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HOW BAD ARE WE?

Just how bad are college students? That seems to be a legitimate question, and one that has been asked quite frequently during the past few years.

Our more severe critics probably will protest. They will persist in thinking of college students as prospective "disciples of Satan." Going away to school has, in their opinion, shattered our morals, killed our religion, and ruined our faith.

Some people believe that when a young man or woman attends college he or she is immediately deemed to be a sinner. However, it is encouraging to us to find out that if one stays at home the chances of going "wrong" are just as high.

Then there are the books we read. Maybe some of us should be limited to a diet of Horatio Alger and the Rover Boys, but certainly others have outgrown that short-pants stage.

Drinking, of course, has come in for its share of unhealthy attention. After looking at a crowd in an average industrial city, however, we doubt if a college team can even compete with it in the distribution of prohibited moisture.

Now the Federal report has come to our defense. No longer need we hide our heads in shame. We are not any worse than the rest of the population.

DRAGGING OUT A SKELETON

The painful experience of a campus fraternity whose members were unlucky enough to hold the only open dance in town last week-end forces us to drag out a rather tarnished but chipper skeleton from the closet—the open dance bugaboo.

With some reason, we once prided ourselves on the open dances and the privilege upperclassmen enjoyed in visiting dances with partners or as stags.

Interfraternity Council has attempted from time to time to cut down attendance by prohibiting underclass visiting. This failed because no one would report offenders.

Something should be done to untie the tangle—otherwise the skeleton will dance unmolested before stags and crowded couples.

THE LION'S DEN

By DANIEL

Dear Daniel

The value of any All-American team should really be based upon a sound analysis of the question how would the quad play as a team when lined up for scrimmage.

Floyd Gibbons might be a better selection for quarterback than Joe E. Brown, because Floyd is an expert at running down headlines.

Furthermore, Floyd can speak with such machine-gun rapidity that opposing teams would be unable to keep up with his signals.

This objection, of course, might be raised by his own teammates. Suppose he should call the numbers signifying a forward pass to Right End Judge Ben Lindsey.

Quarterback Gibbons' keyword for the play is "Church Pageant." Immediately he follows up with the signals, "Two four six companion-EIGHT!"

Left End Manning, mistaking the quarter's signals for "Prune down divorce rate," also sprouts down the turf and finds Right End Lindsey waiting to receive the pass.

This would put the two wingmen on the same spot at the same time, and of course any coach admits that when an irresistible force meets an immovable object, you are liable to settle the matter in court.

For this reason it might seem best to use the huddle system, which would probably be particularly suited to such players as Left Tackle Peggy Hopkins Joyce.

The only danger here might lie in a friendly discussion between Tackle Joyce and Ends Manning and Lindsey on some such topic as whether the words of "Oh Promise Me" should not be revised to read "Oh Promise Me for the Time Being."

Aimee Semple McPherson is an excellent choice for Right Guard, because she's an expert with any line. Playing beside former Senator Heffin, right tackle, the pair should very easily be able to blow over all opposition and tear wide holes in the opposing defense.

I question the choice of Al Capone as fullback. Rules permit only eleven men on the field at one time, and I doubt whether Al would stand up exposed before 70,000 persons.

I should like to see this team meet Mr. Roekne's South Bend Cyclones in a charity game for the benefit of a sinking fund for Penn State faculty members who must pay \$60-a-month rental for houses that are not even equipped with electric doorbells.

The ticket-sellers should be some certain landlord who would be successful in getting the highest possible prices of admission. They could sell dollar seats on the one-yard line for at least ten dollars a seat.

Your friend and critic, OVER M. PHOSIS

Letter Box

Editor, COLLEGIAN, Dear Sir

I wish to take this opportunity to express my desire, as well as the desire of many other students of the College, for the revival of one of the old College customs, namely, the ringing of the Old Main bell between classes.

This semester my schedule calls for a class at 8 o'clock in Main Engineering, and a class at 9 o'clock in Liberal Arts, on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Both physiologically and psychologically I was in no fit condition to begin immediately on the blue book which was assigned to cover the entire hour, due to the fact that I was at least five minutes late for it.

The instructors who are so enthused over the presentation of their subject—prize them for that—that they forget when to dismiss, need a gentle reminder of the termination of their fifty-minute period.

Why is it not possible to use the other clapper in the tower from the one operated by the clock to make possible a more prompt dismissal of fourteen classes? Can it not be made a second semester resolution to ring the bell between classes and thus help the faculty to cooperate with the students in taking advantage of the much-needed ten minutes granted us by the College for the purpose of changing classes?

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PITTSBURGH CLERIC TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Dr. Farmer Will Address Chapel Audience at Penn. State For First Time

Speaking to Penn State's student body for the first time, Dr. William R. Farmer, professor of New Testament literature and exegesis at the Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, will address the Sunday chapel audience at 11 o'clock in Schwab auditorium.

A recommendation by Charles C. Bevilhille '28, president of the senior class and student board during his last year here, caused College officials to invite Dr. Farmer.

After attaining his bachelor's degree from Washington and Jefferson College, the speaker took graduate work at the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, where he received the degree of master of arts in 1895.

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FLETCHER SETS MARCH 1 AS HORTICULTURE WEEK DATE

Penn State's annual Horticulture Week will be held March 4 to 7, Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, head of the department of agriculture, announced yesterday.

The program of the meeting will be different from that of previous years in that half of the time will be given to laboratory work, instead of devoting it all to discussions.

Flour growing, gardening, and seminar in the capacity of assistant professor of New Testament literature and exegesis.

Because of the increased burden which he assumed with the erection of a new church home, Dr. HAVING E. KIRK, of the Franklin Street Presbyterian church of Baltimore, Maryland, was forced to cancel his engagement here for Sunday.

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