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REWARDING THE SCHOLARS

In every institution of higher learning there are found exceptional students who show unusual promise along certain lines and mediocre students who do only enough work to insure themselves of the coveted sheepskin in June. This fact has become a universal axiom among colleges and requires no further discussion here. But an important problem evolved from this distinction, and a problem it has become, is how can the American college justly reward those students who have attained scholastic prominence and who have displayed unmistakable signs of brilliance in certain fields of human knowledge?

It is true that these select ones are the recipients of numerous keys and pins that represent scholastic pre-eminence. It is admitted that they receive the praise and commendation of their instructors and classmates and that the majority of Commencement honors fall to their lot. It cannot be denied that some fellowships, although on the whole generous, are offered them. But all these honors are empty and devoid of anything that smacks of a real, tangible reward. Nothing but a bit of valueless glory is attached to them.

American colleges and universities are far behind their sister institutions of England and the continent in this respect. Over there the scholars are distinguished from the commonplace students and afforded opportunities for independent creative work. In this way men who show unusual talent in certain fields of endeavor are given the opportunity to specialize in those fields and work together during the last year or two of their undergraduate life. They receive special instruction from their professors and separate residence halls, accommodating about thirty or forty, are set aside for them during their senior year.

This system has been most successful abroad and several American institutions, notably Swarthmore and Lafayette, are planning one somewhat like it. At the latter college President Lewis has endorsed Dean Prentice's recommendation for such a plan and at present is before the board of trustees for its approval.

A project such as this aims to fit the institution to individual needs and to get away from the evil of standardized production. At the same time it serves as a fitting reward for undergraduates who possess exceptional talent and ability and who wish to further themselves along their own chosen lines. Such a scheme would create the stimulus of competition and, within a group, the satisfaction of correlated effort.

H. T.

AND SO TO THE INTERCOLLEGIATES

Penn State's undefeated wrestling team will face that supreme test of all undergraduate sporting seasons, the intercollegiate, at Lehigh this week-end. Against the mat squads of Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Columbia, Pennsylvania and Lehigh, the Nittany Lions will be forced to display the prowess of their patrician beast in order to annex the championship crown, and if their record for the past season indicates anything, they are already imbued with the fighting spirit of the King of Beasts.

Saturday's matches rang down the curtain on one of the greatest dual-meet seasons a Penn State wrestling team has ever been accented with. Few, if any, of the competing squads will enter the intercollegiate with a total season's offensive score that has passed the century mark as compared with the twenty-four points of their opponents. While the reputedly strong teams of Cornell, Navy and Lafayette have succumbed to the prowess of the Nittany nutmen, the intercollegiate will furnish an array of foes, many of whose strength the wrestlers have not yet tested. These new opponents must also be conquered before the laurels rest safely within the Lion's claw.

During the last three years Coach Spedel's competent coaching has brought Penn State's wrestling teams rapidly to the fore again. Starting off with last place in 1927, his proteges rose to third place in intercollegiate rating the following season, and will have an excellent opportunity to improve upon that standing in this week-end's matches. Captain Ted Wilson, modest title-holder of last year's intercollegiate, has set a noble example for his teammates. He has emerged victorious from every match during the current season and is favored to retain his crown for another year.

In the light of the wrestling team's enviable record for the season and unshaken faith in their fighting spirit, the students and alumni are optimistically awaiting the returns from Bethlehem on Saturday.

AN INDUSTRY LOOKS TO PENN STATE

Textile manufacturing is one of the foremost industries of the state of Pennsylvania. In addition to the large companies in Philadelphia, Reading, Allentown and Scranton, there are many smaller mills scattered throughout the Eastern part of the State. The efficient operation of these mills requires a vast number of skilled laborers and technically-trained supervisors. The sharp competition in the textile industry demands executives with years of specialized training, and there are no colleges or universities in the United States that aid by offering courses in this line of work.

Is it not time for Penn State to make another progressive move by establishing a department for this purpose? At present the School of Chemistry and Physics has cooperated with the Textile Association by investigation in dyeing materials. The College is already represented in this field of endeavor through its Engineering Extension branch schools in Reading and Allentown. These branches offer a three-year course of study in the "night-school" manner.

There are doubtless many who wish to prepare themselves by full time study in a college or university to enter the textile industry. By creating such a department, would not the College be rendering a double service to the people of Pennsylvania—first, to the individuals who seek training, and again, to the industry itself?

HITCH-HIKING LEGISLATION

There is pending in a committee room of the State Legislature an act presumably designed to stop "hitch-hiking" among college students. Article X, Section 1031 of House Bill No. 1053, which is to be known as "The Vehicle Code," proposes to inflict a fine of five dollars or imprisonment for not more than three days upon any person who solicits a ride from the operator of any private vehicle.

Enactment of the bill would deprive many students of what they consider a legitimate means of transportation. The bill is doubly objectionable to College students. Denied access to automobiles by a College decree, and handicapped by poor transportation facilities, Penn State undergraduates frequently resort to "hitch-hiking" for week-end trips. Lack of sufficient finances is more often the reason for soliciting rides from passing motorists. Too, the lure of a Penn-Penn State football game or of a week-end at home is difficult to overcome.

On the other hand, it is questionable whether railroad companies and public buses suffer financial loss by the practice, since lack of finances would otherwise prohibit the trips. The chief argument against the practice is the "chance" taken by the passing motorists. Authentic stories of "holdups" and the like are infrequent, which attests to the unreliability of many reports.

With these arguments in mind, students should send personal appeals to the members of the Legislature in their home districts and, as a gesture of good-will, the College should exert its influence in official ranks to stay the passage of an undesirable bill.

The Bullosopher's Chair

Smithers: Have you been affected by the ravages of the crime wave that appears to be sweeping the Campus just now?

"I am glad to say that I have not, but, nevertheless, I have heard a great deal of comment on this subject, especially within the past week."

Smithers: You must be a very fortunate person, or perhaps you have not been a frequent visitor at fraternity dances. I say this not as a slur to the fraternities but in condemnation of the person who is afflicted with the habit of thievery. The other night as my girl friend and I were about to depart from one of these social gatherings I was brought to a sudden realization that I was without an overcoat. I had placed the article of clothing which I had purchased a few days before, in a place where I might find it with little trouble, but when I returned, it had vanished. Thinking that I had made a mistake, I looked around once more and was surprised to discover two other guests who had apparently mislaid a hat and a pair of gloves. Our combined efforts failed to reveal any of the missing articles and we resigned ourselves to the consequences.

"But surely you didn't suspect any of the other dance guests?"
Smithers: I must admit that it was hard at first to believe that my coat had been stolen, but when I learned that two other students had lost articles of clothing I was bound to consider myself robbed.

"Someone probably seized the opportunity to outfit himself with the best of everything and at the lowest price possible, and where could he find a better chance than in the cloak room at a house dance?"

Smithers: The trouble is that there is no means at present to detect such underhand work. Perhaps checking rooms or even police protection, if necessary, would lessen temptation for the transgressor.

Easter Time Is Dress-up Time

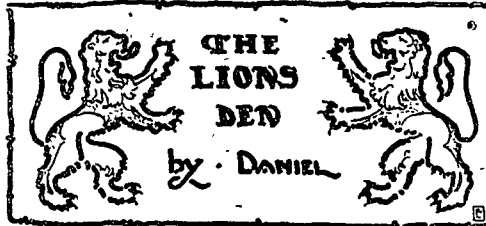
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In keeping with the spirit of the Sophomore Hop week-end, the varsity wrestlers showed excellent form Saturday afternoon, scoring a 39-0 win.

Against the Reserves.
Five of the opposing grapplers were inverted, as the calculating speaker would say.

Or, as the lookout man on Ag Hill would say, it was nice fall weather.

With all deference to the Western Reserve team, we must, as a true columnist, report the findings of our radical tendencies and expound on theories and beliefs that move the public to anger.

Then, we gain what is called notoriety, lose our present post, but because of our courage and daring, are offered another typing job with an increase over our former salary.

After the manner of our steamed contemporary, Mr. Heywood Brown.

Fairly, we believe, it could be stated that Saturday's wrestling opponent was not discreetly chosen. The lopsided score indicates how far the Reserve men were outclassed. The crowd was pleased, to be sure, knowing that Coach Spedel's men finished the season unbeaten and untied and feeling that the Lions had gained something.

But they didn't gain anything—except an insignificant victory. In fact they lost something; namely, an opportunity to lay a stronger and more indisputable claim to the team championship of the East. The reason should be obvious.

Had the Powers Behind the Throne chosen a more outstanding opponent whose defeat would have been significant, then Penn State followers would have reason to do some real honest-to-goodness rejoicing. For such a victory, added to the Cornell triumph, would have made Penn State's claim as strong as that of any other competitor, Lehigh included.

More than that, the Lions would be outstanding among the claimants, having only the little stans of Bethlehem as possible disputants.

Incidentally, Lehigh trimmed Penn unmercifully (which is to say by a 30-0 score) while the Lion's were playing for their score of nine points more.

Maybe the boys should have got together.

Letter Box

Lauds West Virginia Sportsmanship Dear Editor,

This is merely to express the hope that boxing relations will be continued between West Virginia and Penn State. It is true that the visitors were outclassed last Saturday, and that there were other teams available who might have given a better battle. But it is doubtful that any could have been found who so thoroughly typified what we choose to call "Penn State Spirit," but what is, in essence, no more than the highest ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.

The hardest battles of the West Virginia team are not fought in the ring. Boxing as a sport is scarcely recognized at their University, and is receiving very little organized support. There is no professional coach. The team receives all of its instruction from one of the students who devotes to it all the time he is able to spare. For the rest the team struggles alone.

It is to be hoped that the University will recognize the merits of this group, and accord them the support that they deserve. When that time comes there is little doubt but that West Virginia will send a team worthy of the best our men can do. For the present they should be kept on the schedule because they are trying to further the cause of amateur boxing, if for no other reason. Such clean type of men cannot help but bring a good name to the sport.

G. S. A.

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Dr. Sutton Addresses Group of Sportsmen

Discussing the State Game commission, Dr. Charles M. Sutton, State ornithologist and director of the commission, addressed an audience of sportsmen here Thursday night.

Doctor Sutton used as the basis for his talk the sportsman's responsibility to the game commission. After the address three reels of moving pictures depicting the worth of the commission were shown.

The speaker is a graduate of Cornell university and has taken several trips into Labrador and the Hudson Bay region on research work. He will soon leave to investigate wild life on Southampton Island, a stretch of land with approximately thirty Eskimo families inhabiting it.

Twenty Years Ago

Penn State has seen some good inter-class basketball games but the one displayed Saturday night in the Armory is likely to remain long in the minds of those who witnessed it as probably the most interesting and exciting ever played with the freshmen winning 24 to 20. Like most of the Soph-Fresh games, this one was very rough but a bright feature was the work of referee Crabtree, who saw most of the fouls and called them. Forty infractions of the rules were brought to light, eighteen for the freshmen and twenty-two for the sophomores. Captain Jones '12 took advantage of this by making sixteen foul goals, which added to his field goal, virtually won the game.

The press club has been permanently organized and will begin work at once.

Don't Experiment with your Appearance



AGRICULTURE STUDENTS COMPLETE NEW COURSE

Penn State's newest short course, a week of training for herdsmen, ended Saturday. Twenty-two men, representing twelve Keystone counties and the state of Maryland, attended the course. As a result of the interest shown, officials of the School of Agriculture have decided to schedule the course annually.

Dairy and animal husbandry faculty members of the college had charge of the instruction which included the feeding, fitting, showing, breeding, and managing of horses, sheep, swine, beef, and dairy cattle.



An empire hung on that strap

THE hitch must be right, the pack must be tight. On details such as that hung the attainment of the day's goal and the final success of the expedition. Lewis and Clark, first Americans to cross the continent, knew the importance of "trifles" in the concerted plan. They saw to it their equipment was right, they supervised every step from man-power to pack-horse-

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"OUR PIONEERING WORK HAS JUST BEGUN"

Last Thursday night about a hundred members of the junior class gathered in McAllister Hall to participate in the annual class banquet. All through the toast there ran the undercurrent of the true College spirit. Singing of the College songs, many impromptu speeches and witty stories passed away the remainder of the time.

Eight Hindu students at the University of Washington have founded a fraternity, secured a house and will live in oriental style. This calls to mind the fact that we have many foreign students in attendance here.

Juniors who are to take part in the junior oratorical contest have been chosen.



Matinee Daily Starting at 1:30—Last Complete Showing Begins at 3:00

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