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POST MORTEM

The football season is over, and experts all over the country are counting the campaign of 1927 the most successful that the grid game has known. Others, less expert, are not as warmly interested in the number of goal posts torn down (or up) after the games, as in the reasons why dear old Polka U bent the knee to Hohnkus. Already from Lehigh and Cornell and Centre and Ohio State and Rice and Harvard and Brown come protests and feverish inquiries, while the representative college newspapers shed tears, swing axes, and curse audibly. The only reason that the Penn State Collegian has not joined the chorus in the morgue is that it has not yet had the opportunity to do so.

But we are not quite ready to call in the coroner. Somehow we remember a certain day at Franklin Field, another at Archbold Stadium and still others at New Beaver Field, and the recollection of certain scores, 20-0, 9-6, 40-6, 13-13, will not easily fade. We are not quite ready to call in the coroner, nor to shed tears, to swing axes, and to curse audibly. Instead we have a feeling to yell as no sane man would yell, to toss up our hats (if any), and to congratulate the team, the captain and the coach.

But how, you ask, did Pittsburgh beat us, 30-0? True, several of our best men were hurt, yet we believe that were those injured men capable of doing their best, Pitt would have defeated any team in the country that day at Pitt Stadium. We believe that the University of Pittsburgh has won the championship of the country, regardless of its success in the coming game with Stanford. But just the same we are determined to see that the latest Blue and Gold slaughter shall never happen again.

Invariably after defeats by the Panther, Penn State men burst forth in blearny condemnation. We do not recall a single instance of a calm and thorough investigation instead are a half-dozen disgraceful actions by a few disgruntled alumni, certain of whom are drawing pay checks from the College, and those students, who strangely enough, have never seen a Pitt game. The cold fact is overlooked—just so long as Penn State teams trek out to Pittsburgh after four or five hard games away from home and two or three at New Beaver Field, just so long will the Lion return to State College, whipped. If Penn State could assemble all its former stars on a single team and play—as it does next year—Lafayette, Pennsylvania, Notre Dame on foreign fields, and George Washington, Bucknell, and Syracuse on its home gridiron, that Penn State team of stars, however great, would fall just as the present team has fallen, before a Pitt team that plays only one game away from home and includes in its schedule only three big games a year.

When Penn State plays Pitt, it encounters a team not only as strong as itself, but a team that is inspired, a team that has been pointing for this climax all season, a team that has been brought along step by step for just such a game, a team that plays always on its own field, a team that holds a vast psychological advantage. It is not a question of football. It is a problem of mental and physical attitudes. Contrast Penn State's position. When it goes down to Franklin Field, it is greeted by a warm, favorable sentiment; when it steps into Pitt Stadium it is met with jeers and howls. From the first minute to the last, three or four thousand schoolchildren, seated behind the goal posts, razz every effort of the Lions. This hostile atmosphere is not without its effect.

Again, the Penn State team reaches the climax of its season in the middle of October—on Alumni Day. After that, there is an inevitable letdown. The eleven has reached its climax with its biggest game still ahead. The hard games behind have already taken their toll. The team is weary, mentally and physically. And then it must go to Pittsburgh to meet its supposedly greatest foe. Is it any wonder it returns hicked? Why, the biggest gain Glenn Killinger ever made against a Blue and Gold team is fourteen yards! And Harry Wilson against Pittsburgh never advanced the ball, in a single try, farther than five yards! But not even the warmest Pitt rooter will argue that Pitt would have duplicated its triumphs had those games been played on New Beaver Field.

We would like to suggest that Penn State meet Pittsburgh on a neutral field one year and at Pittsburgh the next. Such an arrangement should be welcome. For even Pitt has realized the tremendous advantage it holds over Penn State under the present circumstances. Why could not Penn State and Pitt clash at Franklin Field and at Pitt Stadium, if not on Thanksgiving Day then on the Saturday before Thanksgiving? And in the meantime something

should be done to shift the Alumni Day game to November.

1926 INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS! 1927

Winning intercollegiate championships seems to have become a habit with the Penn State cross-country team. So much so that the average bystander is apt to regard the feat as an everyday occurrence and continue merrily on his way.

It was last fall that harriers representing Penn State, first demonstrated to the sporting world that they were past masters at the art of letting hill and dale pass rapidly under foot, by capturing the intercollegiate cross-country championship. Bill Cox not only won the individual title but set a new record in accomplishing that feat. The Blue and White runners were the means of bringing additional glory and publicity to their Alma Mater.

A year passed on its way, but the intercollegiate cross-country title was retained as Captain Bill Cox again led the 1927 edition of Penn State harriers to the title. In capturing the individual honors for the second time, the Nittany leader took his place beside the only two other runners who have repeated a title winning performance since the competition first started more than twenty years ago. The Penn State freshmen cross-country team had, a few hours earlier, carried off top-honors for the yearling harrier title with Detwiler winning the individual prize. The day had brought a clean sweep to the performers from the Nittany Valley. Again glory and honor had come to Penn State.

The championship performances are a glowing tribute to Coach Nate Cartmell. It is a just reward for the untiring efforts of the entire cross-country squad and for the weeks that were spent in rigorous training and conditioning. Lean years will surely come. Championships cannot be retained or won forever, or even frequently. But the title era for the cross-country team is here and congratulations are in order.

Time will naturally dim the sterling performances of the Penn State cross-country teams but the record books will always tell the story that demonstrated the prowess of the Nittany Lion harriers in 1926 and again in 1927.

SUBSTITUTE STAMINA

With the closing of the official 1927 football season comes the steady flow of "All-" teams. Notable among the others, there are the time-honored All-American, the insistent All-Conference combination, the All-Western, All-Eastern, All-Southern, All-State and a galaxy of other mythical teams of comparative minor importance. In conjunction with such announcements, individual players are praised to the skies, gridiron satellites are heisted to the football pinnacle, team records are printed for proud display and championships are argued far into the winter so that stove-leggers are kept busily engaged until warmer weather invites them out of doors.

And amid these eulogic floods, watching with envying glance the public swim of gridiron greats, stands silently—as ever—the unsung hero of every team, the unrecognized power behind every varsity success—the substitute. Every so often some thoughtful sports chronicler stops to pen a few humble phrases about the scrub, whose worth it seems, is always apparent but seldom recognized. Yet it is usually only a word or two eagerly devoured by the famished reserve whose publicity nourishment is sadly lacking.

Since any sane coach will affirm the futility of a successful varsity without reserve power, a second, third and fourth team to absorb all manner of football abuse with never a word of complaint, it might be well to encourage and attract more of such unselfish martyrs to the gridiron. Although, as long as the spirit of competition is a natural instinct in man there will always be a sufficient quantity of "reserve beef" upon which a coach may rely.

Some significant gesture should be adopted for manifesting the appreciation which coach, player and spectator alike feel for the scrub when they are reminded of his sacrificing qualities. Perhaps a "strictly substitute" banquet sponsored by the student body or the Athletic Association, would be one means for such an expression. A minor award, a certificate or even a tiny trophy might serve the purpose. For there is no more admirable man nor any more deserving of reward than he who sacrifices time, energy and scholarship day after day for a coveted post that is more often than not beyond his reach.

For every substitute there is a place on the All-America Stamina team.

L. H. B. Jr.

RUSHING PROVIDES PARLEY PROBLEM

National Conclave Delegates Return With New Ideas On Pledging, Buying

OREGON AGS CITED AS SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE

Penn State's representatives to the National Interfraternity Conference held at New York city November twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh returned Monday morning carrying with them many new ideas on interfraternity affairs. Those who represented the College at this nation-wide convention were Dean Arthur R. Warnock and Victor O. Schinnerer '28.

Discuss Rushing The outstanding topic of discussion was that of deferred fraternity rush-

ing. The National Graduate committee favored no deferred rushing. The Undergraduate Council objected to this and went on record as favoring a short deferred period before pledging, extending until about Christmas time. Dean Randall of Brown University objected to early pledging because it interfered with freshman orientation. Georgia Tech presented a plan whereby pledging is deferred until the six-week grades come out and only those who are passing are eligible to be pledged.

A discussion was also held concerning interfraternity co-operative buying. This system is in practice at Oregon Agricultural college and has caused a marked general economy. It consists of having a common warehouse for such staples as coal, food-stuffs and meats. Each fraternity is required to place a deposit at the beginning of each month and then allowed to buy from the co-operative market during the month. A salaried manager is in charge of the warehouse.

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College Students Will Attend Conference

(Continued from first page) America and include also one Moslem and one Hindu.

Prominent Men Speak Many men prominent in the field of religion will speak before the assembly at Detroit. Among those who will give lectures are several men who have appeared before Penn State students in Chapel including Reinhold Niebuhr, pastor of the Bethel Evangelical Church of Detroit; Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard

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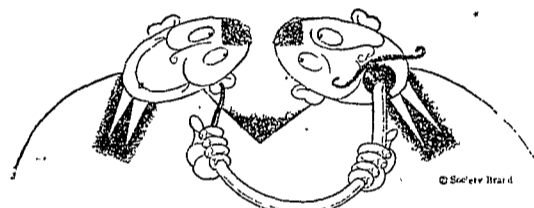
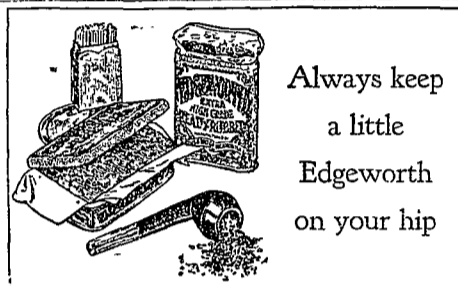
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university; and Sherwood Eddy who is now the social secretary of the National Y. M. C. A. These men will discuss the situation of the missionary enterprise as it exists today and the responsibility of the American Church in any world-wide program.

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Lew Cody, Aileen Pringle in "ADAM AND EVIL"
FRIDAY—Nittany—Mary Astor, Gilbert Roland in "ROSE OF THE GOLDEN WEST"
SATURDAY—Cathaum—Matinee at 2:00
Dorothy Mackall, Jack Mullan in "MAN CRAZY"
SATURDAY—Nittany—"ADAM AND EVIL"
MONDAY and TUESDAY—Matinee Daily at 2:00
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