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UNITE WITH THE ALUMNI

Every alumnus a member of the Alumni Association has become the slogan of that energetic organization and special efforts are being put forth to encourage the graduating class to unite with the men who have left this institution in the past to form an alumni association second to none in percentage of members. It is upon the graduating classes that this association must depend for all expansion and the benefits of being connected with such an energetic body should not allow the class of 1921 to hesitate in linking themselves with it.

The Alumni Association is one of the main factors in the organization which has been formed to obtain for Penn State the support which it deserves from the state. The individuals are the background for all movements which may be started by the college to obtain increased appropriations from the state. They are the ground work upon which the college must build its publicity campaign if it is to bring the needs of the college before the people of the state, and if all the alumni are behind the association they will greatly increase the effectiveness of that body and will provide a working unit for the campaign. The events of the past month have shown that the college is very much in need of the active support of every one of its alumni and every one of them must exert a vigorous influence in behalf of Penn State if they are to overcome the opposition and gain for this institution the recognition which it deserves.

It can not be said too forcefully that the growth of Penn State depends almost entirely upon the alumni. The college officials may do all in their power but if the alumni are inactive, the state will give the college little. The college depends upon the people of the state through the legislature and the governor for its support and the influence of the thousands of alumni of Penn State can have a far greater effect throughout the commonwealth in gaining for Penn State a higher standing than any other organization. The people will decide the future of Penn State; if they wish a state institution to top the institutions of learning in Pennsylvania rather than have a private institution at the head, they will support the Pennsylvania State College. If they wish a strong state university where education is free to the people then they must give Penn State more of the means to reach that goal. Again, we say that the alumni are the people. They are the ones who decide the future of Penn State.

The Alumni Association is an organization for the direction of the power of the individual members in the most effective manner. It is many-sided, working for our Alma Mater and for the benefit of its members, socially and in every other way. The various branches in all parts of the country bring the scattered alumni together into a common band. It provides entertainment for its members, and the gatherings of the old Penn State men afford splendid opportunities to meet the men with whom they went to college and to recall the old days on the campus. The spirit of the organization is a fraternal one, all are united by a common bond, the good of Penn State.

The members of the graduating class will do well to join hands with the Alumni Association. It will keep them in touch with the affairs of the college after they have left Penn State and have gone to make their way in the world. It will show them what they can do to aid the college to gain its rightful place among the educational institutions of the state and of the country. It will make them better Penn State men.

The Alumni Association has projects in mind for the material benefit of the college that will require the backing of all the alumni if it is to be a success. Penn State is in need of a number of things, recreation hall, gymnasium, swimming pool, loan funds, and other things without number. The alumni can provide these things and in view of their debt to the college for the education they have received, undoubtedly will provide some of these things in token of their appreciation. These things of course can not be put across by a few men, or even by a considerable number of graduates, but must be backed by all. The Alumni Association has vision; it sees the time when Penn State will be stronger than it is today, and it is laying its plans.

The return of the alumni next Saturday to take part in the reunions and other activities of Commencement Week will be a demonstration of alumni interest and an inspiration to the class of 1921 to unite with such an organization for their own benefit and for the good of our Alma Mater.

A WISE DECISION

The action of the faculty in putting the responsibility of the Honor System upon the shoulders of the individual instructors seems to be the logical move in view of the opposition of a large number of the student body to the Honor System. If an instructor believes that his class is justified in using an honor system he is privileged to use it and is responsible for its successful operation. If an instructor does not believe in the Honor System and thinks that his class will not enforce its provisions, he can employ the proctor system or any other system of examination which he wishes. This seems to be the best decision which the faculty could make in view of the great number of students and faculty members who do not have faith in the Honor System. As it is now, those that want the system can have it; those that do not want it, are not compelled to use it.

PLAYERS' FINAL NUMBER READY FOR PRODUCTION

The Penn State Players, under the direction of Mr. Arthur C. Cloetngh, will present "A Thousand Years Ago" in the out-door theatre June tenth. The production has been worked up with great care that everything shall harmonize into the colorful extravaganza that Percy Mackaye has sought for us in his play. Not a single detail has been neglected in the assembling of this feature—the setting, the costuming, the dancing, the lines themselves—all have been worked up into their greatest effect.

The part of Canocencia, who is the central figure of the phantasy, is being taken admirably by C. R. Corbin '23. He, with his troop of Italian mummara, have danced their way from Venice to where they find the rest of the world lies a dream like a "Thousand Years Ago." But Sir Capo has a specialty and for one day he dons his tattered motley in exchange for a kingly robe, and as Princess and a dancing Prince are made very happy. The day is spent and Capo's work is done—so he is off into the world again for more roses and more romance.

The play is a very delightful bit of the Orient, full of charming beauty and artistry. Indeed it promises a very great treat for all who see it. Tickets may be had in advance by applying to Mr. David D. Mason, Old Main Building. The regular seat sale will be held at Metzger's Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week, June 5 and 9. Prices \$1.00 and \$2.00.

INTERESTING EXTRACTS FROM THE "FREE LANCE"

Up until 1910 the college paper was called "The Free Lance" and was published once a month. Following are given some extracts from some of the early publications.

Editorial of the issue of March, 1893. "We appeal to the friends of THE LANCE, and especially to the alumni, to give us their continued support. A successful college paper is not made in a day—but henceforth, count on the LANCE, rain or shine, for the student body, at least in alive to its needs and wants, and is determined to make it worthy of a generous patronage." Also "The 22nd of February, 1893 must be reverted to for all future time as one of the greatest, if not the greatest day, in the history of the Pennsylvania State College. At first thought one remembered its brilliant oratory—the utterances of that grand galaxy, Beethoven, Pittman, Walker, Noble, splendid presences and those matchless orations are a memory to be treasured for life; but the new building for civil, mechanical, and mining engineering,

work, and will comprise the appreciation and analysis of music. Both courses are open to all, and serve as one college credit.

From a 1902 issue: Dr. Armsby announces, as a result of a calorimeter tests, that cattle gain more when lying down than when standing and that fattening cattle do not need warm stables.

From a 1903 issue: "Mr. J. R. Woodcock comes among us as a secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. This is the first line in the history of the Pennsylvania State College that anyone has been employed in this capacity. He proposes to fully adjust Y. M. C. A. methods to the conditions here, to make the organization more of a help to deserving students, and to develop the social side of student life."

"President Elliot has closed the two all-night restaurants situated on the grounds of Harvard College. He claims that the midnight feed-of 'hot-dog' as it is called by the boys, is conducive to dyspepsia among the students."

This from an 1898 issue: "In accordance with the custom in vogue here, the Freshmen's Conference at Northfield, Pa., held during the first part of July."

"Owing to the great weight of the tower and slate roof covering the main building, that portion of the structure containing the chapel settled several inches during the summer. After the necessary repairs had been made, a new and very prettily designed ceiling was placed in the chapel."

CHANGE MADE IN MUSIC APPRECIATION COURSE

Next Year the course known as Music 9 (Music Appreciation) will be offered in the first semester instead of the second, as was the case this year. The second semester's work will consist of a follow-up course known as Music 9. This will be of a more advanced grade than the first semester's.

UNIT 21 TRIUMPHS IN INTER-UNIT TRACK MEET

The inter-unit track-meet held last Friday after the Frosh-Soph scrap was a gratifying success, and the intense spirit of rivalry and enthusiasm exhibited by the units participating assured well for future meets to be held by the Penn State Club. Unit 21 carried off high honors with a 41.00 point score, winning over Unit 24, its nearest rival with a margin of six points, the latter unit winning 35 points. Units 10 and 18 tied for third place, each coming off with 17 tallies to its credit. C. E. Maule, a Two-Yearer of unit 21 was high man and hung up 18 points for his unit, while C. H. Reinert '24, of unit 10, followed him closely with 17 counts.

Eight units entered full or partly full teams, and many other units which did enter teams had men assisting in running off the various events. In spite of the fact that an earlier date could not be arranged on account of the crowded athletic schedule, thus making it impossible for many inter-unit athletes to compete at this time, there was a goodly number out for the meet, and considerable enthusiasm and inter-unit rivalry was shown. For this season the Penn State Club looks forward with high hopes to next fall when the second inter-unit track-meet will be held and in which prizes will be offered to the winning units.

The "Y" employment department has been making a determined effort during the past few weeks to find jobs for all of the many students of Penn State who desire employment for the summer months. One of the most recent openings found is the position with the Atlantic Coast Railway. See an advertisement on the cars running in and about Ashbury Park, New Jersey. The terms which are very good may be secured with the applications at the Y Hut any time before the close of school. The position affords an excellent opportunity for a vacation by the sea.

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"The Curtin House Doorway", Bellefonte, Pa., medal and publication, by C. B. Horch '20
"Early Penna. Doorway of Boalsburg Pa.", medal, by F. O. Paul '22
"Colonial Fireplace in Old Tavern", Linden Hall, Pa., medal, by H. R. Gamble '22
"Adams Style Mantle Piece", Diller House, Lancaster, Pa., honorable mention, by H. T. Hamel '22

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