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A Change In Name In accordance with the usage which has developed rapidly within the past two years, we have decided upon a change in name—to the "Penn State Collegian." "Penn State" is but little longer than "State," and is so much more definite and expressive that we advocate its use in all cases where the official title of the college is too long and dignified. The arguments in the question were discussed last year, and student sentiment seems to indicate that our familiar title for the college be from now on, "Penn State."

New Men As a definite sign of the growth in student population, the registration of new men is always awaited with interest at the beginning of a college year. The enrollment noted at the present time—608, of whom 497 are freshmen—shows that the steady growth which has been made at Penn State in recent years has been maintained, and even surpassed this fall. The goal of 2000 seems fairly within our grasp during the semester. It is hoped that the new men will feel that they are now a vital part of the college organism, and that they will fulfill their duty by getting the strong start which means a completed course. Let 1915 be able at the end of their first year, to add to the honor of "largest class in college," that of having the greatest percentage of men stick to the race. Here's to a strong start, 1915, and "no flunk outs!"

Business Managers In order to complete the staff, it will be necessary to add two men to the business department of the paper this fall. Applicants for the position are desired from the present junior class, and all who send their names to the business manager will have an opportunity to compete for the position.

Football Practice A healthy sign of the interest which the men of Penn State take in their teams is the large attendance at practice on Old Beaver field. But, in our presence there, let us not become over-zealous and crowd upon the field. It has always been the custom to stand no nearer than the

old cinder track, and if each man will take it upon himself to stay off the immediate playing field, the work of the teams will be much easier. Do not make the coaches lose valuable time by having to leave the men in order to keep the field clear. Let us give the teams all the room they need, and the full benefit of complete early practice will be felt later in the season.

Loss of Books During the past year it has been noted that the loss of books from the library was less than for any year in the immediate past. On previous occasions a great many of the most popular and needed reference books and novels were withdrawn from the library and were never returned, mainly through neglect of the borrowers. The small number of books lost in this manner in the past year shows that the students are beginning to realize that the loss effects them more than it does the college, and they are making every effort to return borrowed books, thus keeping them in constant circulation. Perhaps the abolition of the one dollar re-examination fee will still further reduce the loss. No circulating library can be a benefit to all the people unless its books are available to every one. The practice of returning books to the library as soon as they are read or when they are due should be continued and it should be borne in mind that others are awaiting their return to the shelves.

Notes From the Forestry School. Dr. Baker left on the 22nd for Kansas City to attend the third National Conservation Congress as a delegate from Pennsylvania, under Governor Tener's appointment. The conference marks a very important step in the fight for the conservation of national resources. President Taft will, in his speech, outline the national policy in regard to this work. While on the trip Dr. Baker will visit the forest schools at the University of Minnesota and the Michigan State College, and the government Timber Testing plant at Madison, Wisconsin.

On the 14th and 15th of September, Prof. Clark, upon the invitation of the George B. Mauser Mill company of Treichlers, Pennsylvania, visited a cut over tract upon which reforestation operations are to be carried on. The tract is near both Reading and Scranton, and Mr. Mauser wishes to make a demonstration planting to show what can be done by planting up non-agricultural land to trees. Prof. Clark will draw up a thorough plan which will be carried out in the production of a forest cover.

To take up Professor Ferguson's work in Mensuration, the department has secured Mr. R. R. Chaffee, a graduate of Clark University and the Harvard Forest School, who has had considerable experience in the forests of New England and during the past year and a half has been a Forest Assistant in Oregon. His field training has been unusually strong and should enable him to carry on the work in Mensuration in excellent shape.

To meet the demands of the larger classes, which are just coming in as Juniors and Seniors, a new instructor, Mr. J. B. Berry, who was graduated two years ago from the Forest School of the University of Minnesota has been secured. While a student, Mr. Berry assisted Pro-

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Professor Green in teaching, and for over a year has been a Forest Assistant in California. Mr. Berry will take charge of the course in Dendrology, assist in the courses in Silviculture and give a portion of his time to the extension of certain lines of experimental work. With a teaching staff of two Yale men, and the men from Harvard and Minnesota, the department will be stronger in every phase of the work than it has ever been before.

The Y. M. C. A. Entertainment Course.

Following its usual custom, the Young men's Christian Association of this college will give a series of entertainments during the winter months. A number of high class artists have been secured, and the performances promise to be as good, if not better than those enjoyed so much in former years.

Beginning in November, the following entertainments will be given, although as yet no definite order has been decided upon:

Balmer's Kaffir Boy Choir of Africa.

The English Opera Singers.
Mr. Rose Crane, the Cartoonist, and his Company.

Mr. Benjamin Chapin as "Lincoln."

The Tyrolean Alpine Singers and Yodlers.

These various companies come to us with a widespread reputation, and it would therefore be useless to dwell upon their excellence. Every student, especially the freshman, should avail himself of the opportunity of seeing these excellent performances at such a nominal cost. The cost of a reserved seat for the entire series is \$1.25, for general admission \$1.00. Tickets for single performances are also obtainable.

Conference for Superintendents and Principals.

The Round Table Conference of Superintendents and Principals of central Pennsylvania will hold its next meeting at the College on Friday and Saturday, October 20th and 21st. This conference meets semiannually. It has in it some of the most progressive school men in the state. Several of its most active members have held the office of president of the state teachers' association.

All of its discussions are informal. Great interest is usually manifested in these conferences. The question under discussion at the October meeting deals with "Industrial Training in Public Schools". All of the sessions are open. Numbers of the faculty are especially invited to attend and to take part in the discussions.

Superintendent H. H. Baish, of Altoona, is president of the Conference. Dean Weber is chairman and Doctor Ham is secretary of the State College meeting.

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