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The students at one of the state colleges in the middle west were surprised to learn that a strike was called among the carpenters working on the college buildings, because several students who never could be accused of being carpenters, had endeavored to construct a locker in one of the school buildings. The Carpenters' Union insisted that the work was done by non-union men, and therefore, the calling of a strike was justifiable.

The strike and its cause is insignificant to us, and certainly not an example that will likely be followed; but if it were, what might not the Carpenters' Union insist on doing if every underclassman who has no locker in the gymnasium would deliberately ply his trade and proceed to construct a "two-by-four" in which to store his gym outfit? The analogy is a fit one and serves to point out the urgent need of lockers in our gymnasium. Is there any reason why a man who has not called for a locker six or eight weeks before it is needed, should be greeted with the remark that they have all been taken a month ago? After all, it is not the most pleasant experience to roll up a complete gym outfit, tuck it under one's arm, and carry it around to that recitation in calculus and trigonometry in the Chemistry Annex, and perhaps along on a little jaunt to Ag Hill. Certainly the sight of 500 fellows with a package done up in hobo style is not the most attractive one to be seen at Penn State. Is it any wonder that the work in physical education has lost its savor after a three-hour period of physical inconvenience—for certainly not every one enjoys it—of totting around a complete change of raiment, however scanty it may be.

The situation would be a deplorable one indeed, if there were no hope of improvement. However, there is no reason why conditions should not be improved. Why not fit up a few rooms in Old Main as locker rooms? Or why not construct some sort of an addition to the gym? But some way, somehow, lockers should be provided for the men enrolled in the classes of physical education.

The unhappy incident which attended the last bonfire celebration brings every State man to the point where he may well ask himself whether such celebrations are worth while.

It is our belief that such celebrations are not worth while and we base this belief upon those considerations which must necessarily enter into the matter.

From a financial standpoint, there is no question of doubt that it is a losing proposition. It is a safe estimate to say that our last celebration will cost the student body at least \$1,000 and probably more. Is it right that we should wantonly throw our money away by meeting damage claims for old material which would otherwise never bring their owner a cent of money? How much better it would be to use this money in the founding of a scholarship for some deserving man who would bring credit to this institution.

Again the danger hazard which accompanies such conflagrations cannot be given too much consideration. The list of injuries resulting from the bonfire of Monday night was indeed small when we stop to think what might have happened. With the ever-increasing number of onlookers and the present inadequate system of policing there is no reason why the past may not be duplicated in the future with far greater seriousness.

Also from an educational standpoint, the time lost by the two underclasses has a demoralizing effect in that it breaks into the routine college work. This means a rearrangement of the scheduled work and failure of preparation on the part of the majority of the students.

And lastly, are we not past the stage of development when we must celebrate whenever we come out on the winning end of a big game; have we not reached the point where we should take such victories as a matter of course? Surely the name of Penn State stands for big things; let us then abolish those things which have the least tendency to make it a mockery.

The Collegian Board regrets to announce a Staff resignation the resignation of Senior Associate Editor Wayne W. Weaver. Mr. Weaver has rendered valuable service to the collegian for two years and his loss will be keenly felt. However, he has decided that his future time should be devoted to Froth and the best wishes of the Collegian Board go with him in his efforts to maintain the standard of that worthy publication.

We'll Accept Your I. O. U.

Those who want to buy Y. M. C. A. course tickets and have not the ready cash, can have them by giving their I. O. U. payable before March 1st.

The senior and straight chemists will leave here on an inspection trip Monday, November 9, at noon. They will visit Allentown, Palmyra, New York, Jersey City, Philadelphia, N. J.; Philadelphia and Gloucester, N. J., and will return to State College about November 23,

A Call to the Show There's a date you should remember, November 14—not so far away, There is something you should want to see The Y. W. C. A. plays.

"Carrots" is the first of them You musn't be late, either, To see the timid, red-haired fellow Frightened by his mother. Then comes the "Far-away Princess,"

A story of royalty; Of a princess bound by rules But a true girl wants to be.

Last, but not least, will be the "Deaf Model", A farce of an artist's troubles, You'll laugh at the hard one, and laugh at the deaf one, And wish that you had paid double.

Tickets will be on sale November 3, 4, and 5 at the Business Office from 7 to 8 p. m. After these dates tickets may be obtained at the Women's Building. Telephone orders will be filled.

George Graham Coming

For the past few years George Graham, sporting editor of the Philadelphia North American, has been making a visit to State during football season. His coming has always been the occasion for a large mass meeting at which Mr. Graham speaks and a cartoonist, who accompanies him, gives entertainment. Those who have attended such mass meetings will be pleased to read the letter just received from Philadelphia.

"Please tell the members of the team that I am glad to see my adopted alma mater back in form, and extend heartiest congratulations to Captain Tobin and the rest.

"I have postponed my trip this year a little later than usual because I want to be able to stay three or four days. I plan now to get up there some time around November 16.

"With best wishes always,
 Yours very truly,
 Geo. M. Graham"

Convention of Scabbard and Blade

The national society of Scabbard and Blade will convene at State College sometime in April or May. There will be representatives here from each of the 10 colleges in which this society has founded chapters. This is the tenth annual convention of this society and will probably last three or four days. While here the visiting members will be the guests of President and Mrs. Sparks, Commandant and Mrs. Chaffin and the various fraternity houses. It is understood that plans are now under way for a dance to be held in honor of the visitors.

Popular Yale Man to be Here Next Sunday.

Mr. William DeWitt, of Yale University, who has twice visited State College, will be here next Saturday and Sunday. Mr. DeWitt has an interesting life story to tell. The first three years of his college life were lived at pace that kills, but through the influence of Ted Mercer and Henry Wright he changed his life and to-day he is working in the Christian Association at Yale.

He will speak at both Chapels and at the Y. M. C. A. meeting in the evening. Any man who desires to interview him can do so through the Association.

Everybody Out.

The varsity football team will leave 5.45 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, from the Track House. Let every loyal State man show up to give the team the send-off they deserve; let us not have a repetition of the poor turnout made at their last leave-taking.

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