

READING ALUMNI ELECT OFFICERS AT BUSY SESSION

The Reading Alumni Association held an informal dinner and meeting on December third, when a large number of the members assembled in the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria. Dr. Wayne L. Shearer '09 presided with Charles Adams serving in the capacity of secretary. Various committee reports were given and special attention was given to the one on "Publicity," made by J. R. Fritzell who is now principal of the High School of Reading. It was reported by H. H. Kirkpatrick that the committee of which he is in charge is extending every effort to cooperate with the student and county club in regard to a dance that will be held during the Christmas vacation. Officers of the association for the ensuing year were also chosen at this time and are as follows: president, Dr. Wayne L. Shearer; vice-president, Charles Adams; secretary and treasurer, C. S. VanHorn.

EARLY DECEMBER PERIOD DULL IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The opening week of December has always been an interesting one in the history of Penn State coming as it usually does right after the close of the football season and right before the commencement of the winter sports season. It is one that is marked by a spirit of retrospection and anticipation. Many times the students, at this period of the college year have looked back upon triumphant football seasons and have had awakened in them keen expectancy at the thought of further successes in athletics during the coming winter months. In 1919, in the early part of December, the Blue and White basketball team opened its season with a 41 to 9 victory over Susquehanna University. Considering the fact that this contest was the first of the term, the Penn State tossers showed especially good teamwork. While the shooting was not as consistent as that developed later on,

Captain Blythe and Coach Hermann had every reason to believe that a highly successful season confronted the dribblers. The large percentage of victories accumulated before the close of the season justified their expectations.

During the first week of December nine years ago, Penn State students were looking back upon one of the greatest seasons in the gridiron history of their alma mater. A review of the schedule showed one the game and eight victories over strong teams including Penn, Pitt and Cornell. The one tie was with the Navy team which was especially strong that year. This game was played on a field so muddy that neither side was able to accomplish a thing in the way of scoring. The final victory of the year was the close 3 to 0 triumph over Pitt. Football experts conceded the supremacy of the gridiron for the season to Princeton, although Penn State scored more points and played only one tie game, while the Orange and Black team played two tie games.

In the issue of the COLLEGIAN which came out just eight years ago was published a review of the most successful football season that Penn State had ever experienced. Every game on the unusually hard schedule had been won by a comfortable margin. Most of the victories were registered against gridiron foes of no mean caliber such as Washington and Jefferson, Cornell, Penn, Ohio State, and Pitt. The reasons for such a phenomenal season were many. No other team except possibly the Varsity's Carleton Indians were so well drilled in the rudiments of the game. The clean, sure, hard tackling and the low, swift charging draw forth the praise of many of the national leading coaches and sporting writers. The great variety of plays and the advanced use of open formation and shift tactics were used effectively to the bewilderment of all opponents. No less than ten members of the 1912 Penn State team were selected by various authorities for places on the mythical All American eleven. Captain Verry was the universal choice for All-American end. Team work and unity and above all, hard clean play were largely responsible for the success of this glorious season.

In December, 1913 was announced the organization of the Penn State Varsity Club, to be composed entirely of letter men. The purpose of this club was the stimulation of athletics in general, and in particular, to carry information concerning Penn State to prospective college men who had made good on high school and preparatory school teams. An additional object was to try to induce former Blue and White athletes to return to the college just before important games in order to lend their influence in preparing the teams for

coming contests. The club was divided into two branches, consisting of graduates and undergraduates, and published a pamphlet devoted to college news. The publication was expected to show the alumni the needs of the college teams. It was the desire of the club that every member feel some degree of individual responsibility in securing promising athletes for Penn State and to foster in every way possible the athletic interests of the college. It is significant that one of the big features at the recent first annual Alumni Homecoming was the reorganization of the Varsity Club, and its pledging of over thirty thousand dollars toward the new track house.

PENN STATE MEN ADDRESS CINCINNATI ALUMNI

The Cincinnati Alumni Association met at an informal luncheon on December third at the Business Men's Club of that city. Among those present were T. D. Thomas '09, Fred Hoehler '16, Bob Richardson '16, "Dutch" Hermann and "Hinky" Haines. The same evening the H-Y Club gave a benefit at the University of Cincinnati common which was attended by two hundred high school athletes. Mr. Gamble, of the firm of Procter and Gamble, presided. The speakers for the evening included the captain of the University of Cincinnati's football team and Coach Chambers. "Hinky" Haines spoke briefly on the subject "What It Means to Play on Your College Football Team." Following "Hinky" "Dutch" Hermann talked on athletics in general but with particular regard to football. An enthusiastic reception was accorded the Penn State men and close attention was given to what they had to say.

BUFFALO ALUMNI CLUB SHOWS INTEREST IN GRIDIRON GAMES

While the Nittany Lion was giving battle to the Pitt Panther last Thanksgiving Day in Pittsburgh, a large number of Buffalo alumni gathered together at the Hotel Iroquois of that city to hear reports of the game by direct wire from Forbes Field. The event proved so interesting that it was decided to make it an annual affair and in addition, to include returns from the Penn game next fall in case the Red and Blue are on the Nittany eleven's schedule as has been the case in previous years. At the meeting it was also decided to hold a pot-together affair before the Christmas holidays.

C & F STUDENTS TO HOLD DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

The Commerce and Finance Club of the School of Liberal Arts held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening with an extra large number of students in attendance. A very interesting lecture was delivered by Dr. Pouceto on "What Am I Fit For?" and was one of the best talks that has ever been given before the club. The speaker outlined the various positions for which the Commerce and Finance course prepares the students and explained how every man can pick out the place that he is best suited for in life.

The first dance to be given this year by the Commerce and Finance Club will be held at eight o'clock tomorrow evening at the Phi Delta Theta House, judging from present indications, a large number of couples will attend and will undoubtedly be rewarded with a pleasant evening. The musical part of the program will be rendered by Wig's Orchestra while Dean and Mrs. Soudart and Dr. and Mrs. Martin have kindly consented to act as chaperones. All members of the club are urged to attend the dance as the committee in charge desires to have a large crowd present.

HARRISBURG ALUMNI HOLD BOOSTER DINNER

More than seventy-five Penn State Alumni of Harrisburg gathered at the Colonial country Club on December second to discuss the work of the college. Mr. J. W. Forlenbaugh '12, presided with Bruce McCamant as secretary of the meeting, at which talks were given by Mr. R. K. Spicer, president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club, and Mr. Frank Musser, president of the Lehigh

Valley Railroad. Both are men of importance in their communities and are vitally interested in the success of Penn State. Hugo Bezdek, Director of Athletics, spoke of the athletic program of the college and analyzed the football season just completed, including the prospects for next year. A short talk was also given by the Alumni Secretary of the alumni organization. Intense interest was shown by all the alumni present and a desire to do some real work for the college was manifested.

WOMEN STUDENTS MANIFEST INTEREST IN WINTER SPORTS

The winter season of athletics among Penn State women has opened auspiciously with a large percentage of

candidates enrolled for these sports than in the fall season. One hundred and four girls have elected basketball while the all year sport, hiking, still seems to rank the highest in popularity with one hundred and seventy-eight girls enrolled. Enthusiastic support of the athletic program is also shown by the fact that one hundred and nineteen girls have already secured points toward their insignia, varying from ten to one credit each. Arrangements have been completed whereby the Odd Fellows' Hall on East College Avenue will be available for women taking any of the indoor sports every afternoon. Seven hours a week, in addition, are scheduled to be held in the Armory.

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