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NEW REGULATIONS FOR FRESHMEN

The demand for Penn State students getting better acquainted with one another, as evidenced in the elaborate program now under way for a big "get-together" next week, brings to us the suggestion that certain student legislation might tend to adjust matters more satisfactorily along these lines for the future. While there are chances that the success of this movement might tend to better conditions for the time being, we believe that certain definite regulations would go a long way in making them permanent.

As an example, why not make it a definite and thoroughly understood rule that every Freshman speak to every other member of his class in passing, on the street? Of course each incoming class is usually impressed with the value of this custom, BUT there is nothing binding in the so-called habit to enforce each wearer of the green cap to say "Hello!" to every other man who wears one. If this idea were to be carried out with every Freshman knowing that it had to be done with the same spirit which dictates that he keep his hands out of his pockets and his feet off the grass, we feel that there would be less cause for holding a "getting-acquainted" program.

To this definite action might be added the idea that the custom be extended to requiring Freshmen to speak also to members of the upper classes. While this would naturally make the scope a pretty broad one, there are possibilities for its effectiveness. Then too, there are a number of "Poster Night" customs that might well be put to every day use. In this regard the Freshmen may feel that they are being imposed upon, and that too much is being asked of them. But it is not true that the first college year is the one in which the college man receives the most training and presents the best opportunities for the foundation of character building for the succeeding years? The Freshmen have no reason to believe that they are a downtrodden lot, especially this year when there has been a certain laxity in enforcing customs. In fact, they have thus far been "let down pretty easily."

To the foregoing suggestions we might add that a ruling would not be out of place that would require Freshmen, at least during the time from the opening of college in the fall until "Poster Night" has passed into history, to show greater respect for upperclassmen while on the campus. To attain this end we would have every Freshman while addressing upperclassmen during that period remove his cap and use that little word "Sir" in questioning and answering. It appears that the principle involved would at least warrant the trial of such custom. President Sparks emphasizes the use of the title of courtesy in his observations of army camp life, and its compulsory use here by Freshmen, even for the entire college year, would add greatly to the efficiency of the so-called training. Talk this over with your Student Council representative, as you should all such matters, and you will probably find flaws or suggestions for further improvement in general lines.

ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN.

The recent decision of the Thespian Club to admit the women students of the college for the first time into the cast of the annual presentation has been received with interest by many members of the college who have felt for a long time that the girls should have a fuller opportunity in more of the important student activities. It is true that they have been gradually assuming more important duties in the life of the college but there are still a large number of activities which they have practically left untouched. The very pleasing issue of "Froth" last November and the productions of the Girls' Glee Club have furnished samples of the good things of which our women students are capable. But, excluding the annual La Vie, they have no constant and regular opportunity to express their opinions and make their presence in the college community felt in the fullest measure.

The expressed regret that such conditions prevail at Penn State has often been heard from both men and women members of the student body and it has been with a desire to better such conditions that the present Collegian Board has endeavored to encourage the organization of a reportorial staff among among the women; but so far there have been no results attained. The non-success that has greeted our efforts in the past has convinced us that something more positive in character must be done in order to make the proposition attractive to the literary talent that must exist among the women. It is therefore, with the hope that a complete women's staff may soon be organized that we suggest to the girls that they, on their own initiative, immediately elect an Editor for the Women's Editorial Staff of this paper and that she conduct trials among the upper-class girls for positions on the staff. The women's editor could have powers in her department exactly similar to that of the editor of the paper and it will be her duty in conjunction with the other upper-class members to select new members to her staff and to approve all material submitted for publication. To the new staff the editorial and news columns of the paper will always be open and in the determination of the editorial policy the editor-in-chief will consider the opinions of the members at all times. The details of the women's staff we will leave to the decision of the girls themselves but we are ready at once to furnish them with all needed information concerning the organization of the present Board.

That there is a need existing here for such a staff is beyond a doubt. We heard a very decided expression of opinion concerning quite a number of things in the one column of "On The Corner" which the girls submitted last year and we do not doubt but that there are many things occurring at Penn State in which the women would like to have a voice. At other co-educational institutions the girls have universally succeeded in making themselves heard and everywhere they are playing important parts on the staffs of the student newspapers.

We feel confident that such an important staff can be organized at once, and be in full and permanent operation before the close of the scholastic year.

WHY NOT TRY IT?

When a student pays his incidental fee at the beginning of each semester, a certain portion of that fee goes to the support of the College Health Service. Moreover, it is the only means of maintenance that the Health Service has, and it must cover the salaries of a doctor and two nurses, in addition to the cost of medicines and the like.

In other words, the College Health Service is supported entirely by the students and in return it is prepared to serve the students in the best manner possible. While of necessity, there must be certain limits to the hours when treatment will be given, nevertheless, the Health Service is prepared to do its part in caring for the health of the students, provided the students will give it the opportunity.

But that is apparently where the trouble lies. While the Health Service physician has undoubtedly treated more students this year than ever before, (there have been over 150 on some days) there are still a number of students who, either through prejudice or misunderstanding continue to visit outside doctors and thus pay an added expense for medical care.

Of course, the Health Service is not the loser by this but the student most emphatically is. Free service is given at the Health Service building, and we are sure that one visit is enough to convince one of the efficiency and ability of the college physician. Therefore does not common business sense direct that one should not pay for service that may be received free? Why not try the Health Service?

The true Penn State spirit has been well demonstrated during the past week. A member of the Junior class holding a John W. White scholarship, when called into the service of his country, nobly sacrificed the remainder of the fund allotted him for the benefit of another who was deserving of the assistance. While he had every right to keep the unused money, he displayed a noble spirit and handed it over to another who will be able to make good use of it. His action is most commendable.

On the Corner

Have You Studied Your French Lesson This Week?

A ODE
Your face is black
Your sides are brown
I never great you
With a frown;
Your taste is neat,
Your presence sweet,
I love you, ripe
Old Jimmy Pipe.

IS your roof leaking?

WE are puzzled to know just which fellow is the meanest counting on the most profit these days—the plumber who is opening frozen pipes, or the paperhanger who is busy calculating the returns to be gained in replacing the spotted wall paper caused by the early flood.

BUT what's the use. Both of 'em win.
WE'RE never going to snicker at the other fellow when the ice takes a fall out of him. We took a peach the other day.

THE only thing we have against the Freshmen attending parties in the Bull Pen is the way they manage to occupy the entire width of the walk when they troop merrily out. We got shoved into a snow bank up to our knees the other day when three of 'em came down on dress parade, completely filling the three foot path.

WE'RE in favor of forming 'em into a chain gang and look steppin' them over the campus.

ALL out for that "getting acquainted" stunt!

IT, sure is going to be SOME affair.

WE have an inside tip on what's coming off on Saturday nite, the 16th, and believe us, boys, there's going to be some fun.

SYRACUSE must'a sent a German spy down here to muzzle our Wolves with a measley attack.

SO we're to have REAL girls in the Thespian this year! We will be anxiously waiting to see if the camou-

flag girl of yester year can be out-classed by the GIRL of 1918.

WHY not let the girls take the men's parts and the men take the girl's parts? THEN we would have some show!

WE have c. to the c. that this Parlez-vous Francais stuff is going to be good. When we get across and meet the m. or l. w. k. French Mille's, after taking these twenty lessons, we can have a much better time than we otherwise could expect. N'est ce pas?

OUR Rotund and Rubicund asst. ed. (who says he TOOK French) vouches for the last phrase being correct.

BUT we are inclined to doubt it.

SNICKER STUFF—A Pennsylvania Dutchman trying to speak French.

Mining Notes

Professor H. B. Northrup, of the Department of Metallurgy, has received an interesting collection of steels from Capt. C. E. McQuigg, formerly Associate Professor of Metallurgy, who is now stationed at New Haven, Conn., with the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. The materials received are both high carbon and alloy steels, which are used in the manufacture of guns and shells. The collection is a valuable addition to the equipment of the Department, and has already been made use of in the advanced course in metallurgy which is taken by the Senior Metallurgists, thus giving them special and detailed training for ordnance work. Dr. E. S. Moore, Professor of Geology and Mineralogy, has an interesting article in the Nov.-Dec. issue of the Journal of Geology. The article is entitled "Active Volcanoes of New Zealand" and is descriptive of an interesting trip made by Dr. Moore through that region a few years ago. The article is well illustrated.

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Engineering News

The lecture by Douglas Wardrop, Editor of the Aerial Age, on "War in the Air" was one of the most interesting of the engineering lectures seen here for some time. On account of delays in trains, Mr. Wardrop was eight hours late in arriving. His moving picture films included pictures of airplanes for photographic purposes, bombing machines, high speed machines and naval aircraft, observation balloons, Zeppelins, and every type of plane and engine.

Professor J. O. Perrine arrived Feb. 1st from Iowa State Teachers College, where he was Head of the Department of Physics. He is in charge of the instruction for men in the special Signal Corps course. The class now numbers 36. These men volunteered to extend their Signal Corps work beyond the end of the semester in order that they might get more of the regular college course.

A recent letter from Professor Diemer states that he is rapidly improving, though it will be necessary for him to remain in the hospital about a week longer in order that the middle finger of his left hand may be under observation. The only amputation necessary has been that of the first joint of the little finger and it is hoped that no further operation will be required. Major Diemer is Assistant Chief Inspector of small arms, ammunition, and as such, has oversight of the inspection of materials, processing, gauging, and of the finished product. One-third of the small arms ammunition used by the army is being made in his district.

Major E. D. Gray, of the Signal Corps, Washington, D. C., has been made Chief of the Production Engineering Department of the Equipment Division, Signal Corps, and a member of the Equipment Division Production Board, a position of great importance in airplane production.

Denn R. L. Sackett has been invited to be the speaker at the annual banquet of the Penn State Alumni at Pittsburgh, February 23rd.

J. P. A. CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

The Penn State Interscholastic Prohibition Association conducted a short membership campaign early last week, which resulted in the securing of 105 new members. The campaign was led by Samuel W. Grathwell, who was the Chapel speaker at that time, and who was here in the interests of the Interscholastic Prohibition Association. According to Mr. Grathwell, Penn State is the only one of the eight colleges in this state which he has visited that a reorganization was not needed.

BAND CONCERT FEBRUARY 10

The cadet band will give a concert on the afternoon of Sunday, February 10 as one of the numbers of the winter Sunday entertainment series. They have been working on the program some time, and from all reports, it will be well worth hearing.

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PROF. DEDRICK ON LEAVE TO DO GOVERNMENT WORK

When the course in Milling Engineering was organized at the request of the Pennsylvania Millers Association, E. W. Dredrick was placed in charge of the new course. Mr. Dredrick has had a wide practical experience as a miller, and was secretary of the Millers Association with headquarters at Chicago when he was called here.

During the past three years a considerable amount of research work has been conducted in the Engineering Experimental laboratories on the inflammability and explosiveness of various kinds of ground cereals and the dusts which settle in flour mills and elevators. This work was done in cooperation with the Bureau of Chemistry and a bulletin is now being published giving the results of experimental studies and methods of prevention.

As a result, the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture in Washington has inaugurated a campaign to prevent the destruction of foodstuffs caused by such explosives and fires, and Mr. Dredrick has been asked to take charge of Chicago District. He has been given a leave of absence for the summer, and also will spend three weeks in Chicago and one week here out of each month until May 1st. He will continue to direct the milling courses which will be carried on as usual.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

The Cosmopolitan Club, to which all students of the college are eligible to membership, but special invitations are issued to the foreign students, meets Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in room 225 Main Building. All are invited to attend the lecture by N. G. Morrell '21, entitled "My Life in Mytilene under Turkish Rule."

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Looking Backward

(Week of February 6th.)

Twenty years ago.

Hon. Andrew Carnegie, a member of the Board of Trustees, offered the Board a donation of \$100,000 for the erection of a Library and Museum for the college, provided the State would agree to make an annual appropriation of \$10,000 for its maintenance.

Fifteen years ago.

The Senior class petitioned the Faculty for exemption of all its members, whose class standing was above a certain per cent, from final examinations.

Ten years ago.

By a vote of the Faculty, the Board of Trustees of Lehigh paid a marked compliment to Penn State in issuing a mandamus conferring upon President Sparks the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Five years ago

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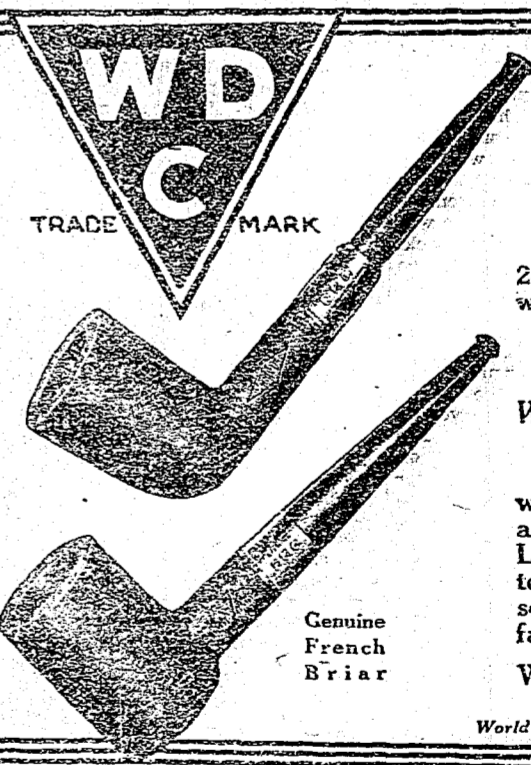
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