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IN MEMORIAM

The recent death of Dr. G. G. Pond has bereft Penn State of another of her greatest exponents. It has taken from her, in the prime of his life, a man whose determination and will for her good has never failed to stand her in good stead. It has taken from the world a scientist whose accomplishments were known the world over. More than that it has taken a man who was loved and revered by students, faculty and alumni for the good will and love he held for them.

Ever desirous for the good of the college and of the students of his school, Dr. Pond sacrificed the opportunities which research work held for him and turned his greatest efforts toward making successful men of those he instructed. Graduation did not remove these men from his sway. He kept in personal touch with each of them by means of frequent letters and whenever possible aided them in securing advancement in the line of work wherein they were situated. His efforts to make the Priestley Laboratory a certain portion of Penn State have been marked during recent years and his widely known fame made him a man who was able to accomplish just such things.

On Sunday Penn State will do honor to this great man. At that time all will have the opportunity for showing their appreciation of the work done for this college. Sufficient space could not be had to extol the work and activities of the Senior Dean, his life work and its result being amply summed up in the phrase "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!"

PROPOSED CHANGE OF ALUMNI DAY

A letter was recently received by Mr. E. N. Sullivan, Secretary of the Alumni Association which suggested that a change be made in Alumni Day during commencement. This change, proposed by J. F. Rodgers '95 is one which would put Alumni Day, as it is now observed, several days forward, from Tuesday to Saturday and would facilitate matters greatly as far as the alumni are concerned.

In this proposed change several features must be considered. To the alumni it would mean their return for the week-end whereas, under the old system they would not be able to remain for the festivities of the first few days of the following week. After students leave college and enter active work in the world, they are not always able to return to their alma mater for such activities as these, just when the occasion presents itself. Many certainly have not returned because they were not able to leave their work during those days when alumni activity was at its height. In consideration of this point it can readily be seen that many would be able to return to the college and take part in their own interesting day if Alumni Day was changed to Saturday. The only possible objection which might be made against this plan is that it would possibly shorten the length of commencement activities and house party affairs. However, the COLLEGIAN believes that in such a matter as this, where the great body of alumni is concerned, the students will offer no objection to shortening their period of enjoyment. Further, the time of house party activities need not be shortened, in that the usual dances and fraternity affairs might still be carried on a day or two after commencement activities had ceased. Or, further activities might be created to take the place of those cancelled, if the students' enjoyment for that period is to be the only matter of objection.

The COLLEGIAN believes that inasmuch as Penn State's hope for future enlargement is a large and organized alumni organization, that the students should be willing to forego some of their own pleasures in the attempt to aid in working for Penn State's good. Without a doubt, the increased facilities of this college for training the future generations of Pennsylvanians, through their organization, is what Penn State students most desire, the greatest institution of learning in this state, if not in this country. They will always want to remember that they had a part in the greater development of their college. The COLLEGIAN believes that in this matter the student body should take some formulated action, since it concerns them in a great measure, and show the alumni that they are looking for a greater alumni organization, in the joint effort for a greater Penn State year by year.

FINAL EXAMS

With the period of final examinations for the second semester drawing near, the COLLEGIAN would place before the mind of the student body at large that the Honor System is still being conducted at Penn State. This is a matter which time after time has been brought to the students notice and has become almost chronic at this period of each semester. Yet the fact remains that during the year, especially at examination time, some students fail to realize the virulence of the organization and succumb to the temptations of cheating and desire to pass whatever the cost. The COLLEGIAN would warn the students to be on the outlook for such attempts and would ask those who have failed to live up to specifications and who may be weak when the crucial test comes, to get the grip on themselves now and then they will be able to withstand temptation when examination time comes. Let us hope that this semester will be a cleaner one than any has ever before been, by living up to the honor code. It's up to you Mr. Student.

During the past few weeks, especially on such days and nights as when the weather was of such a nature as to permit being outdoors, certain students have accumulated the habit of loafing around the co-op corner, and especially of perching themselves on the rail located there and expectorating on the sidewalk. This practice has made that portion of the sidewalk one on which it is not desirable to walk. Town people, women and other students have been particularly annoyed by this habit and it without a doubt is a disgusting one. It is to be sincerely hoped that in the future this practice will be discontinued.

PROMINENT ALUMNI OPPOSE PLAN FOR COLLEGE MERGER

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He and the elected members chosen by representatives of the citizens of the entire state most interested in the particular work of the institution.

The legal title to its property is vested in the corporation, The Pennsylvania State College, as directed by the legislature of the Commonwealth. The equitable title to the property of the College is vested in the Commonwealth.

Yet there are those who limit the acknowledgement of the State's responsibility because the title to the property of the College is held by the corporation and not by the Commonwealth. That the Board of Trustees administers its trust for the Commonwealth under the express direction of the legislature cannot be denied. Undoubtedly the legislature placed the trust as it did to keep the College free of politics and its wisdom in this has been proved.

Even the property of the public schools is not vested in the Commonwealth.

The Pennsylvania State College is the only College in the Commonwealth designated by the United States Government and recognized by every other state as the "Land Grant" or State College of Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania State College is the only College in Pennsylvania which from its foundation has been recognized as the ward of the Commonwealth in its support and maintenance and by various legislative enactments, including its charter and amendments thereof.

The respective corporations of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh are controlled by self-perpetuating boards of trustees and are private corporations.

The tentative proposition made is not proper to be placed in fundamental law which is all that the constitution should express.

The three institutions are perpetual entities directed by their respective governing boards and the Constitution cannot definitely provide that the three institutions shall merge or that they shall coordinate in any manner and compel it to be done, unless the three institutions first enter into a compact that they will so do, admitting for the present that they legally can enter into such a compact. That the Pennsylvania State College is under the control of the Commonwealth makes no difference as to the proposed provision of the Constitution because the other two institutions are private corporations and as such, either would be able to refuse to merge or to coordinate. Certainly the Constitutional commission will not propose that any clause be placed in the fundamental law that something shall be which could not be if one of the corporations concerned refused to comply.

Neither can it be accepted that the commission would make a provision which might or might not be carried out, such as the merger proposed, and be placed in the alternative that if not carried out a new State University may be created. One thing is certain—there is no demand by the citizens of this Commonwealth for any such proposition, when, as is the fact, the state has a plant now existing in The Pennsylvania State College, created by the funds of the state and national governments, ample as a basis for any structure desired for higher education.

A technical difficulty which would have to be considered is the right of the Board of Trustees of at least the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh to surrender their functions or a part of the same, to the proposed central board of control, a super-board of trustees, who would decide what work should be done in part or in whole, by said institutions. Further it would be a practical difficulty for the central board of control to decide that certain funds should be applied by the different institutions to do certain work respectively without considering the entire budget of each institution and all the work to be done by each. In other words, the super-board of trustees would have to decide finally, policies of these different institutions as if it were the sole governing board.

As far as The Pennsylvania State College is concerned its Board of Trustees would have no right or power to change, or to enter into a compact to change, its foundation, service and relation to the State, by reason of its agency to fulfill the covenant existing between the Commonwealth and the United States.

The work of The Pennsylvania State College is performed in one of the largest educational plants in the nation. Its twenty-five college buildings are located on a site seventeen hundred acres in extent. Its resident student population numbers over 4300 which number is supplemented in extension and correspondence classes in all parts of the Commonwealth by an additional number which brings the total student body to 10,000 persons. As a college institution of applied sciences it stands, in point of size, among the first three in the United States. Through its extension divisions, the College enlarges its influence to an extent that each year no less than 100,000 Pennsylvanians receive direct educational benefits.

In the Pennsylvania State College, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has, as a part of its educational system, a great institution of higher learning capable of expansion to include all that the Commonwealth may desire. Its ideal location and ample land place no restriction on development. Its work comprises all phases of higher education of collegiate grade open to both men and women. Through its schools of Engineering, Agriculture, Natural Science, Mines, Liberal Arts, Home Economics and Education and its research and extension service in operation throughout the year, The Pennsylvania State Col-

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lege has all but a few of the elements entering into a complete modern university. Its development as such has been prevented only by lack of funds.

Last September nearly six hundred Pennsylvanians were refused admission and for seven years students to a total of about 2500 have been rejected for lack of accommodations. The College now limits admission to residents of the State of Pennsylvania although some financial support comes from the Federal Government.

We realize that nothing is more important to the Commonwealth than its system of public education and believe it will be of aid if all citizens give serious consideration to the subject and to all the facts relating to the present State Institution, The Pennsylvania State College.

MANY PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY CAMPUS SINGING

Judging by the large crowd that gathered on the Campus last Tuesday evening to participate in the initial song session of the year, it is evident that the movement which originated last year, will meet with phenomenal success during the coming months. It is planned to have the gatherings every Tuesday evening on the front Campus at seven o'clock. In the event of rain or unfavorable weather the singing will take place the following Friday evening at the same hour. All of the candidates for song leader, will be given suitable opportunity to display their ability as such. Dean Robinson of the Department of Music is in charge of all arrangements.

As a result of an urgent campaign for new songs inaugurated by the Department of Music, a new song has appeared on the campus. It is called "A Toast to Old State" and is the work of H. E. Schlosser '22 who has written the words, and H. A. Krutzer, Jr. '20 who composed the music. The words are as follows:

Here's to you Alma Mater—
We're for you all the time
Here's to the things you stand for
Always they'll be mine
Here's to the friends who true boys
And all the good times that
After we've gone from old Penn State,
Our spirit will be there.

Here's to the boys who left us—
Here's to the boys of old
Here's to the deeds they did for
Penn State—
Lones that remain untold
Long may their acts remind us,
Of things yet to be done
Come men let's fight for old Penn State.

Until the game is won
It is planned next year to have an individual song leader and accompanist for each class, the Sophomore song leaders being responsible for teaching the college songs to the Freshmen. The new Penn State Song books which are due to arrive in the near future, will contain all of the campus songs as well as other favorites and will mark an unique step in the development of the enlarged musical program.

ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERS

HEAR LECTURE ON LIMESTONE
A lecture on Indiana Limestone was given by Mr. Whyte of the Indiana Limestone Company before the Architectural Engineering Society in the Old Chapel last Wednesday evening. Moving pictures were used to exhibit the quarry, methods of dressing and handling large blocks of stone.

BOALSBURG GUN TROOP

At an inspection held last Saturday evening at Boalsburg, a large majority of the members of the Machine Gun Troop which is connected with the Boalsburg Unit were officially inducted into the Federal service. The inspection and muster was in charge of Colonel R. B. Ellis of the United States Cavalry and prominent among those attending the ceremony were Auditor-General Charles A. Snyder and Lieutenant-Governor Edward E. Bechtelmann. Both of these state officials gave short interesting talks as a part of the program.

The new troop is a reorganization of the old Boalsburg Machine Gun Troop, which was formed in 1916 by Major Theodore Davis Boal and served on the Mexican Border. It served at Camp Hancock as part of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry and served with the One Hundred and Seventy Machine Gun Battalion of the 28th Division in France. Ten of the original members have reenlisted. Eleven of

the new members have seen service overseas and thirty-three were in the service on this side. The new name of the organization is to be Machine Gun Troop of the First Cavalry, National Guard of Pennsylvania. Pierre Boal, who served over two years in the French Cavalry and was two years in the French and American Air Service, is captain of the troop.

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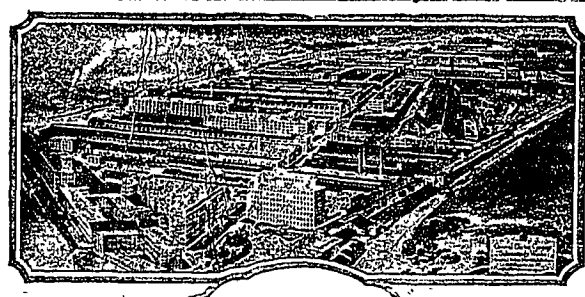
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