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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

We wonder what power of thought was responsible for the Army doors remaining closed until twenty minutes before game time last Saturday night as hundreds of students milled and swayed outside. When the flood broke and the doors were finally opened, it was a source of wonderment that some people were not knocked down to be trampled on by the onrushing throng. That serious injury did not occur was certainly no fault of the basketball management.

It is common knowledge that in order to be sure of securing a place of vantage at any indoor sporting event it is necessary to arrive at the Army at least one hour before the starting time. With this thought in mind hundreds found their way into the Army blocked by closed doors when they arrived there one hour in advance. They waited. Additional hundreds gathered until the numbers became uncontrollable. Finally the doors were opened and the rush started. After risking life and limb, the majority who but a moment before were outside the portals, gained access to the Army only to find that their battle had been in vain—there were no seats. But that was to be expected.

The Army doors should be opened at least one hour before the appointed time for the starting of any sporting event. Perhaps there was some good reason for the delay Saturday night. If so, very few are aware of it, particularly those who found themselves numbered among the provoked multitude outside.

A NEW ERA

Almost invariably, in her many efforts to expand, Penn State has found herself severely handicapped by absolute subservience to a legislature and commonwealth often fickle in political activities and only occasionally in sympathy with the demands for progress of such a vibrant organization as the College. Complete understanding has not always existed between the institution in the Nittany valley and the special superiors in Harrisburg, when it did not, the College was the loser. Evidences of the resulting stunted growth are still visible about the campus, where it is plain that the intellectual faculties have greatly outstripped the physical capacities in the race of progress.

Unlike many other colleges and universities, Penn State is not showered with enormous endowments nor does she possess bountiful benefactors. With the exception of the Schwab Auditorium and the Carnegie Library, the College has been dependent for improvements, on the allowance eked out from the Legislature. The two exceptions cited have proved indispensable factors in establishing the present status of Penn State.

Now, however, another gift is about to be presented to the Nittany Institution. It is the Grange Memorial Dormitory and its erection will represent the harmony existent between both the College administration and the student body and the people of the state. Of the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars required for its completion, approximately ninety thousand dollars have already been raised by the Granges of the Commonwealth. Credit is due each of the contributing lodges for the co-operation accorded the project, and we feel justly proud that of these, the Penn State organization has proved itself the largest contributor as well as the one most vitally interested. After all, that is but a natural state of affairs.

With the start of construction work on the new building (probably early in the spring) we look for further cementation of the friendship between the College and the people of the State, a greater realization of the service of the Institution, which will manifest itself in the result of the eight million-dollar bond issue referendum next fall and most of all a new era for Penn State.

H. P. M.

INTRACOLLEGIATE VS. INTRAMURAL

Pushing eight minor sports in favor of an intensive system of intramural activities the Athletic Governing Board of Syracuse university has aroused more than the disapproval of its own student body. It has stirred the curiosity of other institutions who are anxious to see how this drastic reorganization will be executed and just what results will be attained.

Western colleges have developed intramural athletics to a very satisfactory basis but have also maintained a high standard of intercollegiate competition. Eastern universities on the other hand have concentrated on varsity teams with casual or indifferent attention to athletics within the college. But Syracuse has gone to an extreme. Against the hearty resentment of its student body it has inaugurated a radical project, the feasibility of which remains to be determined.

The development of intramural athletics, however, is a most expedient step for in this manner the greatest number of students will be enabled to engage in their favorite sport. In carrying on a broad athletic program for the general student body and not for a small minority, the maximum benefits are to be derived.

Yet, what are sports without intercollegiate competition? The very spark of college sport, the standard of athletics is embodied in rivalry with other colleges. A dozen intramural football teams playing on the college fields would furnish the student body as a whole, less enjoyment than one game in which the varsity eleven was participating. Intramural activities are devoid of that competitive incentive that characterizes intercollegiate engagements. The prestige of the college is not at stake and there would be no chance to win a block "S". After all, we like to fight to earn some athletic insignia. It is the spirit of competition. But this is counterbalanced by the fact that greater physical benefits would accrue to the individual student from intramural athletics.

At Penn State where a high standard of major and minor sport activities have been maintained, the idea of abolition of any branch is irreconcilable. By all means the advancement of intramural athletics should be encouraged and it is only a matter of time before the proper equipment can be procured for the promotion of an intensive program.

H. E. H.

The Bullosopher's Chair

"Will thrills never cease, Smithers?" I received a genuine letter, addressed to me and not to the Letter Box or to the editor of the Collegian.

Smithers: What was it, a greeting card or a December bill that was misdirected?

"Oh, Smithers, how could you? But I don't blame you for being incredulous." Smithers: May I see it?

"Yes in just a moment—but a word of warning first. You will be disappointed the writer was writing to many of the student body and did not bawl me out or disagree or unravel anything radical. It is timely, that is all you can say about it, it is timely. Here it is.

Dear Bullosopher:
It seems that there was once a group of student. They toiled not, neither did they study. Life was a gay riot of movies, auto rides, square shouldered bottles and round shouldered women. They found classrooms convenient places to sleep and drearily droning voices of their professors, admirable sleep-potions. They were what is known as Big-Timers. They were smooth, they were what the ordinary citizen of the nation knows to be College Students.

All too soon came the time for semester examinations. The rest of the College passed knowing glances in reference to the smooth boys. Now approached the time when the value of study at nights, long pouring over scientific tomes and literary masterpieces, would be shown. Intensive study of Life and its devious processes taken by the two methods: one with a cup of black coffee and an open book, and the other with a gun bottle and an open mouth, would now be shown.

Examinations came and went. Students packed up and left the old college town. One who noted saw that many were ones who had studied. He looked in vain for the birds who flew by night. He investigated and found that they had descended from their empyrean heights and had taken their examinations. At least their names were on their papers. They had passed—successfully—what many had stumbled on. How? They had learned ways. Someone desiring vacation money had taken the quiz for them; they had found an advantageous position directly behind or beside someone who knew his stuff; they had used an hour or so to advantage in the manufacture of ponies, they had learned ways.

And the moral of this? Choose your own, Bullosopher.

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Thoughts of Others

HOOR EXAMINATIONS OPPOSED

The Daily Illini has voiced withering antagonism to the hour examination in a recent editorial. Wrong, unjust, and purposeless are the adjectives used in its denunciation.

Based on the proposition that all students are created equal, dedicated to the belief that memory is knowledge, an incoherent to the ideals of cramming and prison-cell study methods, the Illini asserts that the hour examination fails at the most basic justification for its existence.

The conclusion is, of course, that the value of an hour examination is nil, or as near nil as can be reached in a world of exactitude. An hour-examination knowledge of a course is the least desirable form of knowledge. And now all that is necessary to insure the future tranquility of institutions of higher learning, according to this incoherent, is to discontinue the hour examination. We wonder, if this were to take place, if this experiment of radical ideas would have the incentive to study that he would have where the examination exists. We wonder also, if he desires any such Utopian institution in which final examinations in all courses have gone by the board.

—The Cornell Daily Sun

VACATIONS CUM LAUDE

"Whenever a college man applies to me for a job I never inquire about his scholastic standing," recently remarked a business man, himself a university graduate. "What I want to know is how long he spent his summer vacations—three months per annum, and before he gets in a career that amounts to a whole lot." The most valuable, I think, of his entire collegiate course. If he has wasted it, I know something about him, if not, he has a record worth showing.

That ought to give college men something to think about. The average collegian regards his summer holidays merely as a period of recreation and rarely thinks of them as the chance of a lifetime. Of course, a large number of students obtain work of various kinds during July, August and September, but the ordinary summer job has little or no educational value. It is a means of earning a little money and is generally selected for no other reason. If it is a case of necessity, any work is justified, but not otherwise. By carefully planning

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his vacation program, almost any enterprising young man can do far better. He can fill the whole or part of his summers with activities which, while they may not bring him immediate financial returns, will round out his experience. He will thus acquire a real asset—for other business men doubtless think as does the one quoted.

"Here's the record of one boy I've just employed," this man continued.

"At the end of his freshman-year he went for one month to a citizen's military camp; after sophomore year he worked for six weeks with Dr. General's mission in Labrador, at the close of junior year he had a month and a half with the Banks fishing fleet and after graduation he spent July and August with a forestry outfit. All of it was open air work, putting him in good physical condition and in touch with all sorts and conditions of men. He used only twenty-six of the forty-eight free weeks at his disposal, but I don't care what he did with the others. Those twenty-six weeks were what I call a 'vacation cum laude'! They gave him an unusual equipment for success and I only wish I could find more young men who possessed it."

Vacations cum laude! That's a practical hint for the campus.

—New York Evening Post

Letter Box

Editor COLLEGIAN
Dear Sir:

An item of possible interest to your readers:

Minnesota makes "hitch-hik ng" illegal. Such is the effect of a section of this state's new Uniform Highway Traffic Act, which says "No person shall stand in the traveled portion of a roadway for the purpose of while soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle other than a common carrier."

It appears that the hitch-hiking practice has taken on such phases, the infrequent and deserving college student as a common example notwithstanding, that it has become an actual evil in certain respects, the

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Floor Flips

The Penn State boxing team is on its last leg—of the Intercollegiate leather-pushing trophy. So is Navy.

One sport writer last season describes Ebb, the freshman flash, as fox. The real significance hadn't dawned until we learned that the midget scrapper, who has only one more year at Penn State, is attending alternate semesters—beginning in January.

La Vie Calls For 1931 Class History Essays

Freshmen who desire to compete for the office of class historian will submit manuscripts for the La Vie of not more than four hundred words to Arthur F. Foot '29, at the Sigma Phi Sigma house before January twenty-second.

The best manuscript will be used in the La Vie and the writer will hold the office of historian during the four years that the class of 1931 is in College.

All work for the year book is nearing completion and is being sent to the engravers. Individual pictures have all been taken and only a few group pictures remain and will be completed this week. The editor plans to start work upon the dummy in a few weeks.

LOST—Wallet containing a sum of money and cards, including a driver's license. Finder please return to C. T. Haupt Jr., Alpha Gamma Rho, or the COLLEGIAN office. A reward is offered.

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