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THE DANGERS OF SERIOUS-MINDEDNESS

The traditional, flask-in-the-hand collegian has been accused of taking life too light-heartedly. According to some extreme impressions, college is four years of class-cutting, hell-raising joy. Of course, even the preceding generation will agree that extremists have dyed the knowledge fount just a bit too ink-black, but they'll rail their fun in terrific negation if any one suggests that the average undergraduate takes life far too seriously. Let them rail. He does take many things with too little facetiousness.

Ordinarily, the college student thinks too much—about relatively unimportant matters. Into the ash can of the past go seeds of golden minutes while he doctors a fancied injury to his self-assumed pride. He will worry for two hours over an All-American assignment that would take thirty minutes to complete. Instead of working constructively with the professorial criticism, he sophisticates himself into believing that an evil spirit has entered the dignified purveyor of knowledge and that he deserves burning at the stake. Instead of enjoying the "session" hour in idle pleasantness, he showers pellets of acrid cynicism upon the heads of his companions and superiors. In moments of self-conscious realization, he extroverts himself upon unoffending freshmen.

SATURDAY'S CHILDREN

Among the alumni and the members of visiting colleges Amherst seems to have the reputation for being remarkably blasé and unemotional during its athletic contests. In football, especially, it appears that a sixty-yard run for the winning touchdown in the last minute of play is the least that will bring the stands to their feet. Many will even remark, "He was lucky," as they suppress a yawn and trudge back to their rooms, disgruntled.

Entering freshmen display wild enthusiasm at the opening game before they know better. If they were to take their eyes off the field of play for an instant they would meet blank and almost hostile glances. It is forbidden to let oneself go emotionally. If an alumnus, an ardent football fanatic, stands up in his seat to cheer a play, if he makes himself at all conspicuous, everyone within hearing radius will turn and ask, "What's he doing here?" and a witty sophomore will mutmur something about a hog-calling contest.

It certainly ought to be possible for upperclassmen to lose the somber dignity that they strive so intently to cultivate and throw off the old Anglo-Saxon tradition of suppressing emotion just for five afternoons during the fall term. No doubt the lack of a sufficient number of competent cheer-leaders has a great deal to do with it. Rooters on the ends of the bleachers have hitherto been forced to take the initiative for their own noise, usually one word later than their more fortunate brethren in Section G, Amherst cheering has been worse than one than once by rival institutions.

—Amherst Student.

Student opinion at Penn State is steadily and definitely moulding itself during these early days of underclass activity. By their general mumblings and public statements (A Letter Box, COLLEGIAN, Fri. Oct 5) students are declaring themselves against acts which they feel are detrimental either as indications of rank college commercialism or as unsuccessful and unnecessary forms of class imitation.

Among the acts most vigorously condemned were the sale of paddles, eggs and chocolate bars to Freshmen for Stunt Night with the false inference that purchase of these was compulsory, the sale of football tickets to parents who have been invited as guests of the College, and the generally mischievous pranks of members of the three lower classes whose combined efforts nearly wrecked completely what was to have been a novel Stunt Night. As a

result of the last named difficulty, many are hoping for the complete abolition of Stunt Night.

The facts concerning the ticket sale were badly jumbled, colored and one-sided, recent disclosures show. Though explanations will probably be made in the near future.

Just after the game ended Saturday and the G-Bug band played the most revered and sacred of its songs, the Alma Mater, the noisy band struck up a loud and boisterous tune that conflicted with that of the Battlefield band, just as if our opponents, opposed to the gridiron, had not the right to sing its customary closing song Long Live the Band, champions of good music and good manners.

Collegiate Definitions

A sophomore, typically speaking, is a crude, uncounted fellow, one of last year's freshmen who feels that a year of custom-breaking entitles him to the exclusive privilege of breaking a yearling's neck. Generally he grabs himself in the souch cap, worn after the Apache fashion, patched sheepskin coat and towdy pants which are meant to give him the appearance of a tough guy, poison to the freshman, a real college killer.

An item essential to his brutishness is a quid of tobacco (the bigger, the better) which swells one cheek to mumpish proportions, which gives white teeth a healthful brown discoloration and which, when properly molested, produces a stagnant fluid that, when expectorated, does not help the grass grow.

A sophomore is the lout who makes Stunt Night seem necessary and makes the freshmen seem unnecessary. He is the little shrimp with the gigantic paddle or the huge sap with the wagon-tongue, the tocadito who will tell the plebe where to go and what to do—when the rest of his towdy bunch is present. He is the first to offer his services for the discomfiture of the frosh, is this brave, bold, daring sophomore who hid under his bed during his freshman Stunt Night.

The Bullosopher's Chair

Smithers: Have you ever studied the Freudian psychology?
S: Yes, when Freud was in vogue. Why do you ask?
Smithers: I'm beginning to think he is all wrong.
S: That's a pretty bold statement. On what points do you differ from the ardent Sigmund?
Smithers: Well, Freud traces everything in life to sex, doesn't he?
S: Yes, directly or indirectly. Don't you agree with him?
Smithers: I don't. To begin with, it sort of knocks all the idealism and romance out of life to attribute everything to a biological principle. It reduces love to sensual passion. After then, I can't force myself to believe that the sex impulse, Freud's "libido," is the dominating motive in human existence.

"Well, Smithers, I agree with you heartily on that last. I think that the sex urge plays second fiddle to the instinct for self-preservation. In other words, man must be fed, clothed and protected from his enemies before he thinks of recreating his kind. Vanity, then, is the reigning motive in the human cycle. You have rather misunderstood Freud's interpretation of sex. To him sex means something more than sensualism. It is the power that urges artists to paint pictures, engineers to build bridges, poets to write great epics. In short, the sex impulse is the creative and constructive urge."
Smithers: If, as Solomon has said, "all the world is vanity," where does the principle of love and self-sacrifice come in?
S: Another misunderstanding. Let me explain. Man in his original state had to fight his own kind as well as animals and nature in order to survive. So long has man been forced to fight for his own safety and comfort that the urge to place his own benefit before all else has become deeply imbedded in his own mind. Man no longer needs to fight for life and food, but the impulse still remains paramount among his instincts. Vanity is too deeply rooted to be entirely overcome, but it is the "business" of education to teach the youth how to control the energy arising from this urge and to direct it into fruitful and useful channels."

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Penn Ticket Sale Today;

Revise Allotment System
According to a ruling by the student committee on seating arrangements, no more than six tickets may be purchased for the preferred section during the first two days of the public sale but any number may be bought for the other sections.

Seniors and juniors may secure tickets for the Penn game today at the A. A. office, while sophomore and freshman seats will be distributed tomorrow. Two-year Aps and special students may obtain tickets Thursday. All seats are priced at \$3.00.

Out in th' World

By Elhee

Lighthouse Harry Wilson, most famous of Penn State all-Americans, left West Point to enter an aviation school in Texas. On a gridiron, Harry could almost fly.

Two new life-long dramas of the Lion and the Lamb were released in June when both Frances A. Harvey and Arthur L. Hatly '28 grads, took unto themselves a wife. One each.

A duo of side-cut windkats was secured when Adolphe S. Schroeder '28, former student colonel, has entered the Pennsylvania Law School highly recommended as Chief Yough's most promising pupil.

Paul G. Nagle '28, is working at Clearfield on the highway, probably making the road safer and wider for Penn State hitch-hikers.

Blair E. Henderson '28, former I. F. C. executive, is working for the Rothery Furniture Co. of Altoona preparing to fill his father's chair.

Randall Thomas and Martin Phillips, both '28, have succumbed to pet aversions and are attending the law school at Pitt.

COLLEGE EXPERIMENTER DEVELOPS NEW CABBAGE

A distinct contribution to the vegetable industry of the state has been made by the agricultural experiment station in what is known as the Penn State Ballhead cabbage," stated Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, head of the department of horticulture. This strain of cabbage, developed by Dr. Charles E. Myers, of the department of horticulture, yields more than twice as much as ordinary varieties grown in the State.

MINING SCHOOL RECEIVES SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS

To take care of the largest student bodies ever enrolled in the School of Mines and Metallurgy several new pieces of apparatus have been acquired, according to Prof. David F. McFarland. The new equipment includes three metallographic microscopes, a large number of smaller microscopes and several of the latest types of cameras.

ENGINEERS ELECT PENN STATE FOR CONVENTION

Dean Robert L. Sackett of the Engineering School announces that the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers has selected Penn State for its annual June convention. This convention will mark the initial meeting of a national engineering or industrial society at Penn State. Prof. Arthur J. Wood, of the mechanical engineering department is vice-president of the organization.

ATTENDS ARMY REUNION

Prof. Orden B. Malin, of the School of Mines and Metallurgy attended a meeting of the Army Ordnance Association held at Aberdeen, Maryland, last week. The section of the reserve officers in which Professor Malin was enrolled had arranged a reunion in conjunction with this meeting.

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L. A. SCHOOL FILLS VACANT POSITIONS

Dean Charles W. Stoddart Makes Known 18 Additions to Faculty Staff

With the addition of eighteen members to the faculty of the School of Liberal Arts the vacancies which occurred in that school during the summer have been filled.

Dr. H. F. Alderfer of Syracuse university and Wallace Brewster '27, have been added to the department of history and political science, while Dr. Florence M. Mears of Cornell, Dr. C. A. Rupp of the University of Chicago and Dr. Otis Frank of Columbia university have been added to the mathematics department. Other additions to the department of mathematics are L. T. Dunlap, W. O. Gordon, J. A. Hamilton, R. E. Peterson and B. V. Kunkel.

In the department of romance languages T. O. Ramirez, V. E. DeBincents and E. H. Kissinger have been appointed to the staff. Dr. K. E. Rosinger of Harvard university has replaced Dr. S. McClellan Butt, in the department of philosophy. Prof. Theodore J. Gates has returned to the English composition department after an absence of two years. In addition to Prof. Gates, F. S. Neusbaum, E. J. Nichols and C. K. Molan have been added to the English department. J. F. O'Brien of the University of Iowa will assist Prof. John H. Fizzell in the department of public speaking and in coaching the debating team.

AG STUDENTS TO VIEW MARKETING CONDITIONS

To study the marketing institutions and conditions prevailing in Philadelphia, and to acquaint themselves with the competitive Pennsylvania farm products show there, the junior and senior of the class in marketing of the School of Agriculture will make a trip to that city October 19. Professor Frederick P. Weaver and Assistant Professor Gied F. Luningger of the department of agricultural economics will lead the group.

SWEENEY EARNS DEGREE

Returning from two years of study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received the degree of doctor of philosophy, William J. Sweeney, formerly instructor of chemistry, will direct the industrial research department, of the School of Chemistry and Physics.

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