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"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS"

There seems to be existing of late so delicate a feeling against saying anything one thinks (especially in the editorial columns) that disinterested observers have been hinting sardonically at un-Americanism, toudism, and heaven knows what. Even in the local school of military science and tactics cadet officers, usually insistent upon decorum, want to know how we get that way. There should, they say, be a law against that sort of thing. And only recently a certain officer of a State College church arrested his hearers by vehemently denouncing the restriction at Penn State prohibiting golf and tennis on Sunday.

And so we have decided to say it with flowers, letting the weeds fall where they may. To begin with the cheering situation as exhibited during the first two football games positively provoked us. At the Gettysburg game not only did the cheerleaders neglect to direct students to stand when President Hezel arrived, but they hopelessly bungled so completely a simple matter as cheering in turn. When the East stands tried to give the "New Yell" the West stands were still puffing away at what may have been the "College Yell"—though the stupid change to "Whiskin, Biskin" made it hard to be sure.

Altogether it was a most delicious afternoon free from the spirit of manliness surged strongly as clear in the breasts of the balloon trousered young men capering in front of the freshmen. At least they tried to prove it did. Of course it was in rather bad taste to shout "Fight Like Hell!" when hundreds of mothers and fathers were in the stands, and when some of the fathers and mothers wondered why the freshmen did not enlarge upon the suggestion and enter into baffling colloquialisms (to be gentle, about it), to begrudge them this charm was without doubt poor hospitality. But certainly the woman who inquired why the boys did not sing a college song instead of shouting about fire and brimstone, must have been guilty on her part of a savage breach of etiquette.

About the curious hieroglyphics which the cheerleaders achieved at half-time with the freshmen we will say little. Suffice it to remark that a gentleman behind us grew very vehement about it. "What does that spell?" he roared, "fathers or fatheads?"

SHANGHAIED!

Very little has been said as yet about the strong arm methods of the local landlords and ladies, respectively. Tired of having the various fraternities rob them of their legitimate prey the Benevolent Order of Rooming Proprietors decided on a gesture of their own account. It pointed in the direction of the savings bank. Naturally a shrewd and thrifty flock, the Benevolent Order talked things over and bit upon the conclusion that if it could get the freshmen to sign contracts making them swear off fraternities for a year, then the Benevolent Order would be in for a year of Bigger and Better Things. Besides, as they say, fraternities are so rough, you know.

Obviously this sort of thing is poppycock. But when the rooming house owners lay claim to permission from the Dean to threaten as they do, then the poppycock bursts into a full grown rooster with spurs and a raucous crow. If the authorities, involved in this place of legislation are seeking for a new system of rushing, requiring a year's residence in rooming houses by way of a coup d'etat, then the people to discuss that with are the members of the Inter-Fraternity Council and not the owners of the rooming houses. The next thing we shall hear about will probably be that the Benevolent Order is selling recognition pins.

THE WAY OF ALL CUSTOMS

Civilization seems to have found its way into Penn State customs at last. That is, if you believe a certain group. Adherents of the "down with customs" school will point out to you that with each succeeding year one custom or another is being dropped into the scrap heap. Sadly enough this is true. We know. Year after year there are loud lamentations from the Collegian editors, and the editorial policy squeals not knowing which way to turn. Per-

sonally we believe that Penn State customs are a notable thing, a flame, if you will, that lights the way of traditions with those who would have that flame extinguished—even as the flicker of a cigarette vanishes, with the ashes, in a little gray heap upon the floor.

But that is what we think, next year, perhaps, others will feel differently. And argue as we may, bleat as we may bleat, this fact remains clear. First Poster Night, then the tug of war and other scraps (termed by some, buffooneries); and now Stunt Night is on its last legs, if it has legs. Move-up Day has meant something more than the removal of hats—it has resulted in many an underclassman going hatless, in many a freshman discarding black socks for pink ones and lonely hours for date-stuffed ones. Ah well. In a short time Penn State freshmen will be passing each other with haughty stares—and upperclassmen with requests for matches.

The Bullosopher's Chair

"I say, Smithers, what is that orange magazine I saw you carrying clasped close to your breast?"

Smithers:—Oh, that was a copy of 'Harpers' The freshman must buy a copy every month as part of their work in English; and I was merely bringing it home for a freshman who had asked me to.

"But why must they read Harpers? Have they nothing to say about what they can read? Why not the 'American Mercury'?"

Smithers:—Hush! Mencken edits that!

"Mencken! the blaggart! And yet, Smithers, he says things as he believes he sees them, truthfully. In consequence many of his metaphors, while winning their point, are at the same time considered horrid by most people. And so being construed by his foes as a sinister egotist, and being therefore dismissed as an ass, if L. Mencken has become notorious. Yet, as Morley says of Lewis 'by some unknovable miracle of birth or training he has come by a love for beauty, a reverence for what is fine and true, an absolute indifference to what is slipshod and insincere.' To a thing as requisite in criticism as merciless intolerance and a merciless prejudice. For criticism there exists one rule—discrimination. Few can exercise their quality without justification or pedantry. Not being in a position to maintain an excellent intolerance even in cu. reading, most of us approach literature with impressive notebooks, ill matched by vacuous minds; we pretend a plenary of knowledge all we possess is an emptiness. The result of course is a specious criticism. Gaudily we assume an attitude of omniscience, taking it for granted that we alone of all the hundred are aware of the secret and from omniscience to stupidity is but a step."

Smithers:—Aren't you a bit severe, Bullosopher?

"Severe! Let me rush Havelock Ellis to my defense. There seems to be no more pronounced mark of the decadence of a people and its literature than a servile and sly subservency to rule (N. B. English teachers). It might make only for ossification, for ankylosis, for petrification all the mile-stones on the road to death." And except for a few men, Smithers, most writers are so woefully awfully as to their teachers. I'm not sure you understand me, but I reply with Burke, or somebody "I am not obliged to find you a comprehension." Criticisms consist more largely of speculation than dissection; if criticism fails to comprehend it is faulty, but if it fails to appreciate it is feeble."

Smithers:—Surely you are exaggerating! Our writers are extremely moral, why then such exanides?

"Morality under God is acceptable enough, but with the Harold Bell Wrights at the head of the parade how horrible is over-ance. A straw hat in October amounts to heresy, and a felt one thereby becomes a chain. Somewhat righteousness has always been confused with prohibition and prohibition with art. That the moralist should be the critic of the arts proved not only satisfactory for the Greeks of the fifth century, but noble with them duty and inclination were in natural accord. Moral order meant beauty, beauty moral order. Looking at virtue they were struck with hits beauty, looking at beauty with it virtue. With us if we look at beauty it is with suspicion, if at virtue with a glare."

Smithers:—May, you are a pessimist!
"When the gods to ruin a man first make him blind, they do it, almost invariably, by making him an optimist."

Side Lines

Saturday was not a good day for football. At least that would be the opinion of Geneva which was held to a scoreless tie by Bucknell, Penn State's next opponent. Blue Ridge, who was barely nosed out 110-0 in an abbreviated game with Temple, also seems to be of the same opinion.

There seems to be reason for the overwhelming defeat when one hears that Temple had fourteen players in the game at once. Three of them played for the Blue Ridge boys when the team ran out of subs.

If Blue Ridge should play Gettysburg and require three reserves from them, the Battlefield mentor could simplify matters by sending in Slaughter.

Bzdek adopted maroon jerseys so that spectators could follow the plays. Hundreds of minds must have gone blank Saturday afternoon when the Lions reported for the second half minus their accustomed garb.

The absence of jerseys didn't perplex Rufus, the cub reporter from Pleasant Gap. "They're easy to tell apart," he said. "Those without the maroon jerseys are Penn State players and those without the Orange and Blue jerseys are Gettysburgians."

Conover, sorest top Berdekhan apostle, is rearing a strong first string line with a hefty foot clad in an eight-point five shoe. Larry, who was captain of the life guards at Atlantic City this summer, still believes that by rendering a man unconscious, you can save him—for the next day's scrimmage.

Thirty-Three Aspirants Report to Schweitzer For Fencing Workouts

Thirteen men from last year and about twenty freshmen reported at the first fencing practice of the season last week in the Armory.

Czech Schweitzer has agreed to take charge of the fencing squad for this year and will give regular instruction to the members of the team while Captain Bouldie will take care of the freshmen candidates. Director Berdek appealed to the Athletic Association for an appropriation of five hundred dollars for equipment and meets this year, but was refused. However, the men decided to purchase their own equipment and go ahead with their program. Efforts are being made to secure a meet with one of the nearest colleges and the men will pay their own expenses.

Distant Radio Fans Voice Appreciation Of WPSC Programs

Expressing appreciation of the excellent entertainment broadcast through station WPSC during the test program of Brunswick records last Sunday afternoon and evening, a flood of favorable comment has reached D. M. Crosswell of the publicity office.

The new College transmitter operating on a wave-length of three hundred meters with a power of five hundred watts was heard throughout the northeastern southern and central parts of the United States. Cards indicating very clear reception were received from radio listeners in West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, the New England States, Canada, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa. With the enlargement of the transmitting scope there will no doubt be created a greater medium of advertisement for Penn State throughout the country.

Broadcast Sports Chief operator G. L. Crossley and his assistant P. M. Gager '28, have been working all summer on installation of powerful sending and receiving apparatus. About the middle of October, definite time, probably on Monday and Wednesday nights, will be established for regular programs of entertainment. All mass meetings, athletic events, chapel exercises and dramatic presentations will be transmitted in every detail through the ether. The Rotarian-student mass meeting, Friday night in the Auditorium, will be the first of its kind to be broadcast by the new station.

VAN DUSEN TO CONDUCT FINAL STUDENT FORUM

Agreeing to conduct a two-day conference period for students, Henry Van Dusen will be the chapel speaker for December fourth. As before, this conference will be held in the Y cabin with a final student forum Sunday evening, at 6:30 o'clock. Many of those who will address Sunday chapel this year have arranged to lead these student forums on Sunday evening, according to C. B. Lano '29, chairman of the committee.

M. E. DEPARTMENT ADDS R. D. FELLOWS TO STAFF

R. D. Fellows '23, has been added to the faculty of the department of mechanical engineering, it was announced yesterday. Mr. Fellows pursued post graduate work and taught at Penn State for three years. During the past year he has been with the Savage Arms Company at Utica, New York, specializing in the development of small refrigeration units built on designs which differ radically from the conventional types.

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ELECTRIC TOASTED PEANUTS
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A. I. E. E. Holds Meeting In Dynamo Laboratory

With many of the faculty members of the department of electrical engineering present and with Dean R. L. Sackett speaking, the Penn State branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers met in the Dynamo laboratory Wednesday evening. Many of the freshmen of the school were present since the main purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the yearlings with the leading members of the department. After discussions by several men, a smoker was held to "promote fellowship among the electrical engineering students."

Physics Building Adds New Machine Equipment

In connection with the work being done by the chemistry, physics, and industrial research departments, a large up-to-date machine shop is nearing completion in the basement of the Physics building. According to Prof. W. P. Davey, research work of graduate students made it necessary to transform numerous partitions and cubby-holes into one big shop housing new equipment. Included among the new machines are a shaper, a milling machine, and a lathe, the largest on the campus.

FRESHMAN TENNIS COACH CALLS FOR CANDIDATES

Aspirants to the freshman varsity tennis team will be given opportunity to show their wares before H. W. Stover, assistant varsity tennis coach, each afternoon on a court reserved for the purpose on New Beaver. Until such time as the men receive excuse cards they must report for their regular period, according to the department of physical education.

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Doctor Eddy Stresses Christian Attributes

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By means of a personal illustration he showed how a tiny spark of religious fire might be fanned into a bright flame inspiring one to overcome obstacles and to make a success of his undertaking. In his closing sentence he expressed his hope that the youth of today might not start out on their life career with the sole idea of amassing wealth but that they might think also of giving something for the good of the world.

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TUESDAY—Nittany—
Renaud Colman and Vilma Banky in
"THE MAGIC FLAME"
WEDNESDAY—
Adolphe Menjou in
"SERVICE FOR LADIES"
THURSDAY and FRIDAY—
Beha Daniels, Gertrude Ederle in
"SWIM, GIRL, SWIM"
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