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WHAT DOES AN HOUR MEAN TO YOU?

At several instances this year the COLLEGIAN has advocated that the students make more use of the extra hour granted by the college for the sole use of providing a time for student mass athletics. There has been much discussion recently about the advisability of allowing this extra hour inasmuch as the students evidently have made no appreciative response to the opportunity thus afforded. On the contrary it has resulted in an almost universal movement forward of the evening meal hour, so that such a thing as coordinate student athletics has been impossible. Many of the sports have suffered consequently and the reason has been more because of the rearrangement of the meal hour than from a lack of desire on the part of the students to participate in the athletics offered. Now the situation that faces the students is that unless they make a united effort to make this hour worth while to themselves, there will be a change made in the daily program. This extra hour will be taken away and in its place substituted the former routine day of fifty minute class periods.

As advocated before, there is only one way to make this hour worth while. It is through the cooperation of the students for whose sole benefit it was first instituted. The students must see to it that the meal hours throughout the town be changed from the present time of anywhere from five to six o'clock in the evening to a set time. The classes for the day close at four-thirty o'clock. From then on till five-thirty, is set a time for pursuit of athletics. Consequently six o'clock is the most suitable time for the evening meal hour.

The students must consider this matter seriously. It means just this, that unless they do make use of the extra hour, it will be taken away from them. We all realize the importance of the period set aside for intra-mural athletics and so it is our duty to cooperate and make it a success

SUPPORT LOCAL MERCHANTS

Many students do not realize just what the merchants of State College are doing for the town and college. They do not realize that the support given by them is a large factor in the existence of many student publications and activities. State College merchants are requested to advertise and support many student propositions and in most cases their aid is readily forthcoming. In return they have received student support in the purchase of the articles they have for sale. However, during the past several years, and especially this year, the support has fallen off, due largely to the invasion of representatives of out-of-town firms who have offered goods for sale. These dealers have given little or no support to the students. They have only taken. They have no expenses to bear in the same proportion as do the local merchants. Consequently many of their articles have been offered at lower prices and have been readily accepted. That there is much in this that is unjust to the local men may be readily seen. There are many arguments pro and con and we shall attempt to consider a few at this time.

For a better and bigger State College we must in large measure depend on the merchants. Their aid has meant much to student affairs as well as has student support meant added life to their businesses. The two must work hand in hand for mutual benefit. Students are always exacting in their wishes and often selfish. The same is often true of those in business. It is agreed that there is room for more cooperation on the part of both. Many complaints have been raised against the prices merchants have been asking for their goods. For this reason much of the trade has been diverted to channels where prices are not so high. In this respect, the merchants must consider a change, one which will undoubtedly mean more to them in the end. Students must also realize that their reciprocity to merchant aid is as essential to better relations all around. So, as prices should be perhaps rearranged, so should student patronage return to the home merchant. We believe that the two will work hand in hand. One must give as much as the other.

There is much good to be gotten from a "trade at home" policy. By this is meant, however, a support of those merchants whose business means added conveniences to the town and college and whose support is such an essential to civic improvements and students activities. No good comes to the town by a support of dealers who do not have an active interest in the town's welfare, but whose interest centers alone on what they are able to extract from a college town population. And so it is cooperation that is needed. Why should students support merchants who do not in return give aid to the college and town? Why should student patronage extend beyond that of the local merchant whose sole interest is centered in this community? We believe that through the agency of the new Chamber of Commerce relations between the students and merchants will become better as time passes, but it is also necessary that this relation, as far as patronage is concerned, be made better now. Support the local merchant first. He is a vital part of the town and its growth. He deserves your support much more than any outsider who has no interest in the welfare of this college town. Let's be fair to him. It is assured that he will return to us in like fashion.

A PENN STATE CELEBRATION

Situated on the campus, near the main drive, is a large pine tree that for many years has served as a community tree at the time of the annual Christmas celebration. This festivity, however, always comes when the students have departed to their respective homes and consequently has always been solely a town affair. Penn State has never had a real Christmas celebration of its own. The women students and the fraternities have always, as a rule, had some sort of celebration during the closing days of school for the old year, but it is believed by many that the entire college should unite at such a time in a celebration distinctly its own. The large tree could be very prettily decorated with lights, the college band could furnish several members, trumpeters for instance, to furnish appropriate music. The Glee Club could render several Christmas carols. Students, both men and women could produce a pageant illustrative of the occasion. About all of it might be wrapped the spirit of the entire college over the approaching occasion, a spirit of thanksgiving to God for the gift he made the world on that day of days in the world's history; a spirit of realization of the power produced and the effect of that birth on the peoples of the world. It would be a period of rejoicing over the college's success during the present school year, one full of hope for the future. It would not, as some cynics might suppose, be a time of childishness, and buffonery, but one of happy union of the entire student body for the last time in the old year. The spirit of Christmas and its meaning would predominate and in it would be woven the magic, the eagerness, the expectation, the thankfulness and the hope which is a part of each one's life when the Christmas period approaches. Let us all unite at this time for a better and closer relationship with Him from whom all good gifts come and to whom we are all indebted for what we have received of life. Let this be a time of "Peace and Good Will" at Penn State.

FIRST LADY OF LAND LECTURES ARE POPULAR

Last Tuesday evening Dr. Sparks delivered the fifth lecture of the Liberal Arts series in Old Chapel on the subject "Rachel Jackson, the Frontiers Woman". He portrayed vividly the lives of Rachel and Andrew Jackson and incidentally gave a remarkable picture of frontier life in general at that time. He also gave a splendid talk on the progress of American politics by contrasting the methods of political procedure in 1820 with those of the present time.

Dr. Sparks told his audience that Rachel Donaldson was born of a family of frontier people in North Carolina when she was only twelve years old. Her father, Captain Donaldson, set out on a two thousand mile journey over perilous waterways to Nashville, Tennessee, taking his wife and daughter with him. Rachel grew up in Nashville amid wild and rugged surroundings and very little is known regarding her early education. One severe winter, Donaldson took his family to Kentucky, which was then a part of Virginia, and here Rachel, then grown to womanhood, met and later married a man named Roberts. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Donaldson sent for Rachel and her husband to come to Nashville and live with her which they did. Their married life was very unhappy and Roberts is said to have abused his wife a great deal.

Dr. Sparks then went on to tell something of the life of Andrew Jackson and his subsequent relations with that of Rachel Donaldson. He said Jackson also was born of a frontier family in North Carolina. His mother sent him to college to study for the ministry but Jackson decided that he was never intended for a preacher, so, at the age

of thirteen, he joined Colonel Davies' regiment for military service. After the war was over, he taught school for a time and later studied law. At the age of twenty he was admitted to the bar and, having received an appointment as Justice of the peace, he started for Nashville, Tennessee in 1788 to practice his profession.

When he arrived at Nashville, Jackson secured board and lodging at the home of Mrs. Donaldson and he and Rachel became good friends. Roberts was very jealous of Jackson and finally left his wife and secured a divorce from her. Rachel then went to Mississippi to live because Roberts had threatened to kill her. Immediately after the divorce was granted, Jackson also went to Mississippi and he and Rachel were married.

After 1870 Jackson began to rise in politics. He was a member of both houses of the legislature at different times and a Justice in several courts besides being a prosperous farmer. In the war of 1812, Jackson made himself a hero and the idol of the people in the southwest by winning the battle of New Orleans. After the war was over and peace declared, Jackson traveled in Mississippi and Florida and the people everywhere hailed him as a hero. By this time the south-western states were beginning to get some political power and in 1821 Jackson was nomin-

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ated by them for President. He was defeated in the election by John Quincy Adams but in 1828 his campaign was successful and he was elected President by an overwhelming majority. During this campaign, attacks were made on the character of Jackson's wife by political enemies and, a short time after his election to office, his wife died. Jackson believed that she was killed by slander. He was always devoted to his wife and after her death he had a monument erected with the following inscription upon it, "A being so gentle and virtuous that slander might wound, but could not defame her". Dr. Sparks pointed out that world democracy was started and largely influenced by the lives of such people as Andrew and Rachel Jackson.

ELECTIONS TO PENN STATE MISSION BOARD ANNOUNCED

The recent vote cast by the student body to determine members of the Penn State Mission Board resulted in the election of Professor F. M. Torrence of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, as the faculty representative, and H. M. Gritzer '22, R. H. Tatum '22 and C. E. Mowter '21, as the student members. This board will have active supervision of all money sent to China by the college in support of "Dainty" Graft and the Penn State Mission.

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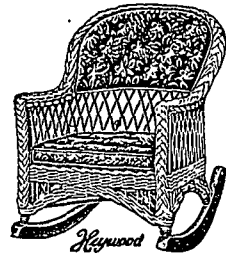
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