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STUDENT DISARMAMENT POLLS

On glancing over our weekly mass of material received from various organizations designed to furnish college editors with pacifistic propaganda...

From the student poll we find that youthful students want no more war. We were quite satisfied with that fact before the results of the poll were revealed...

It is hard for us to believe that the results of the student poll are very significant other than indicating that students are interested in world problems and world peace...

Ignoring the opinions of a disgruntled minority the present system of registration has undoubtedly proved the fairest and most successful of any of the methods undertaken by Registrar Hoffman...

ONE CLEAR DUTY

Penn State students home for the mid-term vacation cannot have failed to notice a growing tendency on the part of acquaintances to greet all news of the present international disturbance in China...

It seems almost incredible that the same men who a few months ago were still shuddering at the horrors of the World War face the prospect of an even greater conflict with an equanimity dangerously liable to change into the type of excitable "patriotism" for which the logic of mere common sense holds a constantly diminishing appeal...

Even here, though, one duty stands out clear, defined, and immediate to the college man, to all men who realize that what may now seem like harmless talk can easily become fact-speaking propaganda...

That the crisis in China has come at a time when war can be pictured as "man's economic salvation" to the unemployed is unfortunate. However, even such theories can be dispelled by intelligent and forceful arguments...

The dance following the Syracuse basketball game was, without qualification of any sort, an exceptional success. Student Union, it seems, has sponsored an affair which should soon take a strong and lasting hold on Penn State's social calendar...

OLD MANIA

Browsing through a recent number of the Harvard Crimson, we came across an item which restored, in some small measure, our dwindling faith in educational institutions and the men who direct them...

Dr. Clarence Mendall, Dean of Yale College, advocates beer drinking among college students. Furthermore, the Doctor cheerfully observes that prohibition will disappear within the next five years...

Dr. Mendall recommends a four-percent brew, basing his recommendation on personally conducted experiments with both foreign and domestic products. While we feel that the four-percent stipulation smacks of a distinct Old School conservatism...

Our Sub-department of Poetic Endeavor hands us the following verse. Being a sentimentalist by nature and a firm believer in the inherent stupidity of the average co-ed by experience, we print it:

WRONG AGAIN

I failed to find behind your sleepy gaze All that was promised by your almond eyes; I'm sorry that you couldn't seem to phrase Your thoughts in words instead of soulful sighs.

I tell you this because a man must know A certain something more than lips and aims, No doubt there's someone in this Passing Show Who numbers intellect among her charms.

Dor't be pathetic, dear, and feel betrayed— Your pride will heal, the mocking questions cease, And I was but a wandering soul who strayed Into your arms and out—I'll rest in peace.

Say to your child, when she sees what I've sung, "He wrote this because I held my tongue."

In the COLLEGIAN office we came across a large placard covered with samples of headlines from past numbers and maintained for the guidance of aspiring editorial candidates. One of these heads in particular attracted our attention. It was terse, direct, and to-the-point: "Niagara Suffers Defeat"...

We were an eye-witness to this one. It was a freshman from a campus lodge which is noted for the fact that its members generally dress in an ultra fashion. And sure enough, this lad came to the late Senior Ball complete in an impeccable outfit—tails, immaculately white shirt, vest, collar, and tie. In fact, he had been on the Amory floor for some time before an observant brother noticed that he had forgotten his studs.

During the recent intermission, which this department spent in Philadelphia and environs, we were escorted by a nice old lady who wanted to know where we went to school. Penn State, we told her. "Do you know James Blank?" she inquired. No, we told her, we didn't know James Blank. "Humph!" said the lady, in a manner to signify that we evidently didn't get around much. With which she stalked away, leaving us with a feeling of insignificance and a determination to meet James Blank.

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THE FORUM

Penn State Sportsmanship

This is the first controversial letter to be published in this column, which was suggested three weeks ago, for students and faculty members to air their views on current campus questions.

To the Editor THE PENN STATE COLLEGIAN

Dear Sir:

You are to be commended for your efforts to improve the sportsmanship of our student body. We have a reputation for robust spirit and a good name for giving visiting teams a square deal.

Spontaneous outbursts of indignation do break out, and they are by no means to be justified, but it is possible to reveal the sources of these occasional disturbances. Our officials are the best that can be secured but they are far from infallible. Their decisions are usually correct unquestionably, but they are at times and SEEM deliberately to favor our opponents.

Our boys are students of spirit, and they possess collectively a high intelligence for all matters athletic. They are lightning quick to detect the apparent injustice, and it is natural for them to give expression to their feelings when they discover the error.

Frequently these vociferations of dissatisfaction are initiated by fraternity brothers, roommates, and others intimately acquainted with the particular participants officially attended. These boys know how earnestly and strenuously their comrades have trained and sacrificed to be in the best form, and it is almost impossible for them to contain themselves at the sight of an UNDESERVED negative decision. Visiting coaches have at times displayed uncontrolled emotions, which encourage spectators to show outward disapproval of such conduct. Let it be said also that our cheering section is quick to discover and applaud superior merit in the performance of any visiting team, and equally quick to express appreciation of good sportsmanship exemplified by rival coaches.

The free expression of sentiment by spectators may have its virtue. Officials are sometimes so close to a contest that they fail to get the total effect, and they can profit by the casual comments and incidental sounds which issue from the audience. Coaches also have a reason to slip from grace now and then, for they have vested interests in the men competing, and victory for them will always be held dear.

A too docile audience might encourage illicit tactics by those who have taught and trained the rival athletes. It is difficult indeed to draw the line between institutional spirit and sportsmanship.

Our older students and younger coaches have been tutored in the rugged school of Hugo Bojcek, and they believe in playing the game hard and fair. Over a period of a dozen years our athletic glory has not been excelled. We are now in a transition stage when victories are not so easy to secure. But we are winning a greater victory than that of the field on the floor; and when our natural rivals have risen to the heights of athletic ethics practiced on our campus, we shall once more find the fighting hearts of our boys bringing back our traditional reputation for success.

Certain of the so-called major sports may wane in influence throughout the country, but Penn State is pretty sure to become the athletic center of the East. Our School of Physical Education so vigorously launched and promising to do much for the future will make State College a natural center of intercollegiate competition on a large scale. When commercialism has been universally eliminated, giving Penn State teams an equal chance for victory with their scheduled rivals, and when our young athletes can face their opponents as amateurs against amateurs, then it will be easier for us all to demonstrate more perfectly the finest principles of intercollegiate sportsmanship.

Then, too, the most promising athletes will be happy to join our student body and represent the institution that pioneered in the field of athletic purity. Our intramural program is our pride, the admiration of the nation and the best illustration available of democracy in college athletics. This alone compensates sufficiently for our present handicaps in competition. Let us all cooperate in preserving for Penn State its fine name for hardihood and honor. Let us pursue an ideal of sportsmanship commensurate with our aspiration for athletic leadership.

CARROLL D. CHAMPLIN, Professor of Education

Morse Traces Plan For Junior Colleges

(Continued from page one)

It is noted that Penn State should not act independently in establishing junior colleges, but should await movement by the colleges of the State. This has been the College's policy since that time.

Mr. Morse said that in the proposals made to the College by cities in the State, the motive was largely to secure a cheaper college education for local high school graduates. By being able to live at home for the first two years of college, students would save considerable money.

Another angle on the subject which these cities have not had in mind is that more students would desire the two years' education at home more for a final period of education than to enable them to continue to college, Mr. Morse believes.

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(Matinee at 1:30. Evenings at 6:00)

FRIDAY—Wm. Collier Sr. and Star Cast in "STEPPING SISTERS"

CLARK and McCullough Comedy

SATURDAY—Peggy Shannon, Buddy Rogers, Charlie Ruggles in "THIS RECKLESS AGE"

Organic Newsmen Reel News

MONDAY—Edward G. Robinson in "THE HATCHET MAN"

TUESDAY—Phillips Holmes, Miriam Hopkins in "TWO KINDS OF WOMEN"

WEDNESDAY—Jean Harlow, Mae Clark in "THREE WISE GIRLS"

THURSDAY—Lionel Atwill, Greta Nissen in "THE SILENT WITNESS"

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