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The question of attendance at the class The Roll scraps is rapidly becoming a big problem. At the present rate of decrease, the class scrap will soon die from lack of interest. Unquestionably one cause is the unequal conditions which prevail. Very apparently the task of the sophomores in the flag scrap is much harder than that of the freshmen. They are to be congratulated for not throwing flour when money is so scarce as it is at present. The Student Board on the other hand is to be equally congratulated for placing a ban on the former practice of soot throwing. No matter what the opinion of the sophomores was in regard to new rules, however, it was their duty to be present on Saturday as well as it was the duty of every freshman.

It was not very very long ago when the absence of an underclassman from a scrap meant that he was branded as a quitter and frequently found his way into a cold tub of water. The rules are so modified now that physical injury is impossible and there is absolutely no excuse for any man staying out. It is just as necessary for a man to be in that scrap as it is for a freshman to wear a green cap. The question of the right or wrong of the matter is not to be argued. When a man entered State he accepted these conditions and if he does not like them he can leave. The class roll can be obtained from the Registrar's office and by dividing it into five parts no more than 10 minutes would be consumed in finding the absentees. Either this must be done or else the scraps must be abolished. They were not instituted for one third of each class. The Collegian recommends that the freshmen go on record this year as being in favor of the roll call for all scraps next year.

The constitution of Proposed the proposed Inter-Legislation class Sports council, which was presented at the last mass meeting and is printed in this issue of the Collegian, will if passed, fill a long felt need at Penn State. Co-operative buying without a salary for the buyer is certain to bring reduced costs. Once passed numerous improvements might be added from time to time. The question of officials for instance might

be considered by such a council. Some rule to the effect that officials for an interclass contest should be in the hands of the secretary one week before the contest would do away with the chaotic condition which prevailed on Saturday at the interclass meet when officials were appointed by the wholesale just before the events were started.

The Collegian Congratulates believes in extending credit where credit is due and for this reason extends its congratulations to the band and its leader for the splendid concert rendered last Sunday afternoon. Both the choice of pieces and the rendition of them merit praise and the brilliant success predicted for the band under a resident director seems to be nearing realization.

Fraternities on the Track  
 Twenty-four fraternities competed last Saturday in the trials for the annual interfraternity half mile relay. The trials were run off in three heats, eight teams being entered in each heat. The Sigma Nu fraternity won the fastest heat by a close margin.

Summary:  
 First heat—Sigma Nu, first; Phi Kappa Psi, second; Phi Kappa Sigma, third. Time, 1:40 4-5.

Second heat—Phi Delta Theta, first; Phi Gamma Delta, second; Delta Upsilon, third. Time, 1:43 4-5.

Third heat—Sigma Alpha Epsilon, first; Sigma Pi, second; Beta Theta Pi, third. Time, 1:43 3 5.

The first three fraternities to finish in each heat are qualified for the finals which will be held on May 15 after the interscholastic track meet.

Band Concert a Great Success  
 The College band gave its third concert of the year, Sunday afternoon last on the terrace in front of Main Building.

A large and very appreciative crowd attended, by far, the most enjoyable concert of the year.

The program as rendered was, Penn State March 1915; Morning Noon and Night in Vienna; Echoes from the Metropolitan Opera House; Double Sextette from Lucia; Venetian Suite, Dawn, Gondolier Song, Venetian Love Song, Goodnight; American Sketch, Swanee River and The Star Spangled Banner.

Buchman Joins Flying Squadron.

F. N. D. Buchman, secretary of the college Y. M. C. A., will sail from New York July 6th, bound for the war zone. Mr. Buchman is going at the special request of John R. Mott. He will spend the entire summer at the front where he will come in direct contact with the men who are on the firing line, and also with the injured in the hospitals. Flying Squadrons of six men each are organized, the members of which go from place to place along the front and minister to the spiritual needs of the men, as well as adding to the physical comfort of the wounded.

Rev. Father Officer Here.

The college preacher last Sunday morning was the Reverend Father Officer of New York. He spoke at both chapels and also at the 6.30 meeting on Sunday evening. Rev. Officer is a minister of the Episcopal church, and a member of the Order of the Holy Cross.

The Reverend Pfatteicher, of the Church of Holy Communion, (Lutheran), will be the speaker at chapel services next Sunday.

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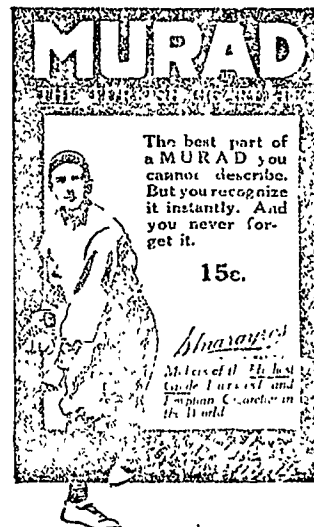
Remember the date June 15-23.

Penn State was represented at the Presidents Conference of the College Y. M. C. A.'s by Cecile McDowell. The conference was held from April 30-May 2, at the University of Pittsburgh, it being the twenty-fourth annual conference for Y. M. C. A. presidents.

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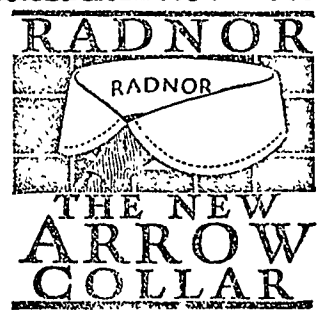
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