



1916 IS VICTORIOUS

Poor Turnout From Both Classes. Sophomores' Experience Wins. Score 54-45.

The cider scrap fought in accordance with the new rulings made by the student council came off last Saturday and was won by the sophomores, the most radical changes in the scrap being the enlargement of the barrel and the shortening of the actual fighting period. Formerly an ordinary barrel padded with mats was used and the scrap lasted for a period of twenty minutes. This year the diameter of the barrel was increased to six feet and the time shortened to fifteen minutes. The small amount of injuries sustained during the scrap, speaks well for the new rules and tends to elevate the scrap to a higher plane.

During the first few minutes of the scrap the fight waged strongest, each class exerting their utmost strength in piling men on top of the barrel. The increased floor space afforded considerable room for the men and at one time they piled up eight or ten feet above the heads of the main body. Men wrestled and fought for supremacy on top and here the experience and reserve strength of the sophomores was felt. One by one they advanced on the ever fighting freshmen, gradually drawing them from the vantage point. While the fight waged thickest on top, men underneath were also fighting for supremacy and here the sophomores underestimated the strength of the freshmen. At the beginning of the scrap the freshmen had succeeded in reaching the barrel first and were quick to take advantage of this fact. As a result when the final count was taken the greenies appeared to have the most number of men around the barrel while the sophomores main body was on top.

The closeness of the score readily reveals the fact that the scrap was very evenly contested and considering the lack of experience of the freshmen, they showed up remarkably well. More effort on their part was put into the contest than in the push ball scrap and they seemed to realize that a certain honor was connected with winning a cider scrap.

Without a doubt the class of 1916 will go down in history with the reputation of being good cider scrappers. Overcoming the class of 1915 in their freshman year and again duplicating the victory in their sophomore year is a feat well worth being proud of.

The exceedingly small number of men participating from both classes was especially noticed. Whether the list of athletes, cripples or men otherwise disabled has grown to such a large number is hard to say, but both classes showed a lack of interest in the scrap in the fact that they had such a poor turnout. Since these scraps afford the only means whereby all the men can participate, it is necessary, not only for the glory of the class but the college spirit obtained, that all underclassmen take an active part in them. The rules have been changed so that the amount of injuries has been reduced to a minimum and a good clean scrap hurts no one. One more scrap whereby all the underclassmen can get together and prove their strength re-

mains to be fought, namely the flag scrap. Therefore let both classes be at least favorably represented if not there man for man.

The judges of the scrap were Prof. Darst, Horst, Binder and Hill while Keyser acted as timekeeper and Gleason as starter.

Faculty Action on Grades

The following motion was passed by the General Faculty last Thursday evening after being recommended by the Committee on Deficiencies and Delinquencies:

1. The Instructors shall furnish monthly grades, by letter, to authorized representatives of chapters of national fraternities for the freshman and sophomore members of such fraternities, with the understanding that the fraternities have agreed to furnish proper blanks for receiving such grades, and to protect instructors from unnecessary requests and complaints from individual students, and to do all in their power to raise low grades by giving assistance to individual members.

2. That the privilege be extended to representatives of local organizations and upper classmen who present to the instructor satisfactory evidence of his interest in or responsibility for, the welfare of a lower classman.

3. That this regulation continue in force until the work of giving such grades becomes too burdensome.

This action by the Faculty evidences a spirit of cooperation which should be met by the student body. While the scholarship of our college is well above the average and the percentage of men we graduate of the men entered as freshmen is high, yet there is room for considerable improvement. This motion should lead to an active interest being taken up by upper classmen who are not associated with any organization.

The Band Concert

The Cadet Band, directed this year by G. L. Sumner, gave its first formal concert Sunday evening in the Auditorium. The large audience proved that the organization has lost none of its popularity, and the kind of music played, together with the playing of it, classed the present band as better than any before it. That the men had practiced long and faithfully was evident from the beginning. Penn State may be proud of such a musical body; and if this first concert is a fair sample of those to follow, Sumner and his men are sure to have a season of unparalleled success. Following is the program rendered:

"Klown Kapers", E. R. Ball; "Light Calvary", F. V. Suppe; "The Sunshine Girl", P. A. Rubens; "The Teddy Bear Picnic", J. W. Bratton; "The Bohemian Girl", Balfe; "A Slippery Place". In accordance with the policy of the present leader, no encores were given.

Thespian Manuscripts

All manuscripts for the Thespian Show must be submitted to S. J. Keister, Beta Theta Pi House, before December 15th. If the manuscript is not complete at that time and the author wishes to be considered as a contestant he should submit as much as he has finished, together with the plot and lyrics. It is desirable that manuscripts be submitted as early as possible.

ACTION PENDING

General Faculty May Change Organization—Committees Added.

The general faculty at present is considering a number of decided changes in its internal organization and in its business methods, especially with regard to the committee system. The most important feature of the plan now pending is the addition of three faculty committees, namely on Religious Activities, on Absences, and on Physical Activities.

The first named of these bodies would have indirect supervision of college religious work and, in particular, would attempt to correlate different phases of the activity to an even greater degree of efficiency.

The Committee on Absences, as its name implies, would have charge of the excusing of men from classes to go on athletic trips, musical tours, and the like. Its general aim would be to systematize the question of absences and excuses, including also those not concerned with the various trips.

The proposed Committee on Physical Activities is advocated as a means of co-ordinating our physical department, military drill, gymnasium work and athletics, to facilitate means of transferring men from one of these departments to another, according to the physical needs and possibilities of the individuals. The faculty members fully realize the possibilities of development along this line. Some have expressed the desire to make possible a system, on a large scale, of competitive athletics—a system which would be a benefit as being open to the whole student body, and also as being a means of more thoroughly looking into and developing material for varsity teams. As an example of this system, there could be a formation of several new baseball leagues, all with the idea of benefit to the men and to the varsity.

These new committees, if adopted, should prove to be valuable means of indirect faculty supervision.

Dr. Hutchinson

On Saturday last, Dr. Woods Hutchinson opened the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course, and incidentally gave the second address in the health campaign movement by delivering his lecture on "Foods and Foolishness". Considering the disagreeableness of the weather, the attendance was very large; and the discussion amply repaid every additional effort made to hear it. Dr. Hutchinson attacked various old notions and sayings in the way of what foods are beneficial, and what are detrimental, and advanced the general theory that we should eat, in moderation, of everything and anything, in the food line that we like, stating that our natural likes and dislikes are more nearly adapted to our own particular needs than any set diet could ever be. He likened the body to an engine, requiring food or fuel to supply the energy that is continually being given out, and emphasized the fact that we should eat enough to afford this necessary amount of fuel. In all respects the lecture was a most excellent one, and the facts presented, coming as they did from so widely recognized an authority, were well worth hearing and thinking about.

Student Statistics

The growth in the student body this year has been in the sophomore and upper classes according to recent figures from the Registrar's office. The freshman class falls one short of equalling last year's enrollment of freshmen. The two-year course in agriculture has an increased enrollment of 20 and the special course, nine. The total enrollment is 2118.

The School of Agriculture with the short course men included is the largest school in numbers; but if the four-year men alone are considered, then the Engineering School has a larger enrollment.

In the School of Agriculture the agronomy course with 104 men is the most popular. The horticulture course is second with 94. The electrical engineers with 258 form the largest group in the Engineering School. The civil and mechanicals engineers are tied for second choice with 170 men.

The statistics of classes and schools follow: Seniors 314, juniors 403, sophomores 500, freshmen 655, two-year men 215, special students 29, School of Agriculture, four year, 710; School of Engineering 761, School of Liberal Arts 92, School of Mines 83, School of Natural Science 180.

Harrisburg Alumni Active

The Central Pennsylvania Alumni Association has been busily engaged in re-organization, and gives promise of becoming a thriving branch of the main association. It has become the custom of state men in the vicinity to meet at the Dauphin Hotel for luncheon every Thursday at noon. The attendance at times has numbered twenty. All State men are welcome.

The Harrisburg secretary says: "We need nothing here to arouse our enthusiasm in the coming Penn Game. Our faith in the team is not even jarred by last Saturday's score, and we feel sure that six-hundred freshmen will pull home a victorious team after the next game. A special train carrying a hundred alumni will leave Harrisburg for Philadelphia November 1."

The Penn Trip

The Faculty Council has voted that all students desiring to attend the football game at Philadelphia may be excused by instructors from Friday, October 31st, at 8 a. m., to Sunday, November 2nd, at 6 p. m. These dates cover the time of running the special trains.

It was also voted that all Sophomores desiring to attend the class banquet at Philadelphia on October 31st may be excused by instructors from Friday, October 31st, at 8 a. m., to Sunday, November 2nd, at 6 p. m.

By action of the General Faculty, Sophomores attending classes between these dates will be given no work for which the class will be held.

1916-1917 Notice

There are several vacancies to be filled on the business staff of the Penn State Froth and all freshmen and sophomores are urged to try out for the same. A meeting will be held in the Froth room-423 main, Monday evening November 3rd at 7 o'clock. Make it a point to be there.

Former Captain Howe of the Yale football team will be here under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. November 8 and 9.

ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR

First Celebration by the Students of the School of Agriculture—A Large Exhibit to be Housed in Two Canvas Tents.

On Friday, Nov. 7, the students of the School of Agriculture will engage in what is a new and novel, but very instructive, undertaking. This will be a typical Country Fair conducted by students under the auspices of the Agricultural Society. The affair has the hearty support of Dr. Sparks and the entire faculty, and a huge success is predicted for it.

This is the first time anything of this nature has been attempted at Penn State, but similar affairs have been held at other institutions. This may be said to be an enlargement of the industrial parade of last Pennsylvania Day, inasmuch as invitations have been extended to all the schools to take part; the Fair is being widely advertised, especially throughout Centre County, and it is hoped that the residents of the county will take advantage of this opportunity to inspect the work of the Agricultural Department displayed in a concentrated form.

The general plan or the fair is to have two very large canvas tents located on Old Beaver Field—one to house the show cattle and the other to display farm and horticultural products. There will be a midway or pike between the two tents along which will be located numerous, entertaining side shows and refreshment booths.

The Crab Apple Club will have charge of an excellent exhibit of fruit from all parts of this and adjoining states and will combine the vegetable and floral display with the fruit. The Animal Husbandry students will display many heads of prize winning live stock from the College farms and from all over the county. The Agronomists will show grain and cereal crops gathered from all over our state. The Foresters and Landscape Gardeners will both have instructive and attractive displays, while the Agricultural Chemists will show a model laboratory with equipment. The students in Dairy Husbandry will show many fine individuals of dairy breeds and numerous dairy products.

On the whole the fair should be a huge success, and the cooperation of all students, especially agricultural students, is desired so that our Pennsylvania Day visitors can see what we are really accomplishing at Penn State. If the affair is a success great credit will redound to the College, and it will no doubt be made an annual occurrence.

The Y. W. C. A. Play

Work is progressing nicely for the production of "The White Mouse", which is to be given on November 8, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A.

Each person seems especially well adapted to his part, and there is every indication that the play will be pleasing and attractive in every particular.

Tickets will be on sale for the faculty on Tuesday, October 28, from 6:45 to 8 p. m., at the business office, and for the students at the same time and place on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, October 29 and 30.

Reserved seats, 75, 50 and 35 cents.