day which needs cleaning up, and to which the welfare of the college demands attention. We cannot disregard the fact, repulsive as it is, that there are altogether too many alumni who return on this occasion and exhibit conduct wholly out of keeping with the Day, its significance, and the institution which it represents. Penn State is not alone in this regard. And whether or not it is of less significance at Penn State than at other schools is not the question. The fact remains; the problem exists; and it is our duty to face it.

The other part of our conversation, Mr. Smithers, also must be made less inclusive. It is, perhaps, a minority which howls over football to the negligence of the vital problems of the college. But the fact remains, they howl! The fact remains that the impression they have created (though in the minority) has not been the best. And no one can ignore the charge that there are many alumni, too many, whose enthusiasm for their Alma Mater fluctuates with their judgment on trivial, unimportant problems of the campus.

For those gentlemen, Mr. Smithers, who rightfully and justifiably took offense at my previous remarks, I qualify my remarks. The superlatives I used applied not to the number of participants but to the general aspect and consequence of the situation. I give full recognition to the merits of the majority of Penn State alumni.

But Mr. Smithers, what is going to be done? Are we going to forget about the sore which caused the trouble? Are these alumni who believe in Penn State and who respect her principles going to tolerate an irritable situation caused by a calloping minority?

We have attempted to rectify an unfavorable impression which we did not intend to make, Mr. Smithers. We have said that we have faith in the majority of Penn State alumni! BUT that majority has a responsibility for the sake of Penn State it cannot tolerate an abominable situation created by a few of their members on the occasion of their homecoming! For the sake of Penn State they cannot allow a clattering minority to be the apparent barometer.

A nasty situation has been barred. The facts have been presented. Mr. Smithers, if the commendable alumni are the majority, our Homecoming Day will be cleaned up. The problem is theirs to solve.

V. A. N.

How Nitty Grid Opponents Fared

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| Susquehanna 11 | Junata 0 |
| Lebanon Valley (Unscheduled) | |
| Marietta (Unscheduled) | |
| Notre Dame 6 | Northwestern 0 |
| Syracuse 10 | PENN STATE 0 |
| Geo Wash. U. Wm and Mary 14 | |
| Pennsylvania 35 | Williams 0 |
| Dickinson 0 | Gettysburg 0 |
| Pittsburgh 0 | Carnegie Tech 11 |

Grid Gossip

Speaking of the League of Nations, did you notice the co-operation between Poland, Italy, Sweden, France, England and Israel in the anti-Penn State movement last Saturday?

Syracuse hereby issues a challenge to the Penn State Cosmopolitan Club for a grid game to be played on the first of April. Rumors have it that the Orange graduate manager is willing to sacrifice a genuine Gentile half-back for a Porto Rican with diseased thyroids.

One additional blurb we have in stock to saddle our readers: "It was only an Orange eleven, but it wasn't so scuddy." (Peals of laughter.)

We were struck between halves when Neil Fleming's underslung peech defied the stately Nittany Lion. We were grieved and mortified that the leonine head of our mascot should descend to such low level as that of a common or garden variety of wafflinghound.

Barney and Spark Plug have a rival for the affections of Philadelphia's "Spankey" Eagle and "Barney" Gagle play out and halfback respectively on the Temple University eleven. "Spankey" is reputed to know his oats, and he sure throws a swift hoof.

Notre Dame created a ripple among feminine football circles when the Irish squad blossomed out in silk football pants last Saturday. The innovation is intended to lighten the uniform, facilitating easy movement.

Charley Rogers, University of Pennsylvania's star halfback, labelled by sport writers the "Camden Comet," has occupied the most prominent place in the grid firmament during the past month. Philadelphia al-

Student-managed Bird Show Ends Saturday

The only student-managed poultry show in the United States was held in the Stock-Judging Pavilion last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Students in the Penn State Poultry Club had entire charge of the show. About five hundred birds were shown, some of them worth from four to five hundred dollars.

Leghorns and Barred Rocks composed the largest classes. Birds from all parts of the state competed. They were judged by L. N. Black of the New Jersey experiment station and formerly Professor of Poultry Husbandry at Penn State.

Agriculturists Take Part in Farm Exhibit

The Penn State agricultural experiment station will co-operate with thirty-five other Pennsylvania agricultural organizations in giving the State Farm Products Show in Harrisburg, January seventeenth to twenty-first.

There will be exhibits of cattle, hogs, poultry, sheep, fruits, vegetables, grains and dairy products. Premiums to the value of seven thousand dollars will be awarded. Penn State will be one of the exhibitors.

Debaters Prepare For First Triangular Meet

(Continued from first page) accepted by Georgetown university. A debating tour through the New England states will take place within a few months. Arrangements are also being made for a shorter trip on which the team will meet Cornell and Syracuse.

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umni are prone to wink and remark "Flaming in October, ashes in November."

The Big Three seem to be taking turns trimming Jess Hawley's Big Green machine. Logicians are again exuding complacent smiles, for did you know the Brown Bear crush the El Bulldog under its paw? That is as it should be, according to psychologists and other inhumane beings.

These same psychologists would probably explain the actions of the crowd when it rose up en masse Saturday as due to "inhibitive irritation resulting from external stimuli." We missed all that, but did see an inebriate supported by two affectionate State cops.

The Syracuse Daily Orange recently published a feature article to the effect that the scholastic average of the football squad is above that of the student body as a whole. Whereupon the lounge decorators moaned "I wish I were an athlete . . ."

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ROOM FOR RENT—205 South Burrows Street 2t-p

GLASSES LOST—last week, a pair of tortoise shell glasses in black case, on campus or in central part of town. Urgently needed. Please call 317-M at noon, or early evening.

LOST—Dunn Fountain Penn with J. A. Gruvel Delta Sigma Phi engraved upon it. Finder please return or call 150 and ask for Gruvel.

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