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The question of campus singing is an Opportunity old one and it has been thoroughly discussed in these columns before. Earnest efforts were made by the department of Music last spring to interest the student body more in the college songs, but the movement was a failure largely because of the difficulty of getting the students together. However, at the basketball games and wrestling meets this winter there will be offered an excellent opportunity to interest the student body in the college songs and in college singing. During the summer session the singing was encouraged by means of lantern slides and there is no person why the same means cannot be employed at the athletic contests this winter.

The need of college singing is keenly felt. If the college were situated in a large city nothing would be expected along this line, but when we realize we are situated very favorably for the encouragement of singing there is really no valid reason why we cannot excel in it. There are plenty of good college songs that we now have, old ones could be revived, stimulus would be given to the production of new ones; in fact, all the conditions are favorable. All that is needed is the hearty, united and interested cooperation of all to seize this opportunity and bring the college to the front in an activity that strengthens spirit, vitalizes good-fellowship and serves as a background for pleasant college memories.

The question of a Penn State college emblem has caused a great amount of discussion in the past. We speak of colleges often by their emblem and it is important that we should have some one thing that is typical of the college to serve as a mark of distinction from other institutions. The Yale Bull Dog and the Princeton Tiger are familiar names to us and we are accustomed to consider the Nittany Lion as belonging to us. But the fact remains that this emblem has never been officially recognized and lacks in this respect the sanction of the student body

and alumni. The vagueness that at present envelopes this matter should be cleared up by action of the student body and it is a question that deserves the attention of all.

The number of Student Fire fires this year has Department brought forcibly to our minds the inadequacy of the means we have of fighting fires. Not only is there a lack of equipment but there is also a lack of organization. The influx of scores of students into a burning house is as destructive as the fire itself, the classes are broken up the minute the fire whistle blows, all college work is suspended, and general confusion reigns.

As a proposed remedy for these conditions the college has purchased a chemical cart and an effort is being made to organize a student fire department. The men in the department will have distinctive badges and immediately, when the whistle sounds, these men will be excused from classes. By this means it is hoped to secure an effective and efficient fire corps. All men who have had any experience in this work are urged to give their names to H. J. Brennecke '16, 306 South Allen street.

The Collegian extends its best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dr. John R. Mott Coming. Most of us will need no introduction to Dr. John R. Mott. His name is familiar to most college men. Mr. Mott graduated from Cornell university in 1888. While in college he became a volunteer. This was in the year 1886, two years before his graduation. Dr. Mott spends a great amount of his time at present in the work of interesting other men in this line of work.

Dr. Mott was chairman of the World's Missionary conference which was held at Edinburg several years ago. He was offered the Ambassadorship to China by the United States government in 1913, but declined, as he thought there was a greater work for him to do. Mr. Mott has traveled in Asia and Europe in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. and has been recognized by kings and emperors as a man of great endeavors.

Penn State is exceedingly fortunate to be able to secure the services of Dr. Mott for the religious campaign during the first week of February. The wonderful campaign last year conducted by Sherwood Eddy is still fresh in the minds of our students, but Dr. Mott promises to make the campaign this year even a greater success.

Dr. Brown's Religious Talks Dr. Brown, the premier of rural good health movement visited the freshman bible class session Sunday morning. His kindly and frank ways quickly won for him the overwhelming confidence of his youthful audience. He spoke briefly upon the economical and social side of country life enumerating the many low moral elements which constitute conditions existing in the country.

Committee, he pointed out the aid which a college man could render in offsetting some difficulties in which the committee is powerless to combat against.

To us he pleads that we learn to be leaders thus when the opportunity of Christian endeavor presents itself we shall be ready to become the nucleus of a rural health movement in our own local community.

That evening at another conference held in the Auditorium he discussed the idea of play as being essential to the growth of a good and moralistic American youth. For not only is the instinct of play an incentive to develop muscles but also other qualities such as leadership, fairness, honesty and adaptability.

Ralph Waldo Humble

With the death of Ralph W. Humble in the Bellefonte hospital last Saturday morning, December 12, Penn State lost one of its most prominent undergraduates. Known by practically every man in college and respected by his classmates and instructors, he was a man of stellar worth and ability.

He was born in Bridgeport, Ohio and received his early education at that place. Upon graduation from high school he entered Carnegie Technical school and was elected freshmen class president. In the fall of 1913 he entered State and became prominent in the numerous activities about the campus. He won a place on the varsity track squad and was awarded his "S" for his work at the Intercollegiate at Penn.

Humble's death was caused by a carbuncle which became inflamed and caused blood poisoning to set in. On Saturday morning in the Bellefonte hospital he passed away. The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Episcopal church of Bellefonte by the Rev. Yocum and Shuey and the local chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The body was removed to Knoxville where the regular services were held on Sunday afternoon and was then removed to Bridgeport, Ohio where he was laid to rest.

He was enrolled in the sophomore class in the course of mechanical engineering, a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Friars, the Student council, the Varsity Track squad, the band and also took part in other student activities. During his stay here he was well liked, well thought of and was highly esteemed by all. His fight, his pepper, his spirit and above all his character stood high among his fellow classmates. Taken in the midst of his young life with a promising career before him, we have lost a man, a true friend and a loving brother.

Resolutions

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has chosen to remove from the activities of life our friend and classmate, Ralph Waldo Humble;

Whereas, by his death, the class of 1917 of the Pennsylvania State college has lost a loyal member and an esteemed friend, be it

Resolved, That we, his classmates of the class of 1917 of the Pennsylvania State college extend to the bereaved family our most sincere sympathy in our mutual sorrow and loss; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our beloved classmate, a copy entered in the minutes of the class, and a copy be sent to the Penn State Collegian for publication. Committee: George A. Doyle and Paul M. Richards.

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