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THAT FOR THE FIGHTING

Tonight the familiar, thrilling thud of leather against flesh will play a fitting overture for the sixth annual intercollegiate boxing spectacle. Tonight leather-fisted gladiators of Pennsylvania, Navy, Western Maryland, Georgetown, Syracuse, M. I. T. and Penn State will stand in staunch defense of their colors, each determined to make a name for himself and for his Alma Mater. And when thirty-eight men (M. I. T. has but two entrants) scramble madly for the lone coveted trophy, what—short of super-action—can result?

From all indications, from all advanced statistics, the final round will be contested with especial heat. Combatants will be on edge; but not more so than the spectators themselves. Final contestants must be wary, cautious; but not more so than the onlookers who will probably fight an entire bout innately, mentally, spiritually. Possessed as they will be with absolute enthusiasm, primed as they will be for battle, imbued as they will be with college patriotism, they need to be careful not to offend guests of Penn State with unseemly or vulgar demonstrations, with the crude, offending outbursts of the mad mob they will be. Penn State cannot afford the risk but, powerless to control the crowd, must trust to the discretion and sportsmanship of her students—as well as other attendants—must plead silently in the name of Penn State hospitality.

The ropes are taut; the canvas is laid; the bell awaits with open mouth. The Lion comes from his lair in the foothills to roar a sincere welcome to our guests. The Seven Mountains stand at attention. All Penn State extends its hand and heart to the visitors. All that we have, all that we covet, all that we control, may be had for the asking. All except the bronze boxing trophy, symbolic of the championship.

That for the fighting.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH—

Whether it be by the decree of Fate or Circumstance or Death, there must come an end to every joy. There must come a time when the standard-bearer must release his fingers from the banner that he has so ardently striven to hold aloft, when he must pass the banner to other hands, reluctant to give it up but confident that strong and willing hands will keep it aloft and speed it forward until still other hands clutch it. Thus runs the eternal cycle. This is the evening of a college year, the night that follows the afternoon, just as the afternoon follows the mid-day; just as the mid-day follows the morning; just as the morning follows the dawn. Only a few short hours fill the space between dawn and evening. But what hours! Hours of success, of failure, of reprimand, of glory, of enthusiasm, of work and inertia, of hope lost and won, of scorn and applause, of condemnation and commendation. But whether sad or joyful, whether dull or vivid, they are hours well spent, hours of companionship, of loyalty to purpose, of competition that makes men of all—winner or loser.

But there is no real loser. The defeated glory in their steadfastness, in their honest effort. They are thankful for fast friends, for experience, for teaching—the lesson; for learning—the lesson. For knowing—that college is not all books, not all study, all scholarship, pleasure.

We who surrender the banner—nay, who pass it on, are reluctant to lose our grip and scramble in the dust and see another grasp it. But we are proud that the banner still floats, that it goes ever forward.

And, plainly speaking, we are confident that the new editorial and business staffs of the Penn State COLLEGIAN are competent and willing enough to carry on—and on—and on. To our successors, congratulations, good fortune, good heart.

And, above all—good heart.

A NON-PARTISAN ATTITUDE

Student Council has endorsed open politics. In the coming Spring class elections a campaign, similar to that of the national political parties, will replace the clandestine clique system. It is an experiment, intended above all else to permit the student voters to exercise more intelligence in selecting candidates for election. Mass meetings will give the undergraduate voters an opportunity to see the various candidates and to hear their platform. Since the open campaign method of conducting class elections is a direct offspring of the national system, it has inherited

vice as well as virtue from its parent, but Student Council has deemed the new method, along with its disadvantages, superior to the former underhand pre-election campaigning. The trial at the coming class elections will prove the wisdom or fallaciousness of this decision.

Throughout the entire year and especially during the campaigning period the COLLEGIAN will remain entirely non-partisan in both news and editorial columns. In the previous years of its existence the COLLEGIAN has built up a reputation for fair and impartial mirroring and moulding of student opinion and policies. The coming of open campaigning definitely threatens that reputation by tempting the parties to make use of the journal's columns for their own ends. The staff recognizes the danger in advance and is prepared to thwart all efforts to turn this paper into a political organ. To yield to the temptation to support one party or one candidate in preference to the other would destroy the COLLEGIAN's status as a student publication. It would render the editorial writers grossly unqualified to utter unbiased opinion upon any but the most innocent and hackneyed topics. It would weaken the journalistic pen's power for constructive criticism and hinder free expression of thought. The assumption of a partisan attitude might even lead to a bitter and regrettable editorial war among the campus publications. The foregoing considerations alone are sufficient to convince the skeptical that the COLLEGIAN has reason enough to expend every effort to preserve a non-partisan status.

No matter how carefully and how actively the editorial blue pencil is wielded against partisan material, glib-tongued gossips will circulate the report that the COLLEGIAN is supporting such-and-such a candidate. There is no protection against these pernicious devotees of capricious Dame Rumor but the hope that the more intellectually-gifted of the students will see the items in their true light. Even some legitimate news will have to be denied publication in order to prevent suspicion of partisanship, but the staff is forced to that extremity in order to achieve an ideal worthy of sacrifice.

FALSE IDEALS

The word, "chiseler" with "handshaker" and other less elegant terms as its synonyms, forms an active part of every undergraduate's vocabulary and may be defined as "he who strokes the vanity of some person for the sake of the favors which that individual has the power of conferring." Student opinion stamps the whole tribe of "chiselers" with more approbation than disapproval. Even if the "chiseled" is conscious of the motives behind his admirer's activity, he can but feel partial toward the "chiseler." In brief, "handshaking" is a tried and proven method for securing campus and scholastic honors.

In all probability the rule is just as applicable in the world beyond the academic confines, and yet the student attitude of acceptance toward "chiseling" creates a false standard which lowers the intrinsic value of both campus and scholastic honors and instills in youth a set of ideals, vicious as it is untrue. The recipient of the honor, falsely assuming that he has attained his eminence because of true merit alone, thereby throws his own tender ego open to the discouraging ravages of the disillusionment that comes when a true test of those same merits finds him wanting.

Undergraduate opinion encourages the superficial student to "chisel" the professors in order to enhance his chances of receiving a passing grade, and on the other hand, it prevents the conscientious scholar from any intimate contact with his instructors, which would no doubt help him on the road to knowledge, for, be it known that he who works for his rewards utterly despises he who obtains the same rewards without working for them and is also contemptuous toward the methods by which his opponent has scored.

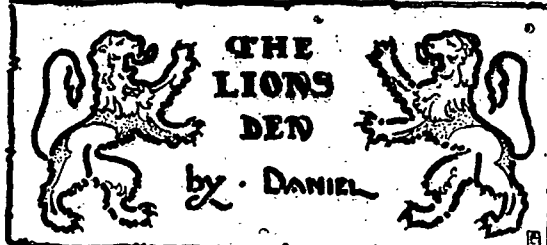
The present student attitude toward "chiseling," then, has helped to detract from the value of papa's receipted bill, the college diploma, and has diminished the importance of campus honors. The situation is unfortunate. Perhaps the undergraduate should not be blamed. As an imitator, he has imbibed the philosophy of the times: the end justifies the means and the end must be taken at its face value.

The New Additions To our RENTAL LIBRARY

- "SON OF THE GODS" by REX BEACH
- "FARTHING HALL" by HUGH WALPOLE and J. P. PRIESTLEY
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The Boxing Coaches Give Their Advanced Dope On the Intercollegiates

NAVY: "Well, the boys are in great shape except for our bantam. He's got a floatin' rib as a result of that water polo skirmish with Harvard. Yeah. But that'll make him harder to hit. An' the middleweight, he's got water on the brain. Yeah. Got it from studyin' too hard for that exam on aquatic maneuvers. Tough racket, this navy business. Well, anyway the boys'll be in there fightin' all the time, tryin' hard and y' can bet your boots that when the bouts are over, the Navy boys won't be the rear admirals. To sum it up, we should cop the trophy, barring tough breaks. That's all."

"Sink the Navy!"

PENN: "As you probably know, Penn has had a very successful year in sports. As usual, the basketball team came through and won the title of the East which is getting to be sort of a habit. And the football team got an all-American or two. Lost only a single game and that to Navy. Licked Penn State, Cornell and others. Pardon? The wrestlers? Why, uh—say just a minute I wanta see Joe. (Leaves; returns). Now, where was I? Oh yes. About football. We should have another whizz of a outfit next year. There'll be Johnny Utz and—er—Johnny Utz—and, well, a bunch of other good men. Y' know, about that game with Navy last year. That was a funny sortava battle. Pardon? Our chances in the boxing intercollegiate? Oh, yes. I'll tell ya. Well, the team has not been stationary all season. That is, we've been shifitin' about. The boys are in good shape. Yep. Y'know, if we get any kind of breaks I wouldn't be surprised if we figure in this battle. Yep."

"Sink the Navy!"

SYRACUSE: "We got a very, very sweet heavyweight. Remember what he did to Stevie Hamas only a week ago... What? His sophomore year. That's right they did meet in the prelims that year but this boy was only learnin' then. Right. But he's sweet now. Very sweet. In fact, I expect him to pull through this year in decisive fashion. He's one sweet boy. But concerning the team as a whole. Keep this on the Q. I will you, please? You see their morale is shattered. Right. Right. No, they had their hearts set on Al—Right. No. Smith. Al Smith. Yeah, for president. President! And his defeat sorta took the fight outa the boys. It's that way all ovah. Suah. The boys really felt it. But I figure this is our year for breaks, breaks that'll make us the surprise of the league. Right. This heavy sure is a sweet boy, though. Got the stuff. Very, very sweet. Yes, sir!"

"Sink the Navy!"

M. I. T.: "I haven't much to say. Only this: remember that we're the original MIT men and though we haven't a full team, we're apt to throw a scare into somebody's well-laid nest. Since we have only two entrants, I want to say only two words: we'll win!"

"Sink the Navy!"

GEORGETOWN: "The boys are out to win. President Hoover gave us a little pep talk before we left and told us to be careful, not to say much and to economize every blow. We've gotta be on the up an' up, so to speak. Washington can't stand another scandal. Wal, I don't know who'll be the final winner but you can put us down for a place or two right now. Lest, o'course, the breaks don't swing our way."

"Sink the Navy!"

WESTERN MARYLAND: "My scarum boys are in town and I don't mean maybe. Watch 'em close. Remember the sweat we caused Penn State and the losing battle we put up at Navy. Remember. One o' these days we're goin' 'I get the breaks and upset all the dope. Remember."

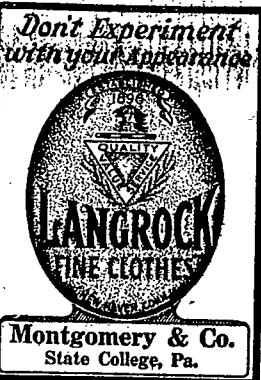
"Sink the Navy!"

PENN STATE: "Can't say much. The boys look only fair. Only fair. Yeah, the family will be there to root for the boys. Yeah. Allie looks good. Yeah, Steve too. Of course of course Marty's in fine shape. Eppie looks fine. Koly too. So does Jack and Boni. Naw. I don't know whether we'll figure this year or not. Never can tell. Maybe we will. See the manager; he even knows how many teeth each man has. Yeah."

Twenty Years Ago

The sophomore banquet held in McAllister Hall was attended by about half of the class, and the idea of having a class banquet in State College was again proved practical. "Pretxie" Bubb gave the first toast to "Our Class" and was cheered to the echo.

The second instructional train sent out under the direction of the College left Philadelphia on Tuesday morning over the Reading road.



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GRAPEFRUIT FYES ORANGES

A special plea has been made by the Wrestling Association for the support of the students in the meet with the Lehigh team on Saturday evening. This is a new venture, being the first intercollegiate wrestling meet in which State has been engaged. In order to meet expenses the Association must sell 600 tickets at 25 cents each.

Gamma Psi as "Honorary" are unwarranted and misleading. Sincerely yours, W. U. Garfield



FRIDAY—Renee Adoree in Peter-B. Kyne's "TIDE OF EMPIRE" Synchronized Picture—Music Only

SATURDAY—Mary Astor, Charles Merton in "NEW YEAR'S EVE" Synchronized Picture—Music Only

SATURDAY—Ken Maynard in "CHEYENNE"

MONDAY and TUESDAY—Milton Sills, Dorothy Mackall in "THE BARKER" All-Talking Picture

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Letter Box

Phi Kappa Tau House
March 20, 1929.

Editor,
Penn State COLLEGIAN,
Dear Sir:
In the Tuesday, March 19, issue of the COLLEGIAN appeared the headlines "Honorary Music Group Will Present Program." The concluding sentence of the article was, "Kappa Gamma Psi is the honorary national music fraternity." In order that this error shall not be carried further, I would like to explain the status of the three music fraternities at Penn State.

Kappa Kappa Psi is a national honorary music fraternity. At Penn State it limits its activity to the College Band.
Phi Mu Alpha (Sinfonia) is likewise a national honorary music fraternity, membership being granted in recognition of prominence in musical activity.
Both the foregoing fraternities limit their members to upperclassmen.
Kappa Gamma Psi is a national music fraternity, the local chapter of which was authorized at Penn State only under the requirement of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare that it exist on a professional basis. Members may be elected from any class.
In view of the status of the three fraternities, the references to Kappa

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