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ALUMNI CRITICISM

Just as many alumni, returning to the College last year, voiced violent disapproval of the rejuvenated Old Man, so will many of the homecoming grads express skepticism over the changes which have come about at Penn State during the past year. We believe that the most vital of these changes concerns the complete abandonment of athletic scholarships, giving Penn State a place in the foreground of the American colleges who have taken a definite stand against professionalism in college athletics.

Frank and honest criticism of College policies by returning alumni is always welcomed and certainly always expected. However, we do believe that alumni should thoroughly understand the athletic situation here before they loudly air their views to open-mouthed freshmen and glib upperclassmen. Although the majority of Penn State's alumni have backed the College in its stand for non-subsidized sports, there are still many who have placed the question of victory or defeat far in the van of everything else.

Judging from the support Penn State students pledged the team at the Syracuse rally, it seems that the undergraduate viewpoint, slow to materialize at first, now definitely and emphatically backs the College policy. We are not trying to underestimate the value of victory, but we do believe that Penn State has placed certain principles in the foreground, and that these principles, if properly backed by alumni and students, will not only give the proper emphasis to victory, but will develop unexcelled ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.

ON THE DECLINE

The overthrow of football as the "mighty monarch" of college sports within the next ten years has been predicted by Dr. William G. Anderson, director of the Yale gymnasium. He cites as reasons for the decline of football as a commercial spectacle, the rise of other sports, and the development of good teams by smaller colleges. The peak of popularity has been reached and is being passed, he is quoted as saying.

His prophecy, in the light of present trends, is both a good and welcome one. Minor sports are drawing more interest from students, and intramural sports are gaining impetus. College men are realizing that the football spectacle is an over-inflated bubble of commercial glitter. Outsiders are flocking to the gates of many stadia, but it isn't a college crowd. The college crowd lends the atmosphere, but with the realization that they are merely putting on a big show, undergraduates will withdraw much of their support and the bubble will collapse. Many students would prefer engaging in sports themselves to watching eleven hirings on a field. And diversified interests, in many classes of sport, are becoming evident.

The fall of football, when it comes, is not to be lamented. Greater sports variety and more intramural competition are to be welcomed. And the revenue which now comes from a magnificent football team can well be supplied by a dozen sports when interest in them has been increased.

CO-ED RUSHING REVISION

Realizing that the present women's rushing code as defined by the association is not adequate, Panhellenic is conducting a survey to discover methods of rushing which other colleges have found to be satisfactory.

Without the cooperation of all of the women's fraternities, Panhellenic is incapable of remedying the present situation. Adverse criticism without constructive advice merely points out the deficiencies of the system. Creative suggestions are necessary for revision.

Each chapter should consider it a duty to decide measures which they would like to have put in practice. Each fraternal organization should recommend revisions which they believe would correct the deficiencies.

One of the ideas which has already been submitted to the Council is that junior transferred students be rushed after they have completed one semester's work at Penn State. Under the present rule no woman student may be rushed until she "has been registered for one year in the Pennsylvania State College."

Seniors and graduate students are the only exceptions to this ruling. Nevertheless, it does not seem fair that although a woman student has completed two years in one college and a semester at Penn State she is still ineligible for a fraternity bid.

Since the purpose of fraternal life is to supply companionship and high ideals to its members it is questionable whether but one year of membership can fulfill this intent.

M. M. W.

OLD MANIA

We've heard this story twice in the last couple of weeks, and now you might as well hear it. The first time we listened to the recital, the scene was laid right here at State College, Pa. The second time, it had happened at Lehigh University. And then when we mentioned it just recently, someone told us that it was an actual happening all right, but that it took place on the University of Illinois campus. Anyway—

It seems that a certain professor about town is a fancier of truck goldfish, and always keeps a bowl or two of sword-tails or guppies or some variety of carp around the house. (In case you're interested, goldfish are merely carp gone smoothy.)

One night another fish-fancier from the chemistry department dropped in for a friendly chat, and on the way out he stopped to look at some of the fish. "Aha!" said the chemist. "Have you noticed the mould growing on these fish? Something should be done about that."

The professor said no, he hadn't noticed, and what should he do about it? So the chemist offered to take the afflicted fish home with him and treat them with a certain solution which would clear up the growth. Accordingly he wrapped the six or eight fish in his wet handkerchief, which is the way experts have for carrying fish to & fro, and started home across the campus. It being sort of a chilly night, the chemistry professor felt a sudden sneeze coming on, and instinctively jerked the handkerchief from his pocket, scattering the valuable goldfish to the four winds.

This was a tuff situation, but the professor made the best of it by getting down on his hands & knees in the grass and feeling around for the missing fish, lighting a match every now & then to improve the visibility. A campus cop, ever on the alert, noticed the flare from the matches and strolled over to see what was up. There was the austere & dignified professor of chemistry on his hands & knees, lighting matches and peering under leaves and clumps of grass. "I beg your pardon, sir," said the campus cop, "but what are you looking for?"

"I'm looking for goldfish," replied the professor, lighting another match. The campus cop thought this over, and came to his own conclusions. "Don't you think you'd better let me take you home, sir?" he asked. "It's pretty late to be out looking for goldfish."

The professor said no, he didn't want to be taken home, but he would like to borrow a flashlight. So the cop thought it best to humor the old gent, and gave him the flashlight. Whereupon the professor proceeded to pluck goldfish from the grass right & left, until he had retrieved the whole batch.

The cop blinked a couple times, rubbed his eyes, and shuddered.

"Look here," he said. "Will you take me home?"

The above is an interesting example of stories which make the rounds of the college campuses, and eventually become tradition. If you know of any others, you might send them in to this department, c/o this journal. This will save us hours of worry about what to write, and will save you the bother of telling it to the whole college.

Our utilitarian tendencies are irked by the fact that the College maintains two swell flagpoles on the front campus, and hardly ever puts flags on them. After all, what are flagpoles for? Possibly they were put up with an eye to the day when the Cider Scrap would be revived, and a keg of cider run up each pole. The freshmen & sophomores would break each other's noses & legs to see who could scam up the poles and grab the kegs.

What with cider at two bits a gallon though, this is unlikely.

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ACTORS SCHEDULE 4 PLAYS FOR YEAR

Will Stage 'Black Flamingo' as Opening Drama—Tryouts Begin November 16

Penn State Players will produce their first regular presentation of the year on January 16 with tryouts for parts beginning November 16, opening a four-play season. Aspirants for roles in the first two shows will tryout during the week following Monday, November 16. Registration for the trials will be held the previous week at the office of the Players in Old Man.

To Stage Tragedy Prof. Arthur C. Cloetnagh, of the dramatics department, will direct the first play, "The Black Flamingo" by Sam Jannoy on January 16. It is a three-act melodrama, with a setting in the time of the French revolution. "Holiday" by Philip Barry will be staged on February 16 under the direction of Frank S. Neusbaum, of the English composition department.

Euripides' tragedy, "The Trojan Women," is to be presented on April 16 under the direction of Professor Cloetnagh. A fourth play, yet to be chosen, will be prepared by Mr. Neusbaum for May 7.

Men Select More Substantial Food Than Women Use

"Grapefruit or tomato juice, hot cereal, and chocolate or plain milk constitute the breakfast of the average male student who eats here, while the co-ed goes in for peanut rolls and coffee instead of the more nourishing foods," Miss Hazel Fall, manager of the Sandwich Shop in Old Man, said when questioned on the subject of student diets.

Eating between meals has almost topped and sales of candy and cigarettes have dropped considerably, due no doubt to the slump in finances, but students make up the loss at meal times by ordering larger and more substantial quantities of food, according to the manager.

"The male student usually orders a vegetable platter for lunch, and is especially partial to fruit salads while the co-ed orders a frilly grilled cheese and pineapple sandwich to assuage her hunger at noontime," Miss Fall remarked.

Both the co-ed and the male student order substantial hot food for their dinners but differ exceedingly when desserts are ordered. The male will order chocolate fudge cake or apple pie a la mode while the co-ed selects rich nut sundaes without giving her calories a thought, Miss Fall said.

GIVES ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Prof. George R. Green, of the department of nature education, gave an illustrated lecture at the Teachers' Institute in Binghamton, N. Y., last night.

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Around The Corner

"On somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright; somewhere touchdowns are blooming, and somewhere punts are right. Somewhere the forward pass is handled and somewhere they take tackles out. But not at State or Lehigh, if I know what I'm about."

Perhaps the greatest sacrifice that has been made for the cause of charity is the arrangement of a game between Lehigh and the Nittany Lion at Franklin Field for unemployment. Not because Bob Higgins and Aussie Tate, the rival coaches, have been smeared in such fashion as never their charges knew in the past, but in the high resolve and glittering courage that would permit these mentors to walk into the light and do a good turn.

Certainly the mantle of charity is needed in the cases of both tutors. Benefit of material, with nothing but rugged guts and strong wills, these lads are to be hailed and trumpeted higher than a fortunate stiff who has such good material that he cannot run it anyway.

I'm pulling for the Brown and White and the Nittany Lion—at least, they have come through. And now we'll see college loyalty and zeal for the old alma mater put to the test. . . .

Gordon Mackay, sports editor for Philadelphia Record.

DELEGATES FROM 7 STATES CONDUCT CONFERENCE HERE

Representatives of seven states and the United States bureau of agricultural economics met here this week in the annual Regional Agricultural Outlook Conference of the Appalachian States.

Dean Ralph L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture gave the address of welcome while Director Milton S. McDowell, of the College agricultural extension service, presided at the opening session Tuesday morning.

When in Bellefonte DAVISON'S Home-Made Candies and Soda Fountain ON HIGH STREET

MODERN GARDEN TO FEATURE LANDSCAPE DESIGN EXHIBIT

A model garden, being constructed as a problem in junior landscape design with Prof. Carl W. Wilde in charge, will be the feature of this year's landscape architectural garden exhibit which is held annually in conjunction with Alumni Homecoming day.

As a part of the Horticultural show the model will show a fountain in the modern style, and a long garden vista with a rectangular reflecting pool occupying the center of it. Electric lights and running water effects will be used, to add color to the exhibit.

CLUB ELECTS ORLANDI HEAD

Jose Orlandi '32, was elected president, while Carlos Chardon '31 and Jorge Valdejuvi '33, gained the posts of secretary and treasurer at a meeting of the Spanish-American club last Saturday night.

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(Matinee Daily at 1:30 o'clock)

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SATURDAY—Buster Keaton, Cliff Edwards, Anita Page in "SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK"

MONDAY and TUESDAY—John Barrymore, Marian Marsh, Charles Butterworth in "THE MAD GENIUS"

WEDNESDAY—James Dunn, Linda Watkins in "SOB SISTER"

THURSDAY—Tallulah Bankhead, Fredric March in "MY SIN"

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FRIDAY—"THE ROAD TO SINGAPORE"

SATURDAY—"NEW ADVENTURES OF GET-RICH-QUICK WALLINGFORD"

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