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"THE CHAMPION: MR. PENN STATE"

There are two ways to celebrate a notable victory. The one is by a rousing, over-enthusiastic demonstration, and the other is by accepting the final result as a foregone conclusion. It is significant that Penn State chose the less-demonstrative way after her boxers had shown marked superiority over her rivals and her guests during the sixth annual intercollegiate boxing tournament. A Penn State victory was not unexpected, but a decidedly one-sided triumph was unexpected.

Contrary to predictions, the Navy champions were nothing more, nor less, than runners-up after the semi-final round of the thrilling spectacle. Navy's last opportunity to retain the three-won title was practically lost Saturday afternoon when Steve Hamas, The Man of the Hour, hammered into submission Moon Chapple, heavyweight hope of the Midshipmen. Julius Epstein made victory certain in the first bout that night. Captain Allie Wolf and Steve Hamas turned the meet into a rout by adding two more crowns to the Penn State collection.

To the championship triumvirate, the COLLEGIAN extends its congratulations; to Coach Leo Houck, its hand; and to the entire team, its many thanks. The Penn State team, to a man, was a potential title-holder. Two sons went down fighting in the finals, two others, in the semi-finals. The defeated lost only to the champions. A more perfect showing is next to impossible.

One other congratulatory word, this to the student spectators. But one or two outbursts marred the week-end. The closeness of the struggle and the tenseness of the battle justified this release of pent-up emotions. Moreover, the COLLEGIAN is proud of the officials who directed the big show in such an able manner. Visitors to the College were impressed, we believe, not only by our boxers, but by all that is Penn State, by all Penn State that is revealed on such a week-end.

In conclusion, the COLLEGIAN confirms its pre-tournament belief that week-end visitors, whether competitors in the ring or not, were given all they sought. All but the trophy symbolic of the championship. That . . .

"The Champion: Mr. Penn State"

Evidently Harvard has all the brains. Invitations proffered by officials of that institution to Yale, Princeton, and Cambridge university, England, to participate in the annual intercollegiate brain contest which Harvard won last year, were not accepted.

Several schools in the southern part of New York have united in offering courses at a nominal fee to all commuters who ride on the Pacific Electric railway. In order to improve his mind the student who commutes from a class on Ag Hill to another immediately following in Old Mining building might welcome such an innovation. But if such a system were adopted the Penn State commuters might go the way of the railway passengers who advanced so rapidly in wisdom and wealth that they graduated from the commuters' class and left the train empty.

EDUCATION AND EARNING POWER

If one were to place faith in a statement made recently by Dr. Harold F. Clark, professor of education at Columbia university, then the college student would profit immeasurably by stowing all text books in the attic and grabbing the nearest pick and shovel. In a report on the economic effects of education he insists not only that persons who are earning high wages would be receiving them without the help of education, but that college training often decreases the actual earning power of the individual. A bleak prospect for any student, to be sure.

But a ray of hope shines forth, following the deluge of disapprobation that Dr. Clark's statement has brought down upon him. Only a few days after the report appeared, one of his own university colleagues, Dr. William C. Bagley, arose to voice loud disapproval. Education is largely responsible for American prosperity, the latter asserts. The more persons can be sent to school the better off the country will be, he said, predicting that in the near future the great bulk of work will be of a "professional type." And now, Harvey S. Firestone and other leading industrialists of the country have lined up beside Dr. Bagley in opposing Dr. Clark's views. Strange to say Dr.

Clark has attracted no exponents to his cause; apparently he stands alone! Judging from the numerous howls of protest one must award the verdict of the controversy to the opponents and not to Dr. Clark. The consensus of opinion would seem to prove that a person still gains materially from a college education.

"A college education is likely to make a man too pensive and hesitant for the task of money-making when dating and courage are prime necessities," Dr. Clark declares in his report.

The only justification for such an assertion lies in the supposition that Dr. Clark speaks from his individual experience, which could be only too meagre for a sweeping statement including all college graduates. One hesitates to believe that four years of study in college decrease any inherent initiative or aptitude for risk-taking. No one can deny that collegiate training broadens the scope of knowledge of any student. In addition, if a person were naturally fitted for a certain profession, how could higher education take away this ability? With his wider perspective of life would it not be logical to assume that the student faces the problem of money-making more fearlessly than his brother who never traveled beyond the grades? If he does not, then the college as an institution has not justifiable reason for being. However, one can feel certain that no cause for alarm exists, since such an army of dissenters has mobilized to wage an all-inclusive war on Dr. Clark's disturbing report.

But after all has not Dr. Clark imputed too low a motive to the thousands of students now in American colleges and universities? Do all of these students attend their chosen institution solely for the purpose of enhancing their chances of amassing a million dollars? If such were the underlying reason, one critic objects, would not the student have stepped directly into the industrial or business worlds following graduation from high school, or even before that time? One wonders.

"Representative Tilson urges Yale to install course in practical politics"—Headline.

Just one case where Penn State already has a decided advantage.

The 50 co-eds enrolled at the University of Detroit were forbidden to converse with any of 2,000 male students on the campus by a recent decree of President John P. McNichols.

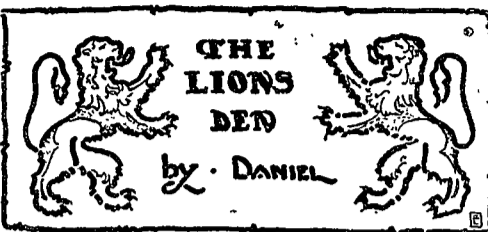
If they caused but half the commotion that the female section of the student chon that sits directly behind the speaker in Sunday chapel here, there is justifiable reason for the edict.

ANOTHER MAN'S GOAL

At infrequent intervals during the life of any man there comes a noteworthy day. The day may be notable for any one of many reasons. The reasons range from election to high positions in high school and college ranks, to such events in later life as business achievement, marriage, or possibly the only son. Saturday was one of those days in Allie Wolf's college career. By successfully defending his boxing title against Paul Moret, Navy finalist in the middleweight division, Saturday night, the Lion captain brought to a close one of the most brilliant college boxing careers on record.

As a matter of fact, Allie's mark of twenty-eight victories without a defeat is believed to be without precedent, and there is no boxer in intercollegiate circles now who can approach his enviable record. Allie has donned the gloves for Penn State for the last time; it is said that he has definitely abandoned the ring to turn his attention and athletic prowess to baseball alone. His ambition is one day to reach the major leagues.

In his fight for that goal the COLLEGIAN wishes him luck. It compliments him on his achievement; and, as a parting word, it points to his brilliant record as the acme of perfection, and as a mark for college boxers of the present and future to shoot at.



Success!

For Coach Houck, Leo the Lion hearted, because he has overcome some mean handicaps on the rough road to that bronze trophy.

For Captain Allie Wolf, three king of the middleweights, because he has fought three years of varsity mauling without being hit more than a half dozen times.

For Julius Epstein, lead-off flash, for pulling the surprise of the entire tournament by giving to Fry, Navy plunger, a most thorough and rigorous boxing lesson, and, incidentally skipping home with the 115-pound gold medal (It must look that big to Julius!)

For Steve Hamas, versatile athlete, who is above all else a fighter and a fine sportsman; because he arose when most men would have fallen and lived when most men wanted to die. He may have our share of the college—anytime.

For the Penn State team, because it spilled dope like a new waitress spills soup, because it never once stopped fighting, and never stopped hoping.

For the numerous entrants whose intentions were the highest and whose efforts the most sincere, and admirable.

Even for little Daniel, junior-boy who sweeps the dirt into this column because he has scored his first victory as a columnist; because he now has an opening to play a few chords on his ego horn, just like any aspiring and thriving columnist.

Several columns ago (three, in fact) Daniel set out upon the dangerous, and often fatal, enterprise of making a few predictions about the Intercollegiate. Despite the fact that Navy had emerged from the regular season undefeated and that Western Maryland was a constant threat with her two successive champions, Daniel made the prediction (not any too cock-surety, of course) that each one of Penn State's enties would score, as far as points were concerned.

They did. In this manner: Wolff 5; Hamas 5; Epstein 5; Davis 3; Kolaszki 3; McAndrews 1; Casom 1. Recapitulation: 7 entries; 3 champions; 2 runners-up; 2 third-place men, 23 points, 1 bronze trophy; 5 medals 3 cheers!

Sophomores Compete For Speaking Honors

Competing for the College prize of \$50 in gold and for the Forensic Council award of \$25, six students will speak in the sophomore extemporaneous contest in Schwab auditorium at 7:30 o'clock Friday night, April 5. The six speakers were chosen at an elimination contest early in March. They are: Wilmer L. Blackstone, Anna I. Halvovich, Lawrence N. Keller, David Kirsh, Harry W. Lightstone, and Meyer A. Pankus.

Topics for the various speeches will be selected by the orators from a prepared list twenty-four hours before the contest.

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Steiner, Penn's heavyweight hope, and the chap to whom Hamas had to telegraph his punches, was so tall (6' 8") and so lanky that once when he stood in the center of the ring and swung his left arm back, his glove caught in the ropes. Tie that one.

From the opening round of his preliminary test, Fish was in the swim. And Wolf was not to be fished.

We have never associated the name fish with boxing—unless applying it, possibly, to those who bought tickets for the Stribling-Shatkey waltz.

Twenty Years Ago

A year's leave of absence, beginning in June, has been granted to Prof. Fred L. Patton, who expects to devote the time to study and travel in Europe. Professor Patton will probably sail from Montreal. He will spend part of his time in England and part in Germany. Later he will visit Italy and will also see the Passion Play at Oberammergau.

Two weeks from today our baseball nine will play its first game of the season. They meet Navy at Annapolis on April 1, while Georgetown and Pennsylvania will be played on the two following days. It must be stated that the pitchers are worrying Captain Hushman more than anything else.

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