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## A SUCCESSFUL YEAR ENDING; A BRIGHT ONE AHEAD

The Pennsylvania State College is now bringing to a close one of the most successful years in its history, a year marked by higher attainments in all its branches of activities. The scholastic standing is at least up to the average, while the class which is to leave us in a few days is one of the largest which has ever been graduated by this institution. On the athletic field, our victories are known by an ever increasing circle of friends and enthusiasts, and the teams have outdone themselves to heap laurels at the feet of their Alma Mater. The debaters have just ended a highly successful season, and the publications have also made remarkable progress in their efforts for the honor of Penn State. The class of 1921 which is now about to depart includes in its make-up, men which, it seems, Penn State can ill afford to lose, men who have led the student body in scholarship, athletic prowess, and as the heads of our various student organizations. They have done well, and their Alma Mater is proud of their achievements. We know that they will be as successful in the world as they have been while at Penn State.

The college has been indeed fortunate in its athletic contests throughout the year. In football, wrestling, basketball, boxing, track, and finally in baseball, Penn State has made a most remarkable record. The teams have commanded the respect of all opponents and there are none that can say that Penn State is not superior in any sport. We owe much of our victories to our Director of Athletics, Hugo Bezek, the man who has put Penn State on the athletic map for good. The future holds out for us even brighter prospects, and although the year just about to end seems to be without equal in our history, it holds for us a rosy outlook. The academic requirements for the incoming men require them to be a little above the average in scholastic standing and the scholarship of the college will probably be materially raised. With a far larger number of applicants than can be admitted, there is no reason why Penn State should not have a choice group of new men this fall.

On the gridiron, diamond, cinder path, cage and ring, our future is painted in bright hues, if no untoward event mars our predictions. True there are veterans of three seasons which will not be on the teams next year, but the substitutes have shown remarkable promise and all in all Penn State can look forward to no gloomy season. Our student government underwent a severe readjustment with the semi-departure of the Honor System. It is too early to say what the outcome will be; whether the Honor System will gradually fall into disuse and the proctor system come into use, or whether the Honor System will again be established. The coming year will decide. The elections are to be held one year from now and at that time the student body and the faculty will be allowed to voice their opinions. If the proctor system is carried out quietly and effectively with no suggestion of offensive suspicions on the part of the proctor and with a spirit of cooperation on the part of the student body, it will undoubtedly become firmly rooted. On the other hand if the student body is restive under a proctor system and shows its ability to make the Honor System work efficiently, then it will certainly be again installed. This is probably the most serious internal problem which the college will have to face next year, and it deserves the serious thought of the best minds of the institution.

The work of the various student government organizations has been effectively, if unostentatiously done. The questions which affect the student body have been disposed of, and several new customs instituted. Father's Day, which was started in Student Council this year and which met with much success, was probably the most important addition made for a long time in our calendar. It brought a great many fathers to State College for the week-end where they became a little better acquainted with Penn State and the life which their sons lead here. The student body was so well pleased with the new occasion that the day is now permanently set for every year on the first Saturday in May.

With all problems which will demand considerations, our prospects are of the brightest for the coming season. We have a short vacation before us in which to prepare ourselves for earnest work in the fall and we will come back equipped for the winter's work. In this time from June until September preach the gospel of Penn State throughout the commonwealth! Tell the people of the state what this college is; impress upon them that this is a state institution and that we depend upon them for our support. If Penn State had been granted a larger appropriation, more of the youth of the state might have had an opportunity of matriculating here for the coming term. But under the present grant, the college can only maintain its present force. The failure to realize the expectations in the matter of appropriations has no doubt been a blow to the hopes of some of our most enthusiastic supporters, but we are not dismayed. There are now two years ahead of us in which we can conduct our educational campaign to tell the Pennsylvanians about their state college and make another effort to obtain an increased appropriation so that the college can launch its proposed plans of expansion. This is one of the biggest things which the student body can do for its Alma Mater.

All in all, the year just ending shows what Penn State can do, and forecasts what is in store for us in the future. We have an unusual opportunity ahead of us to make 1921-1922 a record breaking year in the annals of Penn State and all signs point to the realization of the prospects.

## 'Y' ACTIVITIES ENJOY SUCCESSFUL SEMESTERS

### Wilson Series and Follow-up Forums Popular—New Board Elected for Coming Year

The Penn State Young Men's Christian Association has, by the earnest work of its members, enjoyed a most successful year and has, in a large measure, fulfilled its aim which is to help God work out His will with the Penn State Campus. During the past year it has enlarged the scope of its work and broadened its sphere of influence to a considerable extent. Many tasks were assumed and carried to completion by the organization which would otherwise have been neglected or overlooked.

At the beginning of the college year, the Association, which considered Bible discussion an important part of college work, divided the town into three sections with a Chairman on the Cabinet from each section. More than three dozen discussion groups were in active operation. Nearly half of the fraternities were organized during the first semester and many of the others during the second semester. These groups touched life, introduced men to Jesus Christ and at the same time acquainted them with the major problems of both the campus and the world.

The spirit and efficiency was shown again in the splendid campus service throughout the year. The committee in charge of this work set a new standard of service to the freshman class, including a baggage checking tent on the Co-op corner and a cafeteria tent behind Old Main. A real spirit of friendly helpfulness was developed between the two under classes by means of a committee of three hundred sophomores acting as advisers, each to two or three of the incoming freshmen class at the beginning of the year. The social work conducted by this committee has been unique. Many times during the year parties were held at private homes in the town and at the Y M C A. Hut, thereby enabling a large number of men and women students to spend enjoyable evenings.

A great service was rendered the community by maintaining Sunday Schools in the Branch and Shingleton school houses. In addition a corps of students were working all year to good effect in the churches at Boalsburg and Lemont. A splendid example of practical service work was shown when the "Y" assisted in rebuilding the home of a poor family whose house

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had been destroyed by fire. In addition to the annual trips which were made to the Huntingdon Reformatory and the Western Penitentiary, the committee in charge of deputations arranged a program within the last year whereby five men, from Friday night to Sunday night, were able to go into a community, gain the respect and confidence of the boys and make a truly permanent contribution. At Lewistown, for example, more than three dozen high school boys took a definite step forward and upward.

During the first semester, J. Stitt Wilson, of California, gave his series of six addresses in Christian Democracy under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The second semester started with open forums, bringing speakers who presented both sides of great industrial problems of the day, such as the fight for closed shops in the steel industry and the garment workers strike in New York. The central objective of the second semester was a Vocational Guidance and Life Work Recruiting effort. Two dozen board secretaries and interdenominational recruiting agents met here in an intelligent effort to present to the student body the nature and extent of the need of Christian service in the world.

The Association has shown much interest both in industrial and missionary work. A class teaching English

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to a group of Spaniards who worked on the new Engineering Unit was successfully conducted during the first semester. Penn State had two representatives in agricultural work in Canton, China this year and the students contributed seven thousand dollars in an enthusiastic effort to supply "Daddy" Grief with proper living quarters and support. This was the largest sum ever given by students to a mission project. In addition three thousand dollars was pledged to relief work in Europe.

During the past year an Advisory Board was formed consisting of nine students and six faculty members elected by the student body and one representative elected from each of the six local churches. This body united the Christian forces of the community, thereby offering a solid front to all problems. In combination with the Department of Music, an eight-number entertainment course was arranged and the students were given the privilege of hearing such people as Florence Hinkle and Reinold Werrenrauh.

The Association rendered another almost indispensable service in securing positions for students. A total of three hundred and fifty jobs were given out during the year which represented a money value of over fifteen million dollars.

The "Y" officers for this year were as follows: Sterling G. Harris '21, President; R. K. Williams '21, first Vice-President; Ray Baer '22, Secre-

tary; A. H. McFadden '21, Treasurer; Frank I. Olmstead, General Secretary; Wilmer J. Kitchen, Associate Secretary. The following men have recently been chosen as the Cabinet Officers for next year: C. T. Douds '22, President; R. B. Baer '22, 1st Vice-President; W. S. Wetzel '22, 2nd Vice-President; C. B. Diekerhoff '23, Secretary; J. F. Noble '23, Treasurer; Prof. I. L. Foster, Faculty Treasurer; Frank I. Olmstead, General Secretary; Wilmer J. Kitchen, Associate Secretary. Representatives to the Advisory Board for next year are: Dean R. L. Watts, Prof. J. M. Willard, Prof. W. R. Diem, R. R. Burtner '22, D. D. DeMar '21, H. L. Koehler '23, C. L. Melinger '22, T. H. Ritner '23, R. B. Wilson '23.

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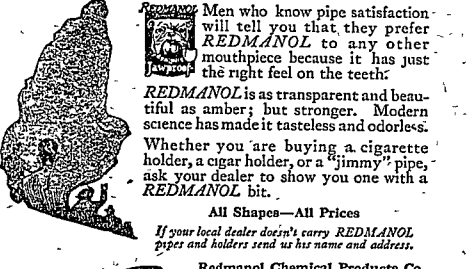
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