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COLLEGIATE WISE-CRACKERS

A group of people known as comedians depend upon the laughs of the town to keep creditors in abeyance. In typical college towns there is another group who persist in attempting to extort chuckles from the audience although they derive no salary from their pastime.

Most often than not the humorously-intended remarks of the college wise-crackers accomplish the desired end. They throw the patrons of the silent drama into violent brays and soft chuckles. Less frequently, the funnybone ticklers fail to tickle.

Occasionally, however, the comments hurled publicly at the pantomime actors descend to vulgarity and obscenity and the assemblage of the nation's future intelligentsia responds with as much hilarity as ever.

FOR A BROADER VIEWPOINT

In the early days during the colonization of America every man had to be a sort of jack-of-all-trades in order to live. Since that time the specialist has gradually replaced the jack-of-all-trades.

While the people as a whole gain by this division of the world's work, the individual loses something. Suppose a man devotes his life to the profession of electrical engineering. After his freshman year in college he learns little except what applies directly or indirectly to his vocation.

In order to enjoy life's gull and honey to the fullest extent, one should know a little more about his fellow men and the natural laws that govern this globe of ours than can be learned by hearsay.

Reviewer Comments On the Oxford Debate

Following the method of sports writers who estimate with fair success the strength of football teams by awarding deserving numbers of points for offensive prowess, defensive power, dependability of punting and the like, the Reviewer attempted to debate the respective merits of the Oxford and Penn State debating teams in their battle of wits in the Schwab Auditorium Tuesday night on the interesting but wearied subject of the United States' entrance into the League of Nations.

For voice work a quota of 100 possible points was allotted each speaker, for method of presentation, 100 points to a man, for appearance and stage conduct, 50 points, for convincingsness of argument, 200 points, for rebuttal, 100 points.

The tabulated results, based on the reactions and opinions of the Reviewer, follow:

Oxford: First speaker, Dingle M. Foot, voice, 81, method of presentation, 89; appearance, 40; convincingsness of argument, 100; rebuttal, 76. Second speaker, C. S. Malcolm Brereton, voice 74; method of presentation, 85; appearance, 42; convincingsness of argument, 175; rebuttal, 79.

Penn State: First speaker, Albert J. Gates, voice, 71; method of presentation, 87; appearance, 35; convincingsness of argument, 175; rebuttal, 63. Second speaker, Robert W. Haley, voice, 87; method of presentation, 86; appearance, 41; convincingsness of argument, 180; rebuttal, 78.

At the close of the wordfest—for it was such in great measure—neither team was awarded an actual decision, although from the percentage of listeners who, in matter of standpoint, were converted to the negative, the Penn State team won a virtual victory.

Tuesday night's affair was a peculiar one. Even those who came early enough to hear the delicious bits of humor, satire and sarcasm propounded by the gentlemen from England in their preliminary remarks and remained long enough to hear the open forum discussions, experienced difficulty in locating the actual debate and were probably troubled in attempting to differentiate the personal and international thrusts and jibes from the sober points of argument.

However, when the gentlemen from England and those from a less distant locality did settle down to business, an argument that was characteristic of youthful vigor and intensity resulted. The Oxford debaters pleaded with the audience and their opponents almost pitifully, almost desperately—as though they could never again face King George unless they returned triumphantly with the avowed and unanimous support of these United States.

Fullly prepared, evenly matched, the teams presented an interesting debate deserving the hearty support that was manifested by the largest local audience in the history of Penn State's forensic activity. True, there were times when the audience felt that the inter-change of words that were often, fast and caustic would result in a battle of wits instead of a contest of brains, but as the kindly old lady to our left remarked as she pulled on her rubbers, "everything ended lovely."

Christmas Cards

For Personal Engraving NOW ON DISPLAY See our samples before placing your order for Christmas Cards

KEELER'S Cathaum Theatre Building

Talks by Deans

People throughout the State were surprised at the great amount of support for Penn State which was assembled during the Bond Issue campaign. It seemed to them remarkable that in a few short months such support could be developed and organized.

As a matter of fact this large amount of State-wide support could not have been both developed and organized during the period of the campaign—the time was even too limited for adequate organization of this support. The actual situation was that during the last several years the people of the state had acquired a favorable interest in this college to an extent which we really had not known.

Time and time again during the campaign I was impressed with the political value of the service which the college has been rendering to the people during the past years, and I was particularly impressed with the value of the good reputation which the student body has been able to acquire in recent years.

In short, our efforts to be a clean and decent student body with practical ideals of democracy, fair play, seriousness of purpose, courtesy and loyalty have borne good fruit. Much of our support came from parents who hoped to be able to send their children to Penn State. No tax payer is likely to be willing that his money should go to support a college to which he would not be willing to send his son or daughter.

I am certainly glad that we have gained, and I think earned, such a reputation. A tradition of this kind is a precious one.

Twenty Years Ago

Walter B. McCaskey, who has many friends at the College, was promoted to a captaincy several months ago and was assigned to the 12th United States Infantry. For two years he has been commandant of cadets at the Peeksville Military Academy.

Instead of starting the basketball season about the middle of January, a game will be played with the Harrisburg A. C. in about three weeks, and an eastern trip, including the Pennsylvania game, will be taken before Christmas vacation. Games with Allegheny, West Point, and the Pittsburgh Collegians have been arranged and manager Lendemuth may even induce Penn to come here for a contest.

WHAT COULD BE MORE IDEAL THAN AN AFTER-DANCE SUPPER At The Blue Moon

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Your Thanksgiving Party is not complete without those delicious individual PUMPKIN PIES From The Electric Bakery Half Block West of Postoffice

'League of Nations Fails In Aim,' Debaters Affirm

The League of Nations has failed to accomplish that for which it was established, Penn State's forensic team declared in successfully opposing the Oxford university debaters Tuesday night on the question, "Should the United States enter the League of Nations?"

The Penn State trio, composed of Albert J. Gates '29, Robert W. Haley '29, and Jack R. Richards '30, maintained that two cherished American principles would be sacrificed if the United States entered the League. They asserted that the League has not accomplished its original aim, and that the United States can accomplish more for world betterment if she does not join.

Oxford's representatives, Dingle M. Foot, C. S. Malcolm Brereton, and Alan T. Lennox-Boyd, argued that the United States needs the League in order to further her economic interests, and that the counsel of nations needs the membership of the United States to be really effective.

The presence of many distinguished visitors, prominent in the political life of the State, ideal weather conditions and a general spirit of optimism as to the future of the Pennsylvania State College characterized the annual celebration on last Friday of Pennsylvania Day.

It is up to us who are going to Pittsburgh in the State cheering section to secure a good leader now, cultivate our voices well in the meantime and show W. U. P. what real concentrated rooting and real State spirit are! Win or lose, our undergrads, who can get to Pittsburgh on Thanksgiving will root all the time and we will go out there to win.

Skating will be a popular diversion at the College after the holidays. An embankment is being built around New Beaver field, and it will be flooded and allowed to freeze.

ART FRATERNITY OFFERS PRIZE FOR CARD DESIGN

To stimulate interest in the designing of Christmas cards, Pi Gamma Alpha, honorary fine arts fraternity, is offering a special prize to the student submitting the best design. Any medium such as linoleum, block printing, wood block, half-tone or line-cut reproduction may be used in the designs which must be turned in by December 15.

For First Mortgage Money EUGENE LEDERER

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Play Safe!

Be sure that when buying your Thanksgiving outfit you get merchandise that has proven satisfactory. with Society Brand, Learbury Hart Schaffner & Marx Kirshbaum and Braeburn Suits and Overcoats We are safe in saying that we have just what you want and we don't think you have ever seen finer looking clothes at

\$30. to \$50. Sweaters \$3.95 to \$8.50 Shirts \$2.00 to \$3.00 Neckwear \$1.00 to \$2.50 Underwear \$1.00 to \$5.00 Suspenders \$.50 to \$1.50 Bath Robes \$5.00 to \$20.00 Shoes \$6.50 to \$14.50 Hats \$1.50 to \$8.50 Gloves \$.50 to \$6.00 Hosiery \$.35 to \$5.00 Fromm's OPPOSITE FRONT CAMPUS

DR. PATTEE'S DAUGHTER TO LECTURE TOMORROW

Mrs. Sarah Pattee Stetson, daughter of Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee, will deliver four lectures to students in the department of landscape architecture tomorrow. Last night Mrs. Stetson addressed the members of the Topian society, student landscape architectural organization.

Cathaum Theatre

Nittany Theatre NOTE Nittany Theatre open Tuesday evening only next week because of Thanksgiving vacation.

FRIDAY—Cathaum—Johnnie Mack Brown, Jeanette Loff in "ANN APOLIS"

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SATURDAY—Cathaum—Matinee at 2:00 Adolphe Menjou, Kathryn Carver in "HIS PRIVATE LIFE"

SATURDAY—Nittany—"ANN APOLIS"

MONDAY and TUESDAY—Matinee Daily at 2:00 Most Spectacular Picture of the Age Sensational Drama of the Clouds "WINGS"

Admission: Adults 50c, Children 25c

TUESDAY—Nittany—Richard Dix, Ruth Elder in "MORAN OF THE MARINES"

STARK BROS & HARPER Nittany Theatre NEXT TO THE MOVIES