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PAVING THE WAY

In contrast to the great amount of empty criticism directed at football were the constructive efforts shown at the various athletic meetings held in New York last week. This was especially true of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the American Association of Football Coaches.

As the coaches meeting came before the others, Bezdck's report was the first to be heard. Losing sight of the real purpose behind the fourteen points submitted by the stabilizing committee, of which Bezdck was chairman, many critics believed that the report recommended immediate changes and radical departures from existing conditions.

The upshot of the matter was that four of the resolutions re-submitted in substance by Coach Bill Roper, formerly of Princeton, were adopted at a later meeting. These resolutions were that there should be no organized practice before September 15, that fall practice be limited to two hours a day, that spring practice would be voluntary, and that inter-sectional and post-season games be held to the minimum.

Several other suggestions brought forward by Bezdck which were not adopted by the coaches have been put into practice at Penn State and, thus far, have operated satisfactorily. These are that all the administrative control of College athletics be centralized in the head of a school or department, that the coach shall be a bonafide member of the faculty with an academic title, and that there will be no recruiting and subsidizing of athletes.

In a statement to the press following the coaches meeting, W. A. Alexander of Georgia Tech, president of the association, pointed out that the coaches would probably adopt the fourteen points if they were certain that the faculties of the nation's colleges would also adopt and enforce them. As they would not, the coaches, being a national organization, could adopt only those resolutions which could be carried out at present.

From the most pertinent angle, a summary of the many suggestions proposed for improvement of football reveals that Penn State is well ahead of the majority of Colleges in athletic pioneering.

A FINAL WORD

The interview in today's COLLEGIAN with Neil Flemming, graduate manager of athletics, brings to an end the series of articles begun last month in an effort to acquaint students with the general football program here. The articles were the result of an editorial which set down in tabular form a number of the principal questions voiced during the past season by many interested in Penn State's football fortunes.

Some of the questions have been answered as well as possible by the articles. Others have no concrete answer at present. One, pertaining to co-operation between athletic officials and the Administration, is best answered by the whole-hearted support given the present athletic program by the College staff.

As was expected, the purpose of the publicity was misinterpreted by some. It was not an attack by "second guessers" but was conducted in a sincere attempt to place Penn State's football situation before the students. After all, football is primarily for the student and a knowledge of its organization at his College is the prerogative of every undergraduate.

Although everyone from college presidents down to student editorial writers have had their fling at football within the last month, we'll all be on hand when the whistle blows for the first game next year.

THE LION'S DEN

BY DANIEL

Happy New Year! Of course, there was a New Year. However, since news is so long in getting to the town, and since we were here most of the time, the New Year probably came before we even heard of it. And with the New Year came that ancient ritual, New Year Resolutions. For some time we have held out against them, but finally admit the futility of our fight and surrender. Besides, there'll be another New Year next year and then we can make them all over again.

So with the rest of the masses we made our resolutions, and here they are for your approval. First, we resolved not to get angry when people begin to "pan" this column. Another one of our resolutions was not to be "incante" as far as the Froth is concerned (They mean well, poor fellows.) We also swore (just a literal expression, of course) never again to say naughty things about the co-eds, although what we say is generally the truth.

In addition, we promised never to "club" about things which really are none of our business. As for the campus cops, we will let them alone—for a while, anyway, as beneath our dignity (Yes, even that low.) Finally, we solemnly resolved never to write any more "lousey" verse—but probably as much!

More Unemployment

With the passing of Christmas another has come more joined the ranks of the unemployed. We refer to Santa Claus.

A Noisy New Year

Through force of circumstances, Daniel had to celebrate his New Year's Eve here in State College. It was all right only the town was too noisy. Why, the one fellow who had audacity enough to shoot off a gun was arrested for disturbing the peace!

Judging from press comments and surveys, New Year's seems to have become the Year's New.

News Note

The American Football Coaches' association met the other day and decided not to change the rules of the game for this year. Maybe they hope they'll be able to understand them themselves by next year.

Here's Your Chance

Daniel will trade two rainbow ties, a pair of bed-room slippers, a pair of red, white, and blue socks, and an orange dressing gown for a copy of Mae West's latest look.

On a red tie for a copy of "Aphrodite"

Winter Fashion Note

With the coming of basketball season, the Coy Co-ed wonders if hoop skirts will come back into fashion.

"What, No Podunk?"

Although Lowell Thomas did get in Dutch by saying that there was no such place as Podunk, we still claim that there is no such person as "Joe Glutz."

'N It's the Truth!

We generally refer to those things which Froth print as "jokes" purely out of respect—for their age.

L'Envoi

The season of parting comes again. As maidens say in tones serene, "Take back your golden necklace, oh, My neck is turning green."

And there go some more good New Year Resolutions!

DR. FITCH TO TALK IN CHAPEL SUNDAY

New York Pastor Will Speak on The Moral Obligation of Being Intelligent

Dr. Albert P. Fitch, Pastor of the Park Avenue Presbyterian church in New York City, will speak on "The Moral Obligation to Be Intelligent" at the Sunday morning chapel exercises in Schwab auditorium.

Dr. Fitch, who will appear for the first time before a Penn State chapel audience, was born at Boston in 1877. He was graduated from Harvard University in 1900 and received his bachelor of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary three years later. He holds doctor of divinity degrees from Amherst and from Williams college.

Ordained to the Congregational ministry in 1903, Dr. Fitch served as pastor of the First Church of Flushing, Long Island, for the following two years. He then went to the Mount Vernon church at Boston where he remained until 1909. From that date until 1917 Dr. Fitch was president of Andover Theological Seminary at Cambridge. From 1917 to 1922 Dr. Fitch was professor of history of religion at Amherst. Following this period he occupied a similar position at Carle-

ton College until 1927 when he became pastor of the Park Avenue church. For many years he has served on the University Board of Preachers at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and the University of Chicago.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa and a number of other professional societies, Dr. Fitch has written several books. "The College Course and the Preparation for Life," "Religion and the Undergraduate," "Can the Church Survive in the Changing Order?" "Preaching and Paganism," are among his writings.

EDITOR WILL RELEASE MAGAZINE NEXT WEEK

Travel Sketch, Historical Article, To Appear in OLD MAIN HALL

Old Main Hall, College literary magazine, is now in the hands of the printers ready for release next week. Roy E. Morgan '31, editor-in-chief, announced yesterday.

A realistic travel sketch, "The Road to Rio," the experiences of James L. Norris '32, is among the articles which will appear in the winter issue together with short stories, poetry, and reviews of the latest books. The historical series will be continued with an article on Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, eighth president of Penn State, written by Hugo K. Fear '32.

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