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THE GREATEST NEED OF PENN STATE

"SPIRIT" To the editor of the Collegian. To my mind "the greatest need of Penn State" must come under one of two heads, namely, material or spiritual. The former may be subdivided into many needs, or desires, but they all revolve to one thing—money. With money, of the proper funds, the aims of the booster campaign would be satisfied. Penn State could rise where it rightfully belongs, a leader among leaders in its faculty, its buildings, its campus and its equipment could be placed on a par with any of the leading educational institutions and the phrase "lack of funds" would become obsolete. But with money and money alone, our greatest aims and attainments are not so accomplished. We need something more. The underlying something under our second classification—"SPIRIT". True, Penn State is noted for its spirit, its light, its undying love for Alma Mater eye true and set. Let in its budding scope, its magnificent strides toward a larger, better, grander Penn State, let that spirit which we loved so well, waning? If so, we should again find that spirit, develop it and go forth praising Penn State, as the proud father or mother of his new born babe. If not, so much the better, our greatest need is to strengthen it. It is useless to enumerate the various ways in which this "greatest need" might be accomplished. As under-graduates we should see if we would enter the class room, take part in college singing and other activities, attend all meetings of importance, such as mass and class meetings, go about the campus with the same enthusiasm, vigor and old fashioned "pep" that we have when we are beating an ancient foe upon the athletic field. We would at once attain a new, invigorating spirit and love for old Penn State. As in alumni with this foundation, this spirit riveted into the very marrow of our bones, we would go forth in the name of "Penn State" first, last, and all the time. Our work, our business would be improved, greater studies would be made, the commonwealth and the world at large would be eager for and enter into the work of Penn State men and women. And in the end, what greater satisfaction could we attain than, "Thank you, dear old State!" WAYNE W. WEAVER, '16

MANY PEOPLE HERE IN FARMER'S WEEK

With an attendance of nearly 900 enthusiastic agriculturists from the different parts of Pennsylvania and states nearby, the Pennsylvania State College held its twelfth annual Farmer's Week from December 27, 1916, to January 3, 1917. Sixty-two of the sixty-seven counties in the state were covered in the registration list and in the interest which was manifested at all times in the events of the week, the expectations of the college authorities were more than realized. The attendance this year was somewhat lower than that of last year, owing, it is believed, to the scarcity of labor in rural centers. A similar falling off in attendance was reported by practically every other institution in the country which held farmer's week exercises at this season. In point of diversity and opportunity for specialization, the program as arranged this year was far ahead of any that had been arranged in former years. In all nearly 250 lectures and demonstrations, covering practically every phase of agricultural activity were delivered by various members of the agricultural faculty and experiment station staff, together with a number of men from other institutions and several engaged in commercial work, constituted the list of speakers. WOMEN INTERESTED Several interesting features marked the gathering of the present year. Chief of these was the number of women in attendance at the various lectures and demonstrations. Of the entire number of people who were registered, 100 were women. Another feature of interest was the increased attendance of girls and boys in the various classes. Ten counties sent more or more boys and girls who had engaged in corn, potato, pig, canning, sewing, or poultry club work during the year. For many of these club members the trip to Penn State came as a reward for attainment in club activities. An innovation was introduced this year in the form of farmers' classes in car engine and tractor practice under the direction of C. A. Amice, instructor in farm mechanics at the College. At a demonstration the room allotted for the work was filled to overflowing and only lack of space prevented a larger demonstration. Six full afternoons were devoted to these demonstrations. GREAT INTEREST IN LIVESTOCK. As was the case last year an unusual amount of interest centered in the livestock program. This was divided pretty evenly among the different phases of livestock industries, including dairy cattle, beef cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and poultry. This interest was due in no small measure to the recent agitation and concern for the sheep industry in Pennsylvania on the part of both farmers and manufacturers. A special day for creamery butter makers drew a number of these men to a program replete with creamery lectures and demonstrations. An interesting program made up of subjects relating to home economics was well attended by the women who had registered for the week. The regular college night program was held in the Auditorium on Wednesday evening, December 27. Dean R. L. Watts explained the financial needs of the college, Professor M. S. McDowell, director of agricultural extension, outlined the extension activities, and Miss Pearl M. Donohue in charge of home economics extension, and Mr. K. H. Blackburn State leader of farm bureau work, explained the important phases of their particular activities. SOCIAL FEATURES PROVIDED Throughout the week a number of pleasant social diversions were provided for the entertainment of the visitors. A play, "Back to the Farm," was produced in the Auditorium on Saturday evening, December 30, under the direction of Professor Marshman. The principals in the cast were selected from among the students in the local high school. An informal reception and get-together meeting was held in the Army following the Thursday evening lecture period. On Sunday after-

YORK COUNTY CLUB WAS ON THE JOB CHRISTMAS

Dean Thomas C. Blaisdell was the principal speaker at the York County Club smoker on December the twenty-eighth. It had been previously announced that Dr. Pond would attend but pressing duties at the college forced him to remain here. The smoker is an annual affair of the York County Club and was held at the York Country Club, which was artistically decorated for the occasion. Representatives of the near-by preparatory schools spoke and many alumni gave their views of the college. Fully one hundred and fifty high school and preparatory students attended, and many expressed their desire of coming to State next year.

ILLNESS PREVENTS NOTED SPEAKER FROM COMING

The Very Reverend Frederick Beckman, Dean of the Pro-Cathedral Church of the Nativity in South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, has been prevented through sickness from acting as college speaker at the regular chapel service on Sunday, January 14. Ten days ago Dean Beckman was seized with an attack of bronchitis and LaGrippe, which confined him to his bed for more than a week, and on this account it has been necessary for him to cancel his engagement. Dean Beckman's inability to speak at Penn State next Sunday has caused no little regret on the part of the college authorities and the student body as well. It is hoped, however, that he will be able to visit the College sometime later in the year, possibly during the latter part of March. In the absence of Dean Beckman, it is probable that Dean Holmes will conduct the chapel exercises next Sunday.

Ellsworth of Century Co. Gives Interesting Lecture

W. W. Ellsworth, ex-president of the Century Publishing Company, recently delivered an interesting lecture on his experiences in the world of letters during the last forty years. As many of the teachers in the department had excused their pupils to attend this lecture, Mr. Ellsworth had a large audience. He proved to be an interesting and entertaining speaker. One of the most interesting things of the lecture was the way that the great writers of the last forty years were spoken of. They all seemed to be personal friends of Mr. Ellsworth and in this way they were brought very close to his hearers. His lecture was enlivened by many anecdotes and proved of interest to every one.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1917

NOTE FOR THE AMENDMENTS

During the coming week several amendments to the interclass constitution will come up for consideration before the different classes of the College. These amendments, which are printed in full in another part of this issue, have to do in the main with new rulings for insuring the prompt collection of class dues and assessments. Prominent among these is the proposed ruling which imposes a fine of one dollar on any class member who fails to pay his class dues within ten days after the opening of the semester. Other rulings of almost equal importance deal with the payment of La Vie assessments in the Junior year and class dues in the Senior year. Without exaggeration it can be safely said that the successful working out of the interclass constitution depends almost entirely upon the adoption of the proposed amendments. If there is to be a progressive administration of class affairs at Penn State, the matter of class finances must be placed upon a sound and permanent basis. The adoption of the proposed amendments will be a big step in the right direction. The whole case may be summed up in a few words. The amendments have been drawn up after careful study, on the part of those who first proposed them; they are essential to the success of the budget system of finances and they are now presented to the student body at large for ratification. The point is clear. Read over the amendments as they are printed in this issue and then vote for their adoption when they are brought up before your class.

THE COLLEGIAN NOW PRINTED IN TOWN.

The Collegian Board wishes to announce that, beginning with this issue, The Collegian will hereafter be printed in State College by the Nittany Printing and Publishing Company, and that the office has been removed to the building occupied by that concern. For the past year and a half we have been obliged to have the paper printed in Altoona because of the lack of proper facilities in this town. Recently, however, the local printers have installed a linotype and have the necessary equipment for printing The Collegian. The Board foresees many improvements in the paper as the result of having it printed by the local concern, chiefly because we can publish more late news and will be able to read all proofs, which was impossible when the paper was printed out of town. It must be expected, however, that such a change may bring with it inconsistencies and errors of omission and commission until everything is in regular running order. We trust that our readers will appreciate the difficulties under which we are placed for the time being.

CONCERNING "STICKERS" ON LUGGAGE

One practice which has continued to increase in disfavor and which is a rebuke to the size and standing of the college is that of putting college "posters," or "stickers," on suitcases and traveling bags. The custom is usually associated with the prep-school and small college and is hardly in keeping with present day ethics. Certainly this means that cheap notoriety does not add to the prestige of the college, but more especially it advertises the individual whose baggage is so adorned. Particularly during the last vacation it was noticeable that hundreds of suitcases bore conspicuous State labels of various descriptions. Only a short time ago the students of the University of Michigan passed a resolution that no university "stickers" be put on suitcases or other luggage and we would suggest that Penn State pass a similar ruling. We would urge the Student Council to consider the matter at its next meeting and then submit the proposal to the student body for action.

The practice of nailing notices and signs on the trees of the college campus has again become so prevalent that the faculty have asked the president of the Student Council to caution the members of the student body to attach notices to the trees only by means of wire or cord ties. There have been requests of this nature from the faculty a number of times in the past and the president of the Student Council recently asks that everybody concerned comply with these requests. We might further advocate the abolishment of this practice altogether especially since the college has provided bulletin boards on the campus for the purpose of advertising all events of interest to the students.

From all reports that have come in, we are led to believe that the work of the students with their state representatives during the holidays regarding the appropriation from the legislature this year, has been a great one and that much good was accomplished all over the state. Let us not be content to rest here, however, but continue to do everything possible towards making our representatives better acquainted with Penn State and the things she stands for. There is still much to be done, and it is largely up to the students to do it.

To the various musical organizations of the college are due the thanks and appreciation of the entire student body for the unusually large scale upon which they have undertaken to entertain us this winter with Sunday afternoon concerts and recitals. The college band, the orchestra, the college chorus and organists have each agreed to give two such entertainments to help break the monotony of a long stretch before another vacation comes around. That their efforts are well appreciated goes without saying.

We note that the Borough Council announces vast improvements in the streets of the town. Why not let the good work continue with forcing the property-owners of the town to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice?

Club Notes

At a recent meeting held by the Chester County club, it was decided to postpone their usual Christmas holiday function until the latter part of the month. The moving pictures, which have lately been taken of the college, will be shown at West Chester. Other events are also being planned for Chester. The following officers were elected: President, H. R. Burns, secretary and treasurer, Hest. A meeting of the Agricultural Society will be held on Jan. 18, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The election of a manager, secretary, treasurer and three assistants to each, for next year's Agricultural exhibit will also be held at this meeting. The committee in charge of arrangements for trying to secure a speaker of importance to address the meeting. At the last meeting of the Penn State Forestry Society, "Bob" Lyman was elected delegate to the Intercollegiate Association Meeting of Forestry Clubs to be held in Seattle, Wash. this coming spring. The question of a forestry field day met with distinct approval. This day is now in vogue at Syracuse and other large universities and it is probable that the day will be introduced here. The election of officers was postponed until the next assembly. The report from the Leominster County Club dance held in the Park Hotel, Williamsport, on the night after Christmas, show that it was a very successful affair. The hall was decorated with college banners and pennants and a large crowd was in attendance. Nichols, '17, was chairman of the committee.

CLASS IN TEACHING STARTS

Dr. L. W. Raper has started a class of instruction dealing with the "Principles of College Teaching," among a number of the younger members of the faculty. The class meets once a week.

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