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## By Their Fruits

"By their fruits ye shall know them." And by their conduct at sports events will Penn State students be known to outsiders.

Good sportsmanship is the accepted standard of collegiate conduct. There has been scattered evidence in the past three years that students of this College maintain high standards of what they expect from others.

Most of us, when reading or listening to an appeal for good spectator sportsmanship, will readily agree that it is desirable and should be maintained at the highest possible level.

Yet in the heat and excitement of the game, controls yield to the rising fury of mob reaction, good intentions fade into insignificance when "our boys are robbed."

Individual self-control is the only way to achieve collective self-control. The acquisition of such self-control should certainly be an important objective of a university education.

That self-control at athletic events can be based on a commonly-known premise that persons frequently see things in different ways. Officiating "errors" usually cancel out.

Finally, more cheering of the home forces, instead of booing of the opposition and referees, will make the games more enjoyable.

## Relevance of Religion

As the time approaches for Religion-in-Life-Week on campus religious organizations as well as the general committee are beginning to present their purposes and aims.

The general committee is made up of students, staff and faculty representatives from each of the church groups, and the Christian Association and representatives from campus organizations, such as All-College Cabinet and Interfraternity Council.

The purpose of the week is to try to reach students who are not influenced by either church groups or the Christian Association and help them to see the relevance of religion in their everyday lives. It seeks also to deepen the religious convictions of those people who are already mildly interested.

Plans for the week which starts February 20 and ends February 24 include some outstanding speakers from religious organizations and elsewhere.

For those who are not well acquainted with the activities of Religion-in-Life-Week, take some initiative, and learn of its worthwhile purposes and plans.

—Charlotte Seidman.

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## Corner Rumors

By Jo Fox

Yesterday, the "twelfth day of Christmas," traditionally marks the end of the Yuletide festivities. Or were you finished after New Year's Eve?

Post-Christmas is as much a special season as fishing or hunting season, and has its own distinctive characteristics. It is the time of the mammoth sale, the empty pocket-book, glittering engagement rings, and a few stupid resolutions. Witness that great American institution, the "close-out" sale. Where else do you fight your way into a store "just to look around" and boomerang out hours later with a red sale ticket tied around your nose?

### Happy Harry

Well, Harry finally got his raise. Both Republican and Democratic members of Congress voted \$25,000 more yearly to the man with the toughest job in the world. That puffs the annual presidential salary to \$100,000 plus a \$50,000 tax free expense account. The fight for higher salaries for congressmen has its embarrassing implications. The legislators claim that you can't hire (secure is a better word) capable men for the pittance now offered. And the taxpayer rallies with "What do the incumbent law-makers keep under their skulls? Suet?"

### Chatter

They say Reading still reverberates from the wedding celebration of DU, Jeff Durkota, and Delta Zeta, Das Dittman. The ex-Lion wingback and his bride have returned to the West coast where Durkota has been under contract with the Los Angeles Dons for the past season. . . . Called "Matty" Mateer to check on the rumored Corner Room alterations. Said he, "We don't know anything about it around here!" . . . Homework pays off! For Manuel Herbert, senior Pi Lambda Phi, at least. His one act comedy, "For Old Times Sake," written for a dramatics course, is being published. . . . The College Co-op Board of Control is working beaverishly to put the student store in operation by next semester. Two years ago the plan was just a dream baby.

## The Safety Valve

### Glaring Documents

TO THE EDITOR: Suppose that the "Freedom Train" would be in Lewistown tomorrow. We would stand in the awesome presence of heroes who braved the axe, the gibbet, the firing squad to move history onward; men like those who forced the powerful king to sign the Magna Charta, pioneers like the Pilgrims of the Mayflower Compact, warriors like our revolutionary ancestry, Franklin, Paine, Jefferson, Washington.

We read documents like the one of Washington to the Jews of Newport, Rhode Island, in 1792:—"Happily the Government of the United States gives bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance." Other magnificent documents like the Declaration of Independence, the grand Bill of Rights are there glaring with all their truth right at you; and then again, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.

We read the first Section of the 15th Amendment: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude—" We read further into these and many more documents, such as a letter written by Abraham Lincoln about July 1, 1854, we come to this significant sentence: "Advancement—improvement in condition—is the order of things in a society of equals."

"All men are created equal," equal, all men. This is what the people at the time when the Declaration of Independent was written stated with much emphasis, especially for us, the future generations, to abide by. But do we abide by this declaration? Does the Ku Klux Klan? Are the Talmadges and the Rankins abiding by this declaration? Are we in State College abiding by this declaration? Are we? And if not, why? So we come out of the train, out towards the reality of the present.

What are we to do to maintain this heritage of Democracy? I say apply in practice what we have learned in history. Fight discrimination with all you've got.

—Sigmund Weil.

• Letter cut.

## Shorter Letters

Since the tendency for letters to "The Safety Valve" has been to become increasingly longer and wordier, we've analyzed the situation and discovered that it's all our fault.

In the past we've been much too lax, hating to slash any of our readers' contributions unless space requirements made it mandatory. The result has been that the 200-word limit is being increasingly ignored.

Since letters are an indication of an alert and interested readership, we like to get and print them, but we prefer by far to run more shorter, punchy letters than few dragged-out epistles.

So please don't feel abused if we enforce this very necessary limitation on your letter.

## Collegian Gazette

### College Hospital

Admitted Thursday: Annette Chernoff, Robert Uhadolnik.  
 Discharged Thursday: John Boddington.

### At the Movies

CATHAUM—One Sunday Afternoon.  
 NITTANY—I Wake Up Screaming.  
 STATE—Blood on the Moon.



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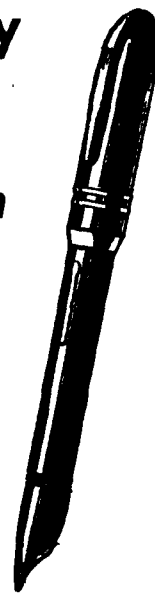
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