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**The Legislative Campaign** Extensive plans have been undertaken by the faculty to effect the procurement of an appropriation from the legislature, adequate to meet the present demands of the institution.

In consideration of the fact that the movement has secured such support from the executive body of the college, it is certainly proper that the students do their part in furthering a project of like interest to both parties.

There is ample opportunity for the student body to give valuable assistance, in the form of procuring letters from the President's office and after making a copy of them, send them to editors of your home city papers. With the letter enclose a list of the students attending Penn State from your county and thus arouse the editor's interest to such extent that he will be more than glad to use his influence in furthering the work.

It will take about five minutes of your time to write one of these letters and they may mean thousands of dollars toward the support of one of your most valuable assets—your college.

Is it worth while? If you believe so, and if your sympathy is strong for the progress and the development of the Pennsylvania State College do this, and co-operate with the executive body in attaining satisfactory results in the greatest need the college feels.

**The Chapel Talks** A praiseworthy feature growing out of the recent Campaign, is that of the short talks that have been given during the past week by faculty members at the morning chapel service.

These talks embody the opportunities of the intellectual man of the present day, and to what purposes the content of his intellect may be applied. They have undoubtedly had a broadening influence on the student body and if it were possible, it would be a most excellent plan to have them permanently continued.

**No Collegian Next Week** Owing to the fact that next week will be the week of the final examinations, the Collegian will not be published. The issue of the following week will, however, be out at its regular time on Feb. 1.

**The Cheer Leader.**

The following article taken from the Ohio State University Alumni Quarterly contains so many truths applicable to conditions in all colleges that it is worthy of reprinting. "If the leader does his duty, no one on the field has a harder position to fill. If the Varsity is winning, he must stand with his face toward the bleachers and direct the rooters in their rejoicing, if the Varsity is losing, he must still stand with his back to the players, even though the white line is all that separates him from the scrimmage, and keep up the encouragement of the rooters and keep down the occasional cries of 'dirty' and 'rotten'; or, if a decision of an official doesn't look good to the bleachers the cries of 'robber'; and all this probably while the slaughter of the braves goes on at his elbow. It is no easy thing to do to keep impolite words from being uttered, yet the cheerleader must do it. He has little chance to watch the finer movements of the game. Whether a play is disastrous or successful is a thing which he must find out from the countenances of the rooters or from individual voices on the bleachers. He must sacrifice the pleasure which he would get from watching the game himself and continually keep his eyes on the crowd to be able to control and direct the feverish passion which he must lead. Every cheerleader we have had during the past five years has told me that after a hard game he would leave the field completely exhausted.

What is the make-up of a good cheer leader? He must be one who can command. To demand a certain yell and then allow a few in the bleachers to sidetrack him his fatal Without organization, the cheering would degenerate into cat-calls. One man must control that organization. He must have music in him not only for the songs but for the yells also; he must be like the leader of an orchestra and must time everything, and at times he must fairly dance the yells in order to bind together and keep in time that vast volume of noise.

Above all, the cheerleader must have a superabounding sense of fairness and sportsmanship. He must not be self-conscious. The part of his hair or the position of his tie is of no special importance to the rooters. He must have their confidence. He holds the reputation of the college in his hands and he must teach the whole army of undergrads the point of view of the honor line. No hissing, but good straight cheering. The real worth of whole-hearted, straight and sportsman-like cheering is something we cannot measure. Many a time it wins the game. Many a time it turns virtual defeat into victory. And every time it binds the students closer together in a common pride and loyalty."

**Electives in History and Political Science**

The following elective courses are offered by the department of History and Political Science for the Second Semester

Hist. 18. Germany since Frederick the Great, dealing chiefly with the economic history of Germany in the nineteenth century 2 hrs. Mr. Boucke.

Hist. 19. Europe in the Nineteenth Century, preceded by a brief review of the French Revolution. 2 hrs. Mr. Zook.

Pol. Sci. 17. Municipal Government 2 hrs. Mr. Cottrell.

Pol. Sci. 18. Railroad Economics 2 hrs. Mr. Cottrell. Brief descriptions of these two courses will be found in the Catalogue

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**Engineering News.**

Information has been received on good authority that Mr. Charles R. Stover '10 who is taking a post-graduate course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is leading his class and is considered by the faculty an exceptional student. As the post graduates associated with Mr. Stover are drawn from the best material of the Engineering colleges throughout the country, this information should not only be pleasing to Mr. Stover but should also be considered a credit to our school of Engineering where he obtained his preparation.

Mr. Howard Agee '10 who is an Assistant in the Electric Laboratory at the same Institution is also, according to the information received, making an enviable record for himself.

Dean John P. Jackson made a trip on Friday to New York City to attend a committee meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, which is a committee for fixing electrical standards in this country. On Saturday he attended a meeting of the Franklin Institute of Electrical Engineers in Philadelphia.

Professor E. D. Walker will take part in a meeting of a Scranton Engineers club on Thursday evening January the nineteenth at Scranton.

**New Telephone Apparatus.**

Through the efforts of Professor Govier, the Department of Electrical Engineering has received from the Automatic Electric Co. of Chicago an experimental automatic telephone equipment. By means of this apparatus it is possible to show all of the operations involved in making connections for calls on a 10,000 line exchange. With the addition of one more selector, the method of handling calls on a 100,000 line exchange can easily be shown.

The apparatus is complete in every respect and is encased in a cabinet which opens on all sides, so that the parts can readily be inspected. Three wall phones and three desk phones complete the equipment, which is worth about \$1,500.

By means of this equipment the work along the lines of automatic telephone engineering will be considerably broadened and enlarged, bringing it to a stage of development far in advance of that of many other schools.

**Indoor Athletic Contest.**

A lot of enthusiasm has been aroused over the announced 10 event indoor athletic contest. Plans are being perfected to start the series at the beginning of the second semester. It is desired that all novices in the two under classes will avail themselves of this opportunity of participating in this all round contest. For information see Ed. Lewis.

**Deutscher Verein.**

At a recent meeting of the Deutscher Verein the following officers were elected for the second semester, President, Ohleen, '12, vice president, Bickley, '12, secretary, Dose, '14, treasurer, S. H. Wertz, '12. It was also decided to hold future meetings every alternate Wednesday instead of Friday, the former meeting night.

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