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FIGURES DO NOT LIE

With the early beginning of a new semester tomorrow morning, each student should take upon himself the necessity of looking gravely into the reasons that brought about the change from the routine of other years, and govern himself accordingly. As a war measure the change is one of great merit, and from the other side, the inconvenience of the rearrangement to the college officials brings to our attention the gravity of the situation, and should encourage us to strive to the best of our ability to make the new semester a successful one in every respect.

The unbroken strain from now until the last of April will doubtless prove tedious, especially towards the end, but every time an attack of the "blues" comes on—and some of them are sure to come—just think of the purpose of the entire arrangement; think that it is aiding your country to win the war. Our influence here may be very slight, but these are times when "every little bit helps." Collectively, we are just a little cog in Uncle Sam's affairs. No cog dare slip.

It is unfortunate that there is no definite, uniform system in vogue throughout every department of the college whereby the "cutting" of classes might be regulated and thoroughly understood by every student. But even if a definite "cut" system were in effect here this is no time to take undue advantage of its absence. A well known member of the faculty has brought class attendance down to a business-like basis, a viewpoint that is seldom taken by the average student.

It is conservatively estimated that to keep the student body at Penn State for one ordinary year costs in the neighborhood of one million dollars. For two thousand students this would mean an annual expenditure by the State of \$500 per student. (With a student body now several hundred less than that number, the expense for each student is naturally greater, for overhead expenses must be met.) Figures show that the average man at Penn State spends about \$500 a year for fees, room, board, clothing, traveling and miscellaneous expenses. It therefore costs an average of \$1,000 a year per student for his education. The average student has a total of 578 recitations a year, at a cost of \$1.75 for each one. A class of thirty is costing no less than \$52.50!

Time is money—why waste it?

EVERYBODY OUT!

With the approval of the government officials back of extended college athletics, colleges and universities all over the country are encouraging all forms of sport and pushing them just as though conditions were normal in every respect. Intra-mural sports are receiving special attention on all sides, and at Penn State there should be no exception to the rule.

With the practical abandonment of the spring baseball and track programs of the "varsity" teams there are great opportunities for the development of inter-class sports of all kinds, and they should be pushed to the utmost. The inter-class basketball, wrestling and boxing seasons are just starting, and indoor track work offers the best of training. For men who never before have had an idea of training in any of these special lines there is now the opportunity of not only helping themselves to better health, but of helping the college in the development of perhaps latent material, and conforming with the desire of the government to have better men, physically, for its service.

The season of minor sports is still in its infancy, and it is planned to operate all of them on larger scales than heretofore. More stress will likely be laid upon early baseball training that ever before and the same is true of track, in order that as many students as possible will be allowed to participate, chiefly for the benefits derived in physical development. The inter-class basketball race is to start soon, and we trust that this, as well as all other forms of sport, will receive the best kind of support from the students, not only as spectators, but as participants, as well.

THINKING OF OTHERS

Thoughtlessness, prompted by undue impatience and a lack of means whereby an excess of energy could be diverted in another direction, was, we believe, directly responsible for the ungentlemanly conduct on the part of a number of students at one of the town theatres last Thursday night. In their anxiety to gain admission to the place of amusement, these students overlooked for the time being the comfort and safety of the women and children on the inside.

It is unfortunate that women and children were put to any discomfort, and had these students stopped to think of this phase of the matter, we have no doubt that their attitude at the time would have been different. We regret sincerely that the incident occurred, and trust that the students will in the future be a little more thoughtful towards the management of the theatre and their patrons. We must not forget that the management is doing its best to give us the best service possible, and that others than ourselves are desirous of reaping the benefit therefrom.

Looking Backward

(Week of January sixteenth)

Twenty years ago:

New College halls completed. Bellefonte Central reduces train service from three to two trains a day. Inter-class basketball schedule announced for season of 1918.

Fifteen years ago:

The "Free Lance" opens an original story content, with prizes aggregating \$20.

Seniors petition for exemptions from their final examinations, provided their studies warrant it.

Sophomores defeat Freshmen in the annual interclass debating scrap.

President Atherton returns home from a trip abroad, and is welcomed by student body in front of Old Main.

Y. M. C. A. Entertainment Course nets \$216.65, over an expenditure of

\$211.60.

Ten years ago:

State defeats Wyoming Sem, 40-11, in first basketball game of the season.

Dean Watts appointed to succeed Professor Butz, deceased, as head of Department of Horticulture.

Dr. Sparks, president-elect, delivers a lecture on "Robert Morris: Unknown Patriot."

Professor Hugo Diemer assumes charge of Department of Industrial Engineering.

Five years ago:

Pitt loses to State, 48-30, first basketball game of the season.

Jane Adams here over Jan. 15, on the Y. M. C. A. course, and at chapel.

Announcement made of the proposed trip to the Pacific Coast, to be made by the musical clubs at Easter.

Wrestling and basketball schedules for 1913 announced.

Coach "Bill" Hollenbach secured for football season of 1913-14.

LAST YEAR'S SENIORS OUT IN THE WORLD

Charters, L. W., 511 Second St., Station A Altoona, Pa.
Clark, H. A., Hercules Club of Kenil, N. J.
Coleman, H. T., Brookville, Pa.
Custer, C. J., Parker Ford, Pa.
Dahl, H. E., Box 425, Verona, Pa.
Dovey, W. H., Battery A, 311th Field Artillery, Camp Meade, Md.
Davis, C. B., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Davis, Edna H., Altoona, Pa.
Diehl, D. H., R. D. 4, Danville, Pa.
Drumma, H. S., Silk Mills, Sunbury, Pa.
Dunkle, R. S., Harrisburg, Pa.
Eby, Claude, Farm Manager, Valley View Farm Phoenixville, Pa.
Edwards, P. W., Osecola Mills, Pa.
Files, J. D., P. O. Box, Phillipsburg, Pa.
Fisher, J. H., Steelton, Pa.
Fleming, R. M., U. S. Navy Aviator Corps, Lds. Gm. U. S. N. Headquarters, Paris France.
Foltz, Frank, Litz, Pa.
Frazee, C. C., Germantown, Pa.
From, J. W., Sinking Springs, Pa.
Geraclimo, R. A., Student Course, Westinghouse E. & M. Co., Wilkingsburg, Pa.
Graham, Daphne, M., Housekeeper in large cottage, Sleghton Farm Darlington, Delaware county, Pa.
Harrison, M. T., Box 133, Centerville, Pa.
Head, A. H., Bellevue, Pa.
Hesser, W. J., Harrisburg, Pa.
Hlman, R. G., R. D. 6, Corry, Pa.
Hoffer, R. E., Hummelstown, Pa.
Hollenbaugh, B. E., New Bloomfield, Pa.
Holmberg, C. W., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Hunter, R. V., Spring City, Pa.
Jacobus, Helen M., Pottstown, Pa.
Kennedy, E. P., Wyalsburg, Pa.
Kirk, J. N., Allport, Pa.
Kishbaugh, Walter, Nesquehoning, Pa.
Kistler, J. D., Tamaqua, Pa.
Krell, J. W., Tamaqua, Pa.
Lichtenthaler, H. J., Phillipsburg, Pa.
Raney, F. T., Toledo Rail and Light Co., Toledo, Ohio.
Reager, W. F., Chemist, Atlas Powder Co., Tamaqua, Pa.
Reber, C. J., Enlisted in Eng. Corps, Reading, Pa.
Reed, A. C., Farm Hand, Midwest Hog Co., Bloomfield, Pa.
Reeder, C. J., Plant Chemist, Empire Refineries Inc., Poca City, Okla.
Reinhard, M. C., Medical Reserve Ambulance Corps, Moores, Pa.
Reish, L. K., Ashland, Pa.
Reisner, G. L., Fellow in Farm Crops, Dept. of Agronomy, Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan.
Richard, P. M., Harrisburg, Pa.
Ricketts, J. B., Philadelphia, Pa.
Ritchey, T. F., Jr., Tester, Lawrence County Farm Association, Grove City, Pa.
Robbins, Joseph, Corporal, National Army, Co. 219, Camp Lee, Va.
Roberts, A. W., Third Officers' Training Camp, Governors' Island, N. Y.
Roberts, L. E., R. D. 3, Waterford, Pa.
Robinson, J. N., 2nd Lieut. U. S. Army, 22nd Cavalry, Cheekamauga, Ga.
Tovleth, Morania, Philadelphia, Pa.
Touhland, R. W., Cadet, 5th Detachment, Aviation Section, Signal Corps, American Expeditionary Force, Vin New York, N. Y.
Boyer, Z. R., Architectural Engineer in Division Office, Bell Telephone Co. of Penna., Lancaster, Pa.
Hudolph, Foster, Fellowship in Plant Breeding, Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing, Mich.

NEW ORDNANCE CLASS TO START JANUARY 30

The next course in Ordnance Stores which is offered by the Industrial Engineering Department to the residents of the state will begin on January 30 and continue until March 15. This is the sixth of these courses which have proved to be such valuable training for men who wish to enter the Ordnance Section of the Army. The course is under the personal direction of Ordnance Sergeant Mack and J. O. Keller, who was recently commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Reserve Corps on January 11. He was assigned to State College until the receipt of further orders. The membership in the sixth course is limited to one hundred men, and the list of applicants now very nearly reaches this number. The status of the men taking this in proceeding courses. Lieutenant Keller has just recently returned from Washington where he learned that from this date on the men in the Ordnance Stores course would be drafted into the Ordnance Section of the Army. It has not been decided whether the men during their stay in State College will be considered as on the pay roll, or merely as being on a furlough. The decision concerning this important question will probably be made public in charge of this Section. The purpose of the Ordnance course is preparation for Ordnance Field Service. It covers a period of six weeks, no fee is charged, and strict military discipline is in force throughout. Men who satisfactorily complete the course are sent to an arsenal or permanent ordnance depot for further training, immediately. It may be however, that the successful men will be sent first to a cantonment to be equipped, and will go to their final place of instruction as soon as their equipment is complete. During the course all men are on duty practically eight hours per day, except Saturday. A thorough study of army regulations, ordnance property regulations, army paperwork including company administration, property accountability, and accountability for public funds, manual of court-martial, scientific management, and principles of stockkeeping are included in the course. Calisthenics and military drill are required every day. Supplementary lectures are also given on such subjects as military drill, correspondence, sections of the service, handling of explosives, first aid, camp sanitation and military hygiene. The policy of the government, effective with the course starting January 30th, is to have all men taking the work inducted into the service through their local boards in accordance with the meaning of the course that in every case the local boards can assign the men to the enlisted Ordnance Corps, National Army as of the date of the opening of the course and order them to report on that date at this training school. It is probable that motions and quarters will be furnished by the Government during the course, and it is possible that the pay of the men as privates will start with the opening of the course. Satisfactory completion of this course fits every man for appointment as a non-commissioned officer, and secures him the only course which receives a commission. Appointment is made, however solely on merit.

ATHLETIC HEADS' FORECAST CHANGES

General Investigation Of College Athletics Recommended By the National Association

Consideration of plans to foster and extend athletic activity among colleges during and after the war occupied the chief attention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association at its annual meeting, held recently in New York City and attended by Penn State's Graduate-Manager of Athletics, R. H. Smith. The plans which were discussed and recommended to the General Education Board call for an investigation of the practices of the athletic boards of all the colleges in order that a new standard of athletic competition may be established after the war before a universal return to the old conditions has been completed. The suggestion that a universal investigation of athletics be made came as a result of the realization that physical education should be considered a part of every college curriculum. The investigations as recommended to the General Education Board will consist of a general survey of conditions and the establishment of an athletic standard that all colleges can follow. It is hoped by the sponsors of the recommendations that proselyting of athletes and other practices of undesirable character will be quickly wiped out in many of the educational institutions of the country. Specialization in athletics was also condemned by the Association and in the future it is hoped that the keynote of post-war athletics will be "the greatest participation by the largest possible number of students." High priced coaching is also liable to receive a hard blow for it is certain that the future is going to see a reduction in the size of the coaching staffs with a consequent saving of salaries, which money can be devoted to encouraging the more general participation of the general student bodies in athletics. Professor Alonzo A. Stagg, director of athletics at the University of Chicago, in commenting upon the proposed investigation of collegiate athletics said:

INTERCLASS BOXING MEET TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH

While boxing is considered neither a major or a minor sport by the athletic authorities, yet there are no indications that it will not be as popular this year as heretofore. This form of sport has always been especially popular among the students and is also very interesting for the spectators. One of the most enjoyable attractions last winter was the inter-class meet in this sport. From present indications, the inter-class meet will be held this year about the second week in March. This is the time when interest is the highest, and March usually sees the close of the basketball season, a good meet should be staged. Up to the present time, no varsity manager has been elected and the Sophomore and Freshman classes are the only ones which have elected class managers. L. L. Holland was elected to manage boxing for 1920 at a class meeting held some time ago. When the remainder of the managers are elected, trials will be arranged and held in ample time to prepare for the meet in March.

Engineering News

Professor C. L. Kinlos attended a conference in Washington Jan. 11th, called by the Bureau of Vocational Education to consider the further use of technical schools in training men for various skilled trades, for drafting, designing wireless, and similar lines. About 20 seniors elected to take the Signal Corps Course to be organized at the request of the War Department. These enlisted men will pursue special instruction leading to a degree and will be released or placed on the "active" list of the Signal Corps, as they request, after graduation. The object is to supply engineers to this branch of military service where their chances for promotion are good. Major Hugo Diemer, stationed at the U. S. Metallic Cartridge Co.'s plant in Lowell, Mass., has been suffering from an infected hand. The surgeons in attendance at the hospital state that the progress of the infection has been arrested and that the Major is rapidly recovering. It was necessary to scrape the bone on the inside of the left hand to prevent the infection from becoming deep seated. No amputation has been necessary. neers last Friday on "Special War Service." Dean R. L. Sackett spoke to the Engineering for Engineers." After describing the various lines of government service open for the summer or permanently, for men in the various departments, he discussed the question of a summer semester for present Sophomore and Junior Engineers.

SOPHOMORE GIRLS HOLD SUCCESSFUL DANCE

A dance, under the auspices of the Sophomore girls, was held on Saturday afternoon, January 5, in the Sewing Room of the Women's Building. A crowd of more than fifty couples enjoyed dancing from 2:30 to 5:30. The purpose of holding the dance was to secure money to send representatives from the Sophomore girls to the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Englewood in the Spring.

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GRAFF STEWART NOW IN CHARGE OF NEW DRUG STORE

Announcement has just been made that Graff Stewart, a graduate pharmacist, has now taken charge of the local branch of the Heffner Drug Company, which some time ago took over the Krumrine stand on East College Avenue. The store has been under the temporary supervision of C. H. Morris, Mr. Stewart is a graduate of Allegheny College, class of 1916, and was a member of Gamma Chapter of Beta Phi Sigma, professional fraternity. Before and after taking his college work he was connected with the Heffner and Heffner Drug Company of Lock Haven, a large firm compounding from fifty to 100 prescriptions daily. While there he received valuable training and was held in high regard by the firm that sends him here to manage the State College branch.

Mining Notes

In the department of geology, there have been added as new equipment fifty student working collections of common and characteristic fossils for use in classes in general geology. Each collection comprises forty fossils, ranging from the most ancient up to recent forms. In the department of mining, there has been installed in the machinery room an electric-driven pump, so connected as to pump water out of the tunnel should water run in as usually happens every spring. This type of pump, electric-driven and mounted on a portable frame on a truck, is coming more and more into use in mines as a valuable emergency equipment.

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