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WANTED—A GOOD DEFINITION

The original purpose of the "Get Together Campaign" was to foster and revive "college spirit," or more strictly speaking, "Penn State spirit." The object of the "Stick-Together Campaign" which is now being carried on is to keep up that spirit. These two statements are indisputable. But so far, the terms "college spirit," or "Penn State spirit," are more or less abstract, ethereal, phrases that sound well but go no further.

Of course, Penn State men believe that there is a vast difference between "college spirit" and "Penn State spirit" and it is only fitting and proper that there should be. But where does that difference lie, and just what is "Penn State spirit"? That is a big question and one that should be solved if the "Stick-Together Campaign" is to have any lasting benefit. Without a true knowledge of the purpose of the campaign, it becomes just a meaningless form of amusement and hilarity.

It is readily apparent that the definition of "Penn State spirit" must come from the student body or from some member of it, and with this end in view, the "Stick-Together" committee is opening a contest for the best definition of "Penn State spirit." Full details of this contest appear elsewhere in this paper and they should be carefully noted by all Penn State students. A tempting prize has been offered for the best definition submitted, and it is also hoped that such a definition will be composed that will serve as a slogan for Penn State in years to come. So get busy, and even though all can not win the prize, you cannot fail to derive a great amount of benefit from the contest. You, at least, may get a bigger and better comprehension of the intangible something that makes Penn State what it really is—Penn State spirit!

A COMPLETED WORK

The COLLEGIAN has reached its annual "moving-up" time. This issue marks the end of the road for those who have controlled its interests for the benefit of their fellow students during the past year. In passing over the reins to a new Collegian Publishing Board this week, we do so in full confidence that the work of serving the students for the coming year will be left in the hands of competent leaders.

In retiring, the present board feels that a great duty has at least in one way been accomplished—the serving of a paper every week, when at the beginning of the year our hopes for such an achievement were indeed at a very low ebb. A semi-monthly publication for this year was predicted at the close of the college last spring, but with a greater percentage of students backing us than had been doing so for several years, we have been able to continue regular publication, although not on such elaborate lines as we would have desired.

We have endeavored in every way to conduct the COLLEGIAN along the best of journalistic lines, serving the college, the students and the alumni to the best of our ability; and if we have succeeded in the least in accomplishing this aim, we are satisfied in the belief that our efforts have been well worth while. We have thoroughly enjoyed our intimate connections with students, faculty members and business men of the town, and take this opportunity to extend our due appreciation for the assistance that they have given us in the past. Our relations have been most agreeable, and we trust that you will extend the same courtesies to our successors who, by their friendly relations and unselfish assistance, have played no small part in carrying your paper through the year.

"MOVING-UP DAY"

There should be plenty of opportunity before the close of college for working in the "Moving-Up Day" idea urged by the COLLEGIAN a year ago. Conditions are vastly different at this time, and such that the proposition could easily be worked out. Briefly, the plan called for the "moving up" of each class by appropriate ceremonies. The Freshmen bury their green "dinks," the Sophomores shed their coats and occupy the front campus; the Juniors doff their hats and assume the role of Seniors; the Seniors could have their class day events, and so on.

It is nothing more or less than advancing some events of the last day of college a week or so when plenty of time can be provided for appropriate ceremonies, and when all classes are able to get into it instead of the annual Freshman monopoly of the "burial of the green dink." The "Stick-Together" committee could take charge this year and give "Moving Up Day" a start, and we feel sure that it could then be made an annual event.

AS A SUGGESTION—

"Numerals" in writing to the editor about the matter of class insignia for the women students comes pretty close to a solution but does not offer it. The girls apparently want numerals for those of their number who have won places on their athletic teams. They are sure to meet opposition when they ask for the same kind of numerals that are awarded the men for inter-class honors. The girls have an athletic association all their own, we are told. Now, what's the matter with that association providing its own numerals, something entirely different from those worn by the men, and moreover, laying down rigid and approved conditions whereby every winner of such numerals shall be forced to do some good, hard work in order to attain the honor of wearing them?

It has taken years and years to perfect the inter-class numeral regulations at Penn State. Let the girls establish their right to a share by expanding their efforts, and their reward will doubtless come in time.

Contrary to the opinion of many, investigation has shown that the college will in no way become involved through arbitration in the movie question as proposed by the Senior class.

The girls could make a tidy little sum for the Red Cross or their Y. W. C. A. by advertising their basketball games, standing room for a dime. It is done elsewhere, why not here?

FARM TRAINING COURSE PLANS ASSUMING SHAPE

Professor J. G. Parkinson returned last Saturday from Philadelphia, where he spent the greater part of the week in the interests of the movement to train high school students for farm work. It has been definitely decided that a large number of young men ranging in age from sixteen to twenty-one years will be brought here for a short course of instruction in farm work.

Immediately upon the close of this semester there will be given a course of four or five days of intensive training for those college men who are to be leaders of the young men who come here from various high schools throughout the state. The latter will spend about ten days here preparing for the work which they will take up on the farms.

The drive for the enlistment of high school students for this work will be taken up during the week of March eighteenth. The high school principals will enlist the students and a physician will examine them to determine whether or not they are physically able to stand the work which will be required of them on the farms to which they will be sent when they have completed their course of training here.

NUMERALS REVISED FOR THE TWO YEAR STUDENTS

The Student Council at its meeting last week gave permission to the Two-Year Agriculture students to revise their athletic numerals, in that the "17" be dropped, and that in the future they award the ordinary numerals that indicate the class. In this way the numerals of the second year class at this time would be "16-18" where before it was "16-17-18." The change was sought by the 2-Year representative because of the fact that the "17" in the numerals made them stand out too much from the front of a sweater, and made them too conspicuous. However, a request that the size of the numerals be increased from two to four inches, was refused.

MORE PAINTINGS FOR COLLECTION

Two more paintings have been received by the Penn State Art Department, one by John Willard Raught of Dunmore, being valued at five hundred dollars, and the other by Jordan of Philadelphia, appraised at seventy-five dollars. Contributions from Mrs. Fern Coppeck, J. B. Crossman, and O. B. Judson of Philadelphia, and W. D. Baum of Sellersville, are also in transit. Each of the above-named artists were exhibitors in the one hundred and fourth Annual Art Exhibition in Philadelphia.

IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Professor Zora Klein, an instructor in German, left last week for Washington, where he will be employed in the Census Bureau. During his absence, his classes will be taken care of by J. O. Knauer, who has recently returned from Cornell University, where he had been on a leave of absence.

FACULTY MAN HONORED

Professor Rasmussen of the Department of Dairy Husbandry has been asked by State Food Administrator Helms to assist him as the head of a newly organized department of the state division of Federal Food Administrative Service. Mr. Rasmussen will spend a large part of his time each week at this work.

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NUMERALS FOR GIRLS

State College, Pa., March 8, 1918
Editor, the COLLEGIAN

Dear Sir—I have recently learned that the women students of Penn State are desirous of securing straight inter-class numerals for the various members of their athletic teams. I believe that this idea should be discouraged, especially at this time, when it seems to be a very sudden demand placed upon a few solid facts,—a very limited field of athletic endeavor.

The wearing of class numerals at Penn State should stand for something—and in recent years the winning of numerals has been made harder for the men. It is felt that when a man wins his numerals these days that he certainly has done some good hard work to earn them. Now here is the girl proposition, as I see it:

Figuratively, they have just started out on organized inter-class athletics. They have held a walking contest, and the Freshman class unwisely awarded their class numerals to the winner, disregarding the inter-class athletic rulings which make no such provision. This action should most certainly be cancelled by the Numeral Committee. Now the girls are playing an inter-class basketball league schedule (Fine work!) and are more or more contestants when that is completed.

If the girls had been playing regularly scheduled games for several years past, and had the sport well established along with a number of others that girls can get into, then the numeral question from their standpoint would doubtless be reasonable. But just now it looks like a spontaneous combustion coming from great enthusiasm in getting started in athletic sports. Two girls will say that other college and university award numerals to women. No doubt, but their sports have been established for years in those big colleges (the small ones don't count in a matter of this kind) and are on a much broader scale than mere walking and basketball. The girls here as to be encouraged in every way in all lines of sports, and I for one wish they had more of it.

Track and field meets, tennis, field hockey, and outdoor winter sports should be added to the women's inter-class sports events, and then when they are regularly organized and made into annual contests, the girls could be given consideration in the matter of class numeral awards, and not before. I know that there are many others who have the same opinion in addition to "Numerals"

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Agricultural Notes

Professor G. C. Given of the department of Experimental Agricultural Chemistry, who is on leave of absence is doing research work for the Atlas Powder Company. Recently he made a hurried trip to England on business relating to the work which that company is doing for the government.

L. D. Jessiman is assisting A. P. Mason with the spraying and pruning demonstrations which are being conducted throughout the state by the Department of Horticultural Extension. J. B. Bechtel has been granted a leave of absence to aid the county agents in the work of organizing the war garden movement in this state.

Immediately upon the close of the present semester several instructors of the Horticultural Department will leave to take up the instruction of the farmers of the state in the better care of the products of their gardens and orchards. The use of common storage houses will be urged. By the use of these large amounts of fruit which are now going to waste may be saved.

EXTENSION SCHOOL CLOSURE

The closing exercises and banquet of the Oil City Engineering Extension School were held on the evening of March 8th. Professor David A. Anderson, of the Department of Education, gave the principal address during which he spoke on Vocational, Continuation and Engineering Extension types of industrial education. Certificates were awarded to over 60 students who had completed their course. Among these was a class of young ladies who took a course in drafting with very satisfactory results.

L. E. DANCE FRIDAY

The annual Electrical Engineering Society dance will be held on Friday evening in the Odd Fellows' Hall from eight to twelve. A new departure is being made this year, in that the Sophomores and Freshman are permitted to attend.

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Mr. A. P. Houses, Instructor in Mineralogy, has an article in the current issue of the American Journal of Science entitled "The Etching Figures of the Dihedral Alternating Type of Crystals" and shows peculiar relations and contrasts of the internal structure of certain isomorphous carbonate minerals. The article is well illustrated by photomicrographs.

LECTURES TO SENIOR GIRLS

Miss Emma Smedley, Director of School Luncheons in Philadelphia, spoke to the Senior girls in Home Economics last Thursday.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN FRANCE DESCRIBED

The illustrated lecture on "Reconstruction Work in France" given by Mr. Morris G. Leeds Saturday night in the Old Chapel was most interesting and enlightening. Mr. Leeds, a member of the firm of Leeds and Northrup of Philadelphia, makers of electrical instruments, went over to France with a Red Cross party for the purpose of finding out what the American Friends could do for the homeless people of France by reconstruction work. On arriving in France, Mr. Leeds communicated with the English Friends, who were already in the field. His lecture dealt upon the work that these English Friends are doing and which the American Friends can do.

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