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THE PITTSBURG DINNER

An Enthusiastic Gathering of State Men Dine and Discuss Matters of Vital Importance to Penn State.

Undoubtedly the greatest gathering of State men that ever assembled outside of college halls themselves sat down to the annual dinner of the Penn State Alumni Association of Pittsburg. In point of numbers it was the largest, numbering one hundred and ten men, twenty five more than attended the dinner last year. In point of spirit true Penn State spirit—other dinners pale into insignificance.

The whole theme during the evening was "how can the alumni, and particularly those of Western Pennsylvania, further the interests of their Alma Mater". The affairs of the college are, at this writing, at a crucial point. The necessity of having the immediate cooperation of the alumni in helping to secure the required appropriation from the legislature became evident during the course of the address of Dr. Sparks. In his report, Dr. Sparks amazed his hearers as he told what an increase has taken place in the student body during the past year, and that the appropriations given in the past were not sufficient to meet the growing demands of the institution.

The ideas of other speakers prominent in the affairs of the college were along the same line, and the alumni of the western end of the state were shown clearly where their duties lay to save their Alma Mater from going backward instead of forward as she ought. The enthusiasm with which those present took up the plan of interesting the legislature indicates success.

J. L. Hamill, '80, emphasized the need of a closer bond of sympathy between the alumni and the undergraduates in their activities, particularly athletic.

From start to finish the dinner was a great event and should prove a great boost to Penn State spirit among alumni and undergraduates alike. The Pittsburg association has reason to be proud of the past and she looks forward eagerly for what is still in store for her in the future.

The Tennis Schedule.

At a meeting of the men in college interested in tennis held some months ago, L. A. Cuthbert was elected manager of the tennis team for 1911—a new branch of sport for Penn State—to come under the head of the Minor Sports Athletic Association recently formed here. He has arranged a schedule for the year as follows:

- April 29—Dickinson at State College.
- May 5—Swarthmore at Swarthmore.
- May 6—Navy at Annapolis.
- May 13—Gettysburg at State College.

- May 19—Grove City at Grove City.
- May 20—Westminster at New Wilmington.
- May 27—University of Penn at State College.

The University of Pittsburg will also very likely be played in Pittsburg on May 18.

The trials for the team will be held as soon as possible after the April vacation and all the men in college who play tennis should come out and try for a place.

Two years ago the wrestling team was started as more or less of an experiment in State athletics—and its success has been so great that it is now here to stay. There are many good tennis players in college, and with the right kind of support from all the men who are interested in this sport—State should be able to have a team of which she may be proud. The schedule has been arranged. It is now only up to the men to come out and make the team what it should be.

College Notes.

Prof. Madison M. Garver, who rowed several of Cornell's noted early crews when in college, has recently spent his college vacation here in preparing a series of scientific articles which have created widespread interest in college circles. They were first printed in the "Journal of Physical Chemistry" and then reprinted in pamphlet form under the following titles, "A Kinetic Interpretation of Osmotic Pressure," "On the Energy Relation of Solute and Solvent," "On the Relation of Osmotic Pressure to the Intrinsic Pressure of Liquids," and "On the Transference and Transformations of Energy with Applications to the Theory of Solutions." Prof. Garver has made a deep study of his subject and presents the solution in a manner that turns the theory advanced by most text books topsy-turvy.

The electrochemical society of this college has recently been made a branch of the American Electrochemical Society. While on their inspection trip, the senior electrochemists together with Prof. Richardson, attended the meeting of the national society held April 6, 7 and 8 in New York City.

German Correspondence.

In the annual report of the Dresden Commercial Institute, which has just been published, attention is called to the interest taken by the German students in their correspondence with Penn State students. The exchange of letters between the students of these institutions has been conducted with much interest for nearly two years and has proved to be of incalculable benefits to the participants. The German department offers a foreign correspondence course and allows one credit hour for a year's correspondence consisting of ten letters

Swiss Cheese Investigations.

Mr. C. F. Doane of the Dairy Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture has been assigned to Penn State College to conduct investigations in the making of Swiss Cheese. The Government has for some time been carrying on experiments in the manufacture of Swiss Cheese but has been unable to secure satisfactory result under the usual conditions. It is believed that the high altitude and character of the pasture land in the vicinity of State College will be of considerable advantage in conducting the investigations which have in view the reduction of the process of Swiss Cheese making to as scientific a basis and exact a process as that of buttermaking or cheddar cheese making.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were passed by the class of 1913

Whereas, God, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to take from our dear friend and classmate, H. W. Coon, his father, be it resolved, That we, the members of the class of 1913, extend our heartfelt sympathy to him and the family in this their hour of sorrow.

Be it further resolved, That these resolutions be published in the State Collegian, be spread upon the minutes, and that a copy be forwarded to the bereaved family.

Signed

- N. S. Grubbs,
- J. H. Shollenberger,
- R. F. Bigham Jr.

Notice.

All 1913 men who wish to try for a place on the 1913 La Vie Board as photographers or artists will please hand in their names at once. The men will be chosen by competition, the chiefs being appointed toward the end of the year on the basis of ability. All men trying for these positions will please submit specimens of original work to the sophomore assistant editors not later than April 20.

B. W. Bell, R. E. Atkinson and C. L. Cecil, 1913 assistant editors.

Senior Cotillion.

The third and final senior dance of the year will be held in McAllister Hall on the evening of Friday May 12th. These functions have been so successful in the first two instances that it is needless to say a greater number than ever will be present at the last gathering of this nature available to 1911 men.

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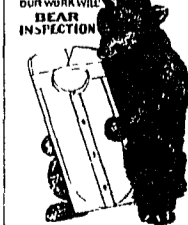
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