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The Pennsylvania considers it its duty to state its position in regard to the situation that has arisen over the distribution of tickets for the Cornell game. The Pennsylvania is well aware that it has incurred criticisms from the undergraduate body in not having taken a definite stand in the matter. After having stated its position, at the risk of still further criticism along the same lines, The Pennsylvania will continue to postpone the announcement of its policy.

This is done in the spirit of fairness. A stream of complaints has poured into The Pennsylvania office. Not half of these have yet appeared in print. They have come from prominent members of the student body and from alumni of Philadelphia and many other cities. They have been voiced only the undergraduate side of the situation. They have eulogized but two responses from men in positions of authority in the Association. The Pennsylvania is the undergraduate organ. It is its duty to publish what concerns the student body. It does so. It is its duty to take up all undergraduate problems. It does so.

But—The Pennsylvania cannot take its stand in such an important problem as the distribution of tickets for the Cornell game. The Pennsylvania cherishes no sentiment in reference to "Thurman's attitude" as Mr. Mitchell's letter. The Pennsylvania would much more have appreciated in the place of this reference the information which it requested on Monday. The Pennsylvania on that day asked for the name of the man in whose hands the tickets for the Cornell game (and other games) were placed for the purpose of distribution. No doubt The Pennsylvania could secure this information for its undergraduate readers in some other way than that of a direct communication from a member of the Athletic Association to this paper. Perhaps The Pennsylvania is already in possession of this information. However that may be, The Pennsylvania desires information from the source from which such information should come. It is only out of fairness to the members of the Board of Directors of The Athletic Association that The Pennsylvania asks this information from Board members and does not publish on report.

The Pennsylvania has stated its position. It again respectfully requests this much-desired information and also asks from the Board that a representative of the paper may be permitted to attend the Board meeting on December 7. It makes this request in order that it may come into possession of all facts that are necessary for the undersignature of the members of the Athletic Association to know.

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ON THE TICKET PROBLEM

Mr. J. M. Mitcheson Explains How Four Thousand Applicants Can Not All Receive “Best Seats.”

(The Pennsylvania welcomes communications, but is not responsible for sentiments expressed.)

Editor of The Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir—I have read in The Pennsylvania recently a number of very viciously worded letters on the subject of the distribution of football tickets, the general tone of all being to the effect that the members of the Association and the undergraduate particularly were being imposed upon by the A A. These communications might have been avoided if they had remained unanswered without any harm being done; but in most of the last one, signed “Alumnum,” and appearing in Tuesday’s Pennsylvania, is so vitriolic in tone and inaccurate in statement of facts and in inferences that if unanswered it might help to create a further false impression, and by its inclusion cast a slur on “Let us root out the antediluvian lemons and create a new brand by electing the new candidates ...” produce an unfair effect upon the coming election for Directors of the A A, the ballot for which election I understand from The Pennsylvania is just about to appear.

The answer to the whole matter, to my mind, is a very simple one. There are not enough seats to “go round.” Including the temporary stands, there are less than 35,000 seats on Franklin Field. Cornell gets all the “good seats” on one side of the field, or one-half, and Pennsylvania the other half. The front center sections on the Pennsylvania side, P, G, H and I contain only about 250 seats, extending from 25 yard line to 25 yard line. Of these at least one-half are season ticket seats, leaving practically about 1000 “best seats.” The members of the team and the coaching staff feel they have a right to demand about a thousand seats, and expect a large proportion of “good seats.” There are over four thousand members of the A A, many of whom want from four to six and eight seats. Must not necessarily a large proportion of those be put back for the good seats? And can you prevent some people who get good seats from renewing seats to Ryan and James at a profit? My figures are not official, but they are accurate as far as I can go. The readers of The Pennsylvania and the members of the A A are, however, entitled to full information on the subject; and I have no doubt that if The Pennsylvania will request personally a statement of the facts in detail from whoever has charge of tickets this year. It will be forthcoming at once. And can you prevent some people who get good seats from selling them to Ryan and James at a profit? My figures are not official, but they are accurate as far as I can go. The readers of The Pennsylvania and the members of the A A are, however, entitled to full information on the subject; and I have no doubt that if The Pennsylvania will request personally a statement of the facts in detail from whoever has charge of tickets this year, it will be forthcoming at once. A letter requesting information will not be necessary, nor an unfair, unsigned published letter, which creates the supposition that it has been written for electioneering purposes. A request over the telephone for the facts would doubtless be sufficient.

As the vote for Directors need not be so, in until December 13th, I think it would be wise if those members of the A A who are readers of The Pennsylvania would refrain from pleading themselves and from voting until they are fully informed not only upon the ticket matter, but upon other matters of more importance. It seems to me, for instance, that the question of whether the proposed “Graduate Manager” would not be a dictator and thereby make the undergraduate a mere body for the management of athletic affairs is worth considering, as well as the attitude upon this question of the various candidates for Directors. Very truly yours,

J. M. MITCHESON.

Owing to the inability of the Senior Collectors to see everybody, class dues will be collected every Thursday up to December 13th, in Room 260, College Hall, at 1 o’clock. All those whose dues are not collected by the collectors will have opportunity to clear up their class affairs before the Rec ord goes to press.

Pennsylvania Art Calendar is coming a stir about college. Price, $1.25.

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HISTORY DEPARTMENT BUSY

Professors Howland, Lingelbach and Ames are Preparing for Meeting of American Historical Association.

Announcement was made at Secretary Arthur C. Howland's office, re-

turning to the College of Pennsylvania University's arrangements for the twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Historical Association, to be held in New York City during the Christmas holidays, at which meeting many noted and popular representa-
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