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### GIVE WILSON A CHANCE

Penn State is exceptionally fortunate in having such a man as J. Stitt Wilson present a series of addresses. He comes here with a reputation as a political scientist of world wide reputation and a labor leader of great ability, having a remarkable insight into the discussion which is taking place between labor and capital. He knows the Socialist party and the platform of that party as very few men know it. He has at the same time a remarkable faith in the value of the teachings of Christ as a solution for the present day problems. His personality is very unique and holds the interest of his audiences. Other colleges have been deeply interested in the man and record crowds have heard all his addresses. He comes here hoping to put his message before the entire Penn State student body. It is hardly fair to the man if any criticism is offered before hearing his message. Certainly no Penn State man is going to miss hearing the most practical idealist who has visited Penn State for some time. Logical thinking marks J. Stitt Wilson as a man particularly well adapted to speak to students. Here's a proposition—hear him at least once on Thursday and if he doesn't have some message, don't go again. If he has something real—don't miss the remaining lectures of the Wilson World Series.

### COUNTY CLUBS—GET BUSY!

What is your county club doing? How many county club members are active enough to be able to fully answer that question? At Penn State are many county organizations whose power for good to the individual and the college is only limited by the members interest and initiative. Being such a factor for good to the college, it is hardly conceivable that some of the clubs could be classed as "back numbers" as regards this very point. Yet such is the case and it is to be hoped that it may be remedied promptly.

The publicity department of the college has attempted to organize the various county clubs into units of a publicity organization that will spread into every section of the state. Clubs were requested to elect reporters whose duty it would be to turn in county club notes to the publicity office every two or three weeks, the department offering to see that the news was sent to the papers and also that it was written up in good newspaper form. The work of the reporters was to be about fifteen minutes every two weeks. The movement was started last spring and the county papers have been anxious to receive articles concerning the activities of their own students. Thus far, about seven clubs have been on the job, and the department is appreciative of their efforts. But this number is so little in comparison to what it should be that the work as a whole has not progressed one whit since last year.

It is the duty of every county club reporter to do the work appointed him. It is likewise the duty of every county club officer to see that the reporters are on the job, giving the people of their section of the state the news which they are so desirous of obtaining in regard to the college and the students from their counties. It is, further, the duty of the individual members of the clubs to prod the reporters and to assist them in making their work more efficient. If the officers of the clubs are at fault, get after them. And above all, be awake to the fact that your organization is the one and only one which can exert real influence for the students of your section, in that section of the state. Again, the COLLEGIAN would suggest that during the Christmas holidays the county clubs have a date set when they will meet at a convenient center and present to an open meeting of all interested, regardless of their affiliations in the outside world, the big problem before the college in securing sufficient financial aid to carry on the work of educating the sons and daughters of the commonwealth. This meeting might be of a type which would make a specialty of having business men and all others interested in the county come to this meeting and hear more fully, from students who understand the proposition, or faculty members delegated for that purpose, of the needs of the college. It would aid greatly in spreading broadcast the requirements of the college. It would be doing the college a great service. It would show the people of the state and that particular county that the boys and girls from that county that go to Penn State for their education have a whole-hearted interest in her welfare. It is a duty which we can ill afford to lose sight of. County club members, awaken to the possibilities before you.

### LEST WE FORGET

Penn State's name and fame was again carried to a higher crest when the soccer team made such a glorious achievement on its last trip. The fact that the victories won then have caused sufficient stir among other large institutions having successful soccer teams makes the Penn State Soccer team doubly prominent. It is most pleasing to note the success which the sport has met this year and it is to be hoped that other minor sports will receive the same backing and enthusiastic support that soccer has received.

## FOOTBALL SCRAP ENDS WITH SCORELESS DRAW

### Freshman and Sophomore Elevens Fail to Decide Supremacy on Muddy Gridiron

The Sophomore football scrap Saturday afternoon ended in a scoreless draw. The game was played in an impotent field, so muddy that every time a ball was kicked, it went a few feet and the unfortunate player on the other side of the ball. The deep mud soon canted both teams until it was impossible to distinguish the individuals and the game had to be interrupted frequently to scrape the mud off the ball. The condition of the field hampered the play of both teams and it would be difficult to predict the outcome of the game if it had been played on a dry field. The game was closely contested in all quarters but neither team was able to score. At one time in the second quarter the Freshmen came within thirteen yards of the Sophomores goal as a result of a miscalculation of the kick. The second year men pulled and the youngsters lost the ball on downs. In the third period the Sophomores kicked to the Freshmen three straight marks but the Freshmen immediately removed the danger by kicking back to the forty yard line.

Before the contest, the Freshmen were favored to win as the Sophomores eleven had not been practicing and their lineup was more or less a mystery. The game demonstrated however that the second year eleven was one worthy of consideration and it put up a real battle. The Freshmen were up to their usual standard but like the Sophomores were greatly hampered by the all-enveloping mud. Fumbles were as numerous as the occasions for passing the ball and greatly added to the uncertainty of the game. Frequently time was called to wipe off the pigskin or to clean the mud from the faces of one of the hunched-over players. It was also necessary to provide towels for wiping off the toe of the punter every time a kick was contemplated.

Very few substitutions were made by either team until the last few minutes of play when a new yearling eleven was put in the contest. The only other substitution was that of a line back for Carvill. This change was made at the opening of the second half.

The battle attracted an unusually large crowd for an underclass scrap, the Freshmen being especially in evidence. They were out in force to support their gridiron representatives. Most of the plays were made on straight football. Forward passes were often used but did not prove effective. They were quickly intercepted and an often recovered. Each eleven intercepted two forward passes and the Sophomores completed two while the Freshmen only one succeeded. The ball was extremely heavy and slippery and very difficult to handle so that forward passing was an uncertain quantity. The first year men had the advantage in rebounding in scrimmage, making seven first downs to two for the Sophs. Ruthledge contributed a fifty-four yard dash and a twenty yard run. Carson gave a twenty-five yard contribution and Wilson and Singer could always be counted on for gains. The Sophomore backfield had a strong combination in Hufford and Burt at halves and Hess at full back. Captain Hess did some good punting and was a groundainer. His line was above the average considering the wet ball and the condition of the field. Both lines did good work.

## Freshman Harriers Defeat Sophomores

### The Harriers representing the Class of 1924 had little difficulty in winning the annual Sophomore-Freshman cross country meet held last Saturday afternoon, when they showed their heels to their second year rivals by the decisive margin of 19 points to 49 points.

The race was run over a course three and one half miles in length, starting and finishing on New Beaver Field. One of the features of the contest was the excellent balance of the first year team and the way in which the runners of this team were lunched together as a finish. Of the first six men to cross the closing mile, five were Freshmen, and out of the first sixteen men to finish, only five were Sophomores. Enck '21, the winner, completed the course in very good time, completing it in sixteen minutes and forty-one seconds. In accordance with the rules of the Athletic Association, medals will be awarded to the first five men who finished and to the first five men from the winning team to complete the course. The list of the first sixteen men finishing follows: Enck '21, second, Starrett '23; third, Hamilton '24; fourth, Wendler '24; fifth, Wilhelm '24; sixth, Pierson '24; seventh, Auman '23; eighth, Shultz '24; ninth, Carter '23; tenth, Koeniger '24; eleventh, Sliemers '24; twelfth, Klasinger '21; thirteenth, Perry '24; fourteenth, Simmons '24; fifteenth, E. C. Edgerton, '23; and sixteenth, J. R. Edgerton '23.

## BEZDEK MAKES SPEECH BEFORE ERIE ALUMNI

Hugo Bezdek and the Varsity Male Quartet were the main attractions at a smoker given by the Penn State Alumni to the members of the University Club of the City of Erie last Friday night. The University Club of Erie is running a series of entertainments and smokers to be conducted by the Alumni of the various colleges and universities that comprise the membership of the organization, and the Penn State Alumni were given the honor of conducting the smoker for the opening evening. Bezdek was the principal speaker and he made a remarkable impression upon men of

The next number in the entertainment course will be presented towards the first of January, when Pitt Parker, the noted cartoonist and humorous will appear here for the amusement of a Penn State audience. This will be the fifth number in the course which is being conducted under the joint auspices of the Department of Music and the Y. M. C. A. In an effort to bring a series of high grade entertainments before the student body at a nominal cost.

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Yale, Brown, Harvard, Amherst and many other colleges and Universities that were represented. "Bez" outlined the plan that he sponsored for athletics at Penn State and made such a deep and favorable effect upon the members of the Club that they would not permit him to stop talking. After answering many questions they permitted him to stop and the Varsity Male Quartet completed the program by singing many of the numbers that they will use on their trip to Panama.


MEMBER OF STATE EDUCATION BOARD A RECENT VISITOR HERE: Miss Mabel Brown, First Assistant in the Psychological Section of the State Department of Public Instruction spent December third at Penn State as a guest of the college. Miss Brown will probably return to this institution at a later date to address the women students on vocational opportunities for women in psychological clinics.

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