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### 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 students, 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.

### STATE ALUMNUS MANAGER OF PENITENTIARY FARMS

Manley E. 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 5300 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 a little 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?" I am sure that the greatest need is for better college buildings.

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; (3) Old Main and the Engineering Building; (4) 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 uneven, limed walks. We often admire the front entrances well and entrance, but wonder that such practical improvements as good hard walks had not preceded these other improvements.

One father who visited his son here last spring remarked that his son, his son and others, were in agreement as to the need of better sidewalks. There is no excuse for the poor condition of the sidewalks.

It is probably unnecessary here to point out one of the worst spots in the entire college grounds. Everyone who has fared the pool of water between 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 representatives of Carnegie Tech. Coach Martin's men came in first, second, third, fourth, and sixth places, placing them with a team score down to the 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 State runner by sheer speed, 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 hill in the fast time of 34 minutes and 43 seconds, placing him in the lead 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 Dimmick of Tech for fourth place. The Carnegie Tech runner led the Penn State representative within a short distance of the finish, but at that point Whiting unhooked a sprint which developed into a twenty-five yard lead at the finish line. Love, the fifth State runner to finish crossed the line about 150 yards behind Dimmick.

The next four places in the race went to the other members of the Tech team, Andrews, Miller, Hunter, and Lawson, who finished in the order named. There

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