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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In complete harmony with the drab and cheerless sky overhead, Penn State's, 1930 football season came to a close last Thursday afternoon. Although the Lions may have played better football against the Panthers than at any other time this season, the fact remains that they were beaten by an ordinary Pitt team. More important than this is the fact that it was the fourth major defeat of the year with the two other big games resulting in tie games. Victories over three minor opponents were the only entries on the right side of the ledger.

But before the season opened, almost everyone believed that Penn State was destined to have one of its best teams of recent years. Many felt that this veteran eleven would place Penn State back upon its former pedestal in the football world.

Soon after the Lafayette game, whisperings were raised about that the Nittany Lions were in for a poor year. Following the Colgate debacle, the cheers increased. Alumni and students began to advance reasons for the defeat. As Saturday followed Saturday, criticism grew. The COLLEGIAN was the recipient of many comments, oral and written, all advancing some theory for the continued slump. These and any editorial comment were withheld in the belief that it would do more harm than good if released during the season. Now that the games are over—but while memories of the season are still fresh—is the time for discussion on the future of football at Penn State.

The varied nature of the questions and comments proves that no one has the game answer for last season's showing or the same solution to prevent its possible repetition.

Although questions asked on the many angles are numerous, they may be boiled down to sixteen which have been voiced with greatest frequency by students and alumni. Summarized they are as follows:

1. Did Penn State, when it abolished its system of athletic scholarships entirely, go too abruptly from one extreme to the other?
2. Are we too far ahead of the times in not subsidizing our athletes? If so, should we take a "backward" step or wait for other colleges to catch up?
3. Is it true that we can't keep good freshman athletes here because of tempting offers from other colleges?
4. Is the practice of using coaches who are alumni satisfactory?
5. Is the coaching system in use out-of-date?
6. Is the coaching staff competent?
7. Is sufficient co-operation given athletic authority by the Administration in the matter of equipment expenses, and the like?
8. Does a certain group of crusading alumni, not connected officially with the College, control our athletic policy?
9. Are the alumni, as a whole, behind the team to as great a degree as at other institutions?
10. Is Penn State, under its present program, out of its class? Are we a minor team and as such should we play only minor colleges?
11. Should we come to accept defeat willingly in order to keep playing class A teams?
12. Is the schedule always arranged in the best manner?
13. Have the students as a whole become indolent and lazy? Do fewer participate in athletics or any form of exercise than formerly?
14. Did any members of the team "lie down" this year? Was there any dissension among the members?
15. Will greater expansion of the intra-mural sports program ultimately bring better varsity teams?
16. Are the days of championship Penn State teams over and should we reconceive ourselves to that fact? Do we expect too much?

The COLLEGIAN does not attempt to answer any of these queries. It takes no stand at the present on any questions involved. But it does believe that Penn State's football future is student property and that some definite forecast of this future should be made known to all. What will be the Penn State teams of tomorrow, of five, ten years from today? Where do we go from here?

THE LION'S DEN

BY DANIEL

A Collegian's Lament.
If passing grades were minus two's,
And all the plots gave me a break,
College life would be just great,
I believe I'd manage to graduate.

The Perfect Union
What should prove to be the ideal marriage was reported in one of the smaller Pennsylvania newspapers during the past week. According to the dispatch, "At a pretty wedding in the First Church, Miss Ida L. Munn became the bride of Arthur Tuulove."

It is wonder if Daniel J. Crand was best man

Movies We Would Like To See.
Marie Dressler as "Juliet" with El Brendel as her "Romeo"
Lloyd Hamilton portray as a campus cop
Clive Brook in a "me and custard" comedy.
Stan Laurel as "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark"
Wallace Berry as a college professor.

Another Man Without.
Our school teacher used to tell us about "the man without a country," but now there is a modern version of this story. Reading the news the other day (weeks late, of course) we noticed that the Abyssinian An Minister was one without an air force.

Almost as scarce as the senior without a leg.

Another "Bah-Rah" Boy.
As Platerini I've replied when refusing the cream, "Now I'm a real collegian, I even take my coffee raw!"

Add Simple
As original as a polite report.

News Note
Daily wrestling practices began this week. The boys, however, started their training over the Thanksgiving recess.

And now they have a logical excuse for staying in bed these cold winter mornings.

Truth Will Out!
"Ye Junkie Shoppe—Antiques"

Of Course
Since Holat College has passed up the chance to have the first chair of astrology in America, why don't we get it here at Penn State? It would be an ideal course for day-dreamers and great during the Summer Session.

Then there also might be a course for the palm-readers who sit around holding hands in Women's Building.

Unfamiliar Quotations
Wherever there's Life, there's Judge

The Stark Song.
"Heic Comes the Sun"

Unemployment Again
The unemployment situation is becoming worse and more worse. For instance we read that

Idle Rumors
STER PEOPLE
TO ACTION

What the people need to worry about is not unemployment, instead it is getting stoop-shouldered from playing "cut" golf.

Letter Box

Editor, Collegian

Dear Sir:

I wonder if we are allowed to discuss the football team in this "Letters to the Editor" column? This question is raised because the utter absence of letters concerning this subject would lead us to believe that the continued loss of major games is now regarded as a matter-of-fact. This, however, surely is not true. We DO believe that the Penn State students have remained loyal simply because they are always hoping for a change to ward the better. For more than a half decade now, they have regularly been disappointed.

Last year came a surprising yet welcomed announcement of a change, welcomed, not because of any disrespect for the retiring one but because it was perfectly obvious that his system had outgrown its usefulness. The new one was welcomed because any change was better than no change at all. The thinking element, however, wondered at the wisdom, or even the fairness, of putting the football destiny into inexperienced hands, especially when the best material in ten years seemed ready to lead us out of football oblivion.

Came the Lafayette game. The fact that we were not playing Marshall seemed to have been forgotten and the worst Marion eleven of recent years easily held us to a tie.

As often as State has been beaten in recent years, never once has it been disgraced, yet, before the Alumnus Day crowd, a spectacle occurred which we are anxious to forget. There was no change against Bucknell, the difference in score being accounted for by the fact that the Bison was not as good as Colgate. In the Syracuse game, for the only time this year, we saw a fighting Bezdek team. A State team typical of the past because it offered a great defense but had a miserable offense.

Somewhere or another, the Iowa game was regarded by the students as a set-up. Perhaps it should have been, because Iowa had a green team that was being regularly trampled over by its opponents. Yet this "green" eleven told up a 19-10-0 score. The worst Pitt team in years needed to extend itself just a little to beat us.

This is the record of a team that was to give a new football administration on a good start.

It is human nature to love a winner. State students would love it more so because they are becoming tired of that eternal din in their ears of "What's the matter with State's team?"

Scholarships have been abolished here, the wisdom of which is a matter of personal taste. However, the results obtained by the present administration is everything but conducive to an influx of material.

No better authority than Knute Rockne has stated that a good offense is the best defense. Who in the entire Penn State history has been a real student of offensive football? Perhaps Harry Wilson, but Harry

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