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THE WHY AND HOW OF A STUDENT FIRE DEPARTMENT

It must be patent to every thinking student that one of the needs of the moment at Penn State is an alive, wide-awake student fire department. The haphazard, go-as-you-please methods of fire fighting now in vogue are far from efficient in times of emergency and will become even worse as time goes on because of the rapid deterioration in the fire department equipment. With such conditions staring us in the face, there is a self-evident need for an efficient, well organized student fire department which is willing to shoulder the responsibility of using and maintaining the fire fighting apparatus possessed by the college. Few will doubt the advisability of organizing such a department, the next question is how.

In pre-war days Penn State had a first class volunteer fire department. It was a distinct student organization and any student in good standing was eligible to membership. New members were elected by members of the department, which held bi-weekly or monthly meetings. Some idea of the popularity of the organization may be gathered from the fact that it was forced to maintain a waiting list of students who desired to become members. The department was organized into three companies, a chemical company, a hose company and a ladder company, each under the leadership of a captain. A fire chief and assistant chief directed the activities of the combined companies. His plan worked admirably and those who recall the days before the war will concede the value and efficiency of the student volunteer fire department as it then existed.

Now to apply the ideas in mind to our own present day conditions. The most satisfactory sort of a student fire department would be a volunteer organization such as that just described, and we believe that such a fire department could be organized successfully under the direction of the Student Council. Another plan which might be used is to have each group of the proposed Penn State Union select one of its members to serve as a member of the student fire department. The term of service could be one semester or one year. Under this plan the department would have a membership of approximately sixty students, or just about the right number in view of the apparatus which the college possesses. Another advantage of this latter plan lies in the fact that it would strengthen the Union by creating a common bond of interest between its members.

In conclusion, we would state our realization of the fact that these suggestions are open to improvement and that even better plans can probably be worked out, if serious attention is given the matter by the student governing bodies. However, the main thing is to get going and do something in the matter. A good fire department is not an absolute preventative of fires, but it is one of the best forms of fire insurance known.

A GOOD TURN FOR PENN STATE

The return of the students of this college to their homes for the annual Christmas vacation offers each an opportunity to do an immense amount of good for Penn State. How much do the people of Pennsylvania as a whole know about this college? Very little; in fact the students they send here are the only means they have of knowing anything at all. In order that every student may intelligently talk about Penn State to his home folks, his friends, and most of all to high school students who may become prospective Freshmen for this college, the COLLEGIAN is this week printing in another column a few facts about the Pennsylvania State College. Let us get this information before the people and educate them to the advantages and possibilities of this school. It is up to each one of us! Let us do our bit!

THE "UNWRITTEN" CUSTOM

The COLLEGIAN is very wishes to call attention to the latest "unwritten" custom at Penn State, that of allowing women first on the trips from the Lehigh trains after the vacation is over. This custom was splendidly inaugurated by the student body at Thanksgiving and by the continued cooperation of the men students its success is assured.

The COLLEGIAN wishes to again emphasize as strongly as possible the fact that the organization of the non-fraternity men in no way means antagonism to the fraternities. Several wild rumors were afloat the past week and some few students have been believing them, undoubtedly this has been due to some misunderstanding and we feel sure that this misunderstanding was dissolved at the mass meeting of the fraternity men on Monday night.

The new organization has been created for the betterment of Penn State; its advantages were discussed at length in last week's issue of the COLLEGIAN. In its bigger, broader outlook on college life, this institution must continue to grow by leaps and bounds, and the organization of the non-fraternity men can mean, not antagonism to the fraternities, but co-operation with them, and a better feeling and closer co-operation between men of fraternity and non-fraternity rank.

Penn State's winter sports season will be officially opened on Friday evening with the basketball season, and after the Christmas vacation, this sport, together with wrestling and boxing, will occupy the limelight. Let us remember that these teams will need just as much support as was accorded the football eleven, and that the "old-new Penn State spirit" must be as much in evidence. Every student therefore, should turn out to witness every home contest.

It has always been a custom at Penn State that whenever a student gathering of any kind is held in the Armory the men remove their hats. The absence of examples of this was especially noticeable last Saturday afternoon at the Sophomore-Freshman wrestling scrap, when only a few students obeyed the rule. Let us remember in the future and aid in the living up to of a time honored custom.

On January thirteenth, the student body is requested to voice its opinion on the four propositions, printed last week, regarding the League of Nations pact. This matter is one in which the opinion of all the colleges in this country is being requested. The COLLEGIAN hopes that the student body will give this matter due consideration before casting its vote upon one proposition or another.

TALKING POINTS ABOUT PENN STATE

In order that those students, who go home for the holidays with the intention of doing a good turn for Penn State, may have accurate information about the college to tell the people in their home towns, the following talking points concerning Penn State are given:

ENROLLMENT—1150, including 300 girls. Could easily be 4000 if the college had proper facilities. Registration has had to be limited to Pennsylvania residents. 650 fully qualified applicants turned away this year. Several hundred "conditioned" applicants refused.

FIVE GREAT SCHOOLS and their registration: Agriculture, 812; Engineering, 1139; Liberal Arts, 105; Mines, 105; Natural Science, 385; Home Economics, 158. Degrees are granted in 39 courses.

FACILITIES—1800 acres of land, including 1500 acres farm land. The more than forty buildings have equipment of most modern type, complete in every way. To care for increased registration, however, it should be duplicated in volume. Great emphasis is placed on practical work, but practical requires much space and equipment.

MILITARY TRAINING Penn State is a land grant college, and all new students are required to spend two years in studying and practicing military tactics.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION—"Everybody playing at Penn State". Sixty acres of playgrounds being developed. 100 feet by 400 feet recreation hall to be built. Mass athletics, physical development for all, instruction in care of the body, defects corrected and proper training prescribed.

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1. Agricultural and Engineering Extension.
2. Agricultural and Engineering Experiment Station.
3. Training graduates to go back into practical life in Penn State.
4. Good Citizenship.

COLLEGE FINANCES—Dependent upon Legislative appropriations. This support has been inadequate in the past, resulting in the turning away of the State's best young manhood seeking higher education. Appropriations for general maintenance, exclusive of buildings and extension, cover two years work, and since 1909 have been as follows:

1909—\$230,000	1913—\$305,000	1917—\$1,003,000
1911—\$275,000	1915—\$300,000	1919—\$1,250,000

Since 1909, when the enrollment was less than 1,300, attendance has far more than doubled itself. Building has not kept pace with that advance. Penn State's crying need is "More Buildings". Higher salaries for instructors must be provided to maintain past efficiency.

A LEADER—The volume of work done through the Department of Agriculture extension is second only to that in Wisconsin, that through Engineering stands first. Penn State men are county agents in all but seven counties in Pennsylvania. These seven have not yet been organized. Penn State has graduated more engineers and chemists than any other college or university in Pennsylvania. Its School of Agriculture is the only one of its kind in the State. Many prominent manufacturers of Pennsylvania show a decided preference for Penn State Graduates.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT—The student body at Penn State is self-governing with respect to strictly student activities and affairs. This form of government is so near the ideal than many other colleges have patterned after it, or are seeking to install it as a model form. The Student Board, Council, Tribunal and Honor Committee very properly care for the governmental regulations.

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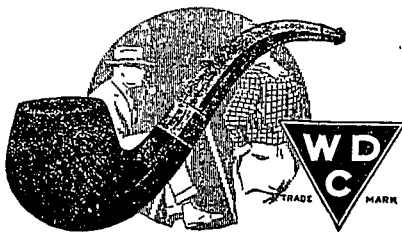
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The Letter Box

Buffalo, N. Y.
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Penn State Collegian,
State College, Pa.

Fellow State Men

Just a few words to express my admiration of the wonderful football team State and Bezdek have put out this year. With the victory over Pitt, State has certainly broke into the Buffalo papers who hadn't been telling us much about Penn State happenings previously.

In the December fourth issue of the Buffalo Evening News, Grantland Rice names the three sectional leaders in football as follows:

East—Penn State
Western Conference—Illinois
South—Centre College

The names of Higgins, Way and Robb appear quite frequently in the lists of the first magnitude and today's Courier gives a full column write-up on the sporting prize, which is quite unusual.

I notice Bezdek has been offered his choice between State and the Pittsburg Pirates, and I hope he can be induced to elect State. I am located at present in the Buffalo Sales Office of the Westinghouse Electric and Manu-

facturing Company and have been in Buffalo somewhat over a year. While there is quite a number of State men in Buffalo, there are few of recent classes. My brother, M. M. Long '18 and Cupid '19 are the only men beside myself of the last five classes that I have met.

You may be interested to know that "Doc" Lewis at one time had quite an aggregation of wrestlers at Buffalo Central Y. M. C. A. Within the last month I have met quite a number of wrestlers of ten years ago who used to go on the mats with "Doc". Since he left, however, the game died out entirely. About a month ago, Mr. Cameron, Physical Director, gave me permission to try to revive the game and I am now official wrestling instructor in my spare moments. There is to be a Y. M. C. A. Wrestling Tournament this month and next March. Western New York State Championships, similar to the Pittsburgh A. A. Championships. With a squad of about 25 men we are

looking around for competition in the form of a dual meet, not with any team of the calibre of Penn State, however. Yours for Penn State,
H. M. LONG '16.

P. S. The boys have some wrestling scheduled this year, but with veterans like Dejar, Mowrer, Brown and Higgins, they should come through with a clean slate.
"SHORTY" LONG.

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