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With the exodus of the student body today Lest We Forget goes our best wishes for a profitable Thanksgiving; but mingled with this well-wishing is a desire to remind every Penn State man of the duty which he owes to his college to conduct himself as a gentleman should. With the intoxicating joy of victory may come the desire to fling discretion to the winds and indulge in those so-called pleasures which cannot fail but bring discredit to the institution which you represent. Stop and consider—weigh the cost against the temporary enjoyment—is it worth the price? While it is felt that these few words of protest against any action unworthy of a State man may be allowed to pass by unheeded by many men, we still have confidence that it may perhaps be the deciding factor in helping some men to stand for the better things in their actions toward the outside world.

It would also seem proper at this time to urge upon every undergraduate to come back on time, Monday, at 8 p. m. Let it be a silent act of appreciation for the kind generosity of the faculty in voluntarily granting us this vacation.

And lastly, do not let us forget to give thanks for the blessings which we, both as individuals and as a student body, have received during the past year. This college has reason indeed to be thankful for the prosperity which has attended it and as Thursday, November 26, is the appointed day for giving thanks, let us not, amid the pleasures of that day, forget to render thanksgiving to Him who has blessed us so abundantly.

The junior class has established an excellent Finances plan by the appointment of a financial committee whose function it is to supervise the collection and payment of class money, investigate bills and to bring the financial condition of the class up to a high standard in any and every way possible. It is a distinct progressive step when a class realizes that finances deserve paramount attention and when something definite is done to alleviate present conditions. It still remains, however, a lament-

able fact that no stringent provisions are made as regards the regulation of finances in the sophomore and freshman years. History repeats itself, year after year, and each succeeding class pays about one fourth of the money it owes during the first two years of its college existence. The junior year arrives and the large majority of the men in the class find themselves face to face with accumulated class dues, La Vie dues, prom dues, increased cost of books, and other incidental expenses. By a little forethought a method could be devised providing for the collection of the class dues in the freshman and sophomore years, and the classes would be more likely to live within their income.

1916-1917 Tie in Inter-Class Soccer.

Neither the junior nor sophomore class team was able to win a game of soccer last Saturday, which went two extra periods to a 2-2 score. In the first half Coombs kicked a goal and the half ended with the score in the Sophomores favor, 1-0. In the second half after Mainwaring had made a goal from a penalty kick, neither team could score. An extra ten minute period was played. Nicholson of '17, succeeded in kicking a goal, but Mainwaring again tied the score by kicking another extra five minutes of play neither side could score. Smedley proved an able assistant to Mainwaring who starred for '16. Wilkinson '17, played well as he usually does, while Holmberg and Kelly proved the backbone of the defense. On Monday at 4:10 the sophomores played the freshmen. This was not the best scrap game. The scrap game will be played the afternoon of Dec. 12.

Vacation Cutting.

The faculty action to prevent the tendency to extend vacations provides that a student absent from any college exercises within the twenty-four hours preceding and following the Christmas or Easter vacation without an excuse acceptable to deans and advisers shall thereby forfeit his registration. To be readmitted to college he shall pay \$5 at the Business Office, the same to be applied to the hospital maintenance fund. Application for excuse may be made in advance.

Since the college exercises close at 11:10 a. m. before vacations, it will be possible to provide extra train service on all roads at scheduled hours. Similar provision will be made at the close of vacations. Through trains will be run as far as possible. The irregularity in time of leaving has heretofore prevented such an arrangement.

Eighteen schools have accepted invitations to send a delegation to visit the University of Pittsburgh and attend the Pitt-State football game Thanksgiving Day. The high schools at Beaver, Crafton, McKeesport, Sewickley, Tarentum, River Side, Brushton and Verona are in the list. The Indiana State Normal at Indiana, and the Kiski Springs School also will be represented. Pittsburgh's list includes Allegheny, Central, Fifth Avenue, Peabody, and South High Schools, Boys' Collegiate Institute, Allegheny Preparatory School and the Pittsburgh Academy.

The Collegian Board was increased last Thursday evening by the election of C. B. Patterson '17, and C. R. Mason '17, to the business staff. The board takes pleasure in welcoming these new men on the staff.

Kind Words.

In a recent letter to President Sparks, Dr. Snyder, president of the Michigan Agricultural College, writes as follows:

"Our team and the band were very much pleased with the treatment they received at your institution. The players say they never met a cleaner, finer team and the courtesies extended to them by your team were grand and very much appreciated by our boys. They all, the team, band and visitors praise very highly the courteous treatment received from your student body. Everybody was so generous and kind after the game as well as before that we almost felt that we could have wished the victory had been with you."

Additional Playground Area.

In pursuance of the policy which has made Penn State unique among eastern colleges is the large area devoted to playgrounds, the board of trustees has voted an additional 40 acres for playground purposes. The barns and fences on the west campus will be torn down and an area of land stretching as far back as the "Y" will be wholly devoted to baseball diamonds and to general athletic use. The purpose is to get more men into some sort of physical activity, and as there are already 25 acres in use for such purposes the additional ground will give us the largest playground area of any college in the country.

Another Class Scrap.

There is but one more lacrosse game to be played this fall. This will be the scrap game between the sophomores and freshmen and will probably be played on Saturday, December 5. There is no doubt but that this game will be the best of the interclass series for both teams are of equal calibre and equally determined to win. The winner of the interclass series is 1916, this class having won every game, while each of the other three classes won one game and lost two.

Public Governing Grades in Gym Drill.

1. 100 % basis.
2. 21 % deducted for each absence.
3. 10 % added for each absence made up.
4. 21 % added for each approved absence made up.
5. 5 % deducted for each demerit mark in deportment or efficiency.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE FRESHMAN CLASS.

The 665 Freshmen were prepared for college in 354 different schools,—269 public high schools and 85 private preparatory schools. Seventy-seven Freshmen attended two or more different schools, most of them beginning their preparation in a public high school and completing it in a private preparatory school. Five hundred twenty-two Freshmen were wholly prepared in public high schools; 99 were wholly prepared in private preparatory schools; and 44 were partly prepared in public high schools and partly in private schools.

Of the 354 different schools that have prepared students for the Freshman Class, 294 are located in Pennsylvania, and 60 are situated outside the State. Two hundred and two schools have but a single representative.

- Twenty-nine different schools have prepared 240 Freshmen, as follows:
- Wilkes-Barre High School.....17
 - West Philadelphia High School for Boys.....16
 - Northeast High School of Philadelphia.....15
 - Central High School of Harrisburg.....13
 - Bellefonte High School.....12
 - Altoona High School.....11
 - Central High School of Philadelphia.....11
 - State College High School.....11
 - Central High School of Pittsburgh.....10
 - Greensburg High School.....9
 - Allegheny High School.....8
 - Chambersburg High School.....8
 - Harrisburg Technical High School.....8
 - Williamsport High School.....8
 - Boys' High School of Reading.....8
 - Johnstown High School.....7
 - Perkiomen Seminary.....6
 - DuBois High School.....6
 - Franklin and Marshall Academy.....6
 - Indiana State Normal School.....6
 - Huntington High School.....6
 - Bloomington State Normal School.....6
 - Pile High School.....5
 - Kingston High School.....5
 - Lebanon High School.....5
 - Mercersburg Academy.....5
 - Pottstown High School.....5
 - Uniontown High School.....5
 - Washington (Pa.) High School.....5

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