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THE CRISIS PAST

Happenings during the past week will go down as being some of the most important and far-reaching in the history of Penn State. That the student body has been on the verge of probable disorganization, and has now passed the crisis with definite plans for the completion of the year, even though greatly reduced in numbers, brings home to us the important fact that we must now do everything in our power to fight off the excitement and discontent that has pervaded the campus for so many weeks. The leading thought that was brought out by President Sparks in his message to the student body last Wednesday night—that we must now have patience—should now be our by-word and guiding thought for the coming events.

Almost one-third of the entire student body has now departed from the campus to take up the various lines of patriotic service for the government. With their daily departure in the last few weeks, the others have been placed in a very difficult position. Very little studying has been done; little benefit has been derived from the college work; a period of unrest and discontent has surged about us that will be most difficult to throw off. Yet right now is the time for all of those remaining to make a supreme effort to come back to as nearly normal condition as possible. The crisis is presumably past; no more will be able to enter the training camps; the Penn State hospital unit has been nobly recruited to double capacity; and what little time is left in the college year makes it hardly worth while for more students to leave for industrial patriotic service. So far as a general response to service is concerned, Penn State is apparently through. Then it remains for all of us to do our share in an attempt to reestablish normal conditions.

The Council of Administration in reconsidering its action on the abolition of final examinations, has graciously contributed an immense share in attaining this end. This action has not only tended to keep more students in college for the balance of the year, thereby assisting materially in further preparing college men for the aftermath of the great war, but it will allow an additional week for beneficial instruction which we hope might be along military lines. Other colleges are seeing the necessity of this action, and the fact that Penn State is known as one of the leaders of the movement speaks well for her standing.

"CONGRATULATIONS"

The men who have backed debating during the past few years are to be congratulated upon their untiring efforts to win for Penn State recognition in national college debating circles. The granting of a charter in the national forensic society, Delta Sigma Rho, to Penn State is a step in advance for the college that is to be considered as a mark of the highest achievement.

"Everything comes to him who will but wait"—and work. Penn State in the matter of debating, has been waiting and working for a good many years. It took hard, consistent work on the part of many Penn State debaters to win the championship trophy in the Pennsylvania Debating League for the years 1913-1916, but that is only one symbol of their united efforts. We will look forward to a great advancement along debating lines at this college, for with membership in this national society of college debaters, greater recognition will come to Penn State teams; better contests can be guaranteed and it should be an incentive for better attendance at varsity debates.

It is a big day for Penn State when a thousand-dollar painting makes its appearance as a gift to the college. That is what has happened. A great, roomy, out-of-doors-breathing picture of Pennsylvania's blue hills hangs in the college Museum-Gallery and puts Penn State on an equal footing with many a more prosperous institution in the Commonwealth. Artist Sotter, of Pittsburgh, is the donor, and much gratitude to him will be the feeling of those who love the art enrichment of the College.

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THESPIANS ELECT FOR COMING YEAR

W. H. Jones '18 has been elected president of the Thespians for the coming season, with R. K. Hinkebaugh '18 as the business manager. The other officers that were elected are H. H. Burrell '18, secretary, W. C. Wilhelm '18, treasurer, and W. R. Weinman advertising manager. The election of an assistant manager from the competing Freshmen will take place later.

The following men have been elected into the Club. A. S. Riley, L. C. Ewver, J. J. Lawler, G. V. Proctor, W. H. Rogers, W. R. Weinman, J. L. Morris, D. H. Cameron, H. L. Mueller, E. S. Ziegler, Holder Bowman, H. D. Lurgay, F. E. Temple, R. E. Knebler, C. D. Frutznan, H. E. Thompson, C. G. M. D. A. Chambers.

It has been definitely decided that Thespians night will be a part of the Commencement program as usual and although some of the cast have left, arrangements have been made for a play at that time.

A new constitution has been drawn up by the organization which provides for the setting aside of one-third of the income each year for a club house.

EAGLESMERE CONFERENCE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE

Instead of the customary student conference at Eaglesmere under the direction of the Y M C A, which is held for the colleges of the Middle Atlantic states every year, the gathering will be held at Northfield, Mass. for all of the eastern colleges in June, because of the confusion and unsettled conditions among all of the colleges, it was thought best to combine the different conferences this year, and the grounds of the Northfield schools were selected. The program will aim to meet the demands of the present day as well as the momentous days ahead.

Many prominent men have been secured for the conference, this year. Such men as John R. Mott, Robert E. Speer, Robert P. Wilder, Dean Brown, Charles W. Gilkes, Henry Sloan Coffin and Robert Adam, the latter a British minister who comes from work of a social and religious nature among the troops of the western front, are sure to make the conference worth while. A number of Penn State men have already signified their intention of attending, and others can secure information at the Y M C A office.

GIRLS TO HOLD FETE

The girls of the class of 1919 will hold a lawn fete in front of the Women's Building next Saturday evening for the purpose of raising funds to send a representative to the Northfield conference in June. A similar event was held last year, and ice cream, lemonade and candy will be on sale.

NO MORE MEETINGS

Because of the great number of students who have left college, the Agricultural society has called off all meetings for the balance of the year, and has cancelled all engagements of speakers who were to come here during this month.

NO FRESHMAN MEMORIAL

At the last meeting of the Freshman class it was voted that the class discontinue the custom of giving the college a small memorial. The money will be used for some other purpose.

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HUNTINGDON HIGH WINS INTERSCHOLASTIC DEBATE

The third annual Interscholastic Debating Contest closed successfully last Saturday evening in the Auditorium, when Huntingdon High School, of Huntingdon county, won a 4-1 decision over Roaring Springs High School, of Blair county. Both teams performed creditably but the Huntingdon speakers were deemed superior to their opponents by virtue of more skillful diction, livery, and in the day, Millinburg High School, of Union county, and Ephrata High School, of Lancaster county, had been eliminated by Huntingdon and Roaring Springs, respectively, in the preliminary contests.

The question debated was, "Resolved: That state wide prohibition is a better solution of the liquor traffic in Pennsylvania than local option." In the afternoon, Huntingdon won over Millinburg while upholding the affirmative side of the question and, at the same time, Roaring Springs won while championing the negative issue. In the evening, the two winning teams changed sides and Roaring Springs upheld the affirmative with Huntingdon debating the negative. Professor T. B. Davis, Superintendent of schools at Blair county, presided and President Sparks introduced the speakers of the evening.

SOPHS WIN LACROSSE SCRAP FROM FRESHMEN

The Sophomore-Freshman Lacrosse scrap which was played Saturday morning on New Center field resulted in a 5-1 victory for the Sophomores. Although the winning team was without the service of three of its players, it played an uphill game and came out on the big end of the score. The varsity lacrosse team held a meeting Saturday and elected its leaders for next year. The results of the election were as follows: captain, W. A. Dean; manager, C. S. Brenner; assistant managers, W. H. Mitterling, L. M. MacWhinney and L. V. Darragh.

STUDENTS ON FARMS

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GIRLS' GLEE CLUB TO GIVE OPERETTA

The Girls' Glee Club, with the view of raising funds with which to plan a trip for the coming year to various other schools in the state, will present next Friday evening in the open air theatre on the front campus "The Feast of the Red Corn", an operetta in two acts. Special solos, brilliant costumes, and individual dances will feature the entertainment, the staging of which will be under the direct supervision of Miss Mary Dunham. Dean Robinson is coaching the singing, together with Mrs. Robinson, who will accompany the soloists at the piano. Special lighting schemes are being arranged. The admission is to be 25 cents.

Among the leading characters in the operetta are Miss Anne Geist '20, as "Queen"; Miss Anne Dreher '20, as the "Squaw"; Miss Adeline Miller '19, as "Impee Light"; and Misses Fishburn '19, Little '19, and Schaeffer '17, as the three children. In addition to these leading characters there will be a chorus of seventy girls. Mr. J. M. Hooper '17 will assist with drums and traps.

TEMPERANCE ESSAY CONTEST

The essay contest which is being conducted by the Women's Christian Temperance Union will come to a close tonight at 6:30 when the essays will be read at the Presbyterian Church. The subject is the relation of individual responsibility to the prosperity of the nation. The contest is open to all Penn State students, and a prize of fifteen dollars will be awarded for the best essay.

PENN STATE ALUMNI HONOR FORMER DEAN

Penn State miners in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, took lunch at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Saturday, May 5th, in honor of the seventieth birthday anniversary of Dr. E. M. Wadsworth, former Dean of the School of Mines at State. About twenty of "Poppys boys" were present and a few prominent mining men of Pittsburgh were there as invited guests. The lunch was presided over by W. L. Aftolder, '99, and talks were given by H. M. Wilson, Director of the Department of Inspection and Safety, The Associated Companies; "Pop" Golden, former Director of Athletics at State; J. M. Paul, of the United States Bureau of Mines, H. C. Ray, State '04, representing the University of Pittsburgh, and E. C. Leo '08, acting as representative of the Miners. Mr. Leo presented Dr. Wadsworth with a handsome gold cane and umbrella engraved "Presented to Dr. E. M. Wadsworth by his Penn State Miners, May 5, 1917"

FRESHMAN COLORS

A committee was appointed at the recent meeting of the Freshman class to make suggestions on the matter of selecting class colors.

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