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CAMPUS SINGING

Now that the college is rapidly returning to normal conditions, it is only proper that peace-time customs should be again lived up to. With the resumption of college activities, immediately after the disbanding of the S. A. T. C., all customs regarding Freshmen and the student body in general went into effect. These rulings are compulsory, but there are some which do not come under this class, but which are lived up to because they are traditional.

One of these is the time-honored custom of campus singing. This has been neglected in the past several years because of the war and other reasons, and there is grave danger of its being forgotten entirely. For the benefit of those who do not know what "campus singing" means, we shall say that it is a meeting of the entire student body on the front campus once or twice a week, at which time college songs are sung. In the past interest was usually kept alive by the Seniors who are responsible in a measure for the carrying on of the tradition.

Old graduates are unanimous in their praise of the custom, for the part it plays in the memories of those men who in a few weeks will leave behind their college life is not to be underestimated; and the practical benefit derived both by the old and the new men in keeping alive the college songs is highly valuable. In this connection it is safe to say that the majority of the Freshmen, as well as many upperclassmen are unable to sing all the verses of "Blue and White," "Victory," "College Medley," "Pennsylvania State," and "Hail, Pennsylvania State" without referring to copies of these songs.

The following quotation, taken from an editorial in the COLLEGIAN three years ago, tells why this custom should not be allowed to die: "No doubt the reasons for the campus singing are purely sentimental. There is a note of inspiring fellowship, binding together the student and the college, which is found only in the old college songs; and there is perhaps nothing more immediately effective in resuscitating in the alumnus memories of the old college days than the hearing or the singing of his college songs."

Of course, in order to make this affair a success, it is necessary not only to start the ball rolling but to keep it rolling. In former years, Mr. C. C. Robinson, director of the department of music, lead in the carrying on of the movement, since he is absent this year, however, it would be advisable for the college glee club, the varsity quartet, or some other musical organization to take the lead in making this singing a success. It is not only worth trying, but it is Penn State's duty to revive and carry on that which was so successfully executed in the past.

VOTE FOR THE HONOR AMENDMENTS

Before the next issue of the COLLEGIAN appears, it is probable that the amendments to the Honor System, proposed shortly before the Easter vacation, will have been presented to the student body for approval or rejection. Should such be the case, the COLLEGIAN wishes to take this opportunity to impress upon each man what his duty will be at that time.

These amendments have as their primary object the strengthening of the Honor System. In the past, the system, unfortunately, has not been as strong as it might have been. Two obstacles have apparently stood in the way. The first of these was the manner of reporting suspected parties. Heretofore, a man was warned before being reported, but under the new amendment, he will receive no warning whatsoever, but his case will immediately be carried to the Honor Committee, so that he may never know who it was that brought him to trial. The amendment dealing with this, which will take the place of Article I, Section 5, reads as follows: "If a student detects any dishonesty in a quiz or examination, the attention of at least one other person shall be called to this matter, and then the case shall be carried to the Honor Committee, which shall conduct an investigation into the same."

The second obstacle which prevented the smooth working of the system has been the degree of punishment administered. In previous times, a convicted man, no matter whether his offense were heavy or light, was suspended for one year; the Honor Committee had no leeway whatsoever. The new amendment, which will give true justice to anyone found guilty, is as follows: "Upon the first conviction of dishonesty, it shall be the duty of the Honor Committee to determine and transmit to the executive of the college the specific punishment to be meted out to the offender, this punishment not to exceed one year of suspension from college."

Nothing more ought to be said. The Honor System needs you; Penn State needs the Honor System. Let every man do his duty and when the amendments come up, vote "YES."

"GENTLEMEN (?) FIRST"

The same old thing—gentlemen (?) first, then ladies—occurred at the Lemont trains when the students returned from the Easter vacation. On Tuesday evening, the girls were fortunate enough to come to State College on the first autos, but this was due entirely to the fact that there were enough busses to accommodate all. On Wednesday morning, however, it was quite different. We wonder if it is realized: that every car at Lemont made three trips, some four, that morning, and that the very last auto up brought girls; that the train arrived at Lemont at about nine o'clock, and that the last auto reached town at ten-thirty, so that some women students were compelled to wait almost an hour and a half before securing transportation.

It seems that affairs, judging from the past, will never change for the better. Certainly they will not, if left to themselves. It was suggested recently that special cars be reserved for the women. This plan is entirely feasible. The Council of Administration, the faculty, or the Student Council could take charge of this matter in the future and make all necessary arrangements. Such a plan will not do harm and will surely do no end of good.

SHALL WE SUPPORT THE TRACK TEAM?

The showing made by the varsity track team at the Penn Relays held last Friday and Saturday in Philadelphia was gratifying to say the least and the COLLEGIAN feels that the team should be congratulated on its success there. Handicapped by injuries to several of the men and the uncertain and inclement weather which has made practice almost impossible at times, the team failed to place in but two of the events in which it had been entered.

The send-off, however, which the team experienced when it left on Friday noon was one of the poorest which has been seen at Penn State for a long time. Many of us fail to realize that the showing

which a team made on a foreign field and the attitude with which that team entered the contest is largely dependent upon the send-off which the student body gives it. We have reason to feel proud of our track team and the student body should give the track team ample reason to feel proud of it, but this cannot be obtained in the face of such poor support as was seen last Friday. Let's turn out and support the track team as a major sport should be supported and show the team that we are back of it to a man.

ELECTED TO STAFF

It is with great pleasure that the COLLEGIAN announces the election of H. S. Davis '21 to the staff as an associate editor.

Another thing was quite noticeable in the transportation from Lemont to State College last week. This was the excellent road between the two places and the exceedingly poor one within the borough limits. College avenue, from one end of town to the other is filled with holes and we would suggest that the borough council give this matter attention.

The debaters are to be commended for the excellent manner in which they won out, despite all handicaps, in the debate with Colgate. There will be another debate this coming Friday night, when every student is urged to turn out and support the team in its contest with the Lafayette orators.

On the Corner

OUR NOSE IS BACK ON THE GRINDSTONE AGAIN

No, we did not die or expire or anything like that during the Easter vacation. Indeed, we never felt better in our life.

In fact, we think we shall be able to continue our weakly sputters until commencement and then some.

'Know, it's only five weeks, two days, three hours and four and 1-5 seconds any more until the death H. P. Q.'s make their semi-annual appearance on the P. S. C. campus.

We have some news for you. Our type operator has quit, so there won't be no more errors in this year's sheet. At least, not any more than three times the usual amount.

Yep, same old story. GOT MARRIED!

Have you noticed the new Engineering Unit which was constructed during the Egg Fest. If not, take a look, front campus, west.

ENTRY! ENTRY! ENTRY!

'Sall right. Nothing extra after all.

AT LAST, a poem has come. We know who wrote it but we ain't a-goin' to tell any body. However, we will say that it comes either from Mac Hall, W. B., or U. C. Hero '18.

The Chemists' Home Coming. Welcome home to the H(2)S and the H(2)SO(4). Welcome home to HCl and all that's gone before. Welcome home to unknown salts and alkaline solutions. Welcome home to the old Bull Pen and chemical evolutions.

ANTICIPATION. The Freshmen are with great satisfaction watching the extensive improvement of lawns, etc., going on about the campus. With that monstrous conceit of theirs, they firmly believe that the college is getting the grass ready for them to walk on next year. (Pay X change)

Overcoats were again fashionable the latter part of last week. Old Austereborelles was on the job once more. Yep, freeze all the water in our radiator.

Apparently, it also fits the campus case out. At least, we perceive that it is no longer in blizzard.

In other words, the campus case has risen.

And by the way, speaking of the train of war relics which is coming to B'fonto in the near future, have you taken notice to the new trench helmet which has appeared on the campus?

In order that no one may get the "Y. M. C. A." hats confused with the new helmet, the qualifications of the latter are as follows: Background, navy blue, frontpiece, X, visible at a distance of 8,000 kilometers; general plan, to draw the attention of the CO-DBS.

Just think, we've been here one week already. Seems like three years. We wonder how the old girl is back home, etc. ad infinity.

Well, ye ed wants to use the type-writer, and so we must cease from our revolutionary counter-reactions.

PRELIMINARY FOOTBALL PRACTICE IS RESUMED

With the resumption of college activities after the Easter vacation, the football men are again practicing in preparation for next fall's gridiron team. The type of work has been changed and the men are being taught the more complex points of the game. The veterans are gaining their former ability, and a number of the new candidates are showing prospects of being built into future stars.

Before the Easter holidays the work was primarily one of developing the men along lines of speed. Aerial work was one of the features and the backs have become proficient in forward passing to the ends and linemen. Others have been taught to break up these passes, while still others have been perfected in punting and placement kicking. The new men have shown the prospects for future lineups.

The work from now on will consist mostly of tuckling the dummy, providing backfield interference and line rushing. The men will probably be tried out in various positions towards the latter part of the season, that Coach Harlow may ascertain just what men are best fitted for the places. This work is of course but preliminary to what will be done next fall, but it is nevertheless an important factor, and the remaining weeks of the season will give Coach Harlow the opportunity for choosing the men he deems best fitted for next fall's squad.

ENGINEERING NEWS

The annual engineering inspection trip ended at noon, April sixteenth, at which time all of the Senior Engineers were in New York. At the close of the trip, Professor Fossenden visited the Mechanical Engineering Laboratory of Sheffield Scientific School at Yale University.

Professor N. C. Miller has returned from a trip over the state, inspecting the various Engineering Extension centers. The prospects for next year are particularly favorable for this work. A summer conference of Engineering Extension organizers and teachers will be held at the college in August.

Dr. Woodruff visited the electrical laboratories of Purdue University during the Easter vacation and Dean Sackett inspected the machine shops of the same institution.

Dean Sackett gave an address to the Engineering Extension students in Erie on April fourteenth and spoke to the Alumni at a following meeting.

A. T. Stanfield '18 C. E. who has returned from service in the Ordnance Department has accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Highway Department, with headquarters at Bellefonte.

The new locomotive named "Director McAdoo," given by Mr. Heppelstall of Pittsburgh, has arrived and will be housed with the dynamometer.

JUNIOR GIRLS TO ENTERTAIN DEAN

The Junior girls who are taking Home Economics will serve a dinner to all the deans of the college and their wives on Wednesday evening.

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FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND CONFERENCE AT PRINCETON

Professor Marshman and Mrs. Renshaw returned last week from the Eastern Conference of College Public Speaking Teachers held at Princeton. Professor Marshman reports that the work in public speaking here compares favorably with that of all the other large schools represented at the conference. While many colleges require more work along this line, but few allow more credit in it to count for a bachelor's degree. Mr. Marshman read a paper on "The Teacher and Oral Composition."

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