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SHORT CUTS

It seems that a college man is always looking for short cuts; short cuts in reaching a solution of some problem; short cuts to wealth and fame; in fact it is partly the object of a college education to train a man to use short cuts properly.

Now there is another sort of short cut which has become entirely too prevalent around Penn State and that is the short cut to classes, at the expense of the campus. A short cut to classes is entirely proper when that avenue is open, but the college campus, especially in such weather as we have but recently had, is not the proper place to establish the abbreviated route. In short—DON'T CUT ACROSS THE CAMPUS. It is the old, old story of pride in the college spirit, etc., again, but it must be brought to the student's attention.

Several unsightly paths have been made on different parts of the college lawn and if the practice continues we shall soon have a veritable crazy quilt of grass tufts instead of a real college campus. So, in the true sense of the words, watch your step.

It is to be hoped that the plays being presented this and tomorrow evening by the Rehabilitation Club will be widely attended. The Rehabs have made themselves felt upon the campus by their many favorable attitudes toward things that are for the college good. So their annual production of this year is being given with a double purpose in view, and therein they are providing for more good and are aiding a student enterprise. The success of their shows, naturally, will have a direct bearing on the amount of money that will be the Rehabilitation Club's offering to the Memorial Fund. Inasmuch as Penn State students will soon make a concerted effort themselves to raise funds for this memorial, it is to be expected that they will alleviate the work to be done later on, by subscribing heavily now. The Rehabs deserve your support for two very good reasons. Give it. It will be a big step toward Penn State's Memorial to her sons who partook of the supreme sacrifice.

The COLLEGIAN wishes to remind the members of the various county clubs that their support of the Publicity Department's desire so recently announced will be of considerable benefit to the clubs themselves and will at the same time add to that department's ability in obtaining prominence for the college in various counties. It is a work that cannot be underestimated, and above all it requires the cooperation of the members of the county clubs themselves.

Again, the county reporters have been falling short of their mark since the Christmas recess. The Publicity Department has received very little aid from the clubs in this respect. If the reporters would only realize it, they could do a mighty work for the college by picking up little items regarding men in their own counties who are doing things at the college. Thus they provide feature news for the people in the county at home and at the same time give publicity to the benefits being offered students by the college.

Let us have more cooperation from the county clubs. Right now the department wishes the names on all county club pictures. Is there not one man in each county club who is spirited enough to do this for his club and for his college? Let us do this work promptly and efficiently.

Have you made your decision yet regarding the Student Volunteer Conference to be held at Lafayette next week-end? If you have, it is well, because it has held some degree of importance to you. If you have not, then it is time that you take up the matter seriously and consider it from all angles. This conference will be attended by a great number of students from the eastern colleges of the country. They will have the benefit of hearing some of the most renowned workers and leaders in the church world of today, men who are really accomplishing great things for everybody. Penn State's quota must also be filled. Remember, if you possibly attend, it is your duty to your college, your country and yourself to do so.

CONSERVATION SOCIETY TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

Hunters, fishermen, lovers of birds, wild flowers, forestry and outdoor life in general will meet in the Old Chapel, Main Building, Monday evening, February 21 at seven thirty to organize the State College District of the Central Conservation Association. The meeting is called by the Temporary Director, Rev. H. P. Babcock, of State College.

The local District is one of the nine Districts into which the county has been divided. It includes Halfmoon, Ferguson, Patton and College Townships.

Permanent officers are to be elected as follows: Director, Vice Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of Committees on Forestry, Fish, Game, Song and Insectivorous Birds, wild flowers, Recreation and Education Conservation.

This conservation movement started in this local District. There should be developed here the strongest unit in the County Association. Each Conservation District forms its own local Conservation Association, makes its own by-laws and develops its own activities. All are urged to be present to help in the organization. It is hoped that many will become charter members of this Conservation Association which is rapidly spreading to other counties and which may lead to big things in the future.

YEARLINGS MEET PITT FIVE AGAIN TOMORROW

Yearling Quintets to Play Return Contest as Preliminary to Big Game

The Yearling basketball team will clash with the Panther Cubs in a return match in the Armory tomorrow evening at six o'clock as a preliminary attraction to the contest between the Pitt and Penn State varsity fives. It was the first year aggregation from the Smoky City that stopped the hitherto undefeated Freshman outfit on its western trip, seemingly unnerfed for the game with Indiana Normal on the following night. After taking two games from the Bellefonte Academy quintet, the Penn State Yearlings defeated the West Virginia Freshmen on the latter's floor by a one point margin and then traveled to Pittsburgh, where they lost a desperately fought contest. The Panthers then jumped into the lead at the start and appeared to have the game clinched, but in the second period the Nittany Frosh began a desperate rally and managed to draw within four points of their opponents before the final whistle blew. The next evening Indiana Normal duplicated the Pittsburghers' feat and nosed out the Blue and White by 35 to 32.

The defeat of the Freshmen by the Smoky City five has only whetted their desire for victory and they will undoubtedly put up a much better fight than they did two weeks ago. They feel that the foreign frog had much to do with their upset and are determined to even up matters with the Cubs' Coach Davis has been working the men hard in order to improve their team work and shooting ability, and should place a much better team on the floor than was seen against Bellefonte recently. The usual team, which is composed of Frank and Turner at the forward positions, Schoenfeld at center, and Captain Cornwall and Williams at guards, will start the contest tomorrow evening. The same Blue and Gold representatives who played in the first game with the Penn State Frosh will in all probability appear in the lineup for the western aggregation.

The game will start promptly at six o'clock in order that it may be out of the way by seven o'clock, the hour for which the varsity contest is set.

FORMER PROFESSOR WILL DISCUSS COAL STORAGE

At one-thirty o'clock this afternoon in Room 200, Old Mining Building, a lecture on the "Storage of Coal" will be given by Professor H. H. Stock, Head of the Department of Mining Engineering at the University of Illinois. The lecture will be given to all students and faculty members in Engineering, Metallurgy and Mining and is invited to attend.

Professor Stock was an Assistant Professor of Mineralogy and Metallurgy at Penn State from 1893 to 1897 and is well known to the older members of the college faculty. He is an especial authority on coal mining, handling and storage and during the period of the war, served very efficiently as commissioner, having authority over the handling and storage of fuel. Having in addition to his services as a member of the Penn State faculty, also been an instructor at Lehigh, and having been editor of "Minerals and Metals" at Scranton, Pa., from 1907 to 1909, his experience has been unique in fitting him to deal with coal problems. At the University of Illinois, Professor Stock has built up an excellent equipment for the study of coal washing and treatment and is engaged in training men for coal mining industries.

Professor Stock is the author of a number of books relating especially to coal and coal mining problems.

Language Club Is Formed by Faculty

At a meeting held recently in the Foyer of the Auditorium, members of the faculty in the Departments of Ancient and Modern Languages formed a Language Club.

It had been felt for some time that such an organization would be of definite help in furthering the interests in literary attainment in the college. There seemed to be no doubt that a club of this nature would be a real encouragement to new efforts on the part of the teaching forces in these departments, as well as tend to promote valuable criticism on work already done.

After a decision was reached to form the club, Professor I. L. Foster was elected permanent chairman and Professors Simmons, Patton and Crockett were made the executive committee. It was further voted to meet at irregular periods, the time and place to be selected by the executive committee, which was also to be in charge of the various programs. It is planned to encourage the production of articles, suitable for publication on the part of the members, and it is the hope that sometime there will be the establishment of a college press that will print occasional articles from the pens of the members of this and other similar organizations.

The discussion and organization ended the program of the evening was opened by Professor Patton, of the Department of English Literature, who pointed out the value of the study of literatures comparatively. This was followed by a most interesting paper on the "Influence of German Romanticism on the Work of Washington Irving" the evidence offered by Professor Patton to prove the contention was very strong and opened a new field of thought to those present. Professor Foster then gave a few impressions from the meeting of the State Educational Association held recently at Harrisburg. The meeting was again given over to a discussion of the policies and future of the organization.

A. S. M. E. FOR CENTRAL PENNA FORMED HERE

A meeting was recently held here to organize the Central Pennsylvania Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Secretary Calvin W. Rice of the National Society told how the engineer may render a large service to his fellows and referred to some of the present day problems, as "super-heaters" for the solution of which the Mechanical Engineer is largely responsible.

A constitution was approved and five were selected to serve on the Executive Committee, subject to approval of the membership in the Territory. The following were named: A. J. Wood, State College, Lawford H. Fry, Burreham, Pa.; Honshall, State College; N. E. Geo. Altoona, and A. M. Lindsay, Millersburg. Officers are to be selected from the Executive Committee.

All cities and towns within a radius of sixty miles from State College are included in the territory and such cities as Williamsport, Milton, Lewisport, Chambersburg, Altoona, DuBois and Renovo are included.

The organization of this Local Section is the outgrowth of a successful meeting held each month for the past three years by State College members of the A. S. M. E. In October last, it was thought desirable to extend the scope of this work and a committee consisting of Messrs. E. J. Kusma, J. W. Henzley, and A. J. Wood took up the matter with the National Society at its annual meeting in New York.

At a time in the proposed constitution provides for "Affiliate Members" who, for a nominal fee, will receive many of the benefits of the Society. Any person interested in engineering may thus be associated with the work in Central Pennsylvania.

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NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO AGRICULTURAL FACULTY

Mr. H. S. Sloat '21 has accepted a position with the Agricultural Extension Department of the college and will take charge of the Farm Management work in Lancaster County. Approximately one hundred and fifty farmers have signified their intention of taking up farm management and farm accounting work under Mr. Sloat's instruction. These men are scattered over the entire county and will endeavor to keep the cost of production records on one or two of their farm projects, and in addition, a complete record of the entire farm, including an inventory at the beginning and one at the end of the year. Mr. Sloat's work will be assisting these farmers in keeping their records accurately and in explaining anything that may happen to give them difficulty. He will aim to visit each farm at least once every four or five weeks and at the end of the year will summarize the records for the purpose of making numerous tabulations as well as give assistance in analyzing the records.

Professor C. O. Cromer, who was appointed last fall to fill the position of Professor of Farm Crops made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Darth who went to North Carolina State, has assumed his duties on Ag. Hill. Professor Cromer was an assistant professor of farm crop at Purdue, where he was graduated in 1915. Since his graduation he has been engaged in farm products experimental work at the Purdue Experiment Station. Professor Cromer's experimental work has brought him a fund of information that should make him a valuable addition to the faculty.

Mr. J. W. Brown '20 has received an appointment as temporary assistant in soil technology for the remainder of the college year.

Mr. Charles H. Zierdt '12 will take up a course in Experimental Farm Crops about the first of March. It is Mr. Zierdt's intention to give part time to graduate studies.

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ALUMNI PLANNING TO HOLD BIG BANQUET

In connection with the general activity of Penn State Alumni Associations throughout the east, the alumni in the northeastern part of this state are planning to hold the largest banquet on April the first, that has ever been held in that part of the state. On February fourth, the alumni of Scranton held a dinner at which it was decided to hold the proposed banquet. A committee was appointed, of which several teams were organized for the purpose of making all arrangements as quickly and as efficiently as possible. On next Friday another dinner will be held at which the final details will be arranged. Among the notables who are expected to be present at the affair are President Emeritus Dr. E. E. Sparks; the new president, Dr. J. M. Thomas, Hon. H. W. Mitchell, President of the Board of Trustees, J. G. White of New York, J. N. Sullivan, General Alumni Secretary, Ray Smith, Comptroller of the College, and Mr. Eibschman. It is also hoped that the Penn State varsity quartet will be present to liven the gathering with songs of the Alma Mater.

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