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ANOTHER HOUSE TO BUILD

A call will be issued during the next few weeks for candidates to take up the task of carrying on one of Penn State's most important student activities. The debating management is this year confronted with the double task of meeting a formidable array of opponents with only a small number of experienced men to select the teams from.

The schedule as so far arranged should be particularly attractive because the number of interesting trips included. Georgetown University will be met at Washington and another team will journey to New York to debate New York University.

As a matter of history it might be added for the benefit of the new men that two years ago Penn State secured the permanent possession of the championship cup of the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Debating League.

It can be clearly seen, therefore, that the need of new men from all the classes trying out for positions on the debating squad is particularly urgent this year. State has maintained a high standard for many years on the debating platform and it is largely up to the new men to continue the successful efforts of the past.

THE SAME OLD TROUBLE.

Penn State's athletic coaches and managers are once more "up against" that old annual occurrence that unfortunately mars the furtherance of true sport and the physical development of perfect manhood as regularly as September comes around.

It is to be regretted that such conditions exist at Penn State, and at the same time it is to be hoped that as few as possible gain that goal. Men, this is no time to play around with such selfish notions! If you have the merest ounce of athletic ability in your system, give it a chance.

The football coaches have made an appeal for more 'varsity candidates, there is plenty of room on the baseball squad, any number of track men can be cared for, 'varsity soccer has begun and 'cross country is being developed.

THE PROPER SPIRIT.

Last Thursday evening at the opening mass meeting of the year, President Sparks in his talk, naturally dwelled upon the subject of athletics in colleges this fall, and he spoke with pride in the fact that Penn State is to be represented by a football team as in former years.

The scheduling of this game was indeed an honor for Penn State and it was a reward for what the Blue and White has always stood for—good, clean sportsmanship, either winning or losing.

And what was the result? The 'varsity, although playing against a team that man for man was far superior, showed the characteristic Penn State spirit and fight, and by playing clean, hard football,

they won a well deserved victory over their famous opponents. It is this spirit that will usually carry an inferior man to the top, and if the team that represents Penn State on the gridiron this fall can continue to show the same grit and determination, the student body need have no fears that their team will be beaten until the final whistle blows.

HELP!

What is the use of having college customs at Penn State if they cannot be respected? If a Freshman made his appearance on the campus wearing a gaily colored tie, a mild mob scene might be the result.

Penn State's class and college customs have been made for a purpose. They should therefore be rigidly enforced with that purpose in view. The little things may not be taken seriously by the undergraduate, but in the long run they serve him well.

The "Collegian" scored a "beat" in last week's issue. Perhaps few of our readers realized that in reading the results of the Senior class elections in our columns on Wednesday morning, we printed news that was a few hours old.

On the Corner

THE co-ed's are beating you to it—over half of 'em are on our subscription list already. IDLE SPECULATION—If a Sophomore with his hep coat unbuttoned saw a Freshman with his pipe in his pocket, we wonder what would happen.

WE take great PLEASURE in announcing the FACT that from all INDICATIONS the COTTAGE and MAC HALL are as W. K. and pop. this YEAR as ever before—PERHAPS more so.

PROSPECTS are exceeding bright for a winning Freshman baseball nine next spring. One verdant spoonman actually admitted that he played "senior's ball" all summer and is out to prove it, having been excused from drill to show how it is done.

BLow, ye winter winds, blow! Subscribe now for the "Collegian." Office open every evening from 6:30 to 7:30.

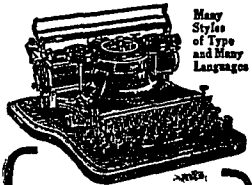
"RAIL BIRDS" are still as thick as eels on the railing 'round the corner. WE heard the other day that Eve was made for Adam's express company. But we don't believe a word of it.

REWARD Did you hear Peter Clark McFarlane last Sunday? Yes? Well, then, here's a good opportunity for you to become famous. Take that unborn idea of his about "Dracilla, Plants Onions" and write a declamation on it of not less than 80,000 words and hand it in to us not later than 3:30 this afternoon.

AS we hurry along to press, we make note of the fact that there is still nothing like a class scrap looming up on the horizon.

UNLESS some note of you come across with a bone and two bits for our circulation manager this spire of non-sense is likely to go up the spout before the year is out.

NOW—every body—Chorus "It's no good anyway!" We'll beat you to it, and admit it. But the sheet has to have a safety valve some where, and we never have anything to do 'til tomorrow (?), so we just simply let the stuff effervesce. Sometimes we even feel



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This is my last year in college, and time after time in previous years I have been placed at no little discomfort and inconvenience through the neglect of instructors in the proper ventilation of lecture and recitation rooms.

When a contractor erects a school building he is compelled by law to provide sufficient air space for a certain amount of students. Classes at this college are nearly all overcrowded, and that makes it even more necessary for the health of the student to be looked after.

Trusting that you will take this matter up in your paper, I am Sincerely, "A Fresh Air Friend"

MANY ENROLL IN WOOD TECHNOLOGY CLASS

The first meeting of the class in wood technology, under the direction of Professor Green, of the School of Forestry, was held last Tuesday evening in the Forestry Building and about twenty students signified their intention of entering the class at that time.

Contrary to an impression that was created by an article in a recent issue, this class is not sanctioned by the government, nor suggested by any government official or department.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT AMBULANCE RETURNS

Unfortunately, few members of the student body were able to witness the game last Saturday between the Penn State 'varsity and the U. S. Army ambulance corps team, played at Allentown. However, the larger percentage of the students were on hand in the Auditorium when the first whistle sounded, and from then on, they were enabled to follow the progress of the game by means of the telephone and the scoreboard.

The returns last Saturday were handled more efficiently than they have been for some time, both at the Auditorium and on the field. The result was, that those in attendance were given the plays accurately almost as soon as they were completed.

For example, there was a deep, hearty roar when it was announced that Beck had led the army team on the field, and upon the further announcement that he had been elected captain, the old college yell was given with a vim that rivaled the days when "Becky" and the Blue and White. However, the roar was, just as hearty, when the returns came in "Beck fails to gain."

The deeper feelings of the student body were touched when the message came that the boys when "Becky" State ambulance unit were wishing that they were back in the Auditorium with "the rest of the boys." The announcement was greeted with absolute silence and no doubt the men in the audience echoed the wish of their former classmates.

The humorous side of the afternoon was furnished at the expense of the army's star tackle, Johnson, of Washington and Leo. Johnson, by the way, played a fine game throughout, but unfortunately, he was injured early in the game. He returned to the game more "laid out." Then came the following successive announcements to the assembled students.

"Johnson is fatally injured" "Johnson refuses to leave the game and continues to play." "Johnson breaks through and downs Gross for a two yard loss." "Johnson downs Way for the loss of one yard."

At this point, they evidently stopped sending the plays near Johnson, for they probably feared that he would be "killed" and then make a touchdown!

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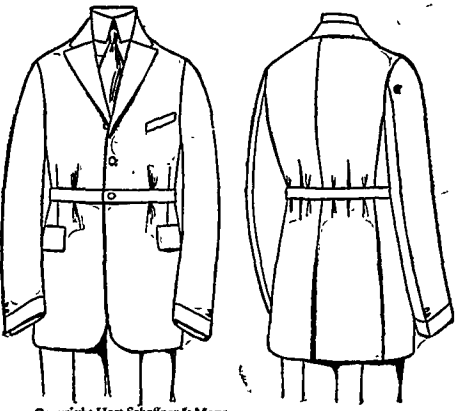
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