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### THE WAY TO CULTURE

The naive literary product of thirty-five hundred students is, naively speaking, in the dumps. It won't sell. The only undergraduates to be seen with copies are the members of Pi Delta Upsilon and the contributors—and these buy their own copies. It should be apparent by now that if the OLD MAIN BELL is to continue its existence as Penn State's magazine, it must be recognized as the equal of that great undergraduate journal, the Sophomore Proclamation and placed with it in the incidental fees next year.

Tonight at the first meeting of the new members of Student Council, two important groups will be elected Student Board and Student Tribunal. Both organizations hold an important place in the proper administration of student government.

With the exception of the sophomore class president all the members of the Tribunal in the past have been athletes. For the sake of customs, for the sake of spirit, for the sake of the Tribunal itself, a better organization would result if half of the number would be non-athletes.

The Student Board consisting of three seniors, two juniors, and one sophomore has weighty problems to solve. It is the supreme court of the Council. A great amount of sagacity should be brought into play by the new members of Student Council in choosing men to fill responsible positions on the Student Board and Student Tribunal.

### THE MAGIC CARESS

From the various free speech organizations on the campus come sinister giggles—patronizing, placating, and threatening. The COLLEGIAN, it appears, has stepped upon a few corns, and the worst of the matter is that there are no apparent signs that the stepping will stop—or that the corns will heal. For the editors, with the assumption, the pardonable assumption, that before the cure can be effected the remedy must be known, have pledged themselves to assist Penn State by not only telling the truth but by asking for it.

That demand is not a strange one. At Columbia, for instance, the undergraduate journal very frankly and impartially conducted an investigation of certain dubious courses. At Dartmouth John Roach Straton once addressed the students there, and the next day, in the Hanover newspaper, there was the devil to pay. At West Virginia it was discovered that unbelievably large numbers of "pie" courses, of no apparent use, were being echoed semester after semester for the benefit of West Virginia students.

It seems strange that at Penn State the truth—and the truth is not as disastrous as it seems—should be made not only an issue, but an ultimatum.

### THE HOPKINS REFORM (Yale Alumni Weekly)

The football reforms that the president of Dartmouth has recently proposed to an interested and attentive public have in them the outstanding merit that they put the college before the stadium, and the real purpose of American higher education before the demand for public college sports.

As such they deserve more than passing notice

and need to be given thought. Whether in their entirety they meet the whole situation we are not so ready to say. But public acceptance of President Hopkins' proposals as they stand is of less moment than willingness to believe that what he wants to do in proposing them is to have the college sport rescued from the angle of what is best for the college itself as an educational institution, and this we believe, is well worth doing.

From this point of view, the proposals for the removal of the professional coach system, which has come to make a very considerable business of the preparation of the college teams for contests with each other, for double-header football, one at home and abroad with the same opponent, and for the limitation of playing to the two middle classes of a college, are the proposals which, if carried out, would in the long run knock out all the "professionalism" that is in our college games and of the older eastern colleges. There are few that for some time have not been occupied with various plans looking toward some such end.

In company with the president of Dartmouth, what we think a number of such institutions would like to see come about is the shifting of the interest and hence the emphasis in our college sports, from the public to the campus. This is the spirit of the English college sports, and its great merit is that it makes of athletic competition a legitimate part of the college educational system, as important to the participant and as valuable as the classroom. This was the spirit of the older days of American college sports, before the newspaper sporting editors took charge of them.

We look to see the day return, and for that reason are hospitable to any proposals that will hasten it. Such a day would see, say at Yale, a general participation in interclass and intercollege sports within the university going on through the year and of no interest to anybody except the participants. It would see the games generated by the players themselves and their elected captains. It would see at the end of such an "intramural" season a quickly assembled "university" team play two or three other colleges, where similar conditions existed to what we have just pictured at Yale. We do not think that is impractical, we confidently expect some such condition to come one of these days.

Proposals such as President Hopkins makes, regardless of their details, are in line with such a situation and when enough more suggestions of the sort are made by equally responsible public leaders, something will be done about it.

## The Bullosopher's Chair

"Smithers how would you like to be kicked out of school?"

Smithers—Without the slightest hesitation I can truthfully admit that the idea does not fill me with any surplus enthusiasm. Were an expulsion imminent for one reason or another, I would not let any grass grow toward remedying the situation, but I doubt if any sane collegian would relish the idea that is embodied in your query.

"I didn't expect you to enthuse at the opportunity of leaving peaceful surroundings for a minute place in the 'cold cold world' but an article in THE NEW STUDENT entitled, 'Bane of the Deans' was the source of the thought. It means that such notables as Shelley, John Locke, William Penn, Edward Gibbon and Walter Savage Landor were once hopeful of receiving a sheepskin from Oxford until the authorities of the reputable institution saw fit to serve each of the quintet with individual 'walking papers.' This did not happen simultaneously but within a space of three centuries. In our American institutions there are four men who later achieved notoriety after being ejected from a university, they are: Stephen Crane, Eugene O'Neil, Sinclair Lewis, and Theodore Dreiser. Smithers—Then your conclusion is get tossed out of College if you hope to be a success in the world outside."

"Far from it. You jump at conclusions without giving the problem sufficient thought, Smithers. Did it ever occur to you that each of these men was radical not only in college but during the remainder of his life? That if they left college it was because they realized that they were not adapted to collegiate discipline; they solved the problem by separating themselves from what was to them nothing more or less than a scholastic jail."

Smithers—How many men, in your estimation, were ejected from college who never achieved any great degree of fame?"

"How high can you count?"

## Q. Hot Weather? A. The Corner

### Letter Box

May 18, 1927.

The Executive Board, The Penn State Collegian, State College, Penna. Gentlemen:

Your editorials in the issues of the Penn State Collegian under the dates of May tenth 1927 (Tuesday) and May thirteenth 1927 (Friday), entitled "The Demon Rum" and "Drink a Highball" were read with some surprise.

If the Collegian is under a policy in consonance with what the "yellow press" call their "Wet" campaign, please remove my name from its circulation list.

Probably you will be interested in following the survey of the industrial and economic effects of Prohibition made by Professor Herman Feldman of the Amos Tuck School of Administration and Finance, Dartmouth college. I do not know the conclusions of this extensive survey will show, as it is just being released.

Sincerely yours,  
B C Duncan '25 (ex-'22)

Editor's Note—We are indebted to Mr. Duncan for his information concerning the research pamphlet of the industrial and economic effects of Prohibition. We have written to Dartmouth college for the full report.

### Question Box

To the editor: I, a student, am laboring with a very serious problem. My brain is in a whirl. Sometimes I think I am right and at other times I suppose I am wrong. I would certainly appreciate an answer to calm my distressed mind.

Briefly, the question is this: Is the pushball scrap, as it was conducted this year a true display of the spirit of college youth or is it a manifestation of barbarism and cruelty?"

It is repelling to the mind to think that we students, the picked four percent of the nation, the nucleus of our future democracy should act in a manner befitting only to a group of uneducated, uncouth, ignorant men who confuse school spirit with rowdiness.

What a disgrace that the college student can not engage in a game of sport or competition without applying the crude, unsportsmanlike method of the unlettered. Could not the student be satisfied with pushing the ball? Why should they willfully strike one another, kick one another, and roll each other in the mud? Why should a scene occur such as one man sitting atop another actually punching his student brother? Even after two would become intertwined in struggle they would continue so until patted by outsiders.

Why the scrap was not conducted covertly or at least as a boys' civilized beings is more than I can say. Probably it was the fault of the managers, maybe it was the fault of the contestants, or perhaps the spirit of the whole function was wrong. Suffice it to say that something was faulty; or perchance it is only my distorted idea.

### New Armory Roof May Remain Minus Numeral Paintings

Whether class numerals will continue to appear on the new state roof of the Armory is entirely up to the Student Council, according to R. J. Webber, superintendent of the College grounds and buildings. The custom of placing class numerals on the roof of the Armory began in 1906 and was usually attended by some form of ceremony. However, in recent years, the painting of class numerals has been put in the hands of an unofficial committee appointed by the president of the yearling group.

Prior to the inauguration of this custom, the numerals appeared on the turret of Old Main tower. Although the present custom typifies the spirit of our smaller colleges, President Hetzel, among others in authority, believes it is now antiquated. Superintendent Webber also stated that the use of the Armory roof as a place for class numerals was, in no small way, responsible for the leakage of the roof during inclement weather.

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### GIRL DEBATERS DEFEAT SYRACUSE ORATORS HERE

Nittany Trio Upholds Negative Side of Topic on State Reorganization

Penn State's girl debaters defeated the co-ed forensics from Syracuse Friday night in the Auditorium on the question of reorganizing state government.

The Nittany team, upholding the negative side of the argument, was composed of Mabel Dunlap '28, Floribel Star '27, and Reta Bostwick '29, while the Orange trio of Beatrice Feingold '28, Bernice Meredith '29, and Ruth Freeman '29, upheld the affirmative.

Burden of proof rested on the affirmative in explaining the purpose of the new system and in contending that the cabinet form of government would be more satisfactory than the present method. In opposition, the Nittany co-eds showed the new system impracticable and gave instances of its failure in other countries. They demonstrated the fact that the people, as a whole, would be left out of legislation by the proposed plan.

In conclusion, they showed how instability and impulsiveness would become greater and how the laws would tend toward despotic and over-ruling measures.

Prof. L. V. T. Simmons, head of the German department, presided at the debate. The question for discussion was in full, "Resolved, That the governments of the several states should be reorganized in accordance with the following provisions: 1. A single chamber legislature elected by popular vote, 2. A governor and council chosen from and by the legislature; 3. Governor and council has the right to be heard by legislature; 4. Governor may be removed by the legislature; 5. Governor has power to dissolve the legislature and call a new election at any time; and 6. Not more than four years may intervene between elections."

### Announce Program for Commencement Week

(Continued from first page) after which dances will be conducted at many fraternity houses.

Saturday's program begins at two o'clock in the afternoon with the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in the president's office. The alumni will elect three trustees, and delegates from the county societies will choose four.

Lacrosse Game  
The only athletic feature of the day will be a lacrosse game between the Penn State varsity and the Onondaga Indians at two-thirty o'clock.

Class banquets and reunions are scheduled for six-thirty o'clock while two hours later Penn State Thespians will stage "Girl Wanted" in the Auditorium Informal fraternity dances will conclude the evening.

Baccalaureate Sermon  
Reverend Donald B. Aldrich, D. D. of New York City, has been secured to deliver the baccalaureate address to the seniors in the Auditorium Sunday morning at ten o'clock. The speaker is the pastor of the Church of Ascension in New York city.

Following a concert by the Penn State military band on the front campus, a vesper service address will be given Sunday evening by Reverend Razer Metzger, D. D., chaplain at Rutgers college, New Brunswick, N. J. Metzger was formerly chaplain at Penn State. At eight o'clock, the Penn State school clubs will give the following number:  
Monday is Alumni Homecoming Day while Tuesday will be devoted to commencement exercises and the inauguration of the president. At nine-forty-five o'clock the commencement procession will form in front of McAllister Hall and will advance to the front campus led by the band.

Confir Degrees  
Following Doctor Hetzel's inauguration, the president will deliver his inaugural address after which degrees will be conferred. The Auditorium will be used in case of inclement weather.  
The Senate luncheon to the trustees and the speaker of the day will be held at twelve-thirty o'clock at the Centre Hills Country club.

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR SCHLOW'S QUALITY SHOP

### REVIEW CHEMISTRY INSTITUTE PROGRAM

All Interested in Sciences May Enroll—Plan to Hold Daily Conferences

### AMERICAN AND FOREIGN AUTHORITIES TO LECTURE

Courses in physical chemistry, colloids and catalysis, daily conferences and evening lectures by outstanding chemists will be included in the program of the Institute of Chemistry here this summer.

Teachers of science may enroll for these courses and at the same time benefit by the special lectures given in connection with them. Graduate students may sign up for the courses and obtain credit for advanced degrees. Professional chemists will be offered the opportunity of conferring with leaders in widely different lines of work.

Daily Schedule  
Classes will be held in the morning until eleven o'clock at which time daily conferences will be held. The courses will be very intensive, progressing from "Matter and Energy" up through atomic structure. In the afternoons the laboratories will be used for tests. There will be lectures in the evening by some of the more prominent members of the faculty during which there will be popular presentation of chemical subjects. It is the plan of the committee in charge to have a number of moving pictures showing different methods used in the up-to-date factories.

Among the prominent lecturers are E. K. Rideal, Cambridge university, England; J. C. Drummond, Vice-dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University College, London; Hans Tropsch, Coal Research Institute, Muhlheim-Ruhr, Germany; Jean Piccard, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, James Kendall of the Fellows Royal Society, Dean of the Graduate School, N. Y. U., H. S. Taylor, Princeton university; E. N. Holmes, Oberlin college; Emma P. Carr, Mt. Holyoke, and L. H. Germer, Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Academic Credit  
One of the advantages of the Institute is that students by enrolling in the six-weeks' course can receive academic credit for their work and in the meantime will be able to come in contact with some of the great chemists of the world.

The men students will live in fraternity houses during the session and to accommodate them eight houses on Locust Lane have been secured. The Institute will be made of two groups, those who will take the full course and those who will be present only while the subjects in which they are interested are being discussed.

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Prof. Hechler and Hornaday Will Also Give Talks at Annual Conclave

Dean R. L. Sackett and Professor F. G. Hechler and J. R. Hornaday of the School of Engineering will participate in the program of the spring meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, May twenty-fourth to twenty-seventh. Dean Sackett will discuss a paper dealing with the General Motors Institute of Technology, and expects to describe the experiments carried on at State College concerning fuel oil spray nozzles for Diesel engines.

Professor Hechler will read a paper prepared by Professor A. J. Nicholas of the mechanical engineering department on various kinds of standard flow meters and will present a discussion by Professor P. H. Schweitzer of the Engineering Experiment Station. Professor Hornaday is scheduled to deliver a paper in which he makes a comparison of the design of various small refrigerating units for using most of the known refrigerants.

### "Old Main Bell" Now On Sale at Town Shops

(Continued from first page) led, "Lipstick and Osculatory Technique." The new cover design consists of a large cut of Old Main with a portion of the campus in the foreground. An ornamental border surrounds this drawing.

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