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THE INACTIVITIES OF PENN STATE

College Activities at Penn State are the formation of the very backbone of her existence. Were it not for the various forms of organized diversion with which the college is favored, this would indeed be a dull place to put in the four best years of our lives.

General opinion seems to indicate that the greater part of spirit back of these activities lies with the individual classes. One of the reasons given for the cause of the well known dormant state of college spirit at Penn State throughout the current year, is the fact that the relations of the various classes, one to the other, is far from being what it was even a few years ago.

When a supposedly organized group of college men totally fails to muster up enough "pep" on two different occasions to hold such an important function as a class banquet right at its own front door; when it falls short of controlling in any degree whatever, the affairs of its charges, according to custom, and in a manner befitting the work of its predecessors; when it secures an attendance of only eighty-seven out of a membership of over five hundred at so important a meeting as one called for the nomination of its third year officers; when so few of its members turn out to defend its honor that it suffers defeat in a class scrap entirely because of a lack of numbers; and when it permits the wanton mutilation of its adopted badge of recognition, such as has been the case with the present Sophomore class, then it is time for some drastic measures to be brought to bear in favor of internal improvement.

The college as well as the class suffers from this marked degree of inactivity. It is to be very much regretted that the major portion of the Sophomore class is content to let its destinies rest in the hands of about one-fifth of its total membership. And it is also fitting to note that this same one-fifth alone responded to a much postponed class smoker that was finally held last Saturday night. There was not another single college activity scheduled for that night, yet we are told that only eighty-odd Sophomores were present. "Stackers" is too tame a name to dub the remaining four-fifths of the class for their lack of interest in class and college affairs.

OFF TO WAR

The coming week end will witness the departure of Penn State's first quota of candidates for Uncle Sam's Army. By Monday all those whose applications have been accepted for entrance to the first Officers' Reserve Training camps will have departed from the campus with the best wishes for success from those who remain.

Upon those who remain will fall the duty of carrying Penn State through the balance of the year to as nearly a successful commencement as it is possible to have under the unusual circumstances. While at present the plans for any kind of a Commencement Week are rather indefinite, popular opinion with the student body seems to indicate that a reduction in the time of scheduled events will bring with it a corresponding reduction in expenses, which in itself is bound to be an item of immense proportions.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

No better argument in favor of the total abolition of final examinations could be made than the many expressions of great disappointment that were heard on all sides during the last few days following the announcement that the college Council of Administration had refused the student petition for an abolishment of the examinations for this semester. It seems unfair to those who remain that they should be required to take these examinations from which so many of their classmates have been so easily excused.

As the next best thing in respect to this action, it seems only proper that the heads of the various schools cut down all exemption grades to the lowest possible point and grant as many exemptions as possible, not only in a few, but in all subjects. Our closer contact with the student body at large makes us feel that the spirit of unrest that now dominates every man in college is far greater than the faculty members actually realize.

It is needless to state that the fund started by the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of donating a Penn State memorial window to St. Albert's Church at Duncannon, is worthy of the united support of the student body. The action of Bishop Darlington in providing this church as a memorial to the life work of one of Penn State's most beloved graduates, is one of appreciation that is quite beyond the power of mere words to express.

Students Await Call

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Last Friday, over fifty men were present to enroll in the class. The class is being held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from seven to eight o'clock.

While the men taking this course are not assured government positions, they will be trained for that particular kind of work, and the government advises that several hundred men will be needed in order to receive, check accounts, and to distribute the enormous number of large and small guns and ammunition for which the government has contracted.

Study Aeroplane Models

The class in the study of Aerodynamics, under Professor L. N. Bates, is meeting regularly on Thursday evenings. The instructors are planning a series of experiments with planes of various types. These will not be full size, but will be made to scale, in order to determine some important questions of relative stability and carrying capacity.

At the last meeting of the class in Navigation under Dean Sackett, the subject of the various types of marine gasoline and oil engines was taken up. In the course of this lecture, the power plant of the latest submarine was described. At the class tonight, the subject of navigation and rules of the road will be discussed. This will include the study of navigation along the coast, of charts, various types of buoys, spinners, and other channel markers.

Typewriters Wanted. The work of the local branch of the Red Cross is being carried forward as rapidly as possible. A request has been made that any students leaving college who possess typewriters may help the Red Cross work by lending them to the society for the balance of the year. This will facilitate the training in clerical work that is being given classes in dietetics, first aid, elementary hygiene and home care of the sick, and in preparation of surgical dressings now being held regularly every week.

Juniors Lead Applicants

The number of applicants for the Officers' Reserve corps is divided among the various classes, special, alumni, instructors and non-residents. The Juniors lead with 43, with the Sophomores next with 39. There are 36 Seniors and 13 Freshmen signed up, with five special, seven alumni, three instructors and 24 non-residents.

The List of Applicants

The Penn State students who have applied for admission to the Officers' Reserve training camps follow, the letters N and M following the names denoting that the men will go to Fort Niagara or to Madison Barracks, respectively, those marked "Port Meyer" are students whose homes are outside of the state.

- Seniors: Arnold, P. T. M; Cordeiro, Virgil, N; Dougherty, Isaac M; DeFerie, J. A. N; Dale, J. N; Feledy, C. F. M; Garbrick, Charles D. M; Gerwig, R. A. N; Hawkins, A. C. N; Hertz, R. L. N; Krehel, T. E. N; Lovino, Isadore, N; Miller, Charles, N; Nease, Newton, I. F. N; Over, Frank, N; Painter, Helster C. N; Patterson, C. B. N; Rowland, R. W. N; Schank, Charles M. N; Snodgrass, Henry W. N; Spanogle, John A. N; Thomas, R. V. N; Willis, Harry Rife, N; Goetz, M. E. N; Miller, R. W. N; Pessler, L. P. N; Greenland, P. C. N; Painter, Stanley C. N; Walters, Edward, M; Godfrey, J. S. N; Slinger, A. A. N; Strickler, A. B. N; Underhill, A. B. N; Diehl, D. H. N; Gray, C. N; Reed, A. C. N

- Port Meyer: Baltimore, L. G. M; Bliss, G. L. M; Boylo, Frank J. M; Brandenburgh, W. B. N; Brinker, G. D. N; Butler, Harold, N; Coleman, F. H. N; Connell, B. J. N; Coon, A. Harden, N; Cise, H. D. N; Fague, Chas. N; Gilven, W. N. N; Hill, Craig, C. N; Hoffman, W. H. N; Larry, H. D. M; Lloyd, W. B. N; McClure, L. D. N; Motz, Ralph V. N; Miller, P. G. N; Miller, Arthur P. M; Mills, William, N; Mueller, Henry L. N; Minifield, C. B. N; Nutt, Alan, M; O'Connor, G. L. N; Petzold, W. B. N; Tolme, D. D. N; Richardson, M. B. N; Rinkenbach, R. B. N; Robinson, Paul C. N; Schautz, A. G. M; Schultz, R. S. N; Senator, F. A. N; Shollar, P. D. N; Schoeppe, A. F. N; Welling, D. Seario, M; Wier, Paul, N; Williams, R. L. M; Wilson, H. H. N; Wilson, J. H. N; Wilson, M. J. N; Wright, G. L. N

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Fort Meyer: Here's one we lapped in leaving thru the files of the Collegian of fifteen years ago, and perhaps caused a wild ripple of excitement (?) to the staves of that day. Ice cream he bought his darling, And she ate, and ate, and ate; 'Till at last her heart she gave him, To make room for one more plate.

Plattsburgh: ITS a cinch that she couldn't get away with that sort of thing today when Gorgo hands out such conglomeration as a maraschino pineapple orange ice sundae with marshmallow sass dressing.

Alumni: ROLL CALL ON AG. HILL (Any old day, any old class) "Smith" "Golg" "Smithe" "Golg" "Smythe" "GONE"

Plattsburgh: FROM sixty to six in half a dozen days is the usual rate of shrinkage on the Hill. IF MONDAY night's meeting of the A. A. had been held in the movie parlor a first-class crowd would have been present. RAIN, rain, rain. And Saturday was Straw Hat Day, too. HARD luck, Al

FRESHMAN FORESTERS WILL GO INTO CAMP. Summer camp for the Freshman Foresters has been introduced as a new feature of the course, and at the close of college in June, a large party of first year men who have taken up this course of study will get out in the open at Lumar, Pa. Sixteen new tents have already arrived for their use. A practical study of forestry conditions will be undertaken in the large tract of state forests at that point.

TO FIGHT SCRUB OAKS. In an attempt to overcome the scrub oak growth on the "Barrens" Professor Ferguson, of the Forestry Department, has made an experimental planting of cottonwood cuttings in that region. Their growth will be carefully watched.

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WHO'S WHO IN THE FACULTY

ELTON DAVID WALKER, B. S.

Elton D. Walker, head of the Department of Civil Engineering, was born March 8, 1880, at Taunton, Massachusetts. After preparing for college, Mr. Walker entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was graduated from that institution in 1899. For two years after graduation he taught in Boston.

On leaving the college world, he entered the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army, located at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and later became engaged in business with the firm of Walker and Gallagher, in Chicago.

In 1896 he again took up teaching as an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at Union College and, came to Penn State in 1900, in the same capacity. Since then he has remained at

Penn State and has risen to the position which he now holds. Mr. Walker has made a name for himself in the engineering world. He served as a Resident Hydrographer in the United States Geological Survey of New York, in 1898-1900, and as Hydraulic and Sanitary Engineer of the Pennsylvania State Department of Health. Mr. Walker has also served as an expert witness in many notable cases and has compiled several bulletins.

Professor Walker is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and several other national societies of a professional nature. He is also a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Pi honorary societies.

At the present time Professor Walker holds the rank of Captain of Engineers in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

Looking Backward

(Week of May 9)

FIVE YEARS AGO. Penn State tied the Indians in a Track and Field meet with a score of 56-56. The world's inter-collegiate record for the hammer throw and Penn State's record for both the discus and the shot-put were broken.

The Baseball team won two out of three games on the eastern trip. Dickinson suffered defeat with a score of 10-5 and Navy met the same fate by 4-1. Princeton was more successful and beat Penn State 3-1.

The entire college turned out to make the inter-scholastic meet successful. The cadets held a dress parade in the morning and in the afternoon a baseball game with Dickinson was played.

Dr. Atherton returned from a tour of the southern part of the United States and Mexico, which he had taken to regain his health.

TEN YEARS AGO. Penn State was successful in defeating Dickinson in both baseball and in track. In baseball, the first game resulted in a score of 5-4, while the second ended 1-3.

In an exciting game of seventeen innings, Cornell was defeated 3-1. During the previous year the same thing had occurred when a sixteen inning game was played.

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