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SHRINK THE VIOLET!

Brimming with confidence and prophesying victory New York University's giant eleven comes to Penn State tomorrow a mighty team—a team that has defeated nearly all of its opponents by overwhelming scores, a team well coached, well equipped with reserve strength, well fortified with four of the greatest backfield men in the East.

N. Y. U. is an unbeaten team, but not an unbeatable one. As we recall, our own backfield men are not so bad, nor are our linemen slow, and as Bey evasively remarked before the Pennsylvania, Syracuse and Lafayette games "the other team will know they have been in a fight." Statisticians interested in this sort of thing report that the "wise men" are laying three to two odds that N. Y. U. will win by at least a touchdown, and economists who heretofore have been investigating why the peanut is a shell of its former self, are perking up their ears and are trying furiously to locate the source of the reports.

We should like to defeat N. Y. U. And they would enjoy beating us. There is nothing else, at firms Mr. Meehan, that he would like better. However, our own team's opinion may interfere with their modest proposal. "We'll win," says Captain Roenke.

TO HOUSE PARTY QUEENS

Careful observers have sensed in the past few days an undercurrent of resentment against the debate in the Auditorium tonight, after the Thespian show. The real show, they intimate, will start after the Thespians leave the stage. Now this is deplorable. All undercurrents are deplorable. All generalizations are deplorable. All—but to continue. The Auditorium, squeak the displeased, should be reserved for sacred things, like chapel exercises and vaudeville shows. To use it for a debate on so solemn an occasion as House Party is to profane the atmosphere which many a football mass meeting has made holy. Of course (so runs the generous compromise) if there were another Auditorium the debaters could harangue there without hurting anybody's feelings, but since at present we are watchfully waiting for better Auditoriums (to be built) the house party hosts graciously suggest that the debaters talk things over in some quiet place where they won't get in anyone's way—say at the Stock Pavilion, or over at the new Warehouse, both nice new buildings.

It would seem from this sentiment that debating is one of the few unpopular indoor sports, and indeed, history bears this out. The number of students who have attended last year's forensic performances has been, on an average, well under a hundred; and it would appear that only doom awaits the efforts of the few scholars endeavoring to adulterate "Take your girls to the movies" so that it sounds like "Take your girls to the debate." It is better, perhaps, to leave the rest unsung. So the debaters persist week after week in attempts to remove the wobble from their Socratic legs and though their competition for popular interest with the Student Tribunal is a hopeless one, it is in its very futility a brave one. It is an indication that the never-say-die spirit (for which Penn State is famous) hovers near water pitchers as ardently as in the neighborhood of pigskins.

But what about tonight's debate? Will it be a good one, will it "draw"? Advocates of oratory point out that even house party hosts have been known to speak admiringly of the persistence and courage of Penn State debaters; and this, they say, is a good sign. Some day the hosts may hear a debate, just for curiosity—and with the opponents coming from Great Britain and with topic they are bringing ("Is Co-education a Success") tonight may be the night.

Personally, we feel that this is very probable. For one thing, take the subject of the debate. As announced, the English team will argue that co-education is a failure and the Penn State team will believe for an evening that it is not. Anything with co-education in it is making a strong bid to fill the house. Obviously the hasty will jump to the conclusion that the debate is about co-eds and that something about co-eds is bound to be—cr—snappy and thus confusing the definition of terms and mistaking the question at issue for an examination of the virtues and faults of the co-eds, they will rush to the Auditorium fired with patriotism, and, rolling up their sleeves, will say "If this is an issue, we are here to back it up."

Then, many will not overlook the international aspect of the affair. The visitors are Englishmen and more likely than not will wear monocles (in the average house party queen's mind). A monocle will go a long way in cementing relations, as it is known in diplomatic circles. Last week the British team met Columbia University, and though admission was charged there were no reports of spats, canes, or monocles. We consider this one of the most glaring oversights in journalism's history. But even this pales beside the lurid blunder of the publicity men. Suppose it had been advertised that the Prince of Wales (incognito) was the first alternate of the British team!

The Bullosopher's Chair

"Smuthers what do you think of the religious situation at Penn State?"
Smuthers—Is there a situation? By George, that's a good idea Bullosopher. How did you make it up? If that isn't a religious situation we will make one.

"Thank's. But your enthusiasm is misdirected. I'll bet you haven't even seen these questionnaires (1) Do you think that we have sufficient religious opportunities at Penn State at the present time? (2) If not, what is your suggestion? (3) Would you favor a convention of the entire student body each week, with optional attendance at which time out-of-town speakers as well as prominent faculty members would address the student gathering? (4) Do you want a mid-week religious service which would be non-compulsory?"
Smuthers—Go on, ask me another.

"Smuthers, how many times have I directed you to be less flippant. You're only mocking yourself ten years from now."
Smuthers—Well you sort of took me off my guard. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to be disrespectful.

"No" disputable. But what gets under my skin is that everyone else has taken your attitude. Of the three thousand questionnaires circulated only a hundred have been filled out. If there were even that small number who actually thought it might not be so discouraging—but you should read some of the comments that were penciled! Here's one of the suggestions, submitted in the name of religion: "Have a meeting of one hour each week, during which out of town speakers would talk. These speakers not to be permitted to discuss atheism or evolution but the Bible in its simplicity. The speakers to be prominent men of any state or nation. Poor speakers are no incentive to non-compulsory attendance. Have a faculty member open the meeting so we would get to know our instructors. This would tend to cement student body and faculty together, which is one of the distinct advantages of smaller colleges."
Smuthers—What sincere faith! But what's the idea of telling me this?

"Why to get you to answer some of those questions. You know there is no advertisement like an editorial."
Smuthers—Well tell me some more. Excite me. Make me indignant.

"I really shouldn't tell you this, but—it's really too good. Why one student actually suggests that we could have a few of our hard working (underlined) students' parties come and tell us what is right and not tell our Dept. of Men so much. This with the added comment makes an interesting suggestion. Get this. "Maybe they could forfeit a nickel to do some good. Now is the time to sow their seed and their reaping will come later." And that's not the most exciting by any means. Some ardent gentleman of a serious turn of mind believes that Penn State would be provided with more religious opportunities if they got a Y. M. C. A. secretary who believes in the Bible and if the "agnostics and trouble-makers" were removed from the Collegian."
Smuthers—Why I wrote that!

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MEMBERS OF PHI LAMDA Upsilon HEAR GEIST AND DEAN WENDT AT SMOKER

Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical society, held its first smoker of the year Friday evening at the Alpha Chi Sigma House with a large attendance from the School of Chemistry and Physics, and the department of agricultural chemistry. Professor H. H. Geist of the department of chemistry who was on leave of absence last year while studying in Germany told of his visit there and compared the educational systems of that country and of the United States. Dean Wendt discussed the lack of leadership qualities in the present day graduates resulting from research backwardness and making it impossible for them to become outstanding in their respective fields.

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Football Team Meets N.Y.U. Here Tomorrow

(Continued from first page) — beef wall of the Blue and White ensemble. Coach Berdek, cognizant of the Violent Violet's sweeping offense and sterling defense, has especially instructed his charges in the art of versatile counterplay. Variation will be the keynote of Penn State's grid maneuvers. An overhead attack, different and more baffling than that employed so successfully against Penn. Syracuse and Lafayette, is on the reserve list in case the Violet wall proves too stubborn for the line trusts of the Nittany backs. Backfield magic, a la Berdek, may also prove the source of many lucrative gains for the Lions. If the Berdekians hope to annex tomorrow's fray, they must stop Connors and Brante, stellar backfield performers of Coach Meehan, who have been unchecked by any opposition to date. Connors is among the first fifteen leading scores while Brante is lagging a few rungs below. Brante is one of the most sensational ball carriers in the East, having averaged more than eight yards on every attempted play. His total yardage gained is 99 less than the sum annexed by the immutable Harold (Red) Grange of Illinois. He has never lost a single yard, statistics

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FRIDAY—Nittany—
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Our Gang Comedy

SATURDAY—
First Penna Showing of Bebe Daniels in "SHE'S A SHEIK"
Madge Bellamy in "VERY CONFIDENTIAL"

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