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CONDUCT IN CHAPEL

At last Sunday's chapel services a most flagrant violation of personal conduct was noted. Several students had purchased newspapers before going to the service and during the hour were engaged in glancing the contents therefrom. They gave little attention to the speaker, his topic nor the fact that their actions were being noted. They were interested only in the paper.

It seems rather hard to understand why men should do these things. Chapel is not a form. It is not a place where men may do as best suits them. It is first, last and always a place of worship and if one cannot enter into that portion of it then he can and should remain in respectful attention of the speaker, and those about him who do enter into the spirit of the service. Many students have an idea that chapel is nothing else than an institution used for compulsion of student activity, whether it be daily or Sunday. We do not at this point desire to discuss the rights or wrongs of daily or Sunday chapel. That there are both desirable and undesirable features about the former is true, but the latter is without question a good to be desired at every educational institution. However, chapel is a feature of student life at Penn State and as such should be regarded as one of the essentials.

Men go to church because they desire to do so. They go whether at home or at State College. There is no reason whatever why Sunday chapel is not the same and does not produce the same for each man and woman in college as the services in a church. It is the college church service, where the college and its students enter into the spirit of worship in the Lord's house. Any act on the part of any student which detracts a single iota from the sincerity of this worship belittles himself and the spiritual light to be obtained in worship. Such acts as were noted last Sunday were very uncomplimentary to the speaker, to his topic and to all the students in the service. Let us have no repetition of such an act but rather let us have a more concentrated desire on the part of each student to make Sunday chapel a vital part of each week's life and to drive the great good that may be gotten from the teachings of His work.

THE DAMAGE FUND PAYS

Student activities during the past week were again responsible for a removal of money from the Damage Fund of each class. A goodly amount of apples were stolen from the Horticultural Building and the loss was considerable because the fruit had been grown in the college experimental orchard, thereby necessitating a further loss in compiling the records for this orchard. This case is just an example of the many things which arise during the college year and for which the student body in general must pay. The damage fund, which is made possible through the class dues, is used to pay for these escapades.

When a class finally reaches its senior year, whatever money remains in the class damage fund at the end of that year is used toward paying a portion of the Senior Memorial to the college. Thus it is easily seen that the amount of money a class will have in its damage fund for use toward the memorial will be directly proportionate to the amount of money drawn from the fund for defraying expenses caused by the destructive activities conducted by that class or by the number of students whose identity is unknown but for whose escapades the entire college must pay.

Therefore, let us have less of these destructive activities. If our college really means as much to us as we are prone to say, then we shall certainly desire to leave her some fitting memorial of that feeling. If not, then we may expect a dashing, gluttonous charge upon the damage fund. However, the COLLEGIAN believes that the former case is the true one at Penn State and that the students will attempt to lessen and to discourage any such activities as are against the best interests of the college. Such things as have happened here this year are certainly to be discouraged. They have dug deeply in the damage fund and have not been for the best interests of the college. Let us have no more of them.

The practice of cutting corners has become a bad one this fall. The campus was very beautiful when college opened and nearly all the walks were fringed with a pretty, clean cut border of green. Now the walks all over the campus and particularly those leading directly to the various buildings are in a disorderly condition and give the appearance of sprawling toward the buildings rather than the neat way they looked when college opened. In this matter the students alone have been at fault. For the best appearance of the campus and for the sake of keeping a live border of green about the walks, let us be more observant of our conduct and keep to the regular paths, especially in regard to the corners.

News From Other Colleges

CORNELL—Plans have finally been completed for the joint concert to be given by the combined Cornell-Dartmouth Musical Clubs on November fifth at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City. Five thousand New York Alumni from the two institutions are expected to attend.

DARTMOUTH—Over three thousand men assembled here last Friday night to take part in the twenty-sixth annual night celebration to welcome the close of 1921 into the Brotherhood of Dartmouth Men. More than six hundred freshmen are enrolled in the institution this year.

DELAWARE—An official tag day has been arranged for the benefit of the "Delaware College Review," the student weekly publication at this institution.

DARTMOUTH—Killing, Penn State's sterling quarter-back is being men-

tioned here as a pilot who bids strong for an all-American berth this year. Shelbourne and Nedlinger, who received injuries in the Penn State game are not sufficiently recovered to take part in the game this week.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND—A baby party was recently held for the freshmen girls, who were dressed like children with curls, short dresses and pretty hair ribbons.

COLUMBIA—Registration figures indicate an enrollment of thirty one thousand students for the collegiate year. These figures place Columbia as the largest educational institution in the world.

CORNELL—An inter-fraternity soccer league has been formed. The members of the winning team will receive a free trip to Philadelphia on November twenty-fifth to witness the Penn-Cornell game.

Townsend Company, of Baltimore, for whom he is selling stocks and bonds. R. R. Ford '14, is with the Minnesota Lumber Corporation at Minnesota, Florida.

Paul Benesh '09, is located with the State Department of Agriculture at Trenton, New Jersey.

R. B. Gage '09, is in charge of the testing laboratories of the Department of Conservation and Development at Trenton, New Jersey.

LACROSSE MEN IN LIGHT FALL WORKOUT

Although the lacrosse candidates have been out practicing for the past two or three weeks, they have done very little work so far and, in fact, will engage only in light scrimmages during the fall period since the varsity lacrosse season does not open until the week after Easter vacation and it is thought better to save the more grueling work until spring. However, the Freshman-Sophomore scrap will take place in the very near future in order that the coach may acquire some idea of the material that lies in the two lower classes. The other class scraps will not be held until some time in the

LOOKING BACKWARD

Four Years Ago.
The Blue and White gridiron warriors completely swamped the strong eleven representing West Virginia Wesleyan to the tune of 39-0.

Five Years Ago.
The yeeting team trounced Kiskadee in a hard fought game by the score of 29-0. It is interesting to note that two of the stars on this team, Beck and Jones, are still in college and are now playing varsity football.

Six Years Ago.
Harvard and Penn State played to a draw before the largest crowd of the year in the Harvard Stadium. The Blue and White aggregation outplayed the Crimson in every department of the game but Harvard got the advantage of the breaks and the score ended 13-12.

Nine Years Ago.
In a fierce struggle Penn outplayed the Nittany warriors of the mole-skin and won by the score of 10-0.

ALUMNI NOTES

Spence Fred Jr. '18, is located in Har-
bing where he is representing the
Equitable Life Insurance Company of
Iowa.

H. M. Sars '12, is with the United
States Forest Service at Buena Vista,
Virginia.

Martin Gillet '11, is with the Scott,

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spring.
The varsity schedule is rapidly near-
ing completion and although nothing
definite can be announced, as to the
schools which the lacrosse team will
meet, it may be safely said that the
finished schedule will be one of the best
that the Blue and White representa-
tives have had in years.

PROFESSOR O'DONNELL BACK FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Professor Raymond O'Donnell of the
Department of Civil Engineering has
returned to college after a leave of
absence of one year, during which
time he was engaged as assistant to
the chief engineer of the Department
of Health of Pennsylvania.

His headquarters were at Harris-
burg, but he spent most of his time in
the Eastern Division, which is com-
posed of Bucks, Northampton, Lehigh,
Monroe and Pike counties. Here Pro-
fessor O'Donnell was acting in the
capacity of chief engineer of the dis-
trict, inspecting water works and sewer-
age disposal plants and also approving
and inspecting plans for new plants in
and about the cities of Reading, Allentown,
Bethlehem and Easton, and also
at the summer resorts of Strouds-
burg, the Poconos and the Dela-
ware Water Gap. Professor O'Don-
nell was graduated from Penn State
in 1909 and secured the degree of Civil
Engineer here in 1916. This fall he

resumed his duties as associate profes-
sor in the Department of Civil Engin-
eering and says that it feels like home
to be back among the Nittany Hills.

STUDENTS TO DECIDE IF SPECIAL TRAIN IS DESIRED

At the last meeting of Student Coun-
cil, it was decided that a special train
would be asked for to take the stud-
ents to Philadelphia for the Penn
State-Pennsylvania football game if
enough of the students signified their
intention of taking the trip and going
on the special train. The committee
which was appointed to take charge of
the affair consists of J. L. Romig '21,
Chairman; Boggs '22 and R. L. Burtner
'22.

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