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SOMETHING IS STILL WRONG

A number of recent happenings about the campus call our attention to the fact that a decided brace on the part of a certain class of students is about due. There are a number of so-called "unwritten laws" in existence at Penn State, which, unfortunately have to be handed down from class to class and taken for granted that all are acquainted with them.

For instance, we have always known that the baseball and football grounds have been reserved for upperclassmen, faculty and visitors. But at last Thursday's baseball game it was evident that that opinion is not held by the score or more of Sophomores who were observed to be seated there in the most advantageous positions.

While on the subject of baseball, it might be well to emphasize the fact that at this same game the absence of the college cheer leader caused an energetic Sophomore to get down in front of the freshmen stands and lead a number of cheers for the team at the very time it was on the verge of victory after a brave uphill fight.

Perhaps it is a lack of knowledge on the part of Freshman or others who insist upon mutilating the newspapers and magazines in the library, that is accountable for the great extent to which this practice has been put in the past few months. It might be well to note that four years ago a student was detected in the act of clipping an article from these files, and he was forced to make a public apology for his act before the student body assembled in mass meeting.

The same kind of public apologies have also been inflicted upon the perpetrators of petty thefts in very recent times. Just prior to the Easter vacation we learned that a number of students, particularly in Old Main, suffered the loss of money and articles of clothing which were undoubtedly due to the work of students.

ABOLITION OF UPPERCLASS EXAMS.

The departure from College of so many upperclassmen who are intent upon assisting Uncle Sam in this great war crisis in various ways, brings up the question of the advisability of doing away with the final examinations at the end of the semester for those who remain. It seems only fair and just to those who remain to finish the college work, that they be excused from this additional grind of unnecessary preparation in which their classmates by their leaving have been given credit.

Naturally, any consideration of this matter would bring up the question of what must be done with the extra week gained for the upperclassmen should the step be taken. There are a number of ways that can be suggested, chiefly a continuance of the various courses of study, or better still, it would offer a chance for an intensive review of military tactics for all upperclassmen who have by this time become more or less "rusty" in even the minor details of military affairs.

While both of these suggestions could be used to advantage, the latter appears to have the greater scope for real service. It cannot be denied that compulsory military drill at Penn State in the past has been looked upon as being more or less of a burden and that a great lack of interest has been shown by a majority of the men engaged in it. Drill hour in the past can be looked upon as being somewhat of a conversational play hour, and not taken more seriously than to gain enough knowledge for the presentation of a good front on dress parade.

Many recitation and lecture sections, particularly those made up of the agricultural students have even now been cut in half by the departure of students who are going into farm or munition work, and the next two weeks will see the departure of many more for the military training camps. The effect upon those remaining is apparent, and we would suggest that the student governing body and the faculty gravely consider the matter of the abolition of the final examinations for this semester, a step which we feel would be of great benefit in the end.

THE GLEE CLUB AND CAMPUS SINGING

The matter of campus singing has apparently been in a thorn in the side of the present generation of classes. As an incentive towards the stirring up of a college spirit, no better idea could be devised. Not only the singing can be featured in the Wednesday evening gatherings that are now proposed for that purpose, but it is a splendid opportunity for the rehearsal of college yells. So we would urge the attendance of the college cheer leader as well as the college song leader at these gatherings.

It was with genuine pleasure that we learned of the intention of the Glee Club members to turn out at these gatherings for the promotion of college singing. As a college organization we regret to say that the Glee Club has not been doing its part for the college this year, especially in the past few months. Time and again we have heard the question, "What is the Glee Club doing for the student body this year?" True, through its many trips over the state and to New York city it has served as an excellent medium for advertising the college, and in this it has brought due credit to the institution. Their efforts in this line are most commendable. But the fact that this club is composed entirely of students, and is supported by the student body at large when asked to, makes us feel that the students should get more benefit from the organization than they have been getting this year.

well as our memory stands, the club has but twice appeared publicly this year, and on both occasions only as part of another program. Many opportunities have been presented to the club during the year by which they could have rendered the students the service that is naturally expected of them. In promoting the campus singing idea, the club now has a splendid opportunity to make itself known to the students. Their cooperation here is most commendable, and we would especially urge that the student body as a whole get back of them each Wednesday evening and make campus singing everything that it should be.

THE "POCKET TESTAMENT CAMPAIGN"

The four-day campaign carried on last week by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and party, in the interest of the world known "Pocket Testament League", is certainly to be regarded as a success. In spite of the fact that other activities conflicted with the meetings of the campaign the attendance was, on the whole, very satisfactory. While the number of persons who "signed up to read at least a chapter of their Bibles a day" is not to be regarded as an absolute measure of the results of the work, there have without doubt, been a great many reached who have for the first time learned the value of daily, systematic Bible reading. It is not infrequently said that pledges made hastily are often not so readily carried out; but the manner in which this matter was presented here last week with the resulting response by the men and women of the community, seem to warrant that these pledges were made with a quiet determination and by persons who knew what they were doing.

The Alexander party and their visit to Penn State, coming at a most opportune time, will not soon be forgotten, we are sure; and the results of their work must go on for an inestimable time to come.

MAKE IT A REAL SYSTEM

The student body will soon be called upon for action in a revision of the Honor System rules, and it is of such a nature as to demand the most earnest thought and consideration of all. It has already been pointed out that the rules as they now stand are so far from making the Honor System what it really should be, that the system as a whole is materially deficient in its purpose.

The main point of the revision lies in the fact that there should be no "second chance" for the dishonest man in any quiz or examination. The injustice which is apparent in the system as it now stands is not fair to the "other fellow." A criminal once detected is punished immediately for the good of the community. We would urge a most careful consideration of the proposed revision of the rules, for Penn State must have the best, the most logical and the most fair means of protection in the proper channels. Make our Honor System a real system of honor and fairness.

It was amusing to note in the Philadelphia papers last Friday that the first of any of the Eastern Colleges to send out students for farm work had left the University of Pennsylvania the day before, seven strong, to till the Jersey soil. A grand total of twenty-five was scheduled to leave but the others could not arrange their college credits in time. At that time upwards of 300 Penn State men were "back on the farm" riding on the planters and "shoving" the plow.

ON THE CORNER

CONTINUING to speak upon the picture (?) really did present a "strong" State student of Edits, we have heard that at the same banner they still urge visitors to "Try our milk! Cream isn't in it!"

ALONG the same line (it is really an inevitable one) we hear that Moviel is now furnishing gas masks with limburger sandwiches.

The college song birds will be given a chance to make themselves heard on the front campus tonight. Everybody out.

Idle Speculations—Wondering if this "back to the Farm" movement is going to be strong on account of a chance to get out of the Final Exams.

IF that guess is true, what better argument could be offered for the abolition of those time absorbing nuisances?

CAUTION BETTER get the BEST out of those LIGHT, cool, COMFORTABLE and convenient SUMMER flannels now, BECAUSE you don't KNOW how soon you'll HAVE to wear SOMETHING not quite so COOL and comfy—FURNITURE ANYTHING in the line of KHAKI and sitch.

IN other words, while the flannels are soon to be the Order of the Day, there's no telling just when the olive drab stuff will become the o of the d for all of us.

WORD comes to us that the "Rub the tub, sub the tub" stuff we tortured you with a couple of weeks ago, was well received at the Cottage and Mac Hall. So well was it received, in fact, that the words were set to the tune of "Jingle Bells," and no fair maid is permitted to take a swim (or a bath in the bath tub) unless she delivers in her most hale and hearty fashion the entertaining jingle.

WHEN more men occupied MacHall (along with the three bushels of roach-

SPREADING of Edits, that "Ode to MacHall Factions" last week reminds us of the fact that John D. Rockefeller never eats—

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es, that were obtained from that palace when it was razed, shower baths were the o of the d. Now in a case like that, what would be done with the "Rub the tub" jingle?

More Idle Speculations—Wondering how soon those W. L. Sumner Furs are going to be with us again.

THE worst thing about the coat jacket stunt last wk was the lack of hot, or even lukewarm water in the showers for the Old Main Freshies. Hurd luck that the college coal supply is almost nil.

WE pause to note that between three and four hundred Sophomores were presumably witnesses to the Freshman Turn-of-Wait last Saturday. Wonder if they enjoyed the sight?

AND yet they ask—"How did we lose when we were winning?"

SO pep a tall

Looking Backward

(Week of May 2) FIVE YEARS AGO The Freshmen won the Flag Scrap after working from midnight till 4 in the morning to surprise the Sophomores.

The Baseball team started on its trip which included games with Pennsylvania, Seton Hall, Albright and Bucknell. Just previous to the trip, the planting of an orchard, to furnish fruit for the students.

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TEN YEARS AGO The appropriation of the necessary money to complete the new Agricultural building was expected from the Legislature and its early completion was planned.

Wadsworth was appointed a member of committee to secure data concerning the sale of Public lands, the income of which was to be used for the establishment of better Mining schools. The prospects of Penn State looked very bright.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO The Baseball team returned from the trip with a record of two games won and two lost. Dickinson was defeated 10-2, West Point by 13-1, Penn State was defeated by Fordham 4-3; and by Manhattan, 13-2.

A star dance was held in McAllister Hall and attended by about 200 fellows. A quartet from the Glee Club added to the pleasure of the evening.

TWENTY YEARS AGO The track around the Athletic field was completed, under the direction of the physical director. The baseball season opened by an exciting game with Dickinson. The score stood 9-9 in the ninth inning in the tenth Penn State made six runs so that the final score was 16-9.

AT PHYSICAL CONVENTION The Pennsylvania State College was represented at the twenty-first annual convention of the American Physical Education Association held at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, recently.

Dr. W. Raaper, Professor of Education, and Dr. C. E. Kennedy, Assistant Physical Director, were the representatives from this college. The former read "A Report on the Minimum Essentials of Physical Education and a Measuring Scale for the Same." At the convention many well-known educators from all over the United States read reports and offered valuable suggestions for improvement along physical lines. The local men returned with many ideas which they expect to put into practice here at Penn State.

Young Men

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EDWIN WILLIAM RUNKLE, M. A., Ph.D. Dr Edwin William Runkle, head of the Department of Psychology and Philosophy, was born in Lisbon, Iowa, on May 20, 1869. He prepared for college at Lisbon High School, and graduated from Leander Clark in 1890. He spent the next three years doing graduate work at Yale University from where he received the degree of Ph. D. He became connected with Penn State in 1895. With the completion of the new Carnegie Library Building in 1901, he was appointed to organize the work and became librarian. The library then had two stacks and 20,000 volumes. Under his guidance the staff has been quadrupled and the library now has over 65,000 volumes. He started the honor system in the library which has proved a great success. Dr. Runkle is the author of "Syllabus of Psychology" and numerous other magazine articles. He has been a pillar of strength in the work of the Y. M. C. A. and is actively connected with Bible work throughout the college. He is a charter member of the Phi Kappa Phi honorary scholarship fraternity at Penn State. In addition to this he is a member of the American Psychology Association, a Fellow of American Association for Advancement of Science, and a member of the Association of American Professors.

Diamond Dust Captain Robinson has been missed during the last two games at home. His hitting and fielding are important adjuncts to the Penn State play. With Johnny Johnson back in the game, we can begin to look for some more home runs. In Grubb, Ewing and Ego, Coach Harley has a fine fielding and good hitting outfield. Hasty throwing was responsible for several of Carnegie's runs in the last game. Despite his lack of weight, Hall looks more like a catcher than any man on the squad. They didn't steal any bases on him last Thursday. Howard has been pitching some mighty fine ball, but it is certain he cannot pitch all of the games this year. He has been in every one so far. If Johnson's leg is able to stand the strain of pitching, he will be a big asset to the Blue and White during the balance of the season. "Doc" Wheeling is playing a sensational game at short stop. His hitting has also been a factor in the recent games.

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