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FROM SEVERAL SIDES, requests have come for a published statement of Athletic Association finances. With the publication of the interclass and publications financial reports, these students believe that they are also entitled to know just where their fifteen-dollar athletic fee goes.

BOUQUETS FOR THE non-athletic performances at Saturday's game should go to the cheerleading staff. On the whole, the cheering was better organized than last year, and the cheerleaders themselves seemed more enthusiastic.

BECAUSE OF A LEGAL technicality, students who left second-hand books with the now defunct Co-op store have not been able to retrieve them.

SURVEYS HAVE ALREADY been made as to what students read in their leisure time. The story published in this issue substantially confirms the findings of previous investigations.

THE LETTERS IN RESPONSE to "Loyal Son" are encouraging. At least there are some students who don't believe that everything is perfect here.

PETTY THIEVERY, IT SEEMS, is always present here. The latest instance is the stealing of slickers from the cloakroom of the Old Main Sandwich Shop.

THE SUGGESTION MADE in Interfraternity Council meeting last Wednesday that freshmen desiring to join fraternities be called back two weeks early, and pledged before College opens, is novel indeed.

OLD MANIA

For M. K.—from J. N.

Goodness gracious, little co-ed,
Ain't it time you wore a bra?
You are less a maid than matron,
Someone oughta tell your ma!

Yours the fault for pounding pulses,
Deepened breaths and palsied hands.
Bryant, Lane could solve your problem,
Bind your charms with lacey bands.

Still I wonder, ain't it wiser
Just to let you have your way?
Life is just a bowl of cherries—
More than flowers bud in May!

L'ENVOI

Why don't cha come up and see me some time?

All right, yez guys in the psychology department, if yez are so smart, suppose you tell this column why so many of the co-eds will go to the B-A Ball dressed in the manner made famous by Sadie Thompson.

You know that cup the sissy Betas won in last year's song contest? Well, this pillar will present it to the lad or lassie who concedes the following lines in the best manner:

Here's to State, the school with the push,
Where a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush!

We wonder if you fellows will give us a hand? We're compiling a list of Famous Push-overs of Penn State and we hope to print them soon.

It may be O'Hara to the cheerleaders, but to one Belfast Irish it'll always be O'Hara. And it looks as if we'll have to get together and pick out a good nickname for that guy (Penn State tradition says you can't use a guy's last name when cheering him, even if his first is "Robin" or "Cuthbert").

We said "Hello" to our old pal Bill Bottorf at the Phi Delta pledge dance the other night. And what does he do? He turns and bows to us from the waist.

—THE MANIAC

'Collegian' Letter Box

Letters Boost Spirit, Discuss Blue Band, Hit 'Loyal Son'

To the Editor,

Did you have the feeling at the game on Saturday that things were really clicking? That, in spite of the imposing schedule which lies ahead, prospects for a dog-gone good season were hanging around?

There were several things which gave the writer such feelings. First was the consistent, unmistakable teamwork sticking out all of the time, and the real aggressiveness which surely no one could have missed.

But it wasn't only the team that was clicking. The morale of the student body, we in the stands, was on the climb. Some of that stuff called spirit that we have been hoping for made a real bid for its appearance, especially near the end of the first half and during the half period when the music was out in front.

And the cheer leaders were right in there doing a nice job! Most of them this season have the knack of getting us to open up and let out a little noise, although the writer would like to venture a suggestion or two.

While we are at little improvements perhaps we who sit in the stands might borrow a freshman's handbook and brush up on the words of the Alma Mater.

Let's make this season the kind we like to think about, the kind we like to talk about! Let's keep the old optimism right out in front, and let's give Bob and the gang all the support we can dig up!

T. H. '35

Blue Band Discussed

To the Editor,

A great deal of unfavorable criticism has come to these ears about Saturday's appearance of the Blue Band, Penn State's premier musical organization.

Now it's with a lot of misgivings that we entertain these criticisms, because in the past, the Blue Band has drawn down waves of pure favor everywhere it appeared.

Perhaps it was the seeming awkward marching formation of the band

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that started the coals of unrest glowing in these ordinarily placid (dormant) brains; we don't like the bass players extending the severe lines of their horns out of the front ranks.

Because we want to consider every excuse for the somewhat disappointing spectacle just past, we will consider appeals for leniency based upon the fact that the unfortunate musicians were forced to broil helplessly in the East stands.

Was it a lack of inspiration or the retarding influence of the new members of the group? We hesitate to lay the tainted cause at the feet of either. One thing that surely must come to past in the near future is a reversion to the old time formation with the trombones slipping joyously in their accustomed places just a stone's toss from the "umpah" generators.

Soon the Blue Band will be marching on the sward at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. Then will Blue Band legend, embodying sweet and undisturbed efficiency, be shattered, unless something drastic happens in the nonce.

Y '35

Z '35

Students Attack 'Loyal Son'

To the Editor,

A fanfare of Bronx cheers for our loyal but deluded son from Pumpkin Center! He was so perfectly succeeded in presenting the reactionary viewpoint.

He is a curiously simple soul; but in time, plenty of time, he may just possibly learn discrimination—the art of distinguishing quality from quantity.

If the College turns out men of this caliber, it has failed—and failed terribly. For "Loyal Son" is a fearfully arrogant person, and his inflexible, infantile code will not help him to become a good citizen.

Detailed rebuttal, so easy, would not be discreet or kind—since "Loyal Son" specifically designates the Best of this, and the Best of that. Yet I shall make a few parting shots:

Communists are not always "untouchables," let our cultured "Loyal Son" read his history. (2) The Russian revolution, like the American, had its disagreeable side, but is of unquestionable social and historical significance; see advice for (1).

Having thus inadequately attempted to delouse a few popular fallacies I shall close. You see, I have quite a problem to decide. I'm going out to the house Saturday, and what dress to wear? These fraternity men are

so cultured—and so hard to please. With affectionate regards to "Loyal Son,"

A Daughter of Penn State

To the Editor,

There has never been a more lucid example of Penn State "culture" than that which was exhibited in the form of a letter which appeared in the last issue of the COLLEGIAN from "Loyal Son."

Until I read this letter, I had always been optimistic about Penn State culture and thought, at least, that it ran skin deep. But my ideals have been shattered! I find that culture expresses itself in the form of clothes and only runs to the skin.

Such Philistinism as "Loyal Son" (a more trite pseudonym is inconceivable) represents is quite characteristic of the attitude of our student body toward culture. True, the majority of Penn State students mean well. They play games ardently, and leisurely talk about them in their "bull sessions."



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art, but it is all an unreal world to them (witness the grumblings after an Art 74 class).

Nothing more true has ever been said—that there is no royal road to knowledge. Then why are Penn State students undeveloped and bewildered about their education? The only answer is that they are indisposed to work.

H. V. R. '34

An Apology...

THE enthusiastic response to the inauguration of special bus service to Kishacoquillas Park dances Saturday night found us unprepared, and we wish to apologize for any inconveniences suffered by our patrons.

IMPROVED arrangements will be in effect Saturday night and every Saturday night throughout the school year. The special rate of 99c for round-trip bus fare, admission, dancing, and tax will be continued.

BY popular request, there will be an advance sale of tickets for this Saturday's dance in the fraternities and dormitories during the week. The California Ramblers, a band of 12 musicians from the Mid-West, will be the orchestra attraction.



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