



THE VARSITY FIVE

Basketball Schedule Prepared. First Game to Be January 10, 1914.

Continued daily practice is fast welding together smooth working combinations that indicate that our team will enter into the season with a good supply of material.

The coach finds that it will be necessary to rely almost entirely on last year's squad for players as no new man so far has turned up that will strengthen the line-up as left by last year's graduates. However, this condition could be worse as the choice of the second string men of last season remains and their work thus far is good.

As the time for the opening game draws near it is extremely important that all men report promptly and regularly each day for practice for it is in this intervening time that the final and most important selections will be made.

The schedule given below is practically complete, though a possible home game with Colgate remains to be acted upon:

January 10, College of City of New York at State College; January 17, West Virginia Wesleyan at State College; January 22, Westinghouse Club at Pittsburgh; January 23, University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh; January 24, W. and J. at Washington, Pa.; January 30, Gettysburg at State College; February 2, Carnegie Tech at State College; February 14, F. and M. at State College; February 19, F. and M. at Lancaster; February 20, Swarthmore at Swarthmore; February 21, Lehigh at South Bethlehem; February 28, University of Pittsburgh at State College; March 6, W. and J. at State College.

The Cathedral Choir

The Cathedral Choir, which sang in the Auditorium last Saturday evening, was another star in the crown of the gentleman who mapped out the present Y. M. C. A. entertainment course. As a general rule, it is by no means difficult to decide upon which one of the numbers has been the best; but with the impression left by the Aida Quartet still reasonably distinct in our minds, this later performance complicates the decision considerably. It is needless to mention names; all nine members of the company were worthy of every bit of applause that rewarded them, and to discriminate were impossible. The first half of the program was devoted to music of a sacred character, in keeping with the name of the company, and the question as to the propriety of applauding such a number as the Twenty-third Psalm might almost be waived when the manner of its delivery is taken into consideration. Judging from applause, however, it might be said that the more popular portion of the program started with "The Second Hungarian Rhapsodie" by Litz and continued through the selections from Gounod's "Faust" to the very end.

New National Fraternity.

The Delphi local fraternity has just received notice that they have been granted a charter by the Alpha Tan Omega Fraternity. Mr. F. N. D. Buchman, Mr. V. R. Jones and Mr. Severson belong to the above fraternity.

Penn State in China

The recent visit of Prof. H. B. Graybill, of the Canton Christian College, and his interesting lectures have made Penn State men realize the importance of the work which is being done and the results which are being obtained by the Penn State Mission to China, under "Daddy" Groff. That this work is fully appreciated by others is evident from an editorial appearing in a recent issue of the Independent, headed "Reciprocity With China", which follows:

"A bulletin reaches us, not from any one of the state colleges, but from outside the United States altogether; from that huge new republic on the opposite side of the globe, and from the city of Canton. This sort of entente from China will compel recognition, whether Mr. Bryan and Mr. Wilson are ready or not. Its aim is announced to be 'The promotion of agricultural reciprocity between America and China; Bulletin No. 5.' It is timely for each nation to study the other, and by mutual cooperative effort make such studies available in the way of solving the food problems of the world.

The Chinese have always been able to sustain an enormous population to the acre by their methods of agriculture. It is true that there is very little wealth among the farmers of that land, but there is a great deal of average wealth. Nearly all work is done by hand, or by clumsy instruments of wood and rope. For improved tools and improved methods of using them the Chinese farmer looks to America, and is keeping a large quota of its boys in American schools. China has almost no cattle industry, and for this reason lacks plant food. It has, however, succeeded in developing a host of weeds into edible plants. Our Mr. David Fairchild tells us that the United States Department of Agriculture looks on China as "a gold mine of plant possibilities," and to realize that a study of its cropping system is essential to our own progress. The Agricultural Department in the Canton Christian College receives assistance from our Pennsylvania State College Young Men's Christian Association. The work carried on is instruction by lectures and demonstrations before the peasantry; the establishment of agricultural modern practice; the sending out of such bulletins as the one now before us. It is thought that the combination of Chinese industry with American agricultural knowledge will be of great advantage to both countries. We must believe in the Chinese race, as they also are learning to believe in us, in order to bring the efficiency of each republic to its best in that dawning future which will link their destinies. The two republics are essentially agricultural in the make-up of the provinces or states and in the instincts of the people."

The Week of Prayer

The prayer meetings held in the Old Chapel every night of last week were well attended both during the first part of the week, when Chaplain Reed was in charge, and during the latter part when the meetings were addressed by Dr. Samuel McComb, a man best known, perhaps, through his connection with the Emmanuel movement.

1917 CHAMPIONS

Six Freshmen Finish Among First Seven in Race.

Class spirit and numerous prizes donated by merchants brought to the starting mark on Saturday afternoon the largest number of entries that have ever participated in the annual cross country run.

At exactly two fifteen Captain Keyser sent the first group on their journey. Others followed at half minute intervals until nine groups had started when Entwisle started from scratch. At the first part of the journey after the run around Ag Hill was completed, the limit men were still leading but by a narrow margin.

After a short period the cry of "Here he comes" went up and a lane was quickly formed. Men were simply powerless to police the road and checking and timing became much more difficult than it should have been.

Batten '17 was the first man across the line. Larer '16 was second; closely followed by Texter, Hunter, R. V., Zesofsky, Broadbent and Alpert, all members of the class of 1917. Larer ran a very fine race. His time was only seven seconds behind that of the time prize winner, Entwisle. Fisher '15 whose time was but ten seconds slower than Entwisle, also ran a heady race.

Much credit is due both Keyser and Lum in their efficient handling of the race. They were assisted at the finish by De Voe, Vogel, Berryman and Prof. Garver.

The score of classes was 1917, 19 points; 1916, 62 points. Schroeder was not in condition to run and Captain Keyser still suffers from a sprained ankle.

The prize winners were: Entwisle, Batten, Larer, Texter, Hunter, Zesofsky, Broadbent, Biery, Alpert, Fisher, Nesbit, Henning, Sidler, Davis and Stevens.

Federal Building

Prospects for a new federal building in State College seem to be reasonably bright in that it is assured that Mr. A. S. MacGregor, of New York, Inspector of Sites for the post office department, will be here in a few weeks to interview all parties interested in the location of the proposed new local post office. It is a recognized fact that the State College post office is by far the most important in the county, and as such must be substantially recognized by the politicians.

The Panama Trip

Monday last was the day of departure of the Penn State delegation to Panama, composed of the college quartette, in which organization are Prof. Robinson, Leyden '14, Keister '14, Vail '16; accompanist: Mrs. C. C. Robinson; and reader, Austin '16. The trip will be completed shortly after the close of Christmas vacation.

Class Basketball Practice

Class basketball teams will hold their practices on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights according to the following schedule: 1915, 7:00 p. m. to 7:45; 1917, 7:45 to 8:30; 1914, 8:30 to 9:15; 1916, 9:15 to 10:00.

Important Notice

All fraternities, societies and county clubs must have their group pictures into the hands of the 1915 La Vie Board before January 15, 1914.

Student Council Meeting.

At a meeting of the student council held in room 114 Main, a case of defiance of student governmental authority on the part of an individual student was disposed of, the case having previously come before the student tribunal in the regular way, and re-stated before the council inasmuch as the affair was held in the light of an important test case. The decision of the tribunal, "Guilty", was sustained by the council.

The council also adopted resolutions censuring the conduct of groups of men who interrupted the performers at the recent Y. M. C. A. entertainment with discourteous and unnecessary applause. Another decision reached was to recommend to the two upper classes that college custom be changed so as to forbid any freshmen to enter Main Building by the front entrance. A resolution was introduced to allow freshmen to wear green toques of a regulation cut and color during the winter. This proposal was defeated by a vote of 10 to 9 of the members present.

University Ballot Reform

Adoption of the preferential ballot, providing first, second and third choice for every elective office, with victory to the man with the majority of the votes cast has come to the attention of students of the Ohio State University. The system will be tried out in the election of editor and business manager of the Makio, University year book, which takes place next May.

"The preferential ballot is perfectly easy to understand," comments Professor F. W. Coker, of the department of economics. "Its successful use in the re-election of Mayor Baker in Cleveland, has shown its practicability, and it most certainly should be of great advantage in University elections."

The system has been recommended by the student council for ratification by the three upper classes. The Political Science Club of the University is sponsor for it.

Military Service Popular.

With 1,435 cadets drilling on the campus of the Ohio State University, military science has become the largest and most popular course in the curriculum. The lockers do not contain sufficient guns to arm the entire regiment at one time, for this reason it has become necessary to take the guns away from the non-commissioned officers. This lack of arms persists in spite of the fact that last year 175 new rifles were secured from the Government for the use of the companies drilling in the forenoon.

Club Dances

The Penn State clubs of Lackawanna and Beaver County cordially invite all Penn State students and alumni to attend their Christmas dances. That of the former will be held on January 2, 1914, at the Bicycle Club House, Scranton, Pa.; that of the latter on December 30, 1913, at the Junction Park Pavilion, New Brighton, Pa.

The recent expulsion of the editor of the Cornell "Widow" reminds one of the fact, all too evident, that the college journalist cannot please everybody.

Dean Holmes spoke at the Teacher's Institute session, at Monessen, Pa., recently.

THE THESPIAN SEASON

Trials For Show Soon—Extensive Trip Planned For Company of 1914 Production.

The Thespian organization wishes to announce that all men engaged in the competition of writing this year's performance should submit their work before the beginning of Christmas vacation, in order that the show to be produced may be picked as early as possible, and staging preparations begun at once.

When the performance has been decided upon, trials for positions in the cast and chorus will be held soon after Christmas, perhaps before the first semester examinations. The first performance will be given in the Auditorium at some time shortly before the Easter vacation. The trip this year will be taken during vacation, the first city to be visited being Uniontown, Pa. During the remainder of the week the Thespians will give their show at Greensburg, Johnstown, Altoona, Clearfield and Bellefonte. The usual Commencement performance will be given at State College.

It is probable that Mr. C. L. Downing, of Mask and Wig fame, who has coached the Thespians for several years, will stage their 1914 production, and under his direction success should be assured.

Football Nominations.

At a rather poorly attended mass meeting held last Friday evening, the following men of the Junior class were nominated for the position of assistant football manager:—W. Sarver, E. S. Mitchell, W. C. Jameson, R. S. Davis, L. S. Raynor, J. Lewis, E. W. Quiggle, H. H. Hopwood, R. M. Willard, P. J. Culp, B. C. Jones, W. R. Skillman and H. G. Eldridge.

At the meeting it was decided that the election be held at some time after Christmas vacation. Three men are to be elected to the position in question.

Delegates to Student Convention

The Student Volunteer Convention will be held this year at Kansas City, Mo., between the dates of December 31, 1913, and January 4, 1914. The Penn State Delegation, consisting of the following named persons, will leave Pittsburgh, December 29, and will be joined by the Western delegates en route: Horst, Hill, Gleason, Hasselbacher, Lord, E. E. Miller, C. Adams, C. A. Keyser, Dorwart, Lum, Sarver, Bell, Beatty, Hoehler, S. P. Jones, Wardwell, Hammitt, Welty, Tobin, Cranston, Holter, Dose, Miss Davey, Miss Hiller, Dean Lovejoy, Rev. R. Reed and F. N. D. Buchman.

Farmers' Week.

The annual "Farmers' Week" at the college will be held from December 29 to January 3, during which time more than 100 lectures and demonstrations of a practical value to farmers will be given. Special courses for women will be given by the department of home economics, and the programs of all courses are so arranged that the specialist as well as the general farmer can attend exercises of interest to him during the week.

On account of the Panama trip, glee club practice has been suspended until after the holidays. No practice this week.