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### IN THE GRANDSTAND

Every once in a while during the indoor athletic season, a portion of the assembled mass of spectators believe it is their duty to give vent to anger if anything takes place that is not pleasing in their sight. Booming, hissing and the like rent the air of the Armory on these occasions with such volume that the true Penn State man turns deep scarlet in shame. At the first sign of such demonstrations cheerleaders leap to their feet and plead for order, influential, level-headed students attempt to restore their immediate neighbors to ethical conduct—but the damage has been done.

As long as the spectators at local athletic events remember that they are not witnessing professional sporting enterprises, as long as they bear in mind that they are supposed to observe all the canons of amateur athletics, then will there be no occasions for embarrassment. When the spectators realize that they are held responsible for sportsmanlike conduct just as much, if not more so, as the performing athletes, there will not be a re-occurrence of the outburst at the wrestling meet in the Armory Saturday afternoon.

Sportsmanship can be demonstrated just as well in the grandstand as on the field of play. There is even a greater opportunity to observe sensible conduct in the grandstands. That opportunity should be used rather than abused.

### WHY COME TO COLLEGE?

Our American colleges and universities have been assailed so frequently and mercilessly in the past by aspiring journalists and magazine writers that students are often hesitant to admit attendance at an institution of higher learning. We are told by various scribblers that college students are wild youths, adept at petting parties and poor judges of moonshine liquor.

However, the majority of these criticisms are merely autobiographies of certain individuals' college life. They are not applicable generally. It is absurd to condemn educational institutions by the contemptuous remarks of individuals who were nothing short of being parasites in their respective universities.

College is just what the individual wishes it to be. It is actually a world, in miniature, where the student can indulge most of his whims and fancies, where he can gain the experience of wide acquaintance and express himself in various fields. Some look at college for athletics and social activities; others expect intellectual inspiration and stimulus. Penn State is an institution where an effort is made to satisfy both purposes. But these two types are incompatible. If one is seen too often in the vicinity of the library, he is dubbed "bookworm," "grind." If one uses a four-syllable word in class, he causes a snicker from a few parasitic nit-wits. It is difficult and unreasonable to try to accustom these two types of individuals to one another.

Universities for each type have been advocated. For those who merely wish to go to college, a popular university is the answer. For those who wish to acquire an education, a university of learning is the solution.

The popular institution would stress intercollegiate athletics, student self-government and social activities to prepare the student for the social position he would hold in future life. Its curriculum would provide courses in which the graduate might acquire indications of culture. The university for learning would harbor professors who would stimulate the intellect and prepare the student for the position of educational leadership that he would hold after graduation. An understanding of the universe, an outline of the history of man and an introduction

to the social sciences that make up our institutional life would comprise the curriculum.

The purpose of the first college is to produce a man who understands society and its diversions, who can "put the talk on folks," and is a fitting ornament for any drawing room. A man who understands the world and himself, who will be a constructive leader in the nation, who is intimate with those finer things of life, will be the product of the university of learning.

It is the university of learning that will be the true college. Few nit-wits will clutter its cloistered halls. Scholarship will be respected and academic life will be truly educational.

H E H

### THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER

Pre-digested history pap for public school children, as advocated by the widely advertised Mayor William Hale Thompson, apparently has been well-received on general principles by the people of Chicago. Fond parents of that city could discern much evidence to support the theory that their offspring would benefit by servings of selected subject matter on red, white and blue trays. At least, they thought, topics of least credit to the National honor (and consequently of insignificant importance) could advantageously be disregarded. A greater spirit of patriotism would affect the children, very wisely decided the city fathers, who little interpreted that patriotism as insecurely established in an atmosphere of bigotry. It was through the efforts of their leader that the notorious pamphlets were written for five thousand dollars by Hart Hanson and made compulsory in public school history classes in Chicago.

Just as many another theory has proved false when put to the test of practicality, so Mayor Thompson's pet idea of education is demonstrating itself highly ineffective. Not only does the new system fail to educate, it even is incapable of satisfying its former ardent supporters.

At the beginning, the English element of Chicago's conglomerate population felt itself unduly insulted. Later it was the Scandinavians who objected to having Columbus cited as the discoverer of America. Lives there a man who has not heard of the hardy Vikings and their valorous deeds? Still more recently the Poles felt themselves slighted when in the history pamphlet, "Lest We Forget," Count Pulaski, Revolutionary hero, was referred to as a Lithuanian. Just as if every sane person does not realize that the Count was a Pole!

But the latest storm in the Windy City is being brewed by the Lithuanians themselves, who are violent when they think of the pamphlets terming General Kosciuszko a Pole. As anyone versed in history knows, General Gerardsey Bonawentura Kosciuszko was born in the Lithuanian village of Merezowscyzyne. He was not a Pole.

Taking these and similar objections to the new era in Chicago into consideration, the essence of the whole affair seems to be that, after all, history should show no unwarranted partialities. Probably the conception of education and its purpose as it was understood before the Chicago adulterations are better for us as well as more ethical than their usurping successors. And in view of the unfortunate experiment in this one city, the fundamentalists of education still adhere to and advocate the maxim, "The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!"

H P M

### The Bullosopher's Chair

"Did you attend the wrestling meet, Saturday?"  
Smithers:—Yes. Go on.  
"Well, I was only going to ask whether you heard—"  
Smithers:—Why bring that up here? As a matter of fact I've heard of nothing else ever since.  
"That isn't what I mean. Why at one time I almost thought I was at the World Series. The crowd yelled 'Error! Error!' and I thought someone had muffed a ball. The thing I can't comprehend is whether it was a fly or a foul ball. Besides I never heard 'Error' used at a wrestling meet before."  
Smithers:—Why, senile one, they were yelling, "Aa! Air!" Didn't you notice that with the doors and windows tightly closed, the air was positively suffocating in that building? Packed tier upon tier as they were, the spectators were further annoyed by having to inhale long breaths of sleep-laden, musty ozone. It may have been an oversight on someone's part, however! After this same arrangement should be made whereby unnecessary drafts can be eliminated, while the Armory is being supplied with fresh, invigorating, cool air. A window here and there, if judiciously selected and opened, might do the trick.

**ARE** you enjoying Sunday evening Supper with the many others?

The Corner  
Unusual

### Letter Box

To the Editor  
Penn State Collegian  
I am a graduate of both Lafayette and Penn State, and have participated in wrestling at both colleges. I am smelted by interest in the good standing of the sport and in the good name of both institutions to remark on the incident which marred the meet on Saturday afternoon. I refer not to the conduct of the wrestlers, which should have been judged by the referee alone, but to the loud and prolonged boos and hisses from a large part of the audience during the light heavyweight bout.

If either wrestler had fouled the other, it was within the power of the referee to disqualify the offender; if either contestant or both were acting in aggressiveness, the official could have ordered the men to the mat with the worst offender underneath. If one were injured so that further participation in the match would be dangerous to him, he should default rather than place his opponent in a situation in which the latter would be obliged to limit his attack. If a contestant were unsportsmanlike or unnecessarily tough, a warning from the referee would have been in order. Since none of these things occurred, either wrestler was entitled to the assumption that his conduct in the bout was unquestioned, and could expect that the decision would be awarded to the one with a sufficient time advantage.

Whatever the event, however, it is certain that "boos" or the stands was in order to protest. Such vigorous expressions of disapproval not only handicap the victor, but make it difficult for officials to render unbiased decisions. It goes without question that conduct of this type does not improve the rating of Penn State either at home or in other colleges.

Very truly yours,  
W. B. MACK  
Editor, Collegian,  
State College, Pa.  
Dear Sir:

Purely in the interest of fairness, may I call to the attention of the writer of the excellent editorial in the issue of February 7th entitled "Educating the Alumni" a slight error in fact?

In the last paragraph of this editorial he suggests that Dr. Little "is the first administrator with sufficient courage and foresight to sponsor such a plan." As a matter of fact, Amherst College has used this identical plan for not less than three, I think four, years.

Very cordially yours,  
JOHN H. FRIZZELL  
Assoc. Prof. of Public Speaking

AG INSTRUCTOR LEAVES  
Fred F. Lininger, instructor in Agricultural Economics, left here for Cornell University last week to pursue graduate studies leading to the doctor's degree. He will resume his duties next semester.

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### Dairy Club Will Hold Annual Show in Spring

Plans for the Fifth Annual Penn State Dairy Exposition, to be held here May fifth, are well under way, according to Michael A. Farrel, president of the Penn State chapter of the American Dairy Science Association.

The Exposition will include a clean milk production contest, dairy cattle and dairy products, judging and other events not yet decided upon. Products made by students in the college creamery will be placed on exhibition.

The winners in the various contests will receive their prizes at a banquet to be held in the evening.

### Noted "Y" Worker To Deliver Chapel Talk

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Rugh will conduct an open forum in the evening. The chief question for this discussion in the Auditorium will be "Can a man play in a scientific world?"

Headed Work in China  
Mr. Rugh has traveled over most of the United States and extensively abroad. He was engaged as head of the foreign service division of the national Y. M. C. A. for about five years working in the coast cities of China. In addition to this experience he has a unique quality which enables him to impress his spiritual thinking on even the most materialistic of instances, according to "Y" officials who have heard him.

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### Re-discovers His Favorite Tobacco

Charles, W. Va.  
March 4, 1927

Larus & Bro. Co., Richmond, Va. Gentlemen:  
Recently I stopped in a little village that consisted of about nine houses and a small hotel, which I entered.

A little old man wearing a skull cap was seated in a rocking-chair smoking an enormous pipe. I had come to buy a can of Edgeworth, but when I caught a whiff of the tobacco he was smoking I changed my mind. The aroma of that tobacco was so delightful that I made up my mind right then and there that I wanted some of the same brand, regardless of the cost.

I began with: "I beg your pardon, sir, but I came in to buy a can of tobacco, and I would like the same brand you are smoking. If you don't mind telling me." He looked at me for a moment, grasped his pipe with one hand and said: "I'm smoking Edgeworth. Would you like some?"  
Of course I did, and I secured a supply from the old fellow. The joke, of course, was on me, but I went on my way rejoicing.

Yours very truly,  
Dr. John R. Koch

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