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REGARDING MAGAZINE CLIPPING

Another serious matter which must be brought before the student body—a matter in which a few students are again giving a black eye to all the undergraduates—is the clipping of articles and pictures from magazines and newspapers in the Carnegie Library. Experience in the past has shown that there are certain times when this work of destruction becomes more marked—and the present is one of these times. In fact, there has been more of this cutting of articles and tearing out of pages in the past few months than there has ever been before.

Undoubtedly, this is the work of a few students who are not looking out for the best interests of the college. Probably it has been done either thoughtlessly or carelessly, but in a matter as serious as this, the excuse of thoughtlessness or carelessness will not suffice.

The college library was begun in 1857. The Carnegie Library, the present building, was constructed in 1904. It was one of the stipulations of the donor that all magazines, newspapers, records, etc., should be arranged so that they would be easily available to all desiring them. There is nothing under lock and key; the rooms and alcoves are open to all.

For decades past, faculty and undergraduates have had all privileges of the library, and could use the bound periodicals, etc., whenever they so desired. In future years, faculty and students will continue to exercise the privilege of using the library. It is unfair, to say the least, that these coming college men and women should be deprived of rights that we now possess. It is difficult to describe the feelings of one, who wishing to look up a reference, finds that the article sought has been clipped by some selfish student who has preceded him,—one who has looked out only for his own interests, thinking only of the few minutes he would save by clipping instead of copying the desired information,—one who has absolutely no regard for the rights and privileges of others,—one who has not been big enough to look beyond his own small sphere,—and one who possesses selfishness to the maximum degree. It is indeed hard to discover in what class of criminals such individuals should be placed.

When a student pays his fees, he is given certain rights in the library. But this does not mean, as some few seem to think, that liberty is thereby given to all desiring it to cut from any magazine, newspaper, etc., anything that happens to strike that individual's fancy. Perhaps it may not be realized, but it is true, nevertheless, that any student so destroying property is in reality committing an offense against the laws of the state. Section 325, of the penal code of Pennsylvania reads as follows:—

"If any person shall, unlawfully or maliciously, destroy or damage anything kept for the purpose of art, science, or literature, or as an object of curiosity, in any museum, gallery, cabinet, library, or other repository, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being found guilty thereof, shall be rendered liable to pay a fine, not exceeding \$500, and to undergo an imprisonment, not exceeding six months."

But the better natures of even these students should compel them to discontinue this practice. As stated above, thousands of individuals have used the library in the past, and thousands more will use it in the future. The magazines which are at present being mutilated contain material of the utmost importance, for in them various phases of the greatest war in history and the reconstruction period following it are being discussed.

During the last year or two, and especially during the time that America was at war, conservation was the order of the day. As a result, the number of copies of periodicals printed was considerably reduced and now, when a magazine is cut, or otherwise mutilated, it is virtually impossible to fill up the files.

A little thought and consideration for others on the part of those concerned should easily remedy these conditions and, in fact, cause their elimination.

GET THAT FRESHMAN

Again the time has come when every student has an opportunity to "do his bit" for Penn State. Next year is going to be a crucial one in the history of the college. It will be the first complete year under peace-time conditions that Penn State will have had since the term 1915-1916. It will be a year which will decide the ranking of this college among the other institutions of the country.

Already many hundreds of high school and other preparatory school boys are beginning to think of college. In many cases they have not decided where they will go. A little effort now in the right direction, a good word for Penn State to an old friend who will graduate this year from prep school, will undoubtedly go a long way toward bringing that man to this college next fall.

It will be remembered that last spring an organization was formed and a representative from each school which had students at Penn State was appointed, and after the close of college in April, these representatives returned to their home schools and spoke concerning the advantages of the Blue and White as an alma mater. Why not do the same this year?

As the majority of high schools will close before the end of college this spring, the time for such an organization is now. There is plenty of time before the Easter vacation to make complete plans, and some time during this vacation, speeches could be given in the various schools in favor of Penn State. In the meantime, it would be unwise to be idle. Let each man select a friend who is still in the high school and write to him, telling him of life here, and in every other way boost the college. Send him copies of the COLLEGIAN, and see that a copy is sent each week to the library of the school. Do all in your power to influence him in favor of Penn State. Let the motto this year be the same as it was last, namely, "One New Man for Penn State."

The COLLEGIAN, on behalf of the whole student body, tenders its congratulations to the members of the wrestling team and to their coach for the way they came across last Saturday. These men all deserve a lot of credit for they fought all the way, and it is significant that Penn State took places in six events, and failed in the seventh only because of an injury to that contestant. Great credit is also due the coach who developed such a fighting team out of green material.

The COLLEGIAN also wishes to commend the student body for the exhibition of sportsmanship which was evident at all times. Every team and man was given a due share of applause and at no time did partisanship overrule anyone's sense of honor, so that the meet last Saturday was one of the most successful athletic events ever held at Penn State.

On the Corner

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR NEW EASTER BONNET YET?

The old bird broke down this week. Yep, got some carbon on the tires, and blew out six spark plugs.

But we guess we can push the old thing along another mile or two.

It snowed this week. And snow always makes us poetic. So here goes.

Oh the snow, the beautiful snow, Makes us think of where we'll go, When we cash in our checks. And then We'll never, never see snow again.

That ain't the only poem on snow we write this week either.

Oh the snow, the beautiful snow, It had to come, it had to go; 'Tis disappeared where'er we look, 'Tis gone just like our pocketbook (P. S. Meaning we're broke again).

That old Nittany lion sure raised some bumps over the week end. The much vaunted March lion ain't got nothing on it.

But we must admit that those poor little humps put up some fight before they were vanquished.

Dear Reader: We wish to announce a "poetry number" in the near future. If you have any contributions, send 'em along. Drop 'em in our box in Old Main, or tote 'em to our office. We sure are in need of poetry. Any contributions not available will be cheerfully kept nevertheless. P. S. Do not enclose self-addressed stamped envelope, for we're hard up at present and might have to steam the stamp off to pay our landlady.

Excuse us we hear the old bell ringing. Almost time for our practicum in washing test tubes.

LAVIE ON PRESS

Work on the LAVIE is now progressing rapidly. The book is on the press and practically all the material has been turned in. There are some minor things still to be sent but these will in no way delay the printing.

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SOCCER TEAM TO TAKE TRIP LATER IN SEASON

Because of the fact that many colleges have not been playing soccer this year or have already closed their seasons, the management of the soccer team has found it impossible to make the southern trip. None of the schools of Maryland or Virginia was able to schedule any games with Penn State so that Captain G. W. Cuptit '19 is now trying to arrange an eastern trip.

A game has been scheduled with Penn for April nineteenth and if a date can be made with Lafayette the eastern trip will be certain. There is also a probability that a game will be played with the Felton Athletic Association, of Lancaster, on the way to Philadelphia but no definite arrangements have been made as yet.

The spring practice will commence as soon as a game with Lafayette is reasonably sure. There are quite a few experienced men of last year's team in college and also several good players among the freshmen so that there is every prospect for a successful trip.

ANNUAL BANQUET HELD BY SIRLOIN CLUB

The annual banquet of the Sirloin Club was held very successfully Wednesday evening at the University Club. The committee in charge of the banquet consisted of C. A. McFadden, president of the club, E. J. Ritenhouse, R. B. MacDuff, J. D. Beck, and W. L. Pankhouser.

Addresses were made by the following: J. S. Bayard, of Pittsburgh, a member of the Board of Trustees of the college, Dean R. L. Watts, of the school of agriculture, H. H. Hynes, professor of animal husbandry, extension, F. L. Hendley, of the Department of Animal Husbandry, and J. D. Beck.

LEHIGH-NORTHAMPTON CLUB

The first meeting of the Lehigh-Northampton County club was held Wednesday evening, at which time plans were made for the reestablishment of the club. The organization has been hindered by the departure of its officers and new ones will be elected at the next meeting. A committee was appointed to look after the new men and also to get in touch with the old men. The time for the next meeting is at 6:15 to-night.

NEWS FROM OTHER COLLEGES

DARTMOUTH—Nearly 800 Dartmouth alumni gathered in Symphony Hall in Boston recently for the victory dinner of the Dartmouth Alumni Association. The banquet commemorated the centenary of the greatest events in the history of Dartmouth college, the 150th anniversary of the founding, the 100th anniversary of the decision in the Dartmouth College Case, and the 100th anniversary of Rufus Choate, who was a prominent alumnus.

SYRACUSE—The first fraternity smoker was held at Syracuse University recently and proved a great success. Over 100 men, representing virtually every fraternity, were present. The speaker for the occasion was Mr. W. S. Stone, mayor of the city of Syracuse.

CORNELL—Cornell opposed the proposition that a "Big Seven" be formed which will be composed of Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Penn., Princeton, Yale, and Cornell. This opposition lies in the fact that she finds better opponents among the smaller colleges than the larger ones.

CARNEGIE TECH—Plans are under way to establish a rolling mill research laboratory at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, with the definite view of making Pittsburgh not only the world's leading steel center, from the standpoint of production, but the place from which all future ideas in the making and rolling of steel will emanate. The

new research bureau will be conducted under the auspices of Carnegie Tech, but will be financed and controlled entirely by the steel industry.

SYRACUSE—At a recent athletic carnival in which former athletic stars competed against present stars, about \$500 was added to the Syracuse University Crow fund.

LEHIGH—Plans have been made by the university and alumni officials for a Lehigh Memorial House. A campaign has been started to obtain money to build and furnish a handsome building to cost about \$300,000.

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