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NO MORAL VICTORIES

For many years in this College, Penn State spirit has been more than just an intangible something, spoken of in student mass meetings and heard of from Penn State students when Nittany teams were successful. It has often been so real during the football season that, possessing it, the student body has been able to transfer it to Lion elevens, and, lacking it, these same elevens have put forth disheartening exhibitions.

Tomorrow, in Philadelphia, where Penn State teams have often fought against odds and emerged victorious, a much improved Nittany team will battle a worthy Temple eleven. It is extremely probable that again this Blue and White outfit will reflect the spirit of the Penn State student body. It is the duty of every student to see that his support is complete, that it is encouraging and inspiring.

Penn State's new and commendable athletic policy undoubtedly will cause the student body to look upon losses in the future with a finer spirit. But before a great contest is no time to think of losses. On the field the team will not think of odds for or against them. The team has no desire for "moral victories."

In Captain Lisch, Penn State has a leader of whom it can well be proud, a leader who is a constant inspiration to his team. If the Nittany captain is a reflection of Penn State spirit on the gridiron, that spirit should certainly be mighty enough to raise Penn State's colors over the Temple Stadium tomorrow.

In order to increase its service to students who will not be able to attend the away-from-home football games this year, the Athletic Association has made every effort to provide a direct and efficient communication by telephone from foreign fields to the Schuylkill auditorium. In the past this service has not been completely satisfactory, but this year careful plans have been carried out to increase the efficiency of the service and the price for attendance has been cut in half. Tomorrow afternoon students should at least give this enterprise a fair trial.

PLEDGES AND PRECEDENCE

Four hundred freshmen have been reduced from the stature of kings to that of errand-boys by the application of a pledge-pin, and a few of them don't like the idea a bit. Just yesterday it seems, that senior was passing cigarettes to them, and seeing that they were comfortable; and today he wants somebody to wake him, somebody to get the mail. Some new students are inclined to declare irately, "I didn't know it was going to be like this!"

The process, by which freshmen are turned from rushees into pledges is startling to new men, but entirely logical. In every fraternity house there are certain tasks which must be done systematically. It is right to suppose that some definite group should be given the responsibility for this work. Sophomores and juniors in many cases are busy in activities; seniors are forever tied up with the contacts they have made in three years. Freshmen alone have the time, and are the logical group because their promotion will come later.

It would be heartening if freshmen pledges realized this logic required no compulsion; but some will not, and this fact gives the disagreeable part of the pledge's life an excuse for being. If force is used, there are always upperclass brothers who will abuse the privilege. Precedence is used as an argument, and occasionally the pledge is bowbeaten into servitude, whereas he should respect and obey upperclassmen, not in the name of precedence, but because their college career and personality command respect. The precedence fallacy, in a fraternity where men live as brothers, seems a pretty weak point in the system, and if freshmen realized their duties were justly imposed, and worked accordingly, most upperclassmen would be glad to adopt the more congenial attitude of equal brotherhood.

The announcement in today's COLLEGIAN outlining the organization of this year's intramural sports, reveals that Director Hugo Berdek has used his experience and knowledge of mass athletics to the fullest extent. Without doubt, last year's intramural sports program fulfilled expectations. This season, however, profiting by the few mistakes and omissions which occurred last year, the program should go a long way toward reaching the goal of providing some form of sports for every student at Penn State.

OLD MANIA

At a rushing meeting of one of the Greek groups last week, the name of a certain freshman came up for discussion. This lad was a very smooth fellow indeed, well recommended, financially solvent, and with all the earmarks of knowing the score. The brothers were all set to send him a bid when someone pointed out the fact that the freshman in question would probably want to go in for advanced R. O. T. C., being as he had quite a militaristic background. This would shoot one of the house's finest traditions all to hell & gone.

After much discussion pro & con, a question mark was put after the lad's name, and the brothers went on down the list. At the final meeting it was decided to send him a bid.

The chapter figured that two years in the pacific atmosphere of the house would deter him from selling his soul for a pair of truck boots and a stainless-steel sword.

Our Big Worry for this week is the business of getting to & from the Temple game, and right now it looks as tho this dept' will be standing along the road today somewhere between State College & Philadelphia, whistling Let the Rest of the World Go Dn, and waiting for somebody to come along and take us to the corner of Broad & Market or someplace. Anyone desiring excellent company for the trip kindly get in touch with the Old Maniac, c/o Penn State COLLEGIAN, and we'll be glad to ride down in their car. We'll guarantee to be very witty all the way down & back, and what's more, we won't charge them a cent. Not a damn penny.

This summer we were bumming around up in the Poconos, and a gent picked us up in a bee-yootful Pierce Arrow coupe. This bird was a prosperous-looking, middle-aged sort of a guy, the kind that always looks as if he was figuring out a new way to cut down on the overhead.

For the first five miles or so nobody said a word. Finally we remarked in our pleasantest manner, "This certainly is a beautiful car you have."

"Oughta be," growled the party in charge. "I worked forty-three years to get it."

Right then we could see that neither of us had much in common. After fifty or so miles of nice scenery, the man turned off the main road and let us out. We said thank you ever so much and he said y'welcome & good luck t'ya, with which he drove off in his bee-yootful Pierce Arrow coupe which he had worked forty-three years to get.

It was a swell automobile all right. Just the same, we wondered if it was worth it.

Out at Wooster University at Wooster, Ohio, a cow was recently butchered, and a Sigma Phi pin found in its stomach. We can't figure it out ourselves, but we thought you might be interested. If it had been a Phi Mu pin, that would be easier to savvy.

A letter came to Phi Psi Box about a month ago (it takes us that long to hear about things) addressed to one of the women who were there during summer school. The letter was from Chicago, and was addressed to Mary Zileh, Phi Kappa Psi House, State College, Penn. Evidently the person who wrote the address didn't do a very legible job, as the letter had been sent to Peru.

Our contribution to American poetry for this week. We'd like to see Bob Higgins. Make the Temple Owls look like chiggins. Anyway, there will probably be a lot of fowl play during the game.

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Depression Not Felt Here, Graduate Enrollment Shows

Marquardt Reports 131 Register in Advanced Courses, 184 Transfer to College

"While other colleges apparently are suffering from the depression, Penn State continues to grow and expand," Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, College Examiner, said this week in announcing an increase in the number of new graduate and transfer students.

Students who entered the Graduate School for the first time this semester reached a total of 171 on October 1, compared with 138 up to November 8 last year. Regular transfer students numbered 181 at the beginning of this month, while their numbers were one less up to November 8 last year.

"There is every reason to believe," Dr. Marquardt said, "that by November 8 this year we shall have gained considerably in number of graduate and transfer students. Moreover, we were forced to refuse admittance to over 145 others who applied," he said.

"This high number of refusals is because of our rigorous entrance requirements. In each refusal this year the applicant failed to gain entrance because of a condition or failure in one or more subjects taken at

STATE EDUCATORS TO CONVENE HERE

Hold Second Annual Guidance, Personnel Conference on October 30, 31

Educators from secondary schools and colleges throughout the State will gather here October 30 and 31 for the second annual guidance and personnel conference sponsored by the School of Education.

The theme of the conference will be "High School and College Relations." Dean Will Grant Chambers of the School of Education announced. With the first session set at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, registration will be held in the lobby of Old Main.

Following the opening address by Dean Chambers, selective plans of admissions will be discussed by F. O. Holt, Registrar at the University of Wisconsin and Registrar William S. Hoffman. The second session will open in Room 405, Old Main at 8 o'clock Friday night.

Dean Chambers will preside at the third and closing session of the conference at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning in the auditorium. In addition to addresses by local educators, a number of high school principals have been secured for speeches.

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SACKETT WILL GIVE OPENING ENGINEERING SPEECH FRIDAY

Dean Robert L. Sackett, of the School of Engineering, will begin the weekly engineering lecture series with a talk on unemployment insurance in the chemistry amphitheatre at 4:10 o'clock next Friday afternoon.

The second lecture will be given October 30 by Dean Warren P. Laird, of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania. With no talk scheduled for the following Friday, Col. R. I. Rees, assistant vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company will be the speaker on November 13.

TO OFFER FRENCH COURSE

Organized last Wednesday, a night class in French under Prof. Paul R. Blanchet, of the romance languages department, will hold its first regular meeting Tuesday. Further sessions are scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7 o'clock in Room 103, N. Liberal Arts building.

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