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PENN STATE AT PLAY

With great pleasure one notes the intensive mass athletic program which has been outlined by the Director of Physical Education. It embraces such a variety of opportunities for sound physical training as has heretofore never been promoted at this college. It provides athletics for an innumerable student mass. It is worth every student's while to look into.

No man, or woman either, comes to college with the intention of securing solely an intellectual education. The necessity of such a foundation for life's work is undeniable. Yet, as certain as "all work makes Jack a dull boy" so will one slowly but surely suffer if the purely physical part of life is not observed. Therefore it is natural to conclude that to obtain the greatest possible good from an education, the individual must partake of some form of athletic diversion along with his studies. True enough is the fact that many do take the opportunities offered for exercise and have taken those which during the past years have been available. Those who were unable to participate in some defined line of sport turned to hiking and other forms of outdoor exercise. Yet all the students did not do both. Some went their study-bent ways. These individuals lost some of the vital good which they were free to receive at Penn State. As yet no system of physical training is being enforced at this college, but next year it is certain that all students will partake in some phase of instruction, for then Penn State's great mass athletic system will be put into operation.

But we must deal with the immediate present. A most wondrous opportunity is being offered through various mediums for each student's physical advancement. The Outing Club is being put into operation for those who have not the knack of playing at some sport. It is with great pleasure that one notes the enthusiasm which is being evidenced by the student body as a whole in the formation of this organization. Certain it is that but one great result can come from it—better men and women physically. Nowhere as in the great outdoors can one acquaint oneself so thoroughly with the Maker of man. His works are on all sides. He evidences himself in all living things and unless one is so thoroughly blind to the beauties of nature about him as to make him oblivious of all but the beaten path he himself follows, he will receive an immeasurable amount of good therefrom. However, as true as the fact that these opportunities lie before us is also the one that every man and woman should avail themselves of them. Let us do all in our power to take some form of physical training. Let us prepare ourselves, now that we may, for our part in this great mass athletic program of next year. To prove to the world that mass athletics at Penn State is a pronounced success, is to place our college even higher in the estimation of the people. In no other measure can we be more loyal to our alma mater and to those at home who are watching and praying for us that we may become better men and women, than by playing our part in the scheme. Let the slogan "Penn State at Play" be a part and parcel of every man and woman under the Blue and White's sway.

ANOTHER HOUR OF DAYLIGHT

With spring once and for all definitely settled upon us comes the desire to be out and doing. In consideration of the hours at which classes are now scheduled to close, and the average time set for the evening meal, little time remains in the early evening for the pursuit of such pleasures and forms of recreation as many will desire to indulge in.

The completion of the interfraternity and interunit baseball schedules, as well as those for tennis and numerous other sports, enthusiasm in the Outing Club,—all require that time be given them for proper and unlimited conduction. At present hours, sufficient time for the playing of a baseball game after the evening meal is not to be had. Consequently, unless the hours for classes are changed, or some measures are adopted whereby more time is to be given to these various intra-mural sports, their effectual operation will be greatly curtailed.

The method of daylight saving which has been in use for the past few years seems to be the best which might at this time be adopted. With the forward movement of the clock, a single hour, this difficulty could be remedied and the desired hour after dinner in the evening would then be had. However, perfect operation of such a plan would require that the citizens of the borough ratify such an act and place themselves in cooperation with the students. Were ten or fifteen minutes taken from each afternoon class, and the hours let be as they are, the student body would be made to suffer, by virtue of loss of time in the classroom. With the adoption of the former plan, the extra hour desired would be made to suffer, and the conduction of the sports assured. Without it the latter is impossible.

During the recent Y. M. C. A. campaign, few over 1500 students took on active membership and a little more than half the desired quota was raised. In consideration of these facts was the campaign a success?

In all other financial campaigns ever conducted here, even through the war times, Penn State was given the opportunity of starting the campaigns as incentive for other colleges, and not once did she fail to come through, even going above the required quota. Now, in the first home campaign to be conducted by the "Y", the student body fails to do its part. A survey of the situation would tell one that it is not the fact that Penn State students are especially lax in giving large amounts of money, but that many do not have the spirit of giving. Again, the small number of memberships received is indicative that many do not have the same attitude and Christian spirit they had when Dr. Eddy was here, or that they never received it. The immeasurable amount of good the Y. M. C. A. has done at Penn State certainly merits much better support than that which it received during the recent campaign. It is a true enough fact that many students were not or would not be in a position to give financial aid. These might at least have extended

their desire to membership in the organization and thereby lend a helping hand.

An opportunity will be given to those at the mass meetings this week. The COLLEGIAN hopes that they will do their part at that time.

Once before, in this column, emphasis was laid on the part the students of the engineering school should play in regard to the Penn State Engineer. When one notes that but one-third of the engineers have thus far given their support, the outlook for the newly revived publication becomes none too bright. The success of the magazine will be determined by the success of this first issue. If the Penn State engineers back the issue to a man, through the medium of the various societies, then and only then, will the periodical stand the test. It is to be hoped that the engineers will recognize and do what undoubtedly is their duty toward the new publication.

One feature of Penn State's events during the past winter season has been worthy of considerable comment as far as the student body is concerned and that is the attendance at the non-athletic events held here. Considering the fact that during the entire winter, athletic events were numerous and very inviting to attendance, the attendance at other affairs has not fallen as might be expected. On the contrary, more have attended such occasions than ever before during their seasons at this college. Debating, illustrated lectures, speeches by nationally renowned men and women, all have received a wonderful appreciation by the student body and the men and women who this year have found a pleasurable entertainment listening to these personages who bring vital messages from the outside world and topics of present day discussion are to be congratulated on their interest in the subjects and speakers represented. It is safe to say that Penn State's students are receiving an immeasurable amount of valuable information through these sources and the personal benefit to be derived therefrom will stand them in good stead. The COLLEGIAN sincerely hopes that the wonderful impressions created upon outsiders thereby will be continued through the students interest and attendance and that Penn State men and women realize how in that medium they are best serving their Alma Mater.

HARPOCAL ENSEMBLE COMES EARLY IN MAY

The last number of the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course, The Harpocal Ensemble, whose concert scheduled for March twenty-fourth was unavoidably postponed will be presented for the students' approval on Saturday evening, May eighth, in the Auditorium.

Although a great variety of musical programs have been presented at this college this past season, most of which have been unusual and above the average in their performance, The Harpocal Ensemble promises to delight its hearers in a new and captivating way as each of the others successively have done. The program includes most unusual combinations of instrument and voice—music, harps, cellos, piano, and four voices combining at times and participating alone to give beautiful tone effect. The party includes Miss Nellie Zimmer, Miss Ethel Zimmer and Miss Florence Price, harpists, the latter a talented violinist and the second named an accomplished pianist. The vocal part of the program is taken care of by Miss Genevieve Upham Mason and Mr. Alexander Mason, a high soprano blended with a rich mellow tenor. This concert will prove a fitting close for a remarkable season of entertainments. Regular course tickets and admissions purchased prior to the time of forced cancellation of the concert will be honored. Further separate admissions may be obtained at fifty and seventy-five cents.

E. E. MEETING
An important meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society will be held tomorrow night at seven o'clock in room 200, Engineering Unit D. All E. E. students are urged to attend this important meeting and hear Denn Skelett who will talk on "The Reconstruction of Small Power Plants."

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SUMMER SESSION GIVES VARIETY OF COURSES

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college during the time it is conducted. The course in training teachers of continuation schools is being operated in cooperation with the Bureau of Vocational Education of the State Department of Education and its necessity in all industrial communities is one of prime importance. Naturally the value of the course at this institution rises with the increasing necessity throughout the state.

Students May Attend
Recent action by the Council of Administration of the college, makes it possible for regular students, who, because of military or other forms of service have been absent from college, to register for summer session courses. In addition to the subjects which will be offered for teachers, additional classes in other subjects may be formed when ten or more students apply. This plan will enable students who are behind in part of a semester's work to make up the deficiency. Under similar regulations, more than seventy-five students were admitted to the summer session of last year.

Music Course Is Offered
Penn Robinson of the Department of Music announced recently that he had completed arrangements with the Victor Talking Machine Company, whereby that firm will send a representative from their educational division to Penn State during this year's summer session. The representative, it has been planned, will give courses in the Presentation Methods of Music Appreciation in the high schools, grade and rural schools. This feature will be a distinct addition to the already comprehensive courses that are to be offered in this branch.

The summer session at this college is not merely a summer school, a chautauqua nor a school of methods, but a regularly conducted session of the college by its instructors. Subjects required for a permanent state certificate for public school teachers, high school

teachers, for entrance work to college, undergraduate work or graduate work will all be offered. No tuition is required, the entire expense of the session being borne by state appropriations. The object of the whole session is to increase the efficiency of the public school system by better preparation of its teachers. Already advance registration has passed the 100 mark, this being the largest in the history of the

session for the corresponding time in years, and a successful season is predicted.

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