

NEW FEATURES ARE OFFERED TO HIKERS

Underclass Members May Substitute for Gym Drill by Hiking One Hundred Miles

Several splendid inducements to join the Outing Club have been offered the students but the latest is of particular importance to underclassmen. During the next semester, those who are subject to the Physical Education requirements will be given the opportunity of choosing between gym drill and hiking. Director Bezek has given his assent to the Club to offer this choice. There are several reasons why this must be met before the student will be given credit. Those who choose hiking must schedule it with the Physical Education Department and records will be kept in the office. The number of miles which must be hiked has been placed at a comparatively low figure and it has definitely been decided that one must travel one hundred miles in order to receive credit in this semester's work. The person electing this sport will not be permitted to be any more than two weeks in arrears unless weather conditions make it practically impossible for one to hike the distance apportioned.

Another feature of the Club's program will be an illustrated lecture in Old Chapel by Professor L. C. Overholt, the date of which will be announced within a short time. Mr. Overholt will tell of the various passes over the surrounding mountains and he will show the best routes which will afford access to the places of interest. This should prove exceedingly popular with the first year men and others who heretofore have displayed little interest in the territory near State College.

There are three principles which form the basis of the Outing Club. Any one joining the club promises to extinguish all fires before leaving, to clean the camp site, and to obey the regulations of the club. The chief provision in the latter says that any one who uses a permanent camp site must replace the wood which he has used so that his successor will be provided with the necessary materials. The pledge to extinguish all fires is of much importance to the future of the Outing Club. Since Hon Gifford Pinchot has been head of the forestry service in this state he has been laying special emphasis upon the utter disregard of different people concerning fires.

The Club has made fire protection one of its biggest services for there is nothing which would prove more detrimental to the interests of the organization than the failure of its members to extinguish all fires which they or others have made use of.

The Club intends to secure a map of the environs of State College which will include roads, paths, buildings, and things which are of special interest to those who will take up hiking. This map will be hung in the Track House where anyone who wishes may see it.

CIVIL ENGINEERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR SEMESTER

At the meeting of the Civil Engineering Society Tuesday night, Prof. E. D. Walker gave a very interesting talk upon the procedure of the election of officers of the American Society of Civil Engineers which was held in New York recently.

After the conclusion of Professor Walker's speech the election of officers for the second semester was held. A. R. DeWalt '21 was chosen president and D. B. Cupp '22 was made vice-president. W. W. Schaefer '21 was chosen secretary and C. E. Scheier '22 was chosen treasurer.

JUNIOR PROM WILL BE USUAL FORMAL FUNCTION

Announcement has been made by the committee in charge of arrangements for the annual Junior Prom, which will take place in the Armory on the eighth of April, that the affair will be formal as has been the custom in past years instead of informal as has been stated. Several rulings have been made as to those eligible to attend the Junior Prom. One is that women students from the two lower classes may attend as guests of upper classes. The other is that women students may not invite gentlemen from the two underclasses as guests. In other words, while there may be underclass women guests, men guests from the Freshman and Sophomore classes will not be allowed.

Careful preparations are being made for this year's Junior Prom with a view to making it one of the most enjoyable and successful occasions of its kind ever held here. It will be conducted at a different date and under different conditions than those in recent years, and from present indications, it will fully justify the changes that have been made this year.

MARCH WILL BE BUSY MONTH AMONG ALUMNI

The coming month promises to be a very active one so far as the various alumni clubs are concerned. Several of them have already made plans for "get-togethers" and dinners, and large numbers are expected to turn out at these affairs.

The opening event of the month will take place at Hotel McAlpin in New York on the evening of March twelfth, when the New York Alumni Club will hold a banquet. Following this comes the dinner of the Chicago Alumni at the Engineers' Club on the fifteenth. It is entirely probable that the club will be addressed by the presence of Judge H. Walton Mitchell, president of the Board of Trustees, J. L. Minick '92, president of the General Alumni Association, and E. N. Sullivan, secretary of the General Alumni Association. No details have been received as yet, but the Chicago Alumni are going after things in their usual enthusiastic manner and it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance.

Although no details are yet known, it is probable that Alumni dinners will be held at Detroit on March sixteenth; Cleveland, March seventeenth; Buffalo, March eighteenth and at Schenectady on the nineteenth. There is also one to be held at Canton, N. Y., but as yet the date has not been decided upon.

The Greensburg Alumni are to hold a dinner on Wednesday, February twenty-third at Hotel Rapp. Extensive arrangements are being made and a big turnout is expected. All those in the vicinity at the time are urged to be present. K. H. Baer '12 is in charge and it is expected that E. K. Elshman '09 and the Alumni Secretary will be present.

The Philadelphia Alumni dinner, as previously announced, will be held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on the evening of February twenty-fourth. Several entertainers and speakers will be included in the program and a profitable time is assured all who attend.

DEAN KNIGHT OPENS SERIES OF SUNDAY EVENING TALKS

Dean Margaret A. Knight gave the first of her Sunday evening talks to Penn State girls last Sunday night at the Women's Building. Miss Knight emphasized a problem confronting all college girls in these days of turmoil and unrest—the retention of a high standard of what is beautiful in life. It is the privilege and high duty of every cultured woman to help maintain a standard of values against the destructive influences that tend to undermine the structure of present day society. Cultivation of a genuine aesthetic life is an important means of reaching that goal.

FIELD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE IS LARGE ONE

A great deal of discussion is heard today concerning vocational guidance for college men and in line with this movement, the War-Camp Community Service has given a number of facts concerning community service, its possibilities and requirements.

"Though many questions concerning a life work have been disposed of by some college men and women as they enter their college careers, to many they are still insistent problems as graduation draws near. The students stand at the cross roads, one signpost pointing to business, the other to professions.

Never before in the world's history has the road to the professions forked off into so many branches. And one of the latest that has been added is the group is one of the most appealing, both because of the work itself, and because of the gratification that comes with worth-while achievement. It is the avenue of "community service." "Mactredinck has said that 'it is the way in which hours of freedom are spent that determines, as much as war and labor, the moral worth of a nation.' The leisure time is enormously potent, for good or for ill. And it is the purpose of this movement, Community Service.

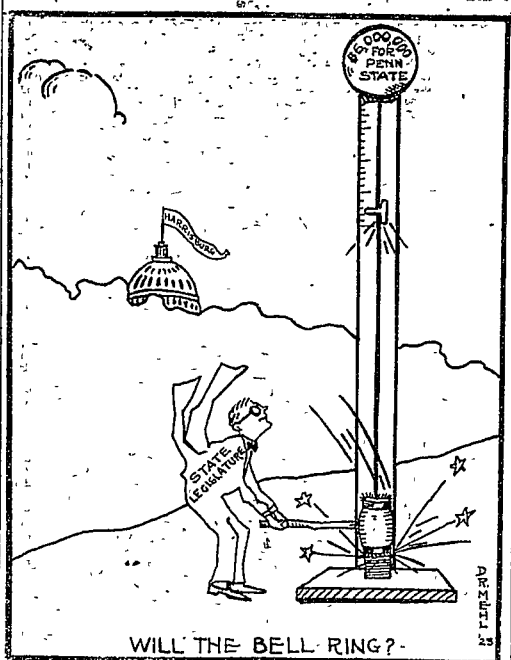
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to bend it to the former. Its aim is to organize the community for play—to give the members, in other words, such directions as will enable them to make the most of those precious leisure hours wherein their spirits may expand and their personalities flourish and grow vigorous.

Thanks to the labor-saving devices, and legislation, the twenty-four hours of each day are generally divided into three equal periods—for labor, for recreation and for rest. Days gone by provided for the first and for the third, but took no cognizance of the fundamental importance of the second. Today, however, the term recreation is being analyzed back to its essential and literal meaning, and the process itself recognized as indeed an instrument of "re-creation," that cannot be overlooked.

This new understanding, together with the unprecedented conditions under which modern humans live, has created a wide field for specialized workers who will give proper direction to the re-creative activities. It has thus established a new profession for earnest and intelligent men and women anxious for a constructive part in humanity's progress.

Not only have the people of today taken on more free-time, but they have also more money and more temptations and a wider vision which results in more insistent demands on life. They live surrounded by commercial amusements—Theatres, pool-rooms, race tracks, dance halls, baseball cabarets, and sundry other places of diversion are run in great numbers with a keen eye to profit, and a hit-or-miss attitude in the matter

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participant gains more. A nation of participants is bound to be a stronger, more vital unit than a nation of lookers-on. The capacity to do is strengthened by doing. Observing is contributory, but performing is the main source of growth.

There is an unique satisfaction in the mere doing of a thing. Most people would prefer to be actors rather than observers, but facilities are not always at hand, and they do not know how to arrange them on their own initiative.

Enter at this point—Community Service. Its task is to clear up the bewildering and to provide the community with its own facilities. And right in this distinction is the real value of the work. Community Service is not something superimposed upon a community. It is a structure built by the community itself.

What a city manager is to the civic life of a community, the community service director is to the leisure time life of a community. He (or she) is a consultant and an advisor. He has an opportunity to give consciousness and direction to what might be otherwise the fumbling and tentative moves of community members who would bring to bear upon their work more of the enthusiasm than of experience.

The director's interests cover the entire field of community recreation. His imagination is confronted with no less a task than helping his multi-mooded constituency to evolve a satisfactory leisure time program to occupy one-third of their life-day hours and he may sigh for other worlds to conquer

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