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ONE HUNDRED PER CENT PERFECT

A number of college students still believe that they can slide through college, doing slipshod work and depending upon their fellow classmates for the accomplishment of the more unpleasant scholastic tasks, and then go out into the world to knock it cold. They look upon their undergraduate existence as four or five years of vacation, marked occasionally by blue books and the assignments of the professors. "What I do in College doesn't mean a thing," they say. "Wait until I graduate and then I'll show the world something." Evidently they are under the delusion that the standards of life are lower than those of the college or university, that the tests of ability are different. President Coolidge, who should know something about both undergraduate and post-graduate life and their touchstones of success, dispels these illusions in the following concise and pointed paragraph.

"Two great tests in mental discipline are accuracy and honesty. It is far better to master a few subjects thoroughly than to have a mass of generalizations about many subjects. The world will have little use for those who are right only a part of the time. Whatever may be the standards of the classroom, practical life will require something more than 60 per cent or 70 per cent for a passing mark. The standards of the world are not like those set by the faculty, but more closely resemble those set by the student body themselves. They are not at all content with a member of the musical organizations who can strike only 90 per cent of the notes. They do not tolerate the man on the diamond who catches only 80 per cent of the balls. The standards which the student body set are high. They want accuracy that is well-nigh complete. They apply the same standards to candor and honesty. Bluff and pretense may be permitted in the classroom; but in their relations with each other students regard such practices with contempt, and those who resort to them are properly considered to be cheap. They may be willing to view with considerable tolerance those who break the rules of the school, but they will not fail to mete out condemnation and penalty to those who break the rules of training. When the world holds its examinations it will require the same standards of accuracy and honesty which student bodies impose upon themselves. Unless the mind is brought under such training and discipline as will enable it to acquire these standards at an early period the grave danger increases that they may never be acquired."

AN ALL-COLLEGE DAY

Ever since the abolition of athletic scholarships at Penn State the problem of obtaining good high school material has been discussed again and again by officials and students alike. Everyone has agreed that without some sort of an inducement the College can not hope to attract the type of athlete that is necessary, if Penn State is to maintain its position and prestige in collegiate sportdom. The latter conclusion is most logical since it is a proven fact that a great majority of the men who became notable Nittany Lion athletes received some sort of aid during their quest for knowledge.

In an attempt to better the predicament wrought by the 'no scholarship' decree, the authorities decided to hold an annual affair that would advertise Penn State among promising high school athletes and, entitled "S" Banquet, was created to serve also as a token or symbol of appreciation of the lettermen on the various teams. The banquet was held for the first time last spring, and the future greets, along with the "S" winners, attended.

This year the committee, appointed by the president of Student Council to take charge of the banquet, has decided to disregard high school athletes as invitees and, according to tentative plans will localize the affair making it strictly a dinner for lettermen. Immediately following the dinner, an all-College convocation will be held in Recreation Hall and a prominent football coach will address the assemblage.

This plan is satisfactory for entertaining the College lettermen, but precludes any hope or idea of obtaining athletic material from preparatory and high schools. As the name implies, the function will be limited to winners of athletic awards with no attempt at interesting outsiders in Penn State. In our opinion, the "S" Banquet offers an excellent opportunity to advertise the institution if turned into an all-College affair. Instead of a few attempting to accomplish something, the students and alumni could pool their efforts in "selling" Penn State to visiting athletes.

According to reports from Lehigh university, where an all-college function somewhat like the above is held each spring, such a system is bearing fruit and plans are being prepared to make the coming event more impressive than ever. Through a function like this the visitors can become acquainted with our traditions and some may be sufficiently impressed to make Penn State their alma mater. The benefits from this experiment are easily seen. Surely it deserves a trial.

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COW COLLEGE?

A Campus of paths! That is one of the first thoughts that strikes a visitor upon being shown over Penn State's famed Campus.

Despite the efforts of the college officials, students persist in using the front campus and other spots of beauty as a short cut to classes. Chains, rods, signs and other such impediments placed with the idea of halting the would-be trespasser's act more as invitations to split-second students.

What can be expected if this poor spirit continues? Will Penn State still retain its position among Pennsylvania colleges as having the most beautiful campus? From all indications the student body has forgotten its responsibility, rather it resembles a herd of cattle wandering wherever the grass seems greener. If such practices continue the present campus may be well called a pasture.

Thousands of dollars yearly are spent by the college in an attempt to keep the campus in a presentable shape. One man is kept busy throughout the year following after thoughtless students who drop waste paper any place but in the containers provided for such materials.

The Penn State spirit, so highly praised at times, seems decidedly lacking in obedience and campus pride. Not because the violators do not realize it, but rather they feel that it is no disgrace to follow lines of what appear to be custom. Last spring, soon after the last of the snow had disappeared, a new device was placed to ask late-goers to use the paths as laid out on the campus. Iron poles with chains between them were placed at various points along the routes. What was the result? For a few days they remained unmolested, then first one stretch of chain would disappear followed later by the absence of another piece. A few days later the old paths began life anew. The poles are still standing, the chains hanging from one end presenting a despicable sight to a visitor. It is not a thing in which the student body can show pride.

With the large amount of building work going on over the entire campus some of its poor appearance may be excused. This, however, should be an incentive to students to take an active part in trying to make that part of the campus unused into a lawn unrivaled by that of any college. Winter is here, during that time when the ground is covered with snow, will be a good period to get in the habit of using the regular paths as laid out by the college. In the spring when the ground is soft and the grass is just beginning to grow, not much effort will be required to refrain from returning to the old haunts.

Q E B.

Letter Box

Refutes "Victim"

To The Editor
The COLLEGIAN
Dear Sir:

I am taking this opportunity to correct a mistake which was made in this same column in the last issue of the COLLEGIAN. It seems that the writer of the letter entitled "I P. Down, Go Down!" was trying to amuse the "collegiate public" which your newspaper serves" instead of trying to right a "social maladjustment." In fact I am inclined to think that he was extremely hypocritical in his written opinions since I happened to be an eye witness of the affair which the would-be humorist described in such vivid detail.

To begin with this practitioner of hypocrisy was the victim of thoughtlessness on the part of none other than himself. While he and his companions "were camping" leisurely down the campus walk they joined the ranks of a score or more "high school boys," calling themselves college students and proceeded to strike out with might and main upon the "skating rink and toboggan slide combined" which hastened considerably the descent from Old Main to College avenue. It was while thus absorbed in the pleasures of his boyhood that the "Victim" experienced "a terrific shock" and a jar.

The writer's description of his predicament from this point on was colored beyond recognition. It is a truth that he fell rather heavily upon the ice laden pavement but, nevertheless, he was far from a state of unconsciousness after the accident. To the contrary, instead of being revived by the aid of "several glasses of extremely cold water," he rose hastily to his feet and rejoined the merry procession on its way down the skating path.

If the writer sought to bring out some moral or to cast a campaign against such school boy practices upon the campus he should have attacked himself first. As a result of his hypocritical views the letter which he endeavored to make humorous by including within it such idiotic expressions as "bed of roses," and "reclined so unconsciously" fell entirely short of its point. I really doubt whether the author of that epistle was feeling very well when he wrote with such apparent gusto. His ill feeling, however, could not have been the result of his fall since I saw him several hours later continuing his boyhood antics on that same slippery path.

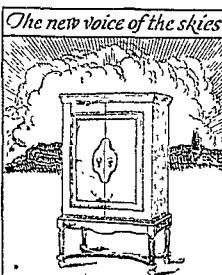
This man's hypocritical nature bodes no good for the College and the community. He is the type who will strike another from the back and then resort to flight. He is the typical Anarchist or Bolshevist on a combination of both who is never content unless he can be some instrument in stirring up controversy. He is the exact replica of the man, who will stand on Co-Op Corner and explain the proper method of coaching football and criticize adversely the existing system, although in reality he has, literally speaking, never as much as lifted a finger to cheer his team to victory.

What should be done with a person of this character? Should he be let to roam the campus spreading a plague of hypocrisy? Shall he be let to continue his deception of the public mind?

The answer is NO!! The social prestige of the College as well as its spirit are at stake. Down with Anarchism, Bolshevism, and hypocrisy!! Long live collegiate patriotism!!!!

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Penn State—Penn
Dear Sir
To The Editor
The COLLEGIAN

It seems from all indications that Penn State and Penn are not to meet in wrestling this season. Has there been some athletic break between the two schools in wrestling? This does not seem possible or some notice of it would have been printed before this, but nevertheless the down state team does not appear on the schedule for this season.

When two colleges such as Penn State and Penn, who meet in practically every sport annually, do not engage one another in a sport it is quite noticeable. There must be some answer to the question.

Inquiries to the Lion manager disclose the fact that Penn State was willing to meet the Pennsylvania mat team but the latter university did not favor such a contest.

From this it seems as though the Quaker city team was afraid of being beaten and therefore refused to schedule the Lions, that they might have a better chance to go through the season undefeated. Perhaps it was the one-sided victory of the Nittany seven over them last year that decided the issue.

If this is the case it shows poor sportsmanship on the part of such a large university as Pennsylvania. If Penn State were to follow the same example Pennsylvania would probably be met in football only, where the standings are about even. It is not unusual for a Penn State basketball team to fall before a stronger Penn team not a Lion one to be decisively defeated at Philadelphia. This does not, however, deter them from placing the University on their schedule for the next season. Rather it is an incentive to try and gain a victory the next season.

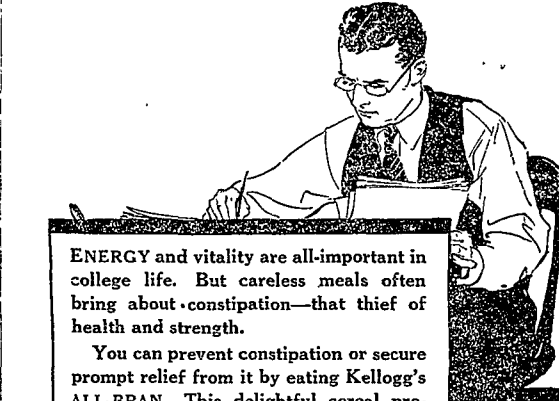
The Penn State—Pennsylvania meets, no matter in what sports, are always looked forward to by every true sports lover for there is always sure to be strong competition. Every effort should be made to get the University of Pennsylvania back on the Penn State wrestling schedule for next year or if possible on some date this season.

GRANGE HOLDS ELECTION

Kenneth Hood '30 has been elected master of the Penn State subordinate grange. Other officers are Howard F. Fox '31, overseer; Harry A. Berge '31, lecturer; Ray S. Marshall '30, steward; William M. Mareklo '31, assistant steward, and John F. Shrawder '30, chaplain.

Miss Margaret Garey was elected treasurer; Mrs. R. F. Titler, secretary; David H. Walter '31, gatekeeper; Miss Annette Kryder '30, Ceres; Mrs. A. Catherine M. Wheeler '31, Pomona; Miss Martha L. Bank '31, Flora; Miss Zola Welsh '31, Lady assistant steward; and Karl W. Flowers '30, pianist.

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