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### AN OLD, OLD STORY.

Years ago, a frail and timid student entered Penn State, fearful, expectant, somewhat fascinated by the social glamour of fraternities, by coveted campus hats with their several and mystic symbols, by gold keys with their symbolic engravings and pleasing jingling. He was all eyes, all ears, all mouth.

The little boy grew. And learned. In the due course of time, he engaged in his first bull session. All well later, he learned to survive the strenuous paces of hour-party, prom, hop and ball week-ends, acquiring therefrom much valuable social experience, some technique generally associated with romance of the Twentieth Century and a knack of nodding gracefully on a split second's notice. Signs of melting morals; not bad.

Finally, the innocent son that mother had sent to college as clean and immaculate as a pillow slip, white and warm from Tuesday's ironing, sipped his first mouthful of synthetic gin and whether or not he relished the cure for normal vision and direct passage, forced himself to average the capacity of his particular fraternity or drinking group so that he could 'blow the bugle' to the last chord.

Four years pass. Four years of extra-curricular and social activity with an occasional sprinkling of real study and an infrequent deluging of sorrow. The youth may possess the mystic campus crown he once desired, or the gold jingling keys, but not proudly. He has learned. Comes diploma time and with it the humorous dignity of the cap and gown, not to mention the degree. The frigid world awaits a newly-born alumnus.

The newly-born alumnus awaits Homecoming Day, or whatever his alma mater may choose to call the period dedicated to old (or young) graduates who return for the annual period. The young man returns to the scene of his alcoholic baptism, gaily, eagerly. He may want to display an art learned outside the classroom and in the demonstration render himself assiduously silly, if not publicly disgraceful, after which he will attend a rally, a game and in the course of each, will arise among others probably guilty of his same offense and with all pride, and feeling, all sincerity, all devoutness, sing these words:

May no act of ours bring shame  
To the heart that loves thy name,  
May our hearts help swell thy fame,  
Dear old State, dear old State  
We wonder how.

### HAIL, ALUMNI!

Once each year the alumni return in force to revisit the scenes of their studious undergraduate days. Tomorrow is the day. Tomorrow we dedicate to the students of yesterday. The entire College is thrown open for their inspection. They can admire the new buildings and improvements and they can bemoan the disappearance of some of the hallowed traditions of their own time.

The College is prepared to entertain the graduates on their Homecoming Day. The students are primed to lend an attentive ear to tales of the "good old days." The professors are eager to greet the men, who in former years fell asleep in their classes, and are anxious to learn whether the students whom they taught engineering have become bond salesmen or insurance agents. It should be an enjoyable week-end for everyone.

The main event of Homecoming Day is the football game with Syracuse, and the first question the returning alumni will ask of the students is, "What's the dope on the game tomorrow?" The answer is not easy. Penn State's eleven is far from being a veteran combination. The Nittany gridmen have fought bitterly to stave off defeat at the hands of Bucknell and Pennsylvania without success. The Syracuse team has already proven itself a formidable foe for any college eleven. But during former seasons Bezekan teams have shown the power of coming back. Who knows?

Some statistician has deduced the fact that one hundred per cent of the alumni will come back oozing with spirit. So far he is correct, but he goes farther. He figures that five per cent return bubbling with spirits. And, wails he, the whole group, as well as the students, get blamed for the evil spirits of the five per cent. These statistics have called forth virulent and vitriolic editorial comment in former years. The alumni were belabored for disgracing themselves and their College. They were justly indignant, the unoffending because they had not besotted themselves with the prohibited fluid and the few

who were probably guilty because they did not comprehend the changing ideals since the pie-Volstead days. Perhaps the situation was exaggerated. Perhaps not. However, dipsomaniac displays are now frowned upon by the majority. Let each alumnus celebrate as best suits his own individual temperament.

### Collegiate Definitions NUMBER 6—"BROTHERHOOD" COMPLEX

When Adam borrowed the apple from Eve, he started the "brotherhood" complex, as well as other things. The history of the complex is quite simple. As man invented new things that could be lent, or rather given away without hope of remuneration, the range of activity for the victims of the complex widened. It requires no deep psycho-analytical knowledge or insight into human nature to recognize the addicts of the dread disease. They shout their infirmity to the very hills.

Victims of the "brotherhood" complex are found among all ranks of society. Where the comparative pauper begs a nickel the rich and affluent individual requests a paltry loan of a thousand bucks. A king borrows an army and your room mate wears your best tie. The complex is seen working its worst among the individuals who boast that they can travel around the world on a shoe string, providing some one will supply the shoe string. Once any one begins to suffer from this insidious thing, he makes others suffer for the rest of his natural life. Even his best friend will tell him, and does, but to no purpose. The thing seems unmovable.

The root of the complex lies in a sophisticated philosophy of life. The deluded victim firmly believes that whatever belongs to his brother is his. He is also thoroughly convinced that this world is one universal brotherhood, that every man is his brother.

At Brown university, where class customs seem to be dying from exposure, a most radical change was made when the freshman dunk was abolished. No great opposing force resulted, for each succeeding class is being educated gradually for the great dominion of all customs. The same is true at Penn State, where the dunk, formerly worn on the top of the head, slips back to the neck an inch at a time every year—so that a freshman closely resembles a senior—from the front.

Commendations are in order for the Blue Band members who responded almost immediately and unannouncedly to the parade call and mass meeting duty Tuesday night. Emanating their firemen brothers, they were at the scene of action on short notice and were instrumental in stirring the collective spirits of participants of a well-attended rally. Bottoms up to the Blue Band, whose sacrifice and effort is as much appreciated as its good music.

### The Bullosopher's Chair

SESSION ONE  
"The freshman football team sure took a terrible drubbing at Syracuse last Saturday."  
Smithers: And this is the first freshman team to show the results of the abolishment of scholarships, isn't it?  
"Yes, but what does that prove?"  
Smithers: It proves that we can't get good football material without issuing scholarships. That's clear enough.  
"It proves nothing of the kind. Did last year's eleven win from Syracuse, even with athletic scholarships?"  
Smithers: They didn't win, but the score was reasonable. No, when scholarships were done away with, all hopes for a good football team in the future went with them.  
"You're a bit hasty, Smithers. You're worse than the person who would convict as upon circumstantial evidence alone. You're like the quack psychologist who, upon thrusting a pin into the senseless arm of the side show artist and receiving no reaction, would conclude that he could stick a pin into the arm of any person without getting a yelp of pain and a bang on the jaw. And, according to reports, the Syracuse freshmen had a team that could throw a scave into the ranks of many valets. No, Smithers, you haven't given the abolition of scholarships a fair trial!"

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# KEELER'S

Cathaum Theatre Building

### Letter Box

(The Collegian welcomes communications of campus interest. The editors do not assume any responsibility for sentiments expressed in the Letter Box, however.)

#### Learning By Experience

Pittsburgh, Pa.  
October 23, 1928.  
Editor, Penn State-Collegian,  
State College, Pa.

Dear Sir,  
I am frankly curious.  
Quoting from the article "Why Abolish Hopping?": "Anyone with only ordinary powers of observation can easily tell a tramp from a college man without a second look."  
How?

Very truly yours,  
Thomas C. Moran, Jr.

### Twenty Years Ago

(From the Collegian files of 1908)

The White and Blue again showed itself to be the equal of the big eastern schools in athletics. It is true that Penn won 6-0 but the Quakers were forced to fight every inch of the way and the long touchdown came on a blocked kick. Once State held U. of P. on the two yard mark, once on the twenty yard line and finally on the one yard mark. Such a record meant that "Ball" McCleary's eleven is of the true State caliber, never beaten until the final whistle has blown.

The Sophomores had no great difficulty in winning the annual cider serap which was held Saturday on the field near the Annex. Probably 600 men lined up around the eighty foot circle, at the center of which was a forty-gallon barrel of apple juice. An attempt by the sophomores to use a rope to trip the freshmen at the take-off met the disapproval of the judges and the plan was given up.

### PETER B. HASSEL

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with your Appearance



Montgomery's

A most enjoyable reception was given on Friday evening of last week by President and Mrs. Sparks, to which the members of the senior class and the faculty were invited.

In the last appropriation which the College received from the State \$15,000 was provided for a new athletic field. It has not been decided whether the name Beaver Field will be transferred to the new field. If this is done the old field will be called East Field and the field beyond the Annex, West Field.

Last Friday's exercises at the dedication of the Women's Building were very successful. One hundred and thirty delegates from a number of cities sat down to a lunch prepared for them in the new building by the students in domestic science.

### Side Lines

If Coach Bezek starts the team that he has been grooming during the past week, and most likely he will, Penn State will oppose Syracuse with only three lettermen in the line-up—Panaecion, Hannas and Martin are the veterans.

Eschbach, husky center, will meet a good man in Farms. But we hope Herb thanks he's at a carnival and spins him around like a wheel.

Sam Sebo, speedy Orange halfback, will be a constant threat tomorrow in the Nebraska encounter. Sam sustained a broken nose but wouldn't leave the game. He had it bandaged up and then scored a touchdown during the second period.

It was just a case of the Corn Huskers not being able to see bo.

### Reporter converts News Editor to this Pipe Tobacco

London, England,  
Feb. 7, 1928.

Larue & Bro. Co.,  
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sirs:  
About two years ago I bought a tin of Edgeworth tobacco. I was so pleased with its slow-smoking qualities and wonderful aroma that I became an Edgeworth enthusiast and have smoked no other tobacco since, although up to that time I think I can truthfully say I had tried every well-known British mixture and flake.

Moreover, I introduced one of the other reporters to it. He in turn introduced another and he another until finally it reached the News Editor. There are now five of us all smoking Edgeworth and enjoying it so much that I thought you might like to have this little appreciation of what, to Brits, is a comparatively unknown tobacco. I wish you every success.

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### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PUBLISHES PERIODICAL

With the publication of an October issue, the School of Education began the second volume of the Penn State *Educator*, a periodical of interest to alumni, faculty and students of the School.

The *Educator* was first published last year. This year the staff hopes to release three issues. The paper contains news of projects made by persons in the department and items of special interest to everyone concerned with education.

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### FROMM'S

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### CRAB APPLE CLUB WILL AWARD PRIZES IN SHOW

Medals will be awarded by the Crab Apple club to winners in the annual Student-Alumni fruit, flower and vegetable show sponsored by the horticulture department in room 100 Horticulture building on Saturday.

The display by the students of Landscape Architecture will be in room 104. Cider and apples will be sold.



### Nittany Theatre

FRIDAY—Cathaum—  
Sue Carol, Rod La Rocque in  
"CAPTAIN SWAGGER"

FRIDAY—Nittany—  
Irene Rich, Warner Baxter in  
"CRIG'S WIFE"

SATURDAY—Cathaum—  
Billie Dove in  
"THE NIGHT WATCH"

SATURDAY—Nittany—  
"CAPTAIN SWAGGER"

MONDAY and TUESDAY—  
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