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### DESERVEDLY HONORED

The College learns with a profound sense of gratification that Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalism fraternity, will convene in State College, next year. The invitation, which was extended jointly by the Bucknell and Penn State chapters, was accepted promptly by the delegates assembled at the 1928 conclave in Atlanta, Georgia, last week.

Not only is it a highly esteemed privilege to entertain such an organization, but it is an opportunity seldom presented to Penn State. Heretofore, the College has been handicapped in her efforts to play host by the comparative inaccessibility of her location and the inadequacy of her physical plant. Now, with an extended system of highways and with several buildings under way, she need no longer be apologetic to visitors. Pi Delta Epsilon, in coming to State College, offers to Penn State an opportunity to secure advertisement of national worth. The convention will serve, too, as a means of relieving Penn State of a degree of that isolation in which she is engulfed.

It is not at all presumptuous to say that Pi Delta Epsilon's decision to meet here speaks well for the journalistic accomplishments of the College. Penn State publications are praised highly throughout the country and within comparatively recent years have even been honored by international recognition. Only last week two editorials submitted in a contest conducted by Pi Delta Epsilon among journals from fifty-four colleges and universities received first and second places.

These two editorials, the first written by Louis H. Bell, Jr., and the second by Llewellyn Mitstifer, were published in the COLLEGIAN last year and are hereby reprinted in full.

### SUBSTITUTE STAMINA

With the closing of the official 1927 football season comes the steady flow of "All-teams." Notable among others, there are the time-honored All-America, the insistent All-Conference combination, the All-Western, All-Eastern, All-Southern, All-State and a galaxy of other mythical teams of comparative minor importance. In conjunction with such announcements, individual players are praised to the skies; gridiron satellites are hoisted to the football pinnacle; team records are printed for proud display and championships are argued far into the winter so that stove-leaguers are kept busily engaged until warmer weather invites them out of doors.

And amid these eulogic floods, watching with envious glance the public swim of gridiron greats, stands silently—as ever—the unsung hero of every team, the unrecognized power behind every varsity success—the substitute. Every so often some thoughtful sports chronicler stops to pin a few humble phrases about the scrub whose worth, it seems, is always apparent but seldom recognized. Yet it is usually only a word or two eagerly devoured by the famished reserve whose publicity nourishment is sadly lacking.

Since any sane coach will affirm the futility of a successful varsity without reserve power, a second, third and fourth team to absorb all manner of football abuse with never a word of complaint, it might be well to encourage and attract more of such unselfish martyrs to the gridiron. Although, as long as the spirit of competition is a natural instinct in man, there will always be a sufficient quantity of "reserve beef" upon which a coach may rely.

Some significant gesture should be adopted for manifesting the appreciation which coach, player and spectator alike feel for the scrub when they are reminded of his sacrificing qualities. Perhaps a "strictly substitute" banquet sponsored by the student body or the Athletic Association, would be one means for such an expression. A minor award, a certificate or even a tiny trophy might serve the purpose. For there is no more admirable man nor any more deserving of reward than he who sacrifices time, energy and scholarship day after day for a coveted post that is more often than not beyond his reach.

For every substitute there is a place on the All-America Stamina team.

### THE UNFORTUNATE RHODES SCHOLAR

Although Mayor William Hale Thompson and his henchmen running on an "America First" ticket received a severe ballot drubbing in Tuesday's State-wide primary election, his ideas seem to have found staunch support from Congressman Fred A. Britten of Illinois. In a speech before the House of Representatives three weeks ago Congressman Britten said, "Run down the newspapers who oppose this legislation (for the benefit of the U. S. Navy), look into their editorial departments and you will find

Rhodes scholarship men, British subjects, propagandists and pacifists controlling them."

With an eye for the sensational and the consequent increase in profits derived therefrom, Mr. Hearst's Washington Herald seized Mr. Britten's speech and spread the Rhodes Scholarship paragraph in extra big and black type as a text for an editorial which covered the entire top-half of a page. "It," says last week's Time, "the ideas of Mr. Hearst's newspaper and the words of Congressman Britten are carried to a logical conclusion, a Rhodes Scholar, upon his return to the United States after three years study at Oxford, can do practically nothing." Whatever walk of life he should enter, he might spread un-American ideas among his impressionable companions. Soon someone will propose that American tourists abroad be fitted with blinders and ear-niuffs to prevent them from getting an idea that anyone else is better than themselves. Such a move would be unnecessary, however, since the egotism of the average American traveler and the press censorship in Europe are sufficient protection.

Returning to the unfortunate Rhodes Scholars, what one wonders was the original purpose of giving those scholarships? Did not the donor have some idea of broadening the viewpoint of a chosen few and fostering a spirit of harmony between the two English-speaking nations? If so, the Scholarships are certainly a failure, according to Congressman Britten. Then, the three years at Oxford narrows the viewpoint and loyal American subjects cross the ocean whistling "Yankee Doodle," only to return humming "God Save the King." Our friends, the Englishmen, must have something other than the inability to see a joke to accomplish so complete a conversion in so short a time.

But Congressman Britten is probably mistaken and anything Mr. Hearst says must be discounted by his love of the sensational for its own sake. One remembers, for example, that a fass his newspapers made by printing the fake Mexican "documents." Rhodes Scholars are supposed to be the cream of American undergraduates, men of exceptional ability and uncommon good sense. Most of them have passed the impressionable years in this country. It is ridiculous to suppose that in three short years they should become radicals, should transfer their loyalty, from the mother country and spread false propaganda favoring the British. It is not ridiculous to suppose that some of them, at least, have learned to look fairly, impartially at both sides of any question involving the two countries. Probably this freedom from sectional prejudice is what Messieurs Thompson, Hearst and Britten would call un-American.

### CHRISTENING THE NEW GYMNASIUM

College life has always been characterized by color, romance, its fund of tradition and a certain amount of pageantry. This yearning for the glamorous, typical of adolescent youth, manifests itself in certain phases of athletic contests, class dances, fraternity life, honorary societies and the nomenclature of college buildings.

In a few weeks Penn State will formally dedicate the central unit of its palatial new gymnasium. The new building has been officially christened "Recreation Hall." To the casual observer the name seems appropriate, but without distinction. The student objects to the selection on the grounds that "Recreation Hall" lacks color, that it is "flat." The objection is just. The name does lack color and distinction.

Any college or university might have a "Recreation Hall," but, complains the opposition, every college doesn't. The very fact that other institutions have not christened their buildings with such generally-appropriate names is an argument in favor of a more locally-appropriate designation for the new athletic center. The student, then, would like to have the name link up the function of the building with something that is distinctly Penn State. In addition he wants a name that will appeal to the imagination.

Perhaps the student is asking for the impossible, but should the undergraduates agree that "Recreation Hall" is a satisfactory designation for the new gymnasium and should the College authorities be in sympathy, definite steps can be taken to secure and adopt a more distinctive name.



Your taste will not be questioned,  
 And you know he'll 'preciate  
 A gift which bears the label  
 Of Montgomery's  
 at Penn State.



### Twenty Years Ago

(From the Collegian files of 1908)  
 The crowded state of the dormitories has been relieved by the erection in the village during the summer of more than 40 private residences, most of them intended to provide student lodging.

Taken as a whole, the concert Tuesday night was decidedly high class, and

the great regret is that more students were not present to profit by such an entertainment, for such artists are not easy to get here and the educational value of their work is great.

A large number of students arrived this week for the beginning of the winter courses in agriculture. 91 students were enrolled in the course last year.

The magnificent spirit and true enthusiasm among the alumni and undergraduates at the game in Pitts-

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### Catharine Theatre

AND  
**Nittany Theatre**

NOTE: This week, Nittany Theatre open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—  
 Matinee Tuesday at 2:00  
 Buster Keaton in  
 "THE CAMERAMAN"

TUESDAY—Nittany—  
 John Gilbert in  
 "MASKS OF THE DEVIL"

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY—  
 Matinee Wednesday at 2:00  
 Lon Chaney in  
 "WEST OF ZANZIBAR"

THURSDAY—Catharine—  
 Matinee at 2:00  
 Karl Dane, George K. Arthur in  
 "BROTHERLY LOVE"

FRIDAY—  
 Marjorie Beebe in  
 "THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER"

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