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CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

For the third successive year Penn State's Cartmell-coached harriers outclassed twelve representative intercollegiate cross-country teams in the annual IC-1A class at Van Cortlandt Park less than two weeks ago. Captain Bill Cox, however, dropped to third place after winning the individual title for two successive years.

Since 1925 the rise of the Nittany cross-country team has been nothing less than phenomenal. Two successive individual titles and three team championships, victories over the leading winners in collegiate ranks, admirably bear out this fact. During this championship season, the fall schedule has been mediocre. Weak teams from Pitt and Syracuse have offered the only opposition to prepare the champions for defense of their crown in the annual IC-1A class.

Under these circumstances the success of Coach Cartmell's teams and of Captain Bill Cox is all the more noteworthy. Instead of being favored to retain the crown from year to year, Penn State's septet, with its mettle untested, should have been placed in a class with these teams based upon "unknown strength." But with unflinching faith in the sports writers have ranked the Nittany team in a class with the Lion snowing past some other great ones.

With the passing of Bill Cox this year Penn State's crown does not remain so secure. Especially since Maurice Lindsay and Richardson, is looking forward to the championship event next November. The University of Pennsylvania, with her three freshmen champions, is casting the throne with optimism.

Penn State's cross-country laurels are in danger. With a record of three successive team championships and the prospects of a fourth, the Nittany harriers have everything to gain. The Cornell team is the only one in IC-1A history that boasts of four successive crowns. The Penn State team will have an opportunity to equal that record next fall, and perhaps a chance to equal it the following November.

In order to prepare the champions for the crucial test at the next IC-1A meet, the Lion harriers should have a schedule that will place them in competition with the best college septets in the country. With the prospects of a fourth crown in view, there seems to be no reason why the cross-country team should not have such a schedule.

THE COLLEGIATE SPORT

For Penn State at least, the 1928 football season is relegated to the realm of amais and memories. Since the climactic clash with the Pittsburgh Panther, shouldered pads, elevated shoes, pugskin and water pants are stored away like so many medieval battle axes arrayed on a museum's walls. Until the preliminaries of the 1929 gridiron season, they will have the opportunity, if not to grow hoary with age, at least to undergo the pangs of neglect as well as disuse. And while they keep temporary company with the ornament of a forgotten day, it is desirable to view the sport they represent, with some degree of rationality. Now that the days of big games and mammoth crowds are gone for another year, it is possible to look back at them without the near-sightedness that makes contemporary vision distorted.

No longer does a cry of indignation at the over-emphasis of football rise from academe or lay circles. Several years ago, the most merits of the collegiate sport provided

a favorite topic for debate in high school auditoriums, college dormitories, and public magazines, alike. Today not even the professor, much less the undergraduate, gives a great deal of thought to the subject. Apparently, the faculty fails to regard the fall activity as a moansome sport, threatening to consume their boys' and raise their classrooms to provide sites for more stadiums. And the collegian, himself? He is becoming more apt to take the Saturday afternoon football game with the same degree of composure as he does his Sunday dinner.

A resume of the Nation's Lion's gridiron activities during the past few months reveals the not standing fact that they were marked by a steady trend, rather than by brilliant achievements. Hard work and intense training in the early fall led up to the days of strenuous encounter. The hard work continued, and games were won and more important games lost, while the football spirit of the colleges burned out the striving goal of consistent victory. In fact, the balance between victories and defeats is to be the criterion of success. Certainly Penn State fell short of it in the season just past. But, if as the songs say, it is the spirit of the fight that counts, the who can rob Penn State of her share of success?

At times, it is only fitting that ideals be allowed the chance to determine policies and behavior. Not should they be forgotten when football is the topic of discussion. The *Cornell Daily Sun*, in outlining its editorial opinion on the subject, has said in part, "Education is our end, and football in that it is a type of education is favored and promoted." At Penn State, leaving such an ideal in mind, and according the great national importance, undependable and results will look forward to the day of 1929, when the Lion and White hooves will again be decided on the gridiron field.

The Bullosopher's Chair

"Popular notion holds that the 'throne' of missing the real purpose of right education to a type of undependable the typical woman-crazy, gun-absorbing, college-bred of commercial material and college on a time. It is no doubt true that this sort of center the points of knowledge-imparting institutions with the idea that classes, lectures and text-books are of mere passing importance. It is no doubt true that the virtues of the temperate tradition are present in proportion to small numbers in every college and university, but at the same time there are present two proportionately larger groups who also miss the main issue of their education and go.

"Extra-curricular activity men compose the bulk of these two groups. For the most part they are a serious-minded and extremely ambitious lot. To these college in prospect means a place to prepare for the battle of life, but after they arrive, the love of undergraduate drama on the athletic field, in publications, college drama of political circles, piece-meal, rather than the desire for knowledge. Before they realize it, the demands of the outside world upon their time have grown so strong that it becomes practically impossible to give a fair amount of attention to belatedly pursued. Professors are not their indulgers, especially in the case of football heroes, on the terms of their extra-curricular activity. These enter with vigor and vigor with good grade, but even they have made the best of their opportunities. Others fall by the wayside, unable to stand the pressure of their more prized occupations.

"Justly the grand, determined talents who are forced to work to pay for the privilege of a higher education cannot do full justice to their scholastic ability. Working as they enter between classes and at night they find that they have to turn out school work in a hurried and nervous fashion with a minimum of thought and care. This way of doing things has never been to be condoned, for it is not typical of the day and age. But the too hasty, hasty fashion is not productive of the best results.

"Public opinion will admit that the young man who goes to college solely for the 'good times' is a total bore. Unhappily, but full of a sense that the extra-curricular enthusiast and the young student also miss the education and see to a certain extent. The latter, says the public, get something out of college that isn't found in textbooks. Undoubtedly they do, but their scholastic work suffers in consequence."

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Lion Courtmen Begin Daily Practice Games

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two posts this year. Saltman and Dredrich were both members of last year's freshman court team while Stuhley was a substitute varsity forward.

Stiff Practices Next Week
It is still a question whether George Delp will be able to play basketball this season because of a recent faculty

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