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## THE TRANSPORTATION SITUATION

The recent vacation has brought to light and still further emphasized the fact that something must be done in regard to the transportation situation. The task of bringing three thousand persons to this place within a short space of time is one which is not easy to do, and as a result, traffic has been time and again congested to the limit. In fact, one of the reasons for moving the Holiday vacation forward several days was to permit everyone getting home in time for Christmas.

At every vacation period there is one big rush to leave, and on the return follows dash from trains at Tyrone, Lewistown, Bellefonte and Lemont, and crowd the busses to several times their normal capacity. Complaints have recently been made because there were not sufficient cars at the Lemont station to transport every one within a reasonable space of time; and yet the reason for this is quite evident. Not many years ago, many of the local citizens took their autos to Lemont almost for accommodation's sake, but because so many fellows piled on the machines were virtually ruined, and as a result today only the regular busmen make the trip. The same crowded condition exists at Bellefonte and Tyrone, and many students who failed in the first rush were compelled to wait from one to three hours before being able to secure transportation.

Surely there must be some remedy to alleviate such crowded conditions. State College must have either a railroad or a street car line which will connect with the principal points around the borough. How or when such an arrangement can be effected is not at present evident, but ways and means must be found, if this college is to develop in the future as it has in the past.

There is another problem in connection with the transportation situation, to which the COLLEGIAN has already given quite a bit of publicity. That is the policy of "Ladies First" upon returning from vacation. It was successfully inaugurated at Thanksgiving, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of the Christmas vacation. Lemont was the only place where the policy was lived up to to any extent and even there many cases of ungentlemanliness were evident. For instance, on the first trip up, there were almost enough cars to care for all the girls, and yet because a few fellows monopolized several of these, despite the fact that they were told they were reserved for ladies, quite a few of the women students were compelled to wait until the second trip.

Outside of these few cases of non-gentlemen, all of the other fellows did their part in a splendid manner and helped make the movement at Lemont a splendid success. Great credit is also due the busmen at that station, all of whom agreed to bring up ladies first, and the only reason why some of them were unable to do so was because of the attitude of the above mentioned non-gentlemen. The action of these few, we feel sure, is looked down upon by the better class of students.

However, rather discouraging reports have come in from the various stations at Bellefonte and Tyrone, where the fellows, without any regard for ladies at all, dashed for the buses, and allowed the women students to secure transportation as best they could. Such a condition has existed for a longtime. Can it never be remedied? Surely there is no reason whatsoever why those students who return by way of Bellefonte, Tyrone, or any other station, can not follow the precedent which is being set at Lemont and carry out to one hundred per cent efficiency the policy of "Ladies First."

The first exhibition of its kind this winter, the novice meet for unskilled boxers, will be held this week in the Armory. The COLLEGIAN expresses the hope that all students who possibly can will attend, that the men may be encouraged in the ring game. The past convention of college athletic associations was featured by the enthusiasm with which the promoters of the sport advocated its adoption as a national intercollegiate sport, with the result that a committee is formulating rules for that purpose. Boving, with its birth as an intercollegiate sport promulgated by Penn and Penn State, is due therefore to become one of the most prominent and popular sports. It is up to every Penn State student to do his bit in encouraging and patronizing the sport at this institution.

In an issue of the COLLEGIAN several weeks ago, the Department of Music issued a call for new college songs. The COLLEGIAN heartily advocated the idea and wishes again to call the attention of the student body to the need of originality and variety in these songs. Such songs should be of a character as to make them available for singing at all college affairs for the entire year.

In this connection the COLLEGIAN desires to call attention to the combined musical clubs concert on Friday evening. Near the close of the program, several new college songs, prepared by the Glee Club, will be presented for the student body's approval. It is hoped that each student who attends will enter into the singing of these new songs with a whole-hearted fervor and do his part toward making them a success.

The next Y. M. C. A. entertainment course number is the Adams Company whose concert will be given Saturday evening. The previous concerts have been very poorly attended by the student body and for no conceivable reason. Surely Penn State students are of a sufficient musical trend to make them appreciate the value they can receive from entertainments of this type. If the students of other institutions can turn out in full force to musical attractions whereat some noted personage is the attraction, surely Penn State students can do the same.

## L-F. BASKETBALL SEASON HAS BEGUN

An interfraternity basketball league has been formed and already the opening games have been played. The plan is identical to that which was so successfully carried out last season and this year a seventy-five dollar cup will be presented to the champion. Hugo Blazdek is the prime mover of this plan, it being in perfect harmony with his mass athletic program.

The league is under the management of H. L. Stuart '21, who was appointed by Bendok and his assistants to be the chairman of a committee of five students. This committee, which in turn was selected by Manager Stuart, will have the responsibility of the drawing up of the rules and the schedule and the general successful putting through of the project. The five men selected are: J. Levinson '21, J. B. Tyson '21, F. M. Smith '20, H. McFarland '20, and P. B. Banks '22.

This season's schedule will have one important change as compared with that of last season and that will be with regard to the referees. Last season the referees were selected from all college and usually it was a student who happened to be nearby when the teams started to play, his ability not being taken into consideration. An entirely new system has been adopted. Certain members of the faculty will be chosen by the director of athletics to act as referees and who will in turn receive a small compensation for their work. This will facilitate matters and all teams while on the floor will be assured a neutral consideration by the official.

Thirty-five fraternities have entered teams in the race for the cup and the league has been divided into five divisions of seven teams each. There will be four games each evening and the start of play will be seven o'clock, each game being composed of ten minute halves.

All members of the varsity and Freshman training table have been declared ineligible. This is really the only rule which has been drawn up as yet by the committee, although others pertaining to penalties will probably be passed.

With the schedule standing as it is, the first round will have been completed within four weeks, which will permit the staging of the semi-finals in the middle of February and at their completion the finals. There is a plan under way whereby the non-fraternity units will have a duplicate league. With the adoption of this, the playing nights will be cut in half and consequently eight weeks will be needed before the semi-finals can be played.

## SOPHOMORES COMPETING IN RHETORIC CONTESTS

Following a custom established last year, the Department of English is conducting an extemporaneous speaking contest among the Sophomore Rhetoric classes. The preliminary contests are being held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week, and Monday night of next week in the Old Chapel at seven o'clock. Each section has selected one member to represent it in preliminary contests. Those who qualify in the preliminary contests will appear in the finals to be held probably Wednesday night of next week. Some of the rules and regulations which apply to the contests follow.

Each person in the preliminary contests shall be limited to six minutes.

Broad subjects of current interest, excluding the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations, shall be assigned.

A different subject shall be assigned each evening. The subjects shall be posted twenty-four hours in advance.

The judges shall be instructors in the Department of English. They shall announce first and second choices after each contest.

Before the final contest the four speakers who have been awarded second place in the four preliminary contests shall be called to speak before judges, who shall select one of the number to speak in the final contest with the four men who have been chosen for first place in the preliminaries. These five men shall participate in the final contest.

The final contest shall resemble the preliminaries except in that each speech shall be ten minutes in length instead of six.

It is obvious that such contests are worthy of the highest interest in the work of the Department of English and Rhetoric, and the keen rivalry between the various sections for first prize is conducive to Penn State Spirit.

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## "SAM" DEAN WRITES OF CONDITIONS IN CHINA

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went along. And in spite of my trying to fire some of them they all have started departments in manual training in this Normal School and that and are in some cases so much better than I expected that I almost wish I had kept the worst man in the class to see whether or not he might not have developed into a regular Edison.

While we were still working on the problem of industrial education and pushing here and there, trying to get something real started, the country suddenly became violently anti-Japanese and the howl went up for home manufactures, industrial schools and the like, so it wasn't very hard to get our department to one which was training teachers of a trade first and of manual training second. We then started to work out for the government a system of manual training high schools, or as we call them trade middle schools. Together with this we continued our work in introducing manual training into the common schools and training teachers for these courses and started to work out a new system of vocational primary for the education of the workmen of the nation.

Luck Takes a Hand  
Of course our shops were rather small and ill equipped for all this but fortunately just at that time a government factory which had been erected to make educational supplies and had failed because no one was trained to run it and the money put in was all grafted, burned down. We went to inspect the ruins and saw the machines made up into piles of junk ready to be sold to the foundry and so we hired some coolies, took them to our school, then asked the board of education for them because they were useless. Of course they gave them to us. We had them and that is the way we do things in government circles in China. Our students repaired the machines, and are still repairing them. They learned a lot while making something out of the junk and now they are using them to make more.

In the carpentry shop the matter was an easy one to solve. We took all kinds of contracts for government furniture and made them in lots of twenty, selling at a profit desks, chairs, filing cabinets and the like. Finally our boys erected a dormitory for the college in which they did every bit of the brick, stone, wood and concrete work and now they are designing and supervising the erection of school and government buildings. This summer they will erect \$200,000 worth of such buildings and are planning one college campus of 1200 students while they are planning from the beginning the campus for another college in another city, to be a hundred students.

Our boys spend the first two years, twenty hours a week in the college shops under student foremen, and the last two years three days a week in outside shops, such as the railway shops, machine shops, etc. The rest of their time they spend in lectures on the theory of their trade (architecture or mechanical eng.), in drafting and regular high school study. Later on we will add the collegiate department but had to start our own prep school.

I have taught everything given in the courses whether mechanical engineering or architecture, having an assistant interpret for me and after he has taught

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## AMERICA FACES CRISIS IN EDUCATION

BY ELIOT WADSWORTH

It becomes more evident every day that the plight of the college professor is not confined to any one college or group of colleges. The profession of teaching in colleges is threatened all over America. Hardly a day passes in the office of the Harvard endowment fund without a call from the representative of some college which is planning a drive for further endowment.

The reasons given are always the same. First, the existing staff is suffering from the high cost of living, the college is unable to give a square deal and a living wage to the men without whom no college can exist. Second, the recruiting of teachers has become almost impossible.

Men of unusual intellectual attainments, who would be selected by college faculties to carry on the work of teaching, cannot see the possibility of self-support in the meager salary of \$100 a month which is offered as a beginning. Even if they are inclined to try, and anxious to follow the profession of teaching, the call of commercial life, with its promise of financial reward, greater at the beginning and limited in the future only by their own abilities, is a strong one.

In every college the men who were already absorbed in the profession of teaching and whose associations and friendships are well established are carrying on as best they may. These older men cannot keep up their departments without the constant addition of young assistants. The discouragement of trying to keep up to a high standard of education under the constantly increasing handicap of an inadequate staff, is almost as hard upon these older men as their own individual troubles with the rent and the grocer's bill.

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It is not only those who have had the benefit of a college education who

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