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He can't see anything good in the Professors. They are all know nothings looking for soft snaps.

He thinks that gymnasium work is mere bosh designed to add to the already innumerable miseries.

His fellow students are his enemies. He should shun them as much as possible.

He feels that he should get his credits before he enrolls; that the University simply adds insult to injury when it asks him for tuition.

He can see nothing good in the school activities. He says that athletics are cut and dried, and a good man like himself never gets a chance. He can see nothing good in the college paper, the editors are a bunch of moss backs who never write any news and use the columns to further their own interests.

A hard lot is that of the knocker. He deserves sympathy and not scorn; he may someday wake up and realize that the successful man is not the knocker, not the individual who lives behind the screen of skepticism; but the man who gets out, does his best, and gives his own energy in every possible reform. We thank the Pitt Weekly for this.

## The Ag Reception.

Some seventy-five or more Ag men who stayed in town over the vacation may have missed the biggest game of the year and a glorious time in the Smoky City, but they did not miss Dean Watts reception to his men at his home Thanksgiving evening. From all reports that have come to our ears, the affair was an unqualified success. There were games to be played, songs to be sung, lots of chances for becoming acquainted, and refreshments as a matter of course. The reception came as a fitting climax to an enjoyable day.

## Announcement.

Manager Wood of the Pastime Theatre announces a change in his former custom in that he will in the future present a big extraordinary feature on Saturdays on which day the admission will be 10 cents to all adults and five cents to all children under 12 years of age.

"Babe" promises us some fine features the like of which have never been seen in this county and hopes the change in admission price will be accompanied by his patrons' desire to see better and "classier" features.

Have you power in prayer? If not, why not? Hear Dr. Tomkins, 6:30, Old Chapel. Chance for personal interviews daily from 10-12 and 2-4 through Y. M. C. A. office.

## The Forum Society.

The program of the Forum Society for its regular meeting next Wednesday evening promises to be a lively one, and a source of much entertainment as well as profit. The present plans are to devote the entire hour which is usually occupied by the meetings of the society to a debate, the question to be discussed being: Resolved, That the movies are detrimental to this college. The affirmative will be argued by Adams and Rounds, and the negative by Morley and Dietrich. Following the formal debate the question will be thrown open to the general discussion of the society.

At the last meeting J. P. Vincent read an original short story, Dupstadt, who himself has been around the world several times, gave an extremely interesting talk on Globe Trotting, which he made the more vivid by showing pictures of the various points of interest.

It is interesting to note that at least three of the men who are at present working on the college debating teams are members of this literary society. The training afforded by such an organization is invaluable, and although the membership has increased materially in the past few weeks, still more men should find their way onto the Forum roll. The only requirements for membership are that the applicant be in good scholastic standing, that he be interested in the things with which the society deals, and that he be willing to work.

## Departmental Notes.

Herbert N. Cobb, assistant in Experimental Agronomy, will be transferred to the department of Agricultural Extension on December 1, and will take up the work as County Farm Advisor for Luzerne county.

H. T. Young, '13 Agronomist, who is now teaching agriculture in Montrose high school, has been appointed assistant in the department of Agronomy and will begin duties December 1.

F. D. Garder, head of the department of Agronomy, will judge the corn show held under the auspices of the Third National Bank of Scranton during the week commencing December 7.

Prof. E. L. Worthen, associate professor of Agronomy, is doing farmer's institute work in Monroe county during the present week.

## Freshies Lose to Sophs in Soccer 4-1

The freshman team played and lost its first interclass game of soccer to the sophomore aggregation Monday, November 23, by the score of 4 to 1. Daily varsity practice has made class practice almost impossible and the freshmen felt the lack more decidedly; they were aggressive and played well individually but lacked team work. All the scores were made in the first half. The ball was always in freshman territory, and the passing of Cope and Capt. Wilkinson of the sophs was directly responsible for all the goals which were credited, respectively, to Coombs, Bennet, Nicholson and Cope. Last Monday at 4:10 the freshmen and juniors clashed.

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