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TOO MANY ACTIVITIES

That the college man of today is engaged in too many outside activities has been asserted by a number of thinking men who are in intimate contact with student life. They also say that the extra-curriculum activities of the college are largely confined in the hands of a few men who are much overburdened, instead of being distributed evenly among the many capable men about the campus. That other institutions have sensed the problem is shown by the editorial in the recent issue of the Ohio Wesleyan Transcript, which we have taken the liberty of reprinting here in part.

Admitting that the universities and colleges of the country are founded on the basic principle that study is the all important feature of college life, we sometimes wonder how the college can accomplish its fundamental purpose. Its students are so wrapped up in outside activities that college becomes, often, merely a means to an end—the road by which the outside activities can be carried on.

By the lure of outside activities collegiate work becomes second place, and the inter-collegiate athletics, the social life, the extra-curriculum activities assume first rank in the attention of the student.

There are students at Ohio Wesleyan University so engrossed in carrying on their outside work that they have no time for other duties. To efface this evil a cure is needed, and one that we suggest is the limitation of the number of activities which a man may enter during his college course. Many universities have such a rule. Not only does the rule eliminate to a large extent the liability of the student becoming all engrossed in his outside activities, but it passes the jobs around in a fairer manner.

No man can handle two important college jobs and do justice to both. Neither has any man a right to hold two important jobs on the Wesleyan campus. And yet this situation "exists" to an unthought-of extent. A few men hold all the big jobs on the campus. As a result, the equally fit, but less fortunate are forced from the opportunity to serve their university.

We advocate some means of limiting the number of major activities which a man at Wesleyan may enter and in which he may hold office.

There is no question but that there are many activities outside of the regular academic work that require the attention of the student body and that need to be efficiently carried out if the institution is to hold its place among the representative schools of the country. The problem is to divide the work in a manner that will insure the best results and still prevent the overburdening of a few outstanding capable men. The women students of Penn State have very nicely gotten around the problem by limiting the number of activities in which a girl may engage during one college year, by means of a point system. This system is in vogue in a number of colleges at present and seems to be the only logical solution.

TO OUR GUESTS

The COLLEGIAN, in behalf of the student body, wishes to extend at this time a hearty welcome to the officers of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Pennsylvania and New Jersey schools and colleges. The fact that the local Association has received such ready assistance from the students of Penn State in the preparations for the conference, and the entertaining of the delegates, shows that Penn State is glad to bid you welcome.

Penn State men have been actively engaged in Y. M. C. A. work for a number of years, during which time they have been royally entertained at other colleges, but our opportunities for reciprocating are few and far between.

Those who participate in such a conference as yours should return to their institutions feeling stronger in the knowledge that many others are facing the same problems that you have to meet. Undoubtedly many of these problems will be solved by means of earnest, sincere discussions at this conference. We feel sure that our own college will receive a direct benefit from the association with you as the representatives of our neighboring schools and colleges.

MEMORIAL DAY

The decision of the Council of Administration to mark Memorial Day by the closing of all classes and by ceremonies befitting the occasion will meet the approval of all patriotic Americans. This day above all days has been set apart for the honoring of our men who have given their lives for their country, and is especially dedicated to the many who died in the recent world war. To them America can not give too much honor and reverence. There are many Penn State men who paid the great sacrifice, giving their lives that Democracy might live, and it is to them that Penn State will pay its respects. This holiday unfortunately comes in the midst of the reviewing period immediately preceding the final examinations, but we can afford to give up one day from our scholastic activities to do honor to the heroes of the college and of the nation.

THE 1922 LAVIE

The 1922 Lavie Staff has succeeded in publishing one of the best books put out from this institution and is to be credited for its efforts in publishing an annual that is worthy to be classed among the best. The changes made by the 1922 class were all for the better, the new cover very greatly improving the appearance of the volume, and the minor alterations and additions in the composition and quality all adding to its fine appearance and utility. The staff entrusted with the work has faithfully completed its task and has published a book of which the Junior class and the college can truly be proud.

Now that the time has come for the handing in of semester themes and reports, the instructors are discovering the extent to which the spirit of cooperation has prevailed the student body.

NOTABLE PAINTINGS IN WATER COLOR EXHIBITION

Harding, Reuter Dahl, Lever, Wyeth and Ryder Contribute Canvases of Merit—Admission Free

An exhibition of water color paintings from the Philadelphia Water Color Club has recently been received at the college and will be shown at the Fine Arts Museum in Old Main from May twenty-fifth to June twelfth. Over one hundred canvases are included in the exhibition, representing thirty-two different artists who portray a great variety of subject matter and personality. The collection was selected from the Annual Exhibition of the Philadelphia Water Color Club and is being circulated throughout the country by the American Federation of Arts as one of its forty-six exhibitions kept constantly on tour.

The largest individual group included in the exhibition consists of twenty-five paintings by Cecil Brierley who is today considered one of the most promising of American water color artists. Other features of the exhibition are the works by Captain George Wyeth, Reuter Dahl, Lever, and George Ryder. The first named, these men are the center of six of the shown canvases while Reuter Dahl presents two "marine sketches" of the U. S. Navy and "French Sailors" both of which are broadly laid in with his inimitable dash and vigor. "The Old Sawmill" shows a delightful landscape by (Chauncey F. Ryder and N. C. Wyeth, illustrated by the artist's own pictures titled "The Last of the Mohicans," "The Captives," and "The Burial of Ucaas," all of which are full of a wild and ardent sense of adventure, sharp contrasts, and daring colors. "Decorations" by Heyley Lever is imbued with the charm and delight of his work in oils and measures up to the high standard which he has previously set in this line of work. His technique is particularly adapted to expression in water color, depending as it does for effect on sparkling color, a sense of motion and fluidity of lines.

Another remarkable feature of the exhibition is the work of the artist, the pictures shown are within the reach of many purses. Although they may be by the best artists, they can be obtained by the humblest admirer of this art, and to this opportunity will probably not pass unheeded by art lovers at Penn State. The admission is free.

Y. M. C. A. DEPUTATION TEAM VISITS HOWARD

The newly chosen deputation team of the Y. M. C. A. put on a very interesting program at Howard, Pa., over the week end of May fifteen. Those who made the trip with the team were Ralph Adams '23, Chr. F. Miller '21, W. Hendricks '23, B. L. Black, C. T. Doids '22. On Saturday afternoon the team taught the children various games and in the evening they staged an entertainment including movies, special stunts and songs. On Sunday morning they taught classes at the Sunday school. Four of the members of the team held a union service and at that time they sang "The Song of the Lark" and "The Song of the Sparrow." There was also special singing by the girls at this service. All of the various meetings were well attended and the Howard people were well pleased with the work of the team.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

Professor Blackwell of the State Department of Public Instruction spoke at a recent meeting of the Country Club and the value of Agricultural Vocational Education. The Junior Annual Husbandry students left on Wednesday for their live stock inspection trip. They will be gone for five days during which time they will visit the leading stock farms of the state.

Mr. Seth Gordon, Sec. State Game Commission and Hon. N. R. Buller, State Fish Commissioner will speak at the annual meeting of the Centre County Conservation which will be held at Bellefonte on June 17.

Professor J. F. Ferguson of the Department of Horticulture who is the Secretary of the Association is in charge of the preparation of the program.

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PLAY PRODUCTION CLASS SHOWS DRAMATIC TALENT

Three One Act Plays Given in Old Chapel Before Large Audience Concludes Semester's Work

The one act plays given by the Play Production class at the end of this year's work in the Old Chapel, Wednesday evening, were full of interest and showed real talent from the very first. The Old Chapel was filled to its capacity and many found standing room only. The plays were under the supervision of Miss Jackson of the English Department.

The first play to be presented was "The Marriage Will Not Take Place" by Alfred Sutro. The story was about a beautiful musical comedy actress with whom a member of Parliament's son had fallen in love before leaving for the front. The girl did not love the boy and who she tried to explain the situation to the father, he attempted to bribe her into giving the boy up. The act ended in a delightful way when the girl showed the proud Parliamentarian that she was already married and that she had no idea of marrying his son.

The part of Miss Charlotte Bell, the actress, was handled in an admirable way by Miss Ellen Carpenter '23. The remainder of the cast was made up of Miss Henry Parker, taken by Mr. B. W. Oermann '23, Simon Free, K. C., by Mr. F. Y. Albertson '23 and Miss Dorothy Horrell '23 as the Maid.

The second play was an amusing character sketch of the natives of the southern bank of the Ohio River entitled "The Medicine Show" by Stuart Walker. Every member of the cast took his part in an inimitable manner. The cast was as follows: Lutter, by Mr. F. H. Lonesaker '23, Giz, by Mr. B. W. Bloss '23, and Di Stev'n Vandexter, who wanted to start a medicine show, by Mr. J. C. Poulter '22.

The final play of a dramatic nature entitled "Two Crooks and a Lady" by Eugene Pilot, this being one of the twenty-seven Harvard Workshop Plays. The cast was made up of Miss Josephine Ruth '23 in the title role, Mrs. Sinima-Van, the lady, Mr. J. B. Bourne '23, played Miller, the crook, with Miss Irene Swank '23 as Lucille, his accomplice. The part of Miss Josephine was taken by Miss Inez Young '23, that of Inspector Garrity by Mr. H. P. Viggins '24, and Mr. John Patton in the role of the Policeman.

F. O. PAUL AWARDED PRIZE IN ARCHITECTS' CONTEST

The prize of the recent competition for Architectural students, given recently by the Seneca Fraternity, has been won by F. O. Paul. Miss Anna Wagner Keichline, prominent architect of Bellefonte, was judge of the competition and favored the solution of F. O. Paul because of its simplicity and definiteness of design in keeping with the requirements of the problem. The character sketch of the design of a stone setting for a bronze memorial tablet to be located at the end of a vista. Mr. H. Lair '23 received second place and C. E. Minnie '23 and J. E. Savolaine '23 his accolades, respectively. The drawings submitted may be seen in the

WILL HUSBANDRY EXPERT

Mr. D. Z. Russell of the Bureau of Animal Husbandry at Washington D. C. will speak in 206 Ag next Tuesday evening at seven o'clock. Last summer Mr. Russell was sent to South America for a period of six months to study the live stock industry there and previous to that time was connected with a farm near one of the middle western towns of this country. He comes to this institution very highly recommended and will give a most interesting talk on his experiences. All agricultural students are requested to attend the lecture.

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CANCELLATIONS ALTER ANNUAL GLEE CLUB TRIP

The program for the trip which was to govern the appearances of the Glee Club at the High Schools in Lock Haven, Williamsport and Shamokin has been altered due to two cancellations which were recently received by Dean Robinson of the Department of Music.

The trip as formerly planned was to provide for three appearances of the Glee Club at the different high schools but the ones at Lock Haven and Shamokin have cancelled their request and the musical organization will not visit these places. However, the trip will be taken so that the Glee Club will appear at the Newberry High School of Williamsport, on Thursday, May twenty-sixth. The program to be rendered on this occasion will be practically the same as the one given before the student body recently when the Glee Club, Varsity Quartet, Girls' Quartet, and Varsity Quartet were in Williamsport. The trip to Williamsport will be an annual event from now on and the personnel for the first one being composed of thirty individuals.

FRESHMEN NOMINATE OFFICERS AT MEETING

J. L. Martin, W. D. Fixter and M. H. Palm were nominated for president at the Freshmen class meeting held Monday evening in the Bull-Pen S. C. Hank and B. D. Helm were nominated for secretary and D. Foster, N. S. Hilleman, D. A. Watson, T. K. Laws, W. B. Oliver, J. W. Buran and A. E. Helmbach were nominated for treasurer.

The race in the nominees for treasurer were close and it will be necessary to hold further eliminations at the next class meeting. This meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May twenty-sixth in the Bull-Pen. The program of the meeting will be spent in eliminating the number of candidates for president and treasurer to two nominees. After this is accomplished and the regular business attended to, the election of class officers will take place. The committee in charge of the election is as follows: J. L. Martin, W. R. Corvick, G. Morris, W. M. Bechtel and B. S. Bush.

Rooms Wanted
Please notify Alumni Office, 114 Main Building, for rooms for the nights of June 10, 11, 12 and 13.

PLAYERS TO ENTERTAIN MEMBERS OF FACULTY

On Saturday evening the Penn State Players will entertain the University Club with a program of two one act plays. The two themes are quite diversified and present, each one of them, a brilliant glimpse of life. The first production will be the "Farewell Supper" by Arthur Schnitzler, the Austrian dramatist. The play has been produced by the Players very successfully at Bloomsburg and is being repeated by request. The cast is:

Anstole Mr. Arthur Clostring
Max Mr. Rayman G Adams '21
Annie Miss Francis C Hewston '24
The other production is "The Game of Chess." It is a bit of Russian drama that shows the intense spirit of "The Big Bear" The cast is:
Alexis Mr. David D Mason
Boris Mr. Arthur Deering
Constantine Mr. J Gordon Amond
With the exception of a "Thousand Years Ago," which will be produced in the out-door theatre on June tenth, this will be the last appearance of "The Players in State College" this season. The closing spectacle during the Commencement Week will be a very fitting climax to a very successful year.

PUPILS OF MUSIC DEPT. WILL GIVE ANNUAL RECITAL

The music recital that was arranged to be given by pupils of the Department of Music over one month ago will be given next Tuesday evening in the Auditorium at seven-thirty o'clock. The recital will be composed of selections on the piano, violin, and organ, including also several voice selections. Since the admission is free it is hoped that all music lovers of the college will be present to take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

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