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THESPIANS NOW READY FOR RISE OF CURTAIN

Final Preparations Under Way For the First Performance-Plan Big Surprise

FORMER STARS WILL BE SEEN IN LEADING PARTS

The Penn State Thespians will open their twentieth season on Saturday evening in the Auditorium, presenting to their annual trip through the western part of the state.

The finishing touches are being administered to both the cast and chorus by Coach Downing, and when the curtain finally rises on "The Naked Truth," one of the most enthralling productions ever attempted by the organization is promised to be disclosed.

The story of the play centers about the court of King Phalaris and his magical palace. Phalaris, a tyrant, is compelled to tell the truth and nothing but the truth. "Spence" Free will carry the role of the King and will be assisted by J. J. Lauer, his queen. A. L. Riley will impersonate the fair Princess Zeolide who passionately loves Prince Phalaris, better known as B. C. Jones.

G. W. Eichelberger, under the command of Phalaris, a royal maiden, will demonstrate all the wiles of the fair sex, and C. K. Donnelly promises to be interesting as Cypselus, the smooth-tongued courtier.

Among the newcomers to the Thespians, J. H. Lucas will portray Aemilia, a willful coquette and together with H. R. Courson, who is to be known as Mena, a scheming and malicious woman, and the cause of much trouble, promises to amuse and perhaps delight the eye.

Messrs. Worthington, Barger and Luver are to be known as the court grouch, the musician and the old man of mystery respectively. The chorus will furnish the commendable spirit of frankness and honesty, the musician the atmosphere of Beethoven and the old man of mystery bids fair to thrill the audience with his weird characterization.

The Chorus
The final selections for the chorus are: H. Burrell, D. H. Cameron, A. M. Lange, Roger Bowman, H. P. Lange, J. G. Flannigan, F. Temple and G. W. Blair as the male dancers, and J. D. Laughrey, G. V. Proctor, W. H. Rogers, H. P. Miesler, A. C. Pomeroy, H. B. Bander, J. E. Morris and G. C. Sealing will cavort about the stage as chorus girls.

The Orchestra
Director W. O. Thompson has the orchestra in hand and will furnish the music for the entire season. The orchestra of the Penn State has been working into the theme of the present production.

R. E. Keubler, R. L. Albert, H. L. Meulter, Ivan Kramlich, W. C. Wilhelm, E. S. Zeisler, C. D. Putnam, O. E. Felder, C. E. Gray, C. A. Chambers, R. Felder, H. D. Thompson and H. S. Drumer are the student members of the orchestra and Mr. Thompson will lead.

The Enact Trip
The itinerary for the trip during Easter vacation follows: Monday, April 9 in Altoona or Denver; April 10 in Pittsburgh; April 11 in DuBois; April 12 in Tyrone and April 13 in Bellefonte.

Tickets for the show go on sale in Krumholz's Drug Store tonight at 6:30 and 7:30 for Saturday and Sunday respectively and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at the same time will be open for sale to the general public.

According to present indications there is a possibility that the play will not be staged here in June since several members of the cast are enlisted in the National Guard and subject to call at any time.

Dr. Sparks Tells of President Jackson

Penn State was particularly fortunate to be able to hear Doctor Sparks in his lecture on "Old Hickory" Jackson last evening. Doctor Sparks is in such demand as a speaker that it is only on a few occasions that he has opportunity to lecture to the student body. This talk last night was the last of the free lectures in the course offered by the School of Liberal Arts.

Doctor Sparks showed a thorough knowledge of the life and character of "Old Hickory" and some of the points that he brought out were new and interesting. According to the speaker, there is no question but that Jackson could have had a third term had he so desired, and while he had a hard campaign against John Quincy Adams and Henry Clay to gain the presidency, he went out of office the most popular of any president who ever left the chair.

Like so many other presidents, Jackson had a war record behind him and this was a striking personality; yet he was a peaceful, hot-headed and unforgiving. But with all, he was gentle with the weak and sympathetic with the unfortunate. No one can understand his attitude toward women in later life without understanding the history of "Aunt Rachel" Jackson, as his wife was known in the country-side of Tennessee where they lived.

FRIAR ELECTIONS
The following have been elected to membership in the Friars, Sophomore society: G. W. Eichelberger, R. D. Mills, R. L. Foster.

LEAST FAILURES IN HOME ECONOMICS

Percentage Figures Show That Agriculture is Second

The question is frequently asked "What is the hardest course in college?" Conversely some wish to know what is the easiest course. Statistics have been compiled by the assistant registrar for the first semester during the past three school years showing the number of failures and conditions by schools and departments. They do not reply to the question but they throw some light upon it.

The percentage of failures is particularly the fact thing to consider and the number of failures in a department. The latter depends too largely upon the number registered. Comparing percentages, the lowest number of failures in a department is in Agriculture, 12.7 per cent. In 1915 in the School of Natural Science and in 1917 in the School of Mines. The lowest number of failures in every school is in Home Economics. The next to the lowest is in Agriculture.

In individual departments, Mechanics had the highest number of failures in 1915, Physics in 1916 and Commerce Language in 1917, with a close second. The lowest number of failures in 1915 was recorded in Industrial Engineering, Horticulture and Landscape Gardening, the next in Philosophy and Psychology, and next in Forestry and Home Economics. In 1916, the lowest was Home Economics and Industrial Engineering, and the next in Horticulture and Landscape Gardening. In 1917, Home Economics and Mining led in few failures with Horticulture and Landscape Gardening second and Industrial third.

As for the total number of failures and conditions, the statistics show a constantly decreasing percentage. In 1917 the percentage was 11.4 per cent, in 1916 it was 12.7 per cent, and in 1915 it was 17.7 per cent. This decrease is due to the fact that the total percentage of failures has fallen from 17.7 per cent in 1915 to 11.4 per cent in 1917. There were nearly ten failures out of every hundred examinations now, there are only seven.

There were 4818 practical grades recorded in 1917, of which 121 or 2.5 per cent were failures. The number of failures has decreased in two years from 2.6 per cent to 1.8 per cent. The number of Freshman class failures, first semester, for the past three years has decreased steadily. In 1915, 17.7 per cent of the Freshman class failed, in 1916, 12.7 per cent failed, and in 1917 the same department continued to lead. German was second and Mathematics third. It is interesting to note that under the follow-up system now used by the military department, the number of Freshman deficiencies has decreased from 17.2 per cent to 11.1 per cent.

Appointments to College Faculty

The following appointments regarding the college faculty were taken from the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees on March 23, 1917: R. S. Smith, Assistant Professor of Agronomy, was granted leave of absence from July 1, 1917, to September 28, 1917, for the purpose of pursuing graduate study at Cornell University. On account of ill health, J. R. Gould, Instructor in Mechanical Engineering, was granted leave of absence from March 1, 1917, to September 1, 1917.

The following new appointments were authorized: Joseph P. Rittenour, M. D. of Uniontown, Pa., Head of the College Health Service and College Physician. A. P. Pomeroy, Instructor in Landscape Gardening, Mr. Pomeroy was graduated from the University of Illinois with the Class of 1916.

V. C. George, Instructor in Mechanical Engineering, Mr. George comes from the University of Wisconsin and was graduated with the class of 1916.

J. H. Scherzer, Assistant Professor of Vegetable Gardening, Dr. Scherzer is a Penn State graduate, Class of 1911. Since his graduation he has been in charge of vegetable gardens at the University of Wisconsin and at the University of Illinois.

J. M. P. Smith, Assistant in Agricultural Extension, Mr. Pomeroy was graduated at this college last January at the mid-year convention.

Fred F. Lindner, Assistant in Agricultural Extension, Mr. Lindner will be graduated this coming June in the Course in Animal Husbandry, was transferred to the Department of Agricultural Extension to be county extension representative, the same to go into effect June 15, 1917.

Miss Mae Niver, temporary Assistant in Home Economics, Miss Niver comes from Columbia University, receiving a special diploma at the Teachers College.

NEW CATALOGUES
The 1917-18 catalogues have been received from the printers and may be obtained at the Registrar's office during the latter part of this week. Students will be able to take a catalog with them when they go home at Easter time in order to loan Penn State to prospective students.

NO COLLEGIAN NEXT WEEK
According to custom, and our agreements with advertisers, there will be no issue of the PENN STATE COLLEGIAN next week. Even if published, the paper could not reach many of our subscribers before their departure for the Easter vacation.

The Editor

PENN STATE GRAD IS NEW PHYSICIAN

Dr. Rittenour '01, Will Succeed Dr. Forsythe-To Start in June

Dr. J. P. Rittenour of Uniontown, Pa., a graduate of Penn State, class of 1901, has been appointed head of the health service in place of Dr. W. E. Forsythe, who goes to the Rockefeller Foundation, about April 1. Dr. Rittenour took the course in biology at this college which was the equivalent of the present pre-medical course. He then entered the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1906. Since that date he has practiced medicine in Uniontown and is a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Association. The advantage of having an alumnus as college physician and especially a man who has had ten years of active practice is apparent. Dr. Rittenour has a number of special interests in operations and believes that many operations can be performed with the present health service department.

In order to close up his practice at Uniontown and to visit and examine the health service of some of the leading universities, the new physician desires not to enter upon his duties until June. The records show that there is little need for the health service during April and May. The nurses will remain in charge of both buildings during that time and will dispense ordinary drugs as needed. In case a physician is needed, one from the village will be called according to the college's policy. It is proposed to spend the amount of the health service salary during the summer months in adding a sanatorium for convalescent to the second story of the hospital building. The need has long been felt by students who are recovering from illness but there has been no room from which to construct the addition.

Mr. Rittenour and family will arrive in June for the summer session.

Georgetown Next To Be Debated

The next debate will be held on Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Auditorium with Georgetown University. This is a new opponent for Penn State. The debate will be on the question of the tariff. The question is whether the tariff should be lowered or raised. The debate will be held on Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Auditorium. The debate will be on the question of the tariff. The question is whether the tariff should be lowered or raised. The debate will be held on Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Auditorium.

STUDENTS WILL NOT HAVE TO VOLUNTEER

Students have made a plan to the students that they do not intend to volunteer for the present. The plan is to have a meeting on Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Auditorium. The plan is to have a meeting on Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Auditorium. The plan is to have a meeting on Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Auditorium.

CHEMISTRY BUILDING NAMED FOR PRIESTLEY

One of the measures taken up by the executive committee of the board of trustees at their meeting last week was the naming of the new chemistry building in honor of Joseph Priestley.

CHANGE IN CHAPEL SPEAKER
A telephone message yesterday from New York City advised that Dr. W. C. Wilson, who was scheduled to speak at both chapel next Sunday, gave the information that owing to the calling out of the National Guard he has been compelled to return to Michigan. Dr. Wilson C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Maryland, has kindly consented to speak and will appear at both chapels.

Calendar
THURSDAY, MARCH 29
6:30 P. M. - Clearfield County Club, Room 202, Long Hill.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30
8:15 P. M. - Debate, Penn State vs Georgetown, And.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
6:30 P. M. - Mission study class, Room K, Library.
8:00 P. M. - "The Naked Truth", by the Thespians, Auditorium.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1
10:00 A. M. - Communion Chapel, Dr. Wilson C. Schaeffer.
11:00 A. M. - College Chapel, Doct. Schaeffer.

3:30 P. M. - Band Concert, Auditorium.
6:30 P. M. - Y. M. C. A. Prayer meeting, Auditorium.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2
6:30 P. M. - Prayer Meeting, L. A. Assembly Room.
8:00 P. M. - Y. M. C. A. Cabinet Meeting, Old Main.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
11:00 A. M. - Easter recess begins.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
1:00 P. M. - Easter recess closes.

FOOTBALL TEAM TO MEET VARIED LIST

Records of Penn State's New Opponents Show Value Of Schedule

Spring football practice will be under way in a few weeks and the "dope" will begin to crop out concerning the prospects for next fall. Even now much interest is becoming evident among those who are coming into the college, for the football team is coming into its own again.

Observation shows that Penn State is scheduled to oppose a wide variety of college football teams during the season of 1917, as can be seen from a close survey of the schedule. The 1917 schedule contains teams apparently new to Penn State. Of these, Washington and Jefferson and Dartmouth look good and will supply the most difficult opponents for Coach Hinkle's men. St. Bonaventure is likely to offer a little resistance, as is also the case with Muhlenberg. Maryland State is one team that will need a strong, for this southern school may be back home having completed a rather difficult schedule in a successful manner this past season.

The remainder of the games are mapped out on a several familiar organizations. Georgetown, West Virginia, Delaware and Lehigh are old times and were all defeated last year. The University of Maryland is scheduled to complete the season.

It is almost impossible to correctly compare the respective strengths of the new teams to be seen here in the fall. Since they are hardly any standard of comparison. The various machines to be considered do not move in the same circles and therefore cannot be closely watched. It is possible, however, to consider the records made last year by the respective teams and then to form some slight opinion of their strength for the coming season.

Track Team Soon To Leave On Trip

With the drawing of a perfect outdoor track weather, Coach C. W. Martin has had his men running on the dirt path on the New Beaver field for the past few days in preparation for the three big meets scheduled for Easter time. In the daily workouts the local conditions have been showing exceptionally good form and the prospects look brighter than ever for a successful season. Although Coach Martin has not yet been able to decide as to just who will make up the twelve men for the southern trip he announced on Monday that the team would be chosen from the following:

For the sprinters Penn State will be represented by either Ganzmiller, Pond or Brock. The pick for the end of the line will be made next Saturday in the trial among Cotton, Kral, Kral and Linton. The distance men will be five in number and will be chosen from Shields, Foster, Whiting, Sherr, Hunter, Kates and Love. Both the 120 and 220 hurdles will be run by a pick of Linton, Whiting, Cotton and Kral. Runners and Huggins will do the pole vaulting while Oliver, Ryan, Burton or Wilson will be the pick for the high jump. The entry in the broad jump will likely be Ryan or Wilson.

Penn State is expected to do some of its best work in the weight events also. The men will be chosen from the following: Charles Smith, Ives, Dumbleton, Jones, and Kramlich. The pick of these men will be entered in the hammer, discus, shot and javelin.

Twelve athletes from the above list will take the trip along with Coach and Manager Haddock. As far as is known at the present time the team will leave on the night of April 4 for Lexington, Va., where on the following Monday they will meet Washington and Lee. Two days later they will journey to Hagerstown, Md., to combat with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. On April 13 the trip will be concluded with a big meet with the University of Virginia.

CLUBS DO GOOD WORK IN BOOSTER CAMPAIGN

With the meeting of the county clubs last week, the second campaign was successfully inaugurated. Since that time many letters have already been written to the editors of the various newspapers of the State asking for an editorial and news article on the needs of Penn State. During Easter week many of the editors will be interviewed personally. Even at these meetings reports were given showing that many newspapers are already lined up for this campaign. The remaining letters will be sent within the next few days.

TURN COLLEGE PROPERTY OVER TO GOVERNMENT USE

Trustees Adopt Military Measures and Approve Student Support Action

RED CROSS AND FIRST AID MOVEMENT RECEIVE STARTS

STATE NINE TO PLAY CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Open Season on April 10 at Washington-Freshmen Called Out-Harley Arrives Monday

Penn State's 1917 baseball season will open on Tuesday, April 10 at Washington, D. C., when Catholic University will contain the Blue and White. This game is all that remains of the so-called Southern trip, the other games having been cancelled through a misunderstanding. The following day, Lehigh will be played at South Bethlehem, and the next will be knuckled off the home season on Saturday of that week when Lehigh crosses the mountains to meet Captain Robinson and his men.

Owing to the fact that Coach Hinkle will not arrive until next Monday, and will be met by the rest of the team at the first games are scheduled during the Easter holidays, the members of the Varsity squad will be forced to remain here until the day before Easter. Those who live in the East may go home and meet the rest of the team at Washington on Tuesday, but the main squad will have here on Monday. There will be twelve men make the trip.

The Varsity squad held its first outdoor practice last Saturday afternoon, when Coach Hinkle, who was accompanied by the scouts, Johnson proved that he has not lost his hitting eye, for he drove in nearly all the runs scored by the first team. The squad is practicing on Holmes Field until the regular diamond has an opportunity to dry out. The line-up for the first game is still undecided, but the men have not had sufficient outdoor practice as yet. Hall will probably start as catcher, and either Ruth, McCauley, or Sutherland will be second base. There is a chance that Hinkle may be shifted to the outfield, in which case Lige will hold down the third corner. Robinson at first, Mingle at second and Whelling at short are sure of their positions. If Hinkle is shifted to the field, the other two fielders will be selected from Evans, Grubb, Lipp, Coolidge, and Rummelt. Three pitchers will be taken on the trip, with Howard, Davis and Johnson seeming to have the call, although Craig is showing up very well.

The Freshman candidates were called out last Monday and are under the care of "Don" Hinkle until Coach Hinkle arrives. A schedule of about nine games is being arranged for the first four men and from the last of the month, the 1917 baseball team should have a very successful year.

The Varsity schedule has been finally revised by Manager LeVan and except for the failure of the southern trip to Baltimore, it is well arranged. The northern trip includes seven games, and there are four games on the western trip. The commencement attractions are particularly good, being two games with Pitt and one with Lehigh-Stanford, as well as a game with the alumni.

SENIOR ENGINEERS WILL TAKE TRIPS

If intensive events do not interfere the annual inspection trip of the Senior Engineers will take place March 29th to April 1st, inclusive.

According to the present plan, the Civil Engineers will go first to Altoona, then to Philadelphia, and on to New York. The Electrical Engineers will go directly to Schenectady, where they will meet the Civil Engineers. The Mechanical Engineers will go to Schenectady, then to Philadelphia, and on to New York.

The inspection trip is of great value to the seniors as they are permitted to inspect plants which are usually closed to visitors. The trip is considered a very important part of the regular instruction.

LAST BAND CONCERT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The last of the free Band Concerts for the season will be given in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, March 31, at 2:30 P. M. The direction of Wilfred O. Thompson, being the last of a successful season, Director Thompson announces that it will be one of special merit. The program is as follows:
1. Overture, "Mantana" by Wallace
2. Sonatina (Flute and Horn) Title
P. K. Younger '18 (Flute)
3. Invitation in A Major von Weber
4. Grand Fantasia, Lombardi Verdi
5. Dance Descriptive, The Ghosts
Saturday
6. Recruits from "The Prince of Pilsen" Ludwig
Introducing President Smith's "Penn State Song".
7. The Star Spangled Banner.

Alumni Banquets Well Attended

The annual banquet of the principal Penn State alumni organizations were held this month in the larger cities of the east and middle west. Good attendance was the feature of all the banquets which were held at Boston, Allentown, Schenectady, New York, Wilkes-Barre, Reading, Detroit, Chicago, Buffalo, Washington and Philadelphia. R. H. Smith, the alumni secretary, was present at all of the gatherings except those at Boston and Schenectady.

The New York alumni were addressed by General Wood and ex-governor Temer. Both of the speakers spoke on national preparedness. H. W. Mitchell, president of the college board of trustees, acted as toastmaster. About 150 alumni were present. At the Philadelphia and Washington banquets the college was represented by Dr. R. H. Smith.

The final banquet of the year will be held this week at Cincinnati, Cleveland, Youngstown and Pittsburgh.

Graduate Returns
If V. H. Hinkle of the class of 1915, who in the by-product cooking business, was recently seen on the campus while here a few days. On March 31 he gave a brief address to the Senior Men, intelligent students on the "Recovery and Use of By-products from Cooking."