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"PRACTICE WHAT YOU . . ."

When anyone on this campus speaks against athletic subsidization it is taken more or less as a matter of course. But when a man like "Pop" Warner speaks against it, as he did in a recent magazine article, it is either a laughing matter or a welcome conversion.

Strange as it may seem, Temple's \$20,000-a-year coach speaks up against huge stadiums, commercialization of football, subsidizing of players, and high-priced coaching staffs. He admits that "almost any coach with proper financial aid could build up an aggregation of stars that could wallop any legitimate college team in the country, but there is no sport in such a lopsided arrangement." He added, ". . . when the colleges themselves, or their athletic departments, try to grant free tuition or board and room or provide jobs in which the star athlete is paid more than his services are worth, that is making business of athletics and is going too far."

"Pop's" new credo, it seems, is embodied in these words: "I believe that if all of the universities were to get together and live up to a code embodying an agreement that they would not recruit athletes for their teams, their games as a whole would be just as interesting. In fact, I think they would be more interesting if the squads were made up of the ordinary run of students, because the teams would be more evenly matched, would have a better spirit and be more truly representative of their institutions." He then proposes a code for football's New Deal, in which he outlaws all those practices that he denounces earlier in the article.

Although "Pop's" sincerity might be questioned, it is at least encouraging to see a man in his position giving lip-service to such advanced ideals. All that remains now is for the university he represents, and others like it, to put those ideals into practice. Penn State did in 1927.

THE WRITER OF A letter published in the Letter Box, this issue, asked the COLLEGIAN to answer several questions about the athletic situation here. There are probably many other students who are puzzled as to rumors about a return to subsidization. In view of this fact, the COLLEGIAN will publish an article on the entire situation as soon as it is available. Until that time, which should be within two weeks, it is sufficient to say that accusations of a return to athletic subsidization here have no basis in fact.

PREPAREDNESS

An event which was almost completely ignored by the metropolitan press was the United Congress Against War held in New York City recently. Over two hundred college students attended the congress. Of course, such gatherings are un-American and smack of Russia, so more respectable news was printed. Nevertheless, the congress attempted to register its feeble protest against what seems to be a trend in the opposite direction.

In the midst of all this talk about more preparedness and possible wars, the conclusions reached recently by an historian of the World War are significant. In his book "Beginning the Twentieth Century" published early this month, Prof. Joseph Ward Swain says, "Today we see more clearly . . . that it was really armament and the doctrine of preparedness which drove Europe to war. The only answer which statesmen could find to preparedness and the resulting hysteria was more preparedness, more nervousness, more suspicion, more fear and more hysteria—until at last they had a war."

In the light of such an opinion, it is difficult to justify even so relatively a small factor in the total national defense as the R. O. T. C. As this paper has stated before, the tendency of the R. O. T. C. is certainly not to prevent war and its acceptance by the populace. And in addition to the militarism argument, what is more out of date than compulsory drill in an educational institution?

ONE OF THE BEST features about the re-organized Student Tribunal is the complete absence of politics, if Monday night's meeting is any indication of what is to come. Two freshmen who appeared before the Tribunal were fraternity pledge-brothers of two men on the Tribunal. In the past, this has usually been sufficient reason for the offender to be excused from any punishment. Not so this year, however. Those two freshmen received the same punishment as any other customs-breaker does. Furthermore, the fact that a non-fraternity freshman received a lighter sentence than others who were pledged to fraternities, points to the death of the old favoritism for fraternity freshmen. The entire meeting, moreover, was conducted in a solemn, dignified manner. None of the old hazing and humiliation was present. If this is to be the policy of the Tribunal for the rest of the year, then certainly it will retrieve a great deal of the prestige that it lost in the days of horseplay and third-degree methods.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

We don't believe it either but it's true. The boys in a sophomore gym class had an important visitor the other day; the most important in years. A pretty transfer from one of our larger feminine institutions reported for action in the men's locker room and was right hurt about it when they wouldn't let her play athlete with the lads, and sent her down to Miss Dislike.

This seems particularly significant to us. It shows that the girls, even the newcomers, are becoming play-conscious . . . they want real, he-man exercise. Penn State is prepared for such enthusiasm among its male under-graduates. Its extensive Intramural Program welcomes and encourages all who are in search of the body-beautiful, or healthy relaxation. Now the women want their chance.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to give them such a chance? It might even arouse more enthusiasm, more nerve, in everyone if one gigantic program were developed which would include the feminine element. Lacrosse and field hockey for instance could easily be combined, or football and the Greek dance.

Well, it's a suggestion anyway.

These Theta XI boys are persistent. Recently some of the town urchins were having fun . . . ringing that House's doorbell. A gentleman by the name of Hunt came to the door and requested them in a nice way to cease. He was dressed in an immaculate linen suit and the kids evidently thought him effeminate for they refused . . . emphatically. Becoming incensed, he gave chase. One of the gamins (like that?) picked up a handful of mud and threatened him with it, saying, "G'wan back or I'll let you have it!"

He kept on, so he got it, mud in his eye and then some. He kept on chasing and another one of the offenders yelled, "G'wan back or I'll heave a brick through the window."

But Mr. Hunt was persistent. Now they've a busted window.

Moral: Don't fool with the younger set; they mean what they say.

Every one knows about the skunk that roamed around down town not so long ago. He was persistent, too. He finally ended up in a paper box on the Phi Mu front porch.

What did they do? Why they simply called the S. P. Es who promptly rushed to the rescue.

No Moral . . . too obvious.

We don't know what's got into The Maniac. He's taken to writing poetry lately and threatens to join the local nudist colony. We're just waiting for that . . . but he seems to be serious about it. Poetry, Nudism . . . Bah!

AROUND TOWN

The Phi Eps are going to have their House-party at Cougar Inn . . . shades of Moonvees! . . . the Phidillythetes that got pinched in Lewistown and fined a buck apiece for disturbing the peace . . . the Delta Sigs entertaining the freshman girls from a downtown dorm . . . Leo (Doctor) Houck and a bevy of co-eds in the local eating palace . . . Leo leaving hurriedly . . . Billie Heineman has Marlene Dietrich stopped when it comes to underpinning . . . Dickson asserting himself about Art 74, after the recent letters . . . Douthett and Ryan (Froth) . . . Romance!

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Letter Box

To the Editor: What foundation is there for the persistent rumor which states that there are alumni and fraternity athletic scholarships?

It is true that twenty members of the freshman football squad have fraternity athletic scholarships?

Is it true that the captains of two of Penn State athletic teams have alumni athletic scholarships?

Can Penn State rightfully boast that the members of its athletic teams play for no compensation whatever?

Or can Penn State boast only that the College itself does not give men money for playing on its athletic teams?

Are these rumors only common gossip with no truth backing them up? Are they just the expressed doubts of suspicious souls?

Can the COLLEGIAN through its editorial column truthfully answer these questions? —J. K. B., 17

Lack of space has prevented the publication in this issue of another letter from "Loyal Son." It will appear in the next issue.

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