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MAJOR OR MINOR LETTERS?

Long standing campus controversy should be settled after tomorrow if students cooperate with athletic officials and indicate on their ballots unbiased judgment. Out of the mass of divergent opinion there should come some real evidence to show whether certain sports are popular enough to deserve a place by the side of the traditional major sports of Penn State.

The question is not one to answer without thought. Naturally every ardent devotee of each sport in question will be prejudiced towards raising the standard of that particular sport. Some believe and have always maintained that there should be no distinction between any of the sports. Others say that a few of the sports have advanced so rapidly in recent years that they should now be advanced to the same standard as baseball, basketball, and track.

Whether lengthy discussion over just which sports should have a six inch letter and which should have a four inch award indicates that students at Penn State are emphasizing an insignificant part of the whole question is debatable. The fact remains that tradition has decreed it that certain sports are more important in the student eye and should receive additional prestige through a larger letter. Looking at the question from this angle it should not be hard for the student voters to reach some decision.

There is no doubt that a few sports here have reached a position of commanding leadership in the student mind, and there are a few branches of athletics in which Penn State has taken a very pronounced lead in intercollegiate competition. Other sports are comparatively new at Penn State, or else do not compare favorably with similar teams in other colleges. It should not be hard for students to select between these two classes and settle at least for the present this long discussed question.

The plan to hold a Student Loan benefit dance on some week-end in March is an attempt by the committee to incorporate the suggestions which were received from different student organizations. At a meeting of fraternity presidents an individual canvass plan was quickly put down, but most of those present agreed to back any benefit affair. A great deal of assistance could be rendered by fraternities in cooperating to the extent of not planning house dances on this particular week-end.

A MILESTONE

When some hundred members of the faculty meet tomorrow night to observe their tenth anniversary as a unit of the American Association of University Professors, a milestone will have been reached in the history of a group whose tangible, but especially intangible contributions to Penn State have been great, if little known and appreciated.

Few students are familiar with the work of this group. The conception of the association as a "big stick" to be wielded over administrations for securing professional rights is entirely inaccurate. Nor is the aim of the society to approximate the "unions" common to trades and other professions. The association is one where faculty members may have a common ground to discuss academic and student problems with a view to clarifying certain ideas in their own minds, and thus formulating a consistent policy. It is the only place where the faculty can meet and discuss its problems freely.

What is the significance of such a group? Quasi-official, since it is not a recognized unit of College governing bodies, the association generally receives prompt attention for its projects. Ethical and scholastic standards are set by the national organization and the maintenance of these standards is assured in colleges where an active chapter, such as the one at Penn State, is located.

Colleges which violate the principles of the society are "black-listed" and professors rarely accept positions to their staffs until the conditions are remedied. Through this medium standards in most colleges of importance are maintained fairly well.

To the professor one of the most cherished matters is his freedom of speech in the classroom. Accepted standards give the instructor the right and duty to say what he, in his sincere studies, has found true no matter how uncomplimentary it may be to college, country, or any interest. Happily no instances can be pointed to here where there has been interference with the right of free speech, but such occurrences have happened in other institutions.

Of the contributions which the strong local chapter of the association has made to Penn State, the greatest has been its interest in student problems. At frequent meetings discussions wax freely on the solution of affairs of student interest. Then, too, in advancing and raising standards, the chapter has played its part. To no small degree is credit due the group for securing a faculty insurance program recently approved by the Board of Trustees.

R. T.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

According to our operative T-69, the following little incident actually took place within the confines of Wreck Hall. As the tale goeth, a visitor was searching for someone connected with the gym team managerial staff, and, sauntering up to a 2nd Asst. Mgr. of the Trapeze and Parallel Bar Lads, inquired concerning his whereabouts. The aspiring executive said naught, but turned, pointed in three different directions saying, "There's a first assistant over there, one over there and one back of the side horse. And then there's that little fellow in the brown suit who's been hanging around here a lot."

Looking over at the little fellow in the brown suit, the visitor noted the grinning visage of Jimmy Cochran, who, by the way, is only the manager of the above aggregation. What price glory, anyway?

We are reminded of another thing that's been causing us to mumble strange things in our sleep for the last few moons, and it concerns the Ko-Ed Kotillion, gone but not forgotten. Here we've been attempting to defend our local examples of the Ziegfeldian extraction, and make the campus co-ed conscious, and what do the gals do but place a poster advertising the Kotillion right on Allen Street, and the central figure of the poster had a pair of the most charmingly crossed eyes since the Turpin Era. Actually flaunting them shortcomings in our face. Now we ask you, is that right?

Things we wish could talk: That rear booth in the Corner . . . the davenport near the piano at the Kappa House . . . the right room in the Phi Mu . . . any room in the Theta House . . . that davenport behind the rear fireplace in the second floor of Old Main lounge . . . the card room in the D. U. mansion . . . the guest room at Varsity Hall . . . Old Main tower . . . the Campuseer . . . the upstairs room of the Auditorium . . . but why go on, we'd just get some people in trouble.

Things we'd love to do: Put chewing gum in a few immature student mustaches (and one or two professional ones). Take the padding off the fencers' foils. Paint our initials in six-foot pea green letters on Old Main's bald dome. Roll a push-ball from Recreation hall track during a basketball game. Be in the transition section and get a three average. Oh, what's the use!

Things we'd love to see: A few advanced R. O. T. C. officers walking as military men should . . . Dean Warnock in a bowler . . . Dean Chambers in a bowler . . . Any dean in a bowler.

About Town and Campus: Charlie Myers, Theta Two Year Ag Prexy and a hand with the women-folk . . . Any truth about Sue Kist wearing a sweet-heart pin from one lodge and a fraternity pin from another? . . . Remember when Jack Carson, Coleman Heipel, Ed Malmel, and Don Frew pounded COLLEGIAN typewriters? . . . and you too ex-Campuseer Geesey . . . Spring is almost here which makes us think of good old Cy Solber . . . he'd just about have his spring outfit on now, checkered vest and all . . . and be chiseling honor points . . . Whatever became of Probert, Bamford, Baldwin & Bainhart? . . . Deacon Harry McCoy has been accused of writing this 1 1/2 column . . . Do you remember way back when co-eds smoked guardedly in the Corner-room? . . . Who's not taking Music 55 this semester? . . . Did you ever find anything as plentiful as Graduate Assistants in the Chemistry and Physics School?

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Penn State Students Walk 6.5 Miles Daily Disque '34 Discovers

Penn State students walk an average of six and one-half miles a day if figures compiled by Earl A. Disque '31 may be taken as representative of the average.

Dancers travel approximately one-eighth of a mile in a three-piece number, Disque discovered while attending a fraternity dance. Those who specialize in a hopping movement while dancing would find the total mileage higher, according to the sophomore, since the pedometer registers vertical movements in accounting for distance travelled.

Fraternity house waiters walk slightly over a mile a day in performing their duties, the student's investigations reveal. Almost half of this distance is gained while serving drinks.

Students whose classes take them from the Horticulture building to the Main Engineering building have a walk of over a quarter mile on such occasions, while the pedometer shows the distance from Main Engineering building to Recreation hall another quarter of a mile.

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11 45—Campus News Briefs
- TOMORROW
11 45—Agricultural News Notes
4 00—Penn State Players present "Rabbit's Foot"
- THURSDAY
11 45—Campus News Briefs

LAND TRACT SECURED FOR TOBACCO RESEARCH STUDY

A ten-acre tract of land near Lancaster has been secured to carry on tobacco studies, Prof. Frank D. Gardner, of the department of agronomy and director of tobacco research, has announced.

The work will be carried on in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Plant Industry. Research testing will be conducted by Dr. Dennis E. Haley, of the department of agricultural and biological chemistry.

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NATIONAL FORESTRY GROUP HONORS COLLEGE CHAPTER

The Penn State chapter of Xi Sigma Phi, national honorary forestry fraternity, was chosen as President Chapter at large at the national convention held recently in Portland, Oregon.

National officers elected at the convention included the following of the College forestry department: Prof. John A. Ferguson, president; Prof. Arthur C. McIntyre, vice-president, and Prof. William G. Edwards, secretary-treasurer.

ATTENDS REUNION AT YALE

Victor A. Beede, instructor in forest management, attended a reunion of the Yale Forest School at New Haven, Conn., yesterday.

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"THE GAY CABALLERO"

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Chester Morris, Billie Dove in

"COCK OF THE AIR"

FRIDAY—

Constance Bennett, Ben Lyon in

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