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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1916
PENNSYLVANIA DAY.

On Friday Pennsylvania Day will be celebrated in commemoration of the founding of Penn State over sixty years ago. This day which is set apart each year has the significance of Founder's Day in many colleges and it is fitting that it should be called Pennsylvania Day because of the fact that the institution was founded by the commonwealth itself. Every celebration of this event has disclosed a bigger and greater Penn State and this year the same fact is apparent. It is interesting and worth while to review the continuing increase in enrollment and the steady rise of better student customs, ideals and morals.

The celebration on Friday is, next to Commencement, the most important college event of the year. Penn State is glad to have the honor of entertaining the governor and his staff and the numerous state officials and other friends of the college who will be our guests. The college authorities are doing everything possible to make the day even more successful than past Pennsylvania Days and it is for the student body to co-operate and show to the hundreds of visitors the meaning of Penn State ideals and hospitality. The general assembly on Friday morning in the auditorium should be largely attended for this reason and because the program arranged will be of interest to every student.

WHAT DOES PENN STATE NEED MOST?

Two weeks ago the Collegian announced its intention of printing contributed articles on the subject, "What is the Greatest Need of Penn State?" The project was entered into primarily as a means of bettering conditions about the College and for this reason the attitude of those to whom the original notice was addressed has been awaited with deep interest. The prize for the best article on this subject, offered by the President of the College within the last week, is sufficient indication of the manner in which the college authorities regard the project. It is now simply a question of students, faculty, and alumni taking their stand in the matter.

There are perhaps but few questions which in themselves offer greater opportunities for improving conditions at Penn State than that which has to do with the direct needs of the College. The subject may be viewed from any one of three standpoints—the moral, material, or intellectual—and through these topics the range of discussion becomes almost unlimited.

As regards the material needs of Penn State many are almost self evident. As examples may be taken the question of a college social hall, a natatorium, or any one of the almost innumerable needs that make themselves evident from time to time. The moral needs of the College might well be concerned in the question of securing a different type of chapel speakers, in the extension of the honor system idea to all college activities, and discussions of a like nature. In taking up the intellectual needs discussion might center around such subjects as that of grading practicum work on a piece-work basis rather than on the time-work basis now in use, as that of scheduling all practicum periods in the afternoon and all recitation periods in the morning, and so on ad infinitum. These few illustrations but serve to show the wide range of thought that may be the means of securing new improvements for the College and of correcting certain conditions that now pass unnoticed in the daily routine of the college work.

However, when all is said and done, the project is more or less of an experiment and its final success or failure will depend very largely upon the degree of interest shown by those who desire to do their share in bringing about a large and better Penn State.

PROPER RESPECT FOR TRUSTEES

Students of Penn State, we are not Democrats, we are not Republicans, but we trust that we are fair, broad-minded American citizens. As a college publication it is not our purpose to uphold any one political party, but we believe it is the duty of every true Penn State man to stand for fair play under all circumstances. When a trustee of the college is hooted and jeered by a thoughtless group of students, there is somewhere a lack of true college spirit. Such an incident, however, occurred last Saturday evening at the political celebration. In times past men of different political affiliations have spoken to student gatherings and those who heard were fair-minded enough to give the spokesman an opportunity to speak without being rudely interrupted. It would seem that college-trained men should at least be courteous enough to show proper respect for a member of the Board of Trustees, even though it be at a time of great political excitement. What has been done cannot be undone, but certainly a repetition of the affair of Saturday evening ought not to occur in the future. Thoughtless student, if you do not have respect for a man's political opinions, the least you can possibly do is to show a due regard for the position he occupies in the administration of the college.

We are glad to note the activity on the part of the Civic Club in regard to securing the franchise for college students. A need for such legislation was discussed in The Collegian last week and we hope that the Civic Club, which has taken up the matter, will continue its efforts with a view towards giving the college student his full rights as a citizen. The club will do a good work if in any way it can foster legislation which will put an "absent voter" clause in the election laws of the state.

STAFF ALUMNUS MANAGER OF PENITENTIARY FARMS

Manley D. Chubbuck, a Penn State graduate in the class of 1911, has recently been appointed farm manager for the Western Penitentiary, near Bellefonte. The penitentiary farms comprise more than 5000 acres of ground, the greater part of which is under cultivation. During the five years since his graduation from college, Mr. Chubbuck has been engaged in county agricultural work in the state of New York, having served as farm bureau manager in Herkimer and Chemung counties.

The Greatest Need of Penn State

In accordance with a policy which has been outlined at some length in another part of this issue, The Collegian will hereafter devote certain space to communications received from readers who are interested in the betterment of the college. The first of these communications is printed below.

Better Sidewalks
To the Editor of the Collegian
In the November 1 issue of the State Collegian invitation is extended for the expression of opinions as to "What is the Greatest Need of Penn State?"

Aside from the needed publicity which is sure to come in time to a public institution doing such creditable work as the Pennsylvania State College is doing, I think that the greatest local need is for better college sidewalks.

There is immediate need for good cement walks of proper width connecting the following points: (1) Old Main and the Agricultural Building, (2) Old Main and the corner of East College Avenue and McAllister Street and (3) around the Engineering Building to the railway station. Other permanent walks need to be constructed as soon as possible.

It is a deplorable fact that during the long fall and spring seasons hundreds of students have to tramp over these muddy limestone walks. Visitors admire our front campus walk and entrance, but wonder that such practical improvements as good hard walks had not preceded these other improvements. My father who visited here here last spring remarked to me how careless his son and other fellows in general seemed to be in the matter of keeping their shoes shined. For what reason? "The fellows say it is of no use to get a shoe shine because the shine would be gone by the time they walk from Chapel to the Engineering Building," such observations and reflections of an outsider tend to lower the public estimate of the College.

It is probably unnecessary here to point out one of the worst spots in the college walks. Everyone who has forced the point of entrance here the Auditorium and Old Main after a shower knows the location of this low spot.

With the hope that in the matter of material improvement about the College it will be possible to place first things first, I am
Yours for a Greater Penn State,
AN ALUMNUS

STATE WINS IN CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Martins Men Defeat Carnegie Tech 39 to 16.

In the first cross country meet of the season, held last Saturday over the new Penn State course, the Blue and White long distance team romped home an easy winner over the red and white team of Carnegie Tech. Coach Martins' men captured first, second, third, fourth, and fifth places in a pinning which held the team score down to a low total of 10 points. The lowest score possible for a team to make is 15 points or one point less than that registered by the Tech runners on Saturday. The team runner by their order of finish ran up a total team score of 39 points.

Individual honors in Saturday's meet went beyond all doubt to Shields, the crack distance runner on last year's freshman team. The former freshman star negotiated the six miles of road and field in the fastest time yet recorded, 14 seconds finishing a full twenty yards ahead of E. L. Hunter, who took second place. Hunter also ran a pretty race and his time was but four seconds slower than that of Shields. Foster, another star on the freshman team of last season, was the third man to place. He crossed the finish line about 250 yards behind Hunter.

The closest fight of the race was that between Whiting, of State, and Dunsmuir, of Tech, for fourth place. The Carnegie Tech runner led the Penn State representative up to within a hundred yards of the finish, but at that point Whiting unobtrusively sprang and developed into a twenty five yard lead at the finish line. Love, the fifth State runner to finish, crossed the line about 160 yards behind Dunsmuir.

The last four places in the race went to the other members of the Tech team, Andrews, Miller, Bentor, and Lawson, who finished in that order.

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Who's Who in the Faculty

Ralph L. Watts, B. S. M. S.

Ralph L. Watts, Dean of the School of Agriculture, was born in 1869 on a farm near Lumber City, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania. His early education was gained in the country schools, and he prepared for college in the public schools about Lumber City. In the fall of 1890 he entered Penn State, and was one of the four men enrolled in the agricultural course at that time. Those were the days when the college course in agriculture was looked down upon with scorn by the college men in other courses, and those few who ventured out upon this particular sea, not only had their "nerves" with them, but went with the definite aim of getting the widest possible knowledge out of the course. Dean Watts was one of the agricultural students in his class. There were about 250 other students in Penn State at that time.

He was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1890, and later, in 1895, the college conferred upon him the degree of Master of Science. He had been enrolled here as a post graduate student in agriculture just one month before the fall following his graduation, when he was offered a position at the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station. There for two years he was an instructor in botany and horticulture at the State college and was later made head of the Department of Horticulture with the title of associate professor. He was the horticultural and secretary at the Farmers' Institute Work while located there.

In 1898 he decided to go into commercial vegetable gardening and purchased a farm for this purpose near

Johnstown, Pa. He was located there until the time when he was called to become head of the Department of Horticulture at Penn State in 1905, and built up a well known business. For seven years of that time he was prominently identified with all branches of agricultural advancement, particularly during the time he was head of one of the five Farmers' Institute sections of the state spending three months of each winter in active work. In the winter of 1907 he was an instructor in the short courses at the Maryland and New Jersey agricultural colleges, and it was from the latter position that he came to this college in March, 1908.

He held the position of head of the Horticultural department until February, 1912, when he was appointed acting dean of the college school of agriculture. He was formally appointed dean of the school in February, 1913 and has aided wonderfully in its growth since then.

In 1910 Dean Watts was president of the Vegetable Growers' Association of America and a few years ago served the unexpired term of another. He is an honorary member of the Sigma Xi fraternity, a member of the Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science, the Society for Horticultural Scientists, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Association, and has been chairman of the Fruit Committee of the Pennsylvania State Horticultural Society. He is well known as a lecturer on agricultural subjects throughout the state, is a contributor to well known farm journals, and has written two text books, "Vegetable Gardening," published in 1912, and "The Vegetable Garden," 1913.

He was in all seven Penn State representative in the contest held last Saturday. Five to finish were counted as the team. The other State men were R. V. Hunter and Riley.

The contest over which Saturday's race was run has been laid out only within the last few weeks. The route of the course lies in the main over roads to the north of Park avenue, the fourteenth point lying two and a quarter miles northeast of New Beaver field. The start and finish of the course lies on the 200 yard straight away stretch in front of the grandstand.

The following list contains the order of finish and the time by each man in State:

1 Shields	Time	34.14
2 E. L. Hunter		34.18
3 Foster		35.07
4 Whiting		35.15
5 Dunsmuir		35.26
6 Love		37.00
7 Andrews		37.10
8 Miller		37.35
9 Bentor		37.50
10 Riley		37.10
11 R. V. Hunter		38.28
12 Lawson		42.00

Alumni News

The following list will be found to contain in brief form the latest news concerning Penn State alumni who were graduated in the class of 1916:

J. Allen has secured a position in the electrical department of the Ridgway Dynamo and Engine Company, Ridgway, Pa.
E. M. Baker is employed as a chemist by the Hooker Electrochemical Company of New York, N. Y.
C. F. Ballou has been engaged by the W. M. Ritter Lumber Company as a tally man in their saw mill at Mabon, W. Va.
A. V. Benelisha is at present employed by the Grove City Government Creamery, Grove City, Pa.
C. E. Berger is a chemist in the employ of the Actus Explosives Company, Emporium, Pa.
H. R. Bowers has been employed as a buyer and salesman by the G. V. Butternorth Company, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss B. M. Broadbent has been engaged as garden matron at the Western House of Refuge, Albion, N. Y.
A. E. Brown has secured a position as salesman with the Coe-Tortimer Company, Meadville, Pa.

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R. D. Canan is a teaching fellow in Dairying at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.
W. J. Carroll is working as a roadman for the New York State Highway Department, Buffalo, N. Y.
E. S. Croseman has been engaged as a county agent by the McKeen County Farm Bureau, Smithport, Pa.
H. W. Fisher has been employed as a zinc analyst by the New Jersey Zinc Company, Franklin, N. J.
H. S. Garner is now in the employment of the Grove City Creamery, Grove City, Pa.

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