

State Collegian.

Vol. III, No 16.

STATE COLLEGE, PA., JANUARY 31, 1907.

Price Five Cents.

Plans for Great Athletic Park.

"Pop" Golden now has well under way a plan which will give our college the best equipped, most compact athletic plant in the college world. President Beaver has allotted a level 18 acre tract of ground on the western end of the campus for this purpose, and Director Golden has already had plans drawn up for a row of five suitable structures which will adjoin these spacious fields for football, baseball, lacrosse, tennis, and out-door basketball, in addition to a fine quarter mile track.

The chief idea in this gigantic plan is to get every student of the Pennsylvania State College into some branch of vigorous healthful out-of door athletics. Adjoining this huge athletic field are orchards, vineyards, and groves of forest trees, which will render the location one of ideal beauty.

The six structures which will line the eastern edge of the contemplated field are in order as follows :

(1) The athletic track house will be moved from its present location on Beaver Field and a similar building furnishing commodious and well equipped quarters for visiting teams, will be erected in close proximity.

(2) An entirely modern gymnasium with floor space 100 x 150 feet with all the latest gymnastic appliances and a plunge bath 10 feet in depth will satisfy a long felt want.

(3) Close beside the gymnasium an outdoor swimming pool of pure mountain water, 100 x 150 feet, in extent will be constructed, where swimming will be taught as part of the college course ; and where skat-

ing and ice hockey may be indulged in during the winter months.

(4) A modern up-to-date baseball cage with glass roof and earth floor, 100 x 150 feet, giving the best facilities for indoor baseball work, is contemplated and this floor will be surrounded by a cinder path running track well banked for fast time.

These buildings of uniform size and architecture will form a beautiful background on the east side of the athletic field with a fringe of evergreen forest trees, orchard trees and vineyards, around the other three sides. New grandstands and bleachers will be erected for the special varsity baseball and football fields, with several other fields for class games and general use.

The legislature now in session will be asked for the funds necessary to lay out and level this great athletic field, while some generous alumni and friends of the institution have promised to do their part in the erection of the new buildings. Such an ideal athletic plant as this one, with the purest of mountain air, sunshine and water as the foundation of it all, will give to State excellent opportunities to develop in her every undergraduate "a sound mind in a sound body," and it is our hope that this great and extensive plan may soon be carried to its conclusion. We all know that our Alma Mater and the men who direct its work, will take full advantage of such a special and wonderful opportunity towards the upbuilding of the young manhood of this commonwealth.

With President Beaver and Director Golden doing everything in their power to further this gigantic project, it is the duty of every man here in college to figure out at once what aid he may be able to give, and then to do it in real, downright earnest fashion.

Farewell Banquet.

Mr. A. H. Roop was the guest of honor at a farewell banquet tendered by the Berzelius club on January 19th. Mr. Roop, who has been connected with the college for several years, has handed in his resignation to accept a government position.

The entire faculty of the chemistry department and all the senior chemists were present to give a hearty send-off to the departing instructor. The "feed" was laid out in the dining room of the Nittany Inn and was one of the finest. The guest of honor was called on first and he spoke with considerable feeling of his past relations with the department and with the students. Professors Keith and Smith, and Messrs. Rentschler, Logo and Curry were present and made short but interesting addresses.

Dr. Pond, head of the department closed the evening's entertainment with a few remarks, discussing the opportunities now being opened up to trained chemists.

A general feeling of regret was expressed by all the members of the society on account of the departure of Mr. Roop, and all united in giving him a hearty send-off and wishing him success in his new work.

Miss L. V. T. Simmons of the German department has been granted a leave of absence for one semester. She will sail next Saturday for Naples where she intends to stay for six weeks. After that she will enter the University of Leipsic for one semester, returning to the college next September.