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On the day which Pennsylvania corresponds in other Day colleges to their Founder's day, the Pennsylvania State College recognizes and celebrates Pennsylvania day. It serves as a mark of recognition and gratitude, not to one man, no nor to a group of men, but to all those of Pennsylvania.

This college, it is well known, was founded by the Federal Government and the state; in order to support it, however, the citizens of Pennsylvania tax themselves through the State Legislature.

Years ago, before the press of public affairs became as urgent as it is today, it was the custom for the entire legislature of Pennsylvania to visit State College in a body once a year. This day upon which their visit fell was set apart for the purpose of showing to the people of the state and their representatives something of the work which the college was trying to accomplish. At present, it is no longer possible for all of our legislators to be present on Pennsylvania Day, the day which we celebrate; there is, however, a remnant of the old custom still in practice.

Each Pennsylvania Day the Governor of the Commonwealth is present for the exercises which are held. The coming of the Governor to Penn State is significant in that he is representing the entire citizenship of the state of Pennsylvania. Therefore the student body can feel in the presence of Governor Tener and Governor-elect Brumbaugh next Friday that the entire state is visiting the college.

Pennsylvania Day has become a day second only to Commencement Day because of its relation to Founder's Day as it is celebrated in other colleges, and because of the large assemblage of visitors at the college on this day. To those who visit the Pennsylvania State college on Pennsylvania Day, the Collegian on behalf of the student body extends a most cordial welcome.

The English Junior Oratorical Faculty has announced that the method for choosing the junior orators shall be by elimination rather than the customary method on the basis of scholarship. The Collegian earnestly

advocated such a change last year and it is a source of gratification, not only to the Board but to everyone interested in literary activities that a change from the old system has been effected. By the present method all juniors are eligible to enter the contest and a class will be made up of the contestants for the purpose of studying the oration. At some later time trials will be held and the six best speakers will represent the class on Monday night of Commencement week in competition for the Barlow prize.

The fact that the faculty is cooperating in the effort to better literary standards here at Penn State together with the increased interest in the student body presages a brilliant year in oratorical work. It only remains for the junior class to do their part by sending every available man into the trials.

In the College World

Two freshmen were discovered entertaining the co-eds in the grandstand at a football game last week at the University of Montana. They were forcibly dragged from these pleasant surroundings by a zealous body of their classmates. Their heads were ducked in a water-pail in full view of the grandstand and they were then escorted to the cheering section. Be glad you are not in Montana.

The combined freshman class at Rochester University weighs seven tons. Could "Gravey's" physics class dope out the weight of this combination four years hence? Simple problem.

The faculty of the University of Pittsburgh has been increased on account of the large freshman class. The senior class of a western university has organized a Whisker Club. The members of the class have signed an agreement to give their time and their faces up to the culture of beards until the end of the college year. Prizes are offered for the best contribution at the end of the contest. It is not known whether the new organization is the outcome of a conspiracy against the hair mattress corporations or whether it was an attempt to boycott the barbers.

The paintings owned by Washington and Lee University are worth \$200,000. One of the most valuable is a portrait of Washington painted in 1772 by Peale.

At the University of Texas the freshmen are permitted to vote as to whether they shall wear the freshman caps or not. The regulation cap at present in that institution is green with a wide band of orange bordered with white around the side and with an orange button on top. The freshmen must certainly delight to chew off the buttons in this case.

Funds for the support of the band at Penn are being solicited by means of "I-have-contributed-to-the-band" buttons.

F. & M. reports a larger student body than she has ever had in years past.

The "Sock and Buskin" dramatic society at Lafayette offers a prize for the best synopsis of a college play which is entered by any of the undergraduates. Another prize is given to the man who writes the best play upon the synopsis selected.

At Westminster some of the girls have been parading the streets lately carrying paper bags which bulged tantalizingly. The young ladies were quite popular with the fellows about this time; it was soon learned that the girls were members of the geology class carrying "specimens". It pays to advertise.

Concerning Matters Musical

The business of getting a schedule for the Glee Club is proceeding apace. As yet there is still nothing of a very definite character, beyond the fact that between semesters a trip will probably be taken through Scranton—Wilkesbarre district. The annual combined concert with Pitt will be given in Pittsburgh on Wednesday evening, November 25. Tickets are selling, according to the Pitt Weekly, at \$1.50, and the entertainment will undoubtedly be worth the price.

On the morning of Pennsylvania Day, the Glee Club and the Girls Glee Club will sing in addition to the regular singing. The annual concert given by the combined musical organizations of the college, will be rendered Sunday evening next at eight thirty.

The program follows
 Band, Poet and Peasant; solo, selected, Mr. Robinson; piano, "Hungarian Rhapsodie", No. 6; Miss Katherine Foster; glee club, "Twilight"; band, "Reminiscences of the Plantation"; reading, "Pauline Pavlona", Mr. Arthur Deering; piano quartet, "De la Reine", Mrs. Chaffin, Misses Foster, Robb, and Longnecker; band, Grand Fantasia; glee club, "The Two Grenadiers"; band, "Penn State" March; band, "The Star Spangled Banner".

No encores.

Musical Entertainment a Great Hit

The musical entertainment presented by the Marcus A. Kellerman Company on Saturday evening was a pleasing success. The performance was the first number on the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course, and measured up to the reputation of the company. Mr. Kellerman possesses a rich, baritone voice which he uses to the best advantage. His most dramatic number of the evening was a rendition of "Danny Deever", one of Kipling's poems set to music by Damrosch; needless to say, the audience was delighted with his fine interpretation of this selection. The other members of the company, Miss Sara Gurowitsch and Nicolas Schmeer, were also heartily received by the audience. If the remainder of the entertainments on the course this year measure up to the standard set by the first one, there will certainly be much praise due those who have arranged such a splendid course of entertainments for the long winter months.

Bowling Tournament.

A silver loving cup is offered as the trophy in the fraternity bowling tournament which will be conducted in the alleys under Babes Movies this winter. This tournament will begin Monday, November, 15, and will be managed much like a baseball league, the standings appearing each week in the Collegian.

Up to the present time five fraternities have entered and some of the men are already practicing. All entries should be made at once in order that the schedule may be made out and the tournament started on time. No entrance fee will be charged.

The Forum Society

The regular weekly meeting of the Forum Literary society will be held in the Library next Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. The program of the evening is one of interest to all. Vinton will read an original short story, Duppstadt will give a talk on Globe Trotting, Davis will talk on some subject of his own choosing, and there will be the customary debate, the question this time being "Resolved, that a two year course in Sociology would be of more value to Penn State students than two years of French or German."

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