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The Lehigh Meet The coming wrestling meet with Lehigh has aroused considerable enthusiasm among the students at Penn State and the question is on every tongue, "How will it result?" The competitive trials during the past week to select the men who would contest our opponents in the coming match, decisively showed that we have a team of no mean strength.

It is good indeed to see the spirit of the men who are struggling along to establish wrestling without financial aid from the general athletic funds, and too great praise cannot be bestowed upon them.

This self-supporting department has as its only revenue, the profit from the actual sale of seats and admission to the meets. The armory has been admirably planned to accommodate seven hundred spectators with seats and standing room for a like number.

The price of admission appears to be right, and without doubt, there should be one of the largest turnouts at the coming contest that has ever been known at Penn State.

Baseball Indoor baseball work in the Armory was formally begun last Saturday afternoon and the turnout of new candidates was most gratifying. Undoubtedly the loss of Vorhis, McCleary, Hirschman, Lynch and Leidick will be keenly felt, but the new material is so promising that the coaches feel in no way apprehensive. The fear that the pitching staff would be weakened, has no grounds in view of the fact that among the new men are eight new twirlers. The catching department will be strongly fortified by the addition of several new fast backstops. Outfielders appeared in large numbers and there will undoubtedly be a lively battle for the three coveted positions.

In no previous season has there been such a promising turnout of new men, and these in conjunction with the veterans should without doubt build up the strongest nine in the history of the institution.

Need for Financial Aid There are still a large number of outstanding unpaid subscriptions to the paper and the problem of finance at the present time is a most important one. It should be remembered that the Collegian has taken long strides during this year to improve its character and it naturally follows that these advances have been accom-

panied by a corresponding increase in cost. If you have not yet paid your subscription, we urge you to immediately attend to it and thus aid the management to continue the paper in its present form.

Lincoln Birthday Services. The services in the Auditorium on Sunday morning will be chiefly commemorative to Abiahm Lincoln, a name now highly respected by the American community.

The speakers, Dr. Wm. J. Schiefelin and Dr. Wm. Sheppard are both men who have taken prominent parts in bettering the condition of the negro in the United States and their wide experience amply fits them to eulogize the name of the man through whose efforts human slavery was abolished.

The morning service will be held in the Auditorium at the hour of regular Sunday morning chapel exercises, while at 3.30 p. m. there will be an additional service to which all are invited. In consideration of the fact that such notable speakers have been secured, there should be a large attendance and the Auditorium will undoubtedly be taxed to its utmost capacity.

In addition to the above mentioned speakers, there is a strong possibility of having the Hampton Quartette from the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. These are indeed great inducements to properly observe the birthday of Lincoln and we fully expect the celebration to be one well fitting the occasion.

Keep Off the Grass Again, as spring approaches, we are confronted with the problem of preserving the campus. As the frozen ground begins to thaw out, and become soft, it appears to be the right thing to refrain from walking upon it until the grass is in full growth.

It would be well to keep this in mind for the next month or so and give the campus the chance to beautify itself, before beginning to walk on it.

Forestry Notes.

The Civil Service Examinations for the position of Forest Assistant will be held in Williamsport, beginning March 8, and ten or twelve of our seniors will go down to take them. Those who pass will be immediately placed on the National Forests in the West. Unlike most of the government bureaus, the Forest service has no waiting list. Everyone who has passed thus far has been given a position at once.

The John E. Du Bois Lumber company has offered the department a site for this year's summer school, through the kindness of Mr. S. B. Elliot, the State Reclamation Commissioner. It is an unusually desirable location because it is in the midst of some of the best of the remaining virgin timber in Pennsylvania, and is near an extensive lumber operation. Mr. Du Bois will take the boys and their baggage into camp, from a junction point near Dittwood, and will give them every opportunity to study the timber of the section and the way it is utilized. Mr. Elliot says of the area "I know of no place in the State where lumbering operations will be carried on so extensively hereafter in any contiguous area."

Dr. William Brewer, of Yale University, who died quite recently, was the first professor of agriculture in this country, and drew up the first forest map of the United

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States Although it has been some years since any agricultural subjects were given at Yale, he gave a course for several years in Forest Physiography. Both Dr. Baker and Prof. Ferguson, of our department, took this course under Dr. Brewer. Dr. Baker brought back with him from Germany many interesting additions for the museum: Samples of turf, which is used as fuel very commonly in the southern Germany. It sells for about 22 cents a hundred, and burns quickly and cleanly, leaving very little ash. Sample briquets, used mostly as fuel for quick hot fires. They are made of coaldust or sawdust, with some binding material, usually crude tar. Also samples of railroad screw spikes used in France. They use ties of soft wood, often half rounded or triangular in cross section, and use screw spikes as they hold better. Samples of the axes and saws used in southern Germany, a model of the logging wagons used in the Alps, and a set of the more valuable planting tools, both for museum and instruction purposes.

Indoor Contests.

The first of the series of indoor contests—the standing broad jump—was held on February 2. It is unfortunate that the affair cannot be said to have had a most successful beginning. While the Athletic Director expected to have at least fifty or seventy-five men in the event, there were only twenty-three entries at the start, and this number will not be increased since any participant must be in all events to qualify. The work done by the men present, however, was very good, and there will be some keen competition before the meet is over.

Instead of awarding places in the events, the judges give the men their results on a percentage basis. This method makes it possible for the men to stick closer together, and will make keener competition. Many of the men in college are staying out of this meet because they have not been in training. This is a great mistake, for all of the events can be executed with little effort and with little need for training. It was mainly for the purpose of seeing as a method of development that the meet was started. Other men have been afraid that they would be excluded from the novice meet in the spring if they won a medal in the present meet. Mr. Lewis has decided that this can have no bearing on the track events in the spring, since the work done is in all events, and not in one particular event.

In spite of the fact that the indoor work this year will not be an entire success, on account of the small number of entries, it will nevertheless serve a good purpose in developing the men who have entered, and will serve as a stimulus for a greater and more successful meet next year.

New Fraternity Established.

On Saturday night, February 4, ceremonies accompanying the installation of the Gamma chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho, agricultural fraternity, were held in Bellefonte. The local organization has a membership of 100. Following initiation the chapter gave a banquet in honor of the visiting officers.

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