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### TONIGHT'S TIE NIGHT!

The stage is set. Long recognized as the crowning event of the Penn State social calendar, the Junior Prom is here—at last. Four anxious weeks have we waited for this occasion, this opportunity to entertain the loveliest girl we know. Of course we know a number of lovely girls, but none so lovely as our Prom girl. (Whether she be our guest for the first time—or the last time—we must confess that she is our choice on this festive night. For tonight is the night! Tonight we will make merry!

### A NEW ERA IN ATHLETICS

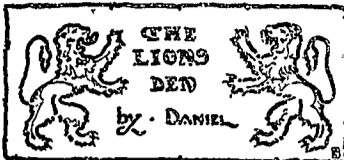
Voicing his approval of the COLLEGIAN's proposal for a more extensive system of mass athletics at Penn State in a letter printed elsewhere in these columns, an interested alumnus expresses the opinion that freshman competition with college and preparatory school rivals should be discouraged. In support of this belief he points to the enviable records of athletic teams in the Middle West, where no freshman competition is permitted. The COLLEGIAN would be in accord with such a plan only after a more elaborate system of intramural athletics had been established at Penn State. Meanwhile, however, freshman competition with nearby colleges and preparatory schools is indispensable to the furtherance of mass athletics and to the future success of varsity teams. The desire to attract outstanding athletes to Penn State is only a secondary consideration.

The favorable responses to the proposed extension of Penn State's intramural program indicates clearly the present-day trend in intercollegiate ranks throughout the country. Wisconsin and Minnesota started the movement for mass athletics a few months ago, followed closely by Princeton. Simultaneous with the announcement of an extensive system of intramural sports Princeton initiated an elaborate building program for interclass athletic contests. Rutgers fell in line with an earnest attempt to interest more students in minor sports. The Cornell Daily Sun added to the din of voices by charging over zealous alumni with placing too much emphasis upon intercollegiate football. The Amherst Student frankly proposed intramural athletics as a substitute for intercollegiate sports.

### A DESIRED MERGER

Penn State fraternities apparently are destined to operate under last year's rushing code again next fall. The only contested change in the revised code is the method of dating; and after reviewing the arguments for and against the change, the COLLEGIAN is convinced that last year's method of dating is superior to the new proposal. Until that matter is finally settled, however, the suggested merger of the Interfraternity and Intramural councils is the chief interest of the COLLEGIAN.

Adoption of separate codes undoubtedly is detrimental to both groups. It is undesirable principally because it accentuates the line of distinction between the national and the local fraternities. Which distinction the Intramural Council should attempt to obliterate by such a merger as has been suggested. By accentuating this line of distinction freshmen become suspicious of both groups, and inquire about their comparative rating. Which practice, if fostered by a continued separation of the two groups, will encourage a freshman to choose a fraternity simply because it is national, with no consideration whatever of the relative merits of the men composing both groups.



### The Book Worm

Penn State Froth  
Prom Number: 72 pp.  
On Sale This Morning

Certain persons we know suffer from an unstrained jokester's complex, a tendency to indulge in witticisms and practical jokes at the expense of every friend, acquaintance and chance passerby. Now it appears that even a book reviewer is not immune from their comical disease. On our desk early this morning was placed a copy of the Prom Number of the Penn State Froth, the College magazine of humor. What a sense of humor our witty contemporaries must have in submitting a copy of their magazine to a book worm for review! But enough of this! We hope everyone now realizes the cause of a magazine. This issue of Froth does contain seventy-two pages but the editors must add just a few more before they can call it a "book." Ow! Seventy-two pages! But when one stops to consider, however, seventy-two pages is quite a little paper to contain naught but wise cracks.

One very, very crude attempt at a wise crack, just the same, nearly caused this article to be consigned to the waste basket even before it was written. The reader understands, of course, that the mentioned well known receptacle has served as the last resting place for many other good manuscripts. In telling "how to crash the gate at the Prom" the merry men offer as one method the following: "Pose as a COLLEGIAN reporter." Some joke from whatever angle it is considered!

This number, which can easily be recommended as the best of the year, flaunts a beautiful cover. There is a woman, of course, a golden-haired girl with cherry lips and seductive eyes, just such a girl, in fact, with whom one could pass the week-end quite contentedly. She is clad in a black velvet evening gown decorated in green, the cut of which reveals a set of alluring shoulders, a bouquet of red roses resting on the right. The whole picture is set in a background of pea green. Yes, one must agree with wise ones that the cover is a commendable piece of art work.

All the art work, it seems, is above the ordinary high average. On one of the first few pages Frothy states "We call your attention to the Prom Num-

ber." However, the foolish gentlemen really mean to call your attention to a preceding picture of femininity.

"The Shotgun Wedding," a one-act play on words, serves as a prelude for the fables that follow. As one of the characters we have "Daisy An-Gun, the heroine, a wide Miss, but a big hit. She is a perfect 35, and has bangs." Another is "Ramrod, the hated rifle; an awful bore."

Quite possibly, one could ramble on and on and still say things about the contents of the issue. As it is, however, the worm has bored through enough of the funny meat to leave that much good eating remains to tickle his humor palate at a future feeding. Why, then, should he not curl up and allow the reader to look out for himself?

### Letter Box

913 W. Michigan Avenue  
Jackson, Michigan  
April 27, 1929

The Editor  
Penn State COLLEGIAN  
State College, Penn'a.

Dear Sir:  
I have read your editorial upon "Athletics for All" which was published in a recent issue of the COLLEGIAN, and find much of interest in what you have said. I agree with you in respect to your statements concerning "mass athletics," but have a few adverse comments to make concerning your attitude toward freshman sports.

There was a time when I, too, believed that competition with other institutions was necessary to attract freshmen to Penn State, or to any school for that matter. That opinion has been changed since I have been away from Penn State and the eastern schools. For the last three years I have been more or less directly connected with colleges of the Middle West, a sector of the country where no freshman competition is permitted. It seems to work out well with them, and I'm sure no one can say that their athletics are on a lower plane than in eastern colleges. In fact, I am almost

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of the opinion that such a method is the best in the end, especially if you stop long enough to remember the great majority of the freshman stars, and potential Harry Wilsons or Killingers who flunk out after one or two semesters.

Much can be said upon both sides in a discussion of this kind, and I'm sure it is not asking too much to look at the authorities' point of view before condemning a practice which is giving good results.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Donald H. Matterm '26

### Twenty Years Ago

Some available money which has been given to the agricultural department for practical horticulture is being used at the present time at the Armory and at the main entrance of the campus. Flowers and ornamental shrubbery are to be planted and their care and growth studied. It is to be the nucleus for a course in landscape gardening.

According to an old custom which was revived last year, the senior class will begin on Saturday to wear caps and gowns at Sunday chapel service for the remainder of the year.

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**AN OPEN LETTER**  
To Every Fraternity Man  
in State College  
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May 3, 1929

Dear Sir:

Your senior brothers, who graduate in June, will soon be choosing an appropriate house gift to leave behind them, in your keeping.

They shall want it to be useful, lasting, efficient and of such a nature that it shall be unique and "different from the rest."

They shall want it to please YOU, and to be the one gift which most nearly meets your needs.

The fraternity trend is toward GAS kitchens. Gas equipment already placed, orders now on file, and gas specifications for new houses to be erected, indicate plainly that in the course of the next two years every modern fraternity in State College will sport not only a handsome reception hall and dancing floor, but also a modern gas range in a spotless kitchen.

Tell your senior brothers what your House needs, to make it even more modern, is a gas range. We can offer them an exceptionally large allowance on your present coal range, and the balance will be nicely within their limit.

Yours very truly,  
**CENTRAL PENNA. GAS CO.**  
B. GRAHAM HUNTER '16, Sales Manager.

What's In A Name?  
According to general report, tonight is dedicated to the so-called Junior Promenade. Just why it is called the Junior Promenade, we have never quite understood. Almost anybody but Juniors are likely to be present, for one thing. For another thing, there will be little or no promading, unless that picturesque old word has changed its meaning in the past few decades. Promenade means to walk leisurely, gracefully.

If anyone discovers a pair promading tonight, we will award a prize of a set of fancy bottle restoratives—after the discoverer has been revived.

Tiger Stripes & Herring Bones  
Spring sent us the past few days. She sent us pink blossoms, green buds and red flowers. She sent us canary colored clavats, boisterous knickerbockers and chocolate and vanilla shoes. And it was not until we spied this assortment of warm weather wear that we grasped the full significance of that line.

"In the Spring, a young man's fancy . . ."  
And how!

Add: Simile  
"As uniting as a pair of R O T C pants . . ."  
Edward Lyon, '31

A Little Rough  
One of our local humorists tells us of a harrowing experience he had recently. Played golf with one of the pros.

Here's A Banner One  
Still another local humorist tells of the college journalist who for some time has been moulding campus opinion.

Or, as the 'Lucky Strike' people would say, "the cream of the crop"

- Our Own Political Platform
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  2. Continuance of the honor system—with protests.
  3. Free blue books—but not more freely.
  4. Chalk in every class room.
  5. Unlimited cuts—for professors.
  6. More cash—clash—damn it, class dances.
  7. A May King for men students.
  8. Free Soap.
  9. Reappointment of library dates for freshmen co-eds.
  10. "Away from Nature" movement for makers of cow paths.

Corpus Delicti  
This gem of worldly wisdom is offered for co-ed politicians who may forget themselves in the heat of campaigning.

"Mud thrown is just so much ground lost . . ."

Excelsior or Mankheocha or the Golden Bullet  
(translated from Arabic)

Give I love,  
If the man you choose  
To love  
Should fail you,  
Should spurn you,  
Should prove to be  
A hypocrite,  
A phalanderer,  
A non-handler of kisses,  
A cad, a tiffler,  
Don't come to me, my dear,  
My dear, I'm just as bad!

Add 2: Simile  
"As busy as a Packard at a gunman's funeral . . ."  
John Keil McClements

Plus and Minus  
Many a Prom boy comes to the battle in full dress to make up for what his partner is wearing.  
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