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THE UNDERDOG'S OUTLOOK

Disregarded as a possible winner in the annual Thanksgiving Day debate, Hugo Bezdek's football team is unquestionably one of the underdogs in Thursday's clash with Pittsburgh's potential champions. Confident of victory over the Lions, the undefeated Panthers are pointing to the Tournament of Roses as a possible reward for their enviable record. While sports writers concede the Nittany eleven a chance—for the sake of box receipts—secretly they hold the opinion that the game will merely be an exhibition of Pitt's superb power.

On the other hand, we are glad that the odds are against a Penn State victory. There is always the likelihood that the underdog will rise in its might and smite down the favorite. After years of disappointment, a surprise triumph is overwhelming. Lehigh enjoyed such an experience Saturday, and we are hopeful of just such an upset on Thursday.

Penn State's last win over a Pitt football team was registered in 1919. With the exception of scoreless ties in 1920 and 1921, the Panthers have won the traditional battles with ease. Likewise, without exception the Penn State teams of recent years have presumably folded up under the sting of defeat. This year, we believe, it will be different. Win or lose, we expect the Nittany eleven to fight the Panthers to the last ditch. And, should the Lions come through to triumph, our joy at wicking Pitt's championship team will be as naught compared with the disappointment of the Penn State alumni in Pittsburgh who have made the road to victory harder for Bezdek's team by their open antagonism.

In questioning the wisdom of a system of unlimited cuts for seniors, Dean of Men Warnock in an interview last week revealed the College's complete lack of a uniform policy of class attendance.

"For years," he asserted, "departments and schools have held to the right to determine their respective class attendance policies."

This lack of a uniform practice no doubt is responsible for the student agitation in behalf of wider cutting privileges for seniors. Moreover, student interest in the project is growing steadily because of the well-known fact that "a house divided against itself shall fall."

RECOGNIZING SCHOLARSHIP

The lack of incentive has probably been one of the chief obstacles to better scholarship in the freshman class during past years. To fill this want a chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, national honorary scholarship fraternity, was installed here last night by Dean Thomas Arkle Clark of the University of Illinois. The principal object of the organization is to distinguish a man for scholarship early in his college career in the hope that such an honor will urge him and his fellow-students to pay more attention to scholarship during their four years in college.

The need of such an organization is unquestioned. Ordinarily the student of unusual ability has gone by unnoticed until his junior or senior year. Because of this lack of recognition, a large number of exceptional students no doubt have slackened in their efforts after one year of success. It is primarily for this reason that the establishment of Phi Eta Sigma on the Penn State campus is considered propitious by College officials.

It is unusual for an exceptional athlete to pass unnoticed in college ranks. Invariably there is some reward for feat performed on the gridiron or the basketball court. Until the coming of Phi Eta Sigma, however, the student with a noteworthy record was not officially recognized. Now that that objection has been overcome, the scholarship standards of Penn State should be materially improved.

Fraternity scholarship as a whole was considerably better the second semester of last year than it was in the previous semester, the Registrar's report reveals. Nevertheless, only 20 of the 56 groups on the campus maintained an average equal to or better than the 1.25 average of all men. But, on the other hand, only five fraternities fell below a one average. Even more astounding, however, was the 1.62 average of all women. Slowly but surely the fraternity and the co-ed are gaining their rightful places in Penn State life.

THE LION'S DEN

BY DANIEL

Then What?

Digger: You are my "top" boy, aren't you dear?
Dollars: What do you mean—you "top" boy?
Digger: You always want to take me for a spin.

The bottomless hole found during Old Man excavations is the most direct route to Penn State in China.

Hoot! Mon!

The Penn State soccer team will never lose a game because its coach is Scotch. J. L. C. '31

Present Arms!

Anyone needing a date will please call the Salvation Army. That organization helps anyone in need.

LIBRARY LAMENT

My love is writing 'neath a library light;
I sit watching from a table at the right;
She's looking up—she sees me—I think she'll smile;
But no! Her glance is vacant. In a little while
She'll gather books and, naturally, not knowing
That my eyes are sad, will gracefully be going.
Lady, do you know the happiness you'd give
If just once you'd make a sign that you know I live?
J. E. '31

As a new all-College song Daniel suggests that the student leaders adopt "Me and My Shadow"

Instead of "Hello"

In an opinion made public last week Federal Judge Louis Fitzhugh of Peoria, Ill. stated that a person, knowing that another person possessed liquor and not reporting the fact, automatically became a felon in the eyes of the law.

A proper greeting, then, for almost any time or place would be "How now, felon!"

The Schedule

The Interfraternity Council has adopted the following schedule for neckties during the next few days:

Today Green
Tomorrow Red with black stripes.
Thursday Blue

Ha! ha! Daniel knows why the road is being made so wide below the library. There must be parking space for student cars.

EPITAPH NO. 2

Write one for yourself, and submit it to Daniel

Test of Popularity

During Leap-Week at Antioch college some time ago the women telephoned the men for dates instead of vice versa.

As a result many a man has come to the conclusion that he might just as well make up his mind to be a bachelor.

Although the month is November instead of February, many Valentines are circulating around the campus—pulled ones from the Dean.

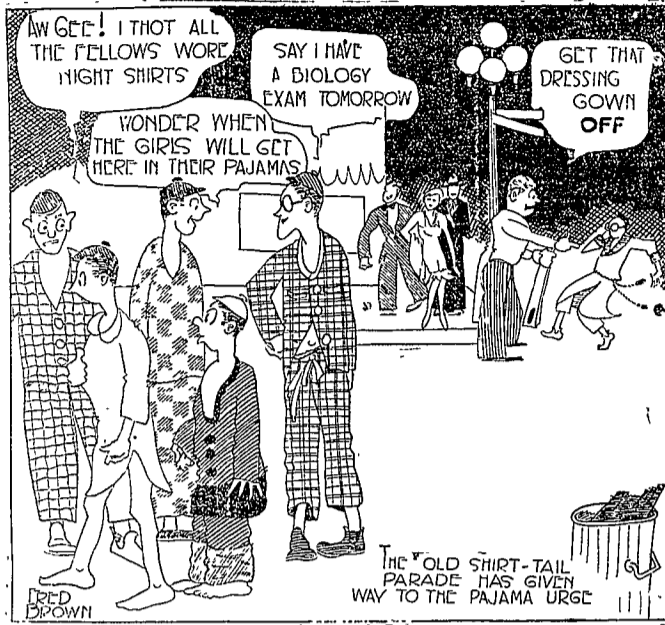
One Scotchman has a rare soup at the end of each month. He boils his vest. C. A. S. '31

ATTEND TONIGHT'S PEP MEETING!

Stark Bros. & Harper advertisement for Fight Pitt! State. Includes text: 'P. S. BE SURE TO WEAR A STARK BROS. & HARPER TIE' and 'NEXT TO THE MOVIES'.

The Co-op of Tomorrow

By Fred Brown



Letter Box

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November 23, 1929

Editor, COLLEGIAN

Dear Sir:

The College, in the past, has always backed the student body in its attempts to maintain and to promote "that old Penn State Spirit." But the failure to grant the students a day more of Thanksgiving vacation is enough to disconcert and disillusion even the most faithful.

Does the College take for granted that we will lose to Pitt this year, just because we have done so for the past seven years? Are we losing our hold on perseverance? The most effective influence is that which we demonstrate through practice.

Heretofore, most of us have thought of Thanksgiving to be a season when we can make a visit to our homes and enjoy the tradition which has been set down by our forefathers. As it will be this year, and really only for those who can possibly make the train connections, it is a train ride and a few meals. The inconvenience would be decreased only slightly if aviation service included State College.

The disappointment is not only due to the fact that the time is short and the period will be one of great rush, but also because it will be utterly impossible for some of the students to even get home for Thanksgiving. All of us do not live on the main lines of the railroads.

Does a sensible being whip a dog who has bitten his antagonist? Then why should the fine be levied for those who are sure to appear late to class?

Sincerely, K. F. V. '31

SEND HER! A Box of Our Home Made Candies for Thanksgiving. 'The Sweetest Place' GREGORYS We Pack for Mailing.

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NEW HYDRATING MACHINE DRIES COLLEGE FARM GRAIN

With the installation of a dehydrating plant as part of the equipment of the farm machinery department, grain from the College farms can be brought directly from the fields and dried for storage, according to Prof. Ralph U. Blasingame, head of the department. The drier, using coal as a fuel, is a new appliance which has been developed within the last few years. Penn State is one of the few schools in the county to have such a plant installed.



TUESDAY—Matinee at 1:30. Betty Compson and All-Star Cast in 'ON WITH THE SHOW'. First 100% Color Singing, Dancing Musical Comedy. WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY—Evening Showing Only. Sophie Tucker, Lila Lee in 'HONKY TONK'. All-Talking, Singing Comedy-Drama. FRIDAY—Evening Showing Only. Lois Moran, Dorothy Burgess in 'SONG OF KENTUCKY'. All-Talking Comedy-Melodrama. SATURDAY—Matinee at 1:30. Sally O'Neil, Joseph Cawthorn in 'JAZZ HEAVEN'. All-Talking Musical Comedy.

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