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AN UNEXPECTED APPROPRIATION

The appropriation which the college will receive for the next two years is a far different piece of legislation than the college had been lead to believe. It is cut far below the sum which the legislature recommended and passed, and is not at all comparable with the amount which will be required to run the institution until 1923 if the college is to continue to grow as it should. The amount asked by the Board of Trustees totalling over six million dollars was an optimistic figure and one which included a splendid plan of expansion for the college, but there was not much disappointment when the legislature finally passed a bill giving Penn State approximately half that sum. That would be sufficient, it was felt, for the next two years. The college could get along comfortably on that sum; there could be no expansion of any extent, but the amount would be sufficient to keep the institution on its feet and maintain its present standing. Everyone was satisfied with the appropriation or at least felt that it would suffice for the time being.

From the legislature the appropriation bills were sent to Governor Sprout to be signed and to be pruned down so as not to exceed the budget of the state. Cuts would have to be made somewhere but it was the unanimous sentiment that if any bills should be slashed it should not be the appropriation for Penn State. The Governor had said that he would support the state college of Pennsylvania, that he recognized the great work which it is doing, and that he would not decrease our bill if it could at all be avoided. In his speech to the student body last Alumni Day at the mass meeting on the Front Campus, he said, "I will help and do all that I can to aid Penn State and all educational institutions. But you must help. You and your alumni must work so that you may bring to your college what is needed." The Governor expressed himself as being favorable to aiding this college and placing it as well as all other Pennsylvania educational institutions, on the highest plane of efficiency in this country. He stated that inasmuch as Pennsylvania was so gifted with natural resources and large wealthy industries that her people should receive an education second to none in the Union.

In view of these words of the Governor and his pledge of support to make Penn State a strong institution worthy of the state of Pennsylvania, the friends of the college felt that Governor Sprout could do no less than approve the amount set by the legislature. He would have to make some cuts in the mass of appropriations and might prune the State College bill in common with the rest of the bills, but that he should slash nearly a million dollars from a bill already cut to a minimum was unbelievable. That he should make the greatest cut of all the educational bills on the appropriation for Penn State was amazing in view of his former words. That privately endowed institutions should receive their millions and the state institution be cut off from financial support by a state as wealthy as Pennsylvania was unthinkable. There seems to be no valid explanation.

There is but one thing left to do, and that is to lay plans for 1923. The splendid organization built up by the alumni is growing rapidly and broadcasting the name of Penn State over the country. It did all that it could to aid the college this year and nearly put its program across. In this direction lies the work to be done. As Governor Sprout said, "we must help. We must not only help it seem in view of the Governor's subsequent action, but we must so impress the needs of the Pennsylvania State College upon the people of this state that in the future no legislator or governor will dare to oppose their will and fail to give to this institution all that it requires if it is to serve the people to its fullest capacity."

A 'SAFE AND SANE' COMMENCEMENT

One of the unfortunate features of all celebrations and holidays is that there are usually a few men who are so weak that they do not make the proper use of the occasion. Commencement is not an exception to the rule and in the past some student has usually picked this time to display his weakness to the world. In a town like State College without any police protection except the spirit of its inhabitants, one or two students who may come under the influence of liquor can make quite a disturbance before taken in custody, and can put the town in very bad odor with the visitors who come from all parts of the state for an affair like Commencement. Disturbances of this nature are not to be countenanced and must not be permitted in a civilized community.

There is no reason to believe and no signs point to this Commencement being any different from those in the past and we are in just as much danger as ever that some weak-kneed and weak-minded student who should never have been permitted to enter Penn State will take advantage of the coming holiday period to display his depravity to the world. From the actions of the students during Commencement Week, the visitors will draw their impressions of college and the students, and they will be open to unfavorable ones as well as favorable ones. We want them to learn that Penn State students are upright, honorable men who know how to conduct themselves on all occasions, and they will not get that idea if some weak brother falls by the wayside and makes a spectacle of himself.

Putting aside all considerations of right and wrong which may be brought into the question, for the good name of Penn State we can not permit any one to obtain anything but a favorable impression of Penn State. It is a problem which must be faced by the entire student body if it is to be properly dealt with and it will require the strict attention of every man if all unpleasant spectacles are to be prevented. It can be done and must be done. The honor of the college is at stake and every Penn State man will answer the call to duty.

FROSH WIN TITLE IN CINDER SCRAP

Superiority of First Year Track Team Shown in One Sided Meet—Score 79-56

In a track meet which was entirely too one sided to be classified as thrilling and exciting, the Freshmen defeated the Sophomores on New Beaver Field last Saturday afternoon by a score of 79 to 56. This year's yearling squad proved its strength in the interclass track meet which was held on the twenty-first of May and from the overwhelming score that was run up at that time it was expected that the Frosh would have little difficulty in winning the under-class contest. The Sophomores made a better showing than was expected and had things very much their own way in several events. At A. Everett '24, with twelve points to his credit was high scorer of the meet while Alan Helfrich, another member of the Freshman squad, thumbed the crowd by running the half mile in a beautiful manner, his time being 1 minute 57 1/2 seconds. The summary of the meet is as follows:

- 150 yard hurdles—Won by Jameson '24, second Russell '24, third Johnson '24. Time 1:17
- 100 yard dash—Won by Moore '24, second Hill '24, third Sayers '23. Time 1:15
- One mile run—Won by Enck '24, second Carter '23, third Kepling '24. Time 4:36 4/5
- Quarter-mile run—Won by Noble '23, second Kretler '23, third Henderson '24. Time 5:34 4/5
- Shot Put—Won by McMahon '23, second Helfrich '23, third Miller '23. Distance 43 feet 4 inches
- 220 yard low hurdles—Won by Russell '21, second Jameson '24, third Wemple '23. Time 2:17 1/2
- Two mile run—Won by Hanks '23, second Delmont '24, Green '23 and Case '23 tied for third place. Height 9 feet 6 inches
- Relay throw—Won by P. A. Johnson '24, second Everett '24, third Wharton '21. Distance 137 feet 4 inches
- Discus Throw—Won by Everett '24, second McMahon '23, third H. R. Johnson '24. Distance 119 feet 7 inches
- Two mile run—Won by Hanks '23, second Wilhelm '24, third Wendler '24. Time 10 minutes 35 seconds
- Hammer throw—Won by Palm '21, second Sayers '23, third Everett '24. Distance 137 feet 5 inches
- 220 yard dash—Won by Moore '24, second Sayers '23, third Henderson '24. Time 2:25
- Half mile run—Won by Helfrich '24, second Kretler '23, third Edgerton '23. Time 1:57 2/5
- Broad Jump—Won by Resler '23, second Hill '24, third Heckel '21. Distance 20 feet 8 inches
- High Jump—Won by Houser '23, second placed tied between Heckel '24 and Miller '23. Height 5 feet 7 inches

REV. A. S. PASICK SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

"Neither will I offer burnt offerings to Jehovah, nor cost me anything," was the text of Rev. A. S. Pasick, pastor of the First Methodist church of Tyrone, who spoke at chapel last Sunday. He told the story of David, the mighty king, who was ordered by God to make burnt sacrifices to atone for his sins. The man of whom David proposed to buy the offerings, insisted that he take them without charge, but the king replied that a sacrifice must be bought with a price. This is the law of cost of sacrifice. Every success and achievement is bought with a sacrifice. There is a direct relation between the input and the outcome. Our institutions of learning, our country, our machinery of commerce, and our civilization have been bought with a price. We must govern our lives according to this great principle. Dr. Pasick said.

BLAIR COUNTY CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Blair County Club met in Room 14, Liberal Arts last Thursday evening for the final meeting of the semester. All old business was completed and the elections for next year's officers were conducted. The following men were elected: For president, Mr. Charles Kuhn '23, secretary, Mr. William Edinger '23, treasurer, Mr. Edward MacArthur. All of the elected officers are residents of Altoona, Pa. The Blair County Club has had an enrollment of nearly one hundred for the past year.

Golf Column

The Driver is the Most Difficult Club to Manage—Some Comments About It

Probably the most difficult stroke in golf is that of driving. Many players find it hard to direct the ball accurately with this club and, in fact, there is more chance for sending the ball in the wrong direction with the driver than with any other club, that of all because of the length of its shaft and also because the club does not follow the line of flight of the ball. There is no chance in this stroke, as in the put, to place the eyes directly over the ball, since the handle and build of the club will not permit this. As a result the eyes cannot follow the sphere in its flight directly. With the long handle also comes the small striking surface of the driver, making it even more difficult to hit the ball squarely.

In addressing the ball the weight is quickly distributed between the legs. The player should stand so that when his club is soled, it will rest naturally on the ground so that the bottom is in contact with the longest percentage of the ground possible. If this is done, the player will be able to make the stroke without strain. The player should stand a little to the rear of the ball. That is, his right foot will be further back than his left foot is to the front of the ball. It is advantageous to place the left foot a little further forward from the ball than the right. The player must fit himself to the ball instead of trying to hit it from some set position which is not suitable to him. A stance which will be correct for one person will be wrong for another because of the differences in their build.

The right arm and hand should command the club rather than the left. There is more chance for accuracy in using the right hand and this is also a

more natural stroke. For this reason, it can easily be seen that the idea which some have of gripping the club hard only with the left hand is entirely wrong. Both hands should take a firm grip on the handle and keep it so until the stroke has been completed. The right is undoubtedly the master hand in directing and putting force into a swing while the left has important duties in guiding while the right does the work.

The stroke in this case as in all others is that of the hit rather than that of the sweep. If the right hand and arm are given their proper use on the club, the stroke will be a hit while the dominance of the left arm tends toward the sweeping motion which is not so effective. In all cases the hit is more powerful than the sweep.

Addressing and Teeling the Ball
 The player should see that he addresses the ball with the center of the face of his club and that he soles the club naturally. After this is done, he should take pains to see that he comes back to the ball in almost the same manner as he addressed it. When his club has left the ball correctly, he should hold the shaft firmly until the stroke is finished. Care should be taken to stand at the proper distance from the ball. By practice, the proper distance may be discovered.

The ball should not be teed high. This is an unnatural thing to do and does not agree with the height of the ball in other strokes. If a golfer plays the other strokes naturally, he will drive unnaturally by teeing too high. A good rule to follow for this is never to tee higher than necessary.

Always look at the ball. This has been said repeatedly by men but it cannot be said too often. If players would always do this they would find that their game would be improved by many per cent. In drawing the club back the left shoulder should turn toward the ball. It is a good thing to keep the eye riveted to the back of the ball, where the club will strike it. An authoritative golf writer has given a sug-

gestion that the player should look at the ground where his ball has been struck. If it has traveled a little distance in this way, he would be sure to keep looking at the sphere until it has been hit.

Many players spend a great deal of time clipping weeds or other articles with their clubs and obtain a great accuracy in doing this. They do it with out a thought of responsibility concerning the swing and other fine points and as a result keep their attention fixed on the misdeed and make a good shot. However, on the links they take great pains on making an accurate swing and in observing other players and as a result almost completely forget the ball. For this reason their driving suffers when they could do much better if they played naturally.

The Similarity of Drives and Brasses
 Practically any instruction which applies to the driver applies to the brass. The only great difference is that the brass is used when the lie of the ball is not so good. As it has the brass will cut the turf more than an ordinary driver will, and this is often

necessary when the ball is in a bad position. In build, the brass should have the same length and shaft and lie as the driver. It has a slightly stiffer shaft, a greater loft and a shorter face. The stiffer handle is necessary so that it may stand the strain of cutting the turf when necessary on the brass. On this club the loft is greater because the height to which a ball is to be raised cannot be regulated at will as from the tee. The shorter face on the brass is necessary for the work which it must do in the rough ground, where the least hindrance of the club is best.

TIME LIMIT OF SONG CONTEST IS LENGTHENED

The one hundred dollar prize offered by the Music Department some time ago will not be awarded on the first of June as previously announced. The songs handed in to Dean Robinson will be retained for the time being and will be judged at the end of next semester with other songs that are submitted.

Men! Shame on You

You are proud of your wife or best girl when they dress their feet so handsomely with the last word in footwear, while you put on any old thing and think you are all set. You are not unless you keep up with her. The woman knows it, yet may not like to tell you. Don't make her tell you.

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