

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EVENTS TO BEGIN TODAY

Frosh Stunts and Thespians To Open Big Bill of Events; Glee Club Tomorrow.

COMMENCEMENT AND CLASS DAY ON MONDAY TO BE NO FIFTY YEAR REUNION AT THIS TIME

Despite the fact that the war has greatly reduced the size of the student body and made necessary the curtailment of a number of the social functions, the Commencement activities beginning this afternoon and continuing until next Tuesday night promise to compare very favorably with the events of previous years.

The biggest day of all days on the Commencement calendar for the Penn State graduates will fall on next Tuesday when the annual Alumni Day exercises will call for the attention of those who are fortunate enough to be able to get back "The Garden," the "cave" under the canvas, the renewal of old acquaintances, the calling back of fond memories of campus life in years gone by.

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FRIDAY

On Friday afternoon will occur the first event of the Commencement program when Dr. E. W. Mitchell, '90 will present to the Senior Two Year Agricultural Class their certificates in the Agricultural Assembly Room of the Horticultural Building.

SATURDAY

Saturday morning at nine o'clock, the Cadet band will assemble on the Front Campus and render a concert previous to the Military Review at ten on New Beaver Field.

SUNDAY

One of the most popular college preachers of the country, the Reverend Dr. Hugh Black, of New York City, will be here on Sunday to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon.

SENIOR NOTICE

All Seniors are requested to be at the Open Air Theatre with their Caps and Gowns at 8:30 on Monday morning for the Class Day exercises.

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Announcement was made on the campus yesterday that the fifty year reunion of the class of 1867 could not be held this year, due to the extraordinary conditions.

The 1897 grads are planning to have the Pennsylvania Railroad shopmen's band of Tyrone here for the day and to help them out with their stunts.

Among the most important matters that will be brought up at the annual business meeting of the Alumni Association in the Auditorium at 10:15 Tuesday morning will be the consideration of future plans for the conduct of the association's "Booster Campaign".

MUSICAL CLUBS AND THESPIANS TO APPEAR

Thespians Present "The Naked Truth" in Conjunction With the Girls' Glee Club Cantata

Both the Thespians and the Girls' Glee Club have applied the finishing touches for the joint performance this evening and now await the rise of the curtain which promises to disclose one of the most novel combinations of dramatic and musical lines that has ever been staged in State College.

The order of events for the evening gives the girls the stage first, and their production will be followed by the two acts of the Thespian vehicle, "The Naked Truth." Both of the plays are dramatic in nature, the Thespian plot dealing with the travels of a magic crystal, and the "Feast of the Red

Glee and Mandolin Clubs Hold Forth in Their Final Concert of the Present Year

The closing event of the year along musical lines will be the concert tomorrow evening by the Orchestra, Glee Club, Mandolin Club and Male Quartet. An interesting program has been arranged, despite the loss of many members of these organizations.



This Poisonous Gas Warfare Happens Every Year

GREAT ADVANCE IN LEGISLATIVE LINES

Interclass Constitution and Budget System Prove Successful

Quite a few changes in the legislative line have been made during the last year, which has witnessed the actual working, for the first time, of the Interclass constitution and budget system. Important changes in the Honor System have been recommended, and a revision of the Student Council Constitution; changes in the college customs, and amendments and new articles to the interclass constitution are but part of the legislative work of the year.

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Good Orchestra For Junior Dance

With one of the best known orchestras in the east engaged to play for the Junior Prom on Monday night, all indications point to a most successful affair in the biggest social event of the Commencement season. The orchestra billed for the event is the famous Meyer Davis organization of seven pieces which plays exclusively for the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia and for all of the big social events in that city.

The Junior class committee in charge of the dances desires to emphasize the fact that the dance will be strictly informal, a feature that will doubtless be greeted with pleasure by the men. White flannels and "Palm-Beach" togery will be the order of the evening, rather than the customary full dress.

Baccalaureate By Doctor Black

The Reverend Dr. Hugh Black, professor of Practical Theology at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduating class on Sunday morning in the Auditorium.

Dr. Black spent his early life in Scotland after being educated at Rothly Academy, Glasgow University, and the Free Church College in Glasgow. He was ordained in 1881. He later became minister of St. George's United Free Church in Edinburgh, and came to this country sometime later. He has been granted his D. D. degree by Yale, Princeton and Glasgow Universities.

Calendar

- FRIDAY, JUNE 8: 2:00 P. M.—Closing Exercises, Two Year Agricultural Class Address by Dr. H. Walton Mitchell, '90—100 4:00 P. M.—Freshman Stunts Holmes Field 8:00 P. M.—Thespians in "The Naked Truth" Auditorium.

- SUNDAY, JUNE 10: 10:30 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. Hugh Black, Auditorium 3:30 P. M.—Military Band Concert Front Campus 8:00 P. M.—Sacred Concert, Auditorium.

- TUESDAY, JUNE 12: 9:30 A. M.—Annual Meeting of Phi Kappa Phi, Auditorium 10:15 A. M.—Annual Meeting, General Alumni Association, Auditorium 12:30 P. M.—Alumni Luncheon at the "Big Tent", Front Campus 2:30 P. M.—Trustee Elections, Front Campus 3:00 P. M.—Alumni "Go-ride", Front Campus to Beaver Field 8:00 P. M.—Baseball, Pitt vs. Penn State, New Beaver 8:30 P. M.—Alumni Dance and Reception, Airway

BASEBALL AND TRACK TO OFFER BIG ATTRACTIONS

Penn State Tossers To Meet Pitt Here in Two Games; First is Tomorrow.

REVIEW OF SEASON SHOWS 9 GAMES WON

With the two final games to be played with Pitt as part of the Commencement program the 1917 season for the Penn State baseball team will be brought to a close. When everything is duly considered, the season may rightfully be called a success, no matter how the concluding games result.

The Blue and White representatives are facing quite a difficult proposition when they tackle the Snook City collegians twice during the next four days. Pitt is always a hard team for State to beat and although the Mittany boys were victorious in the game played at Pittsburgh a few weeks ago it is no indication that the coming games will not be hotly contested.

Langdon to Pitch. Langdon, the Star Panther hurler, is expected to pitch as part of the National League by keeping the State hits few and far between, and it is very probable that he will twist both games. Kennedy, their second best pitcher has been barred from the team for playing under an assumed name in a recent semi-professional game.

Play Last Games. Robinson and Blythe will play their last games for State in the Pitt series. They have both been regulars for the past four years and their places will be hard to fill next year. Robinson has played constantly at first base during his entire career, beginning as a Freshman. Blythe, on the other hand, has shifted between third base and short stop, but he has played the latter position in the majority of games.

Howard is Undeafened. The 1917 record of the team is practically linked with the record of "Bill" Howard, who has pitched in all but four of the sixteen games played thus far. The big right hander stepped into the breach left by the graduation of Wardwell and Hesselbacher last year, and he has earned a record of eight victories to no defeats—a record that has not been surpassed by any Penn State pitcher in recent years.

Eight out of Nine. Of the nine games already won by the Blue and White, Howard is credited with eight, which shows just how valuable he has been to the team. Johnston won the other game when he downed Pitt. Howard has taken part in four other games, but in each case, he entered the box when State was defeated and has not been credited with the defeat. Johnston is credited with one defeat, Davis with three, and Grumbler, a youngster unearthed late in the season, is credited with the other three losses, despite the fact that he has pitched excellent ball in every case.

Seven Regulars Back. When spring practice started this year, there were seven regulars back from last year's team. These were Robinson, at first, Mingle at second, Wheeling at short, Blythe at third, Ewing in center, Johnston in right, and Davis in the pitcher's box. The absence of "Doc" Moore behind the plate left a vacancy that was hard to fill and it was really this weakness behind the bat that lost the majority of the games.

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Track Men To Wind Up Very Successful Season With Pitt Meet Monday.

STRING OF VICTORIES MARKS YEAR'S WORK

The final test of the season for the track team comes on Monday afternoon of commencement week when the Penn State athletes will be seen in action against the University of Pittsburgh track team. The Blue and Gold team will be composed of practically the same men who won the annual competition at year ago while the Penn State squad has been badly shattered by the withdrawal of men from college, the latest calamity occurring in the weight division where the loss of Beck and Cullage will be felt.

Ganzmuller will run in both the 100 yard and the 220 on Monday and will have as his opponent Burwell, the fast negro sprinter. Captain Shea will be the main contender for Penn State in the quarter mile and he will also run with Shields in the half mile. Grumbler, of Pitt, is a fast man in both of these events but Coach Martin feels that the Blue and White runners will be able to lead the speedy visitor to the tape. Shields will also enter in the mile and Hantz will cover the two mile course.

It is thought that Runyon will have little competition in the pole vault but it is doubtful whether he will be able to enter in the high jump because of a severe bulge in his heel which Coach Martin is attempting to bring into shape. Jeffries, however, will also be seen in this event and he is expected to give Russ, the Pitt jumper, a good run for initial honors. Jeffries and Barton will contend in the broad jump while Barton and Whiting will be the Penn State entries in both hurdles. Since Beck and Cullage will not be on hand for the meet, Coach Martin is working hard with George Smith and Unger and hopes to have them in winning form for the weight events on Monday.

The meet last June was a close one throughout with just Pitt and then State taking the lead. Toward the close of the meet, with the broad jump to be decided, the Blue and White team was in the lead, but in this event two places were won by the Pittsburgh athletes which shifted the score to a 52-51 total in favor of the visitors. The two men who seemed for Pitt in this event were MacMasters and Sheehan, who captured first and third place while Palmer, of Penn State, was sandwiched between them in second place.

Looking Backward. Not counting the Pitt meet for the coming week the varsity was entered in four meets during the past season and in every instance performed creditably. Track activities in many colleges were very uncertain this spring and for this reason the season's accomplishments with which the Penn State men were scheduled for several competitions during Easter week, called all engagements off.

The first meet of the season was the Indoor Intercollegiate event in Philadelphia on March 3. With only eight men entered in this meet, Penn State secured twelve trophies by finishing second in the six lap relay and third in the three lap relay and the medley race. At an indoor meet held the night before at Washington the team won second place. At the Indoor Intercollegiate the men were pitted against probably the best college athletes in the country since Princeton, Syracuse, Cornell, Penn, Harvard and several other big eastern colleges were entered.

The Meadowbrook meet on the following Saturday in Philadelphia, turned out more successfully for the Penn State runners. Three places were won in this meet by the Blue and White athletes when Ganzmuller, Foster and Shea scored in the 450 yard scratch race for novices, the 400 and the 1000 yard hurdles, respectively. Ganzmuller was the stellar performer at this time since he won a first place and broke the record by 1-4-6 seconds, his time being 41 1/2 seconds for the 350 yard distance. The former record was held by Penn. This Meadowbrook meet

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\$1,500,000 Likely For Penn State

The Penn State appropriation bill of \$1,500,000 is now being considered by the State Legislature. The bill now stands, it is considerably larger than was granted two years ago. In a letter posted recently, Dr. Sparks expressed the opinion that if the bill is passed finally, a vote of thanks is due to the Governor and to every member of the House and Senate. The legislators who may be said to have done the most for the progress of the bill are the Hon. James A. Woodward, McCasport; Senator C. J. Buchanan, Langhorne; Senator William E. Crow, Uniontown; Senator S. J. Miller, Middletown; the Hon. Harry B. Scott, Philadelphia; and the Hon. A. B. Hess, Lancaster, as well as Governor Brumbaugh.

A great amount of good could be accomplished for Penn State with the amount now being considered. Although it would be impossible to erect any new buildings with this sum, nevertheless improvements in other lines could be attempted. It would be possible to at least secure more modern equipment and to better the teaching force.

LA VIE STAFF CHOSEN. A number of men have been chosen for the editorial staff of the 1918 La Vie, and several others will be added during the coming semester. The members are: J. H. Lucas, S. S. Furst, C. K. Graeber, W. G. Soley, H. D. Kehm, J. N. Riley, H. Marckle, C. M. Barr, H. E. Davis, and E. N. Wood.

PROFESSORS AT NIAGARA. Arthur Deering and E. Davis, of the faculty, members of Troop E, cavalry of Bellefonte, left last week for training at Fort Niagara.