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RECEPTION TO NEW STUDENTS

Get acquainted! Every college man needs friends; they are of incalculable value to him. Acquaintanceship leads to friendship and true friendship is one of the things to be most desired in life. At Penn State, where a man is in college twenty-four hours of the day, every student needs many friends. The fellow who goes through college and does not join some of his most esteemed friendships among his classmates and fellow-students is losing much that life at this institution holds for him. New men, it is up to you to become acquainted. One of your first opportunities lies in the Y M C A Reception which will be held on the front campus tonight at seven o'clock. The program which has been arranged includes short talks by some of the most prominent officials of the college and selections by the Band and Glee Club. These will make the evening interesting, but the greatest value that is to be obtained from the reception is promotion of acquaintanceship. Do not miss this opportunity of getting an injection of the "hello habit." Now men, you will be on the front campus tonight at seven. Penn State tradition demands it.

STAMPS FOR FOOTBALL TRIPS

The novel plan, whereby the athletic authorities of the Carnegie Institute of Technology hope to have almost one hundred per cent attendance of the student body at the Carnegie Tech-Penn State undergraduate football game, is being carried out by the Penn State Trip Savings Stamp Campaign. Stamps will be sold to the students at twenty-five cents each and the latter will then paste them in a folder, which will hold stamps to the total of fourteen dollars, a sum equivalent to the cost of the trip from Pittsburgh to State College and return. A special appeal will be made to the Tech students during the next two months to forgo a few luxuries such as candy, movies, cigarettes, etc., and it is hoped that in this manner the movement will go through with decided success.

The enthusiasm with which the school as a whole is taking up the stamp idea at Carnegie Tech indicates the possibility of inaugurating a similar plan at Penn State. This season the Blue and White gridiron team will be called upon to face perhaps the hardest schedule in the history of the college and it is obvious that the full support of the students will be necessary. This stamp idea might be a big help in boosting the undergraduate attendance at the Navy, Georgia Tech, and Harvard games. The active students, in addition to the many alumni who always attend the contests away from home, would make a fine impression at the games and would greatly strengthen the morale of the team. Never before has a Nittany eleven needed the support of her rooters so much, and this scheme seems quite feasible. Approximately two months remain before the big away games and the students have sufficient time to raise the necessary carfare, but there is no time to wait. We must act at once if the plan is to be effective this year.

THE LIBRARY SITUATION

The important changes in the regulations concerning the use of the library will greatly increase the service of that department of the college to the student body. Because of the crowded conditions at Penn State, the executive of the College has ruled that the Library shall no longer furnish study room and that the book stacks shall be closed. Some student sentiment has been expressed that the library is being curtailed, but upon giving due consideration to the facts it may be seen that under the new rulings the interests of all concerned will be bettered.

Since the construction of the library in 1904, the size of the student body has increased from about five hundred to over three thousand undergraduates. This growth of the college has been especially felt in the Library, where the seating capacity of the main, or reference room, is only one hundred and seventy. In the past it has been the habit of students to use this building as a studying place during vacant hours and, as a result, its strictly legitimate use had been hampered. In this advance in the size of the student body, the library has been forced to endure the crowded conditions more than any other division of the college. Among the other departments, this increase has been evenly divided and the congestion has not been so severe. To the library, however, come all the students from all the different schools and, thus, the massed state of affairs has greatly hampered their work.

In closing the book stacks and the seminar rooms, the officials have only taken the final step in the plan which they have been gradually putting into effect for the past few years. The library is approaching the number of eighty thousand volumes and it is no longer possible to permit unrestricted access to the books. The larger libraries all operate under this closed stack system by which it is possible to allow a greater distribution of books among a greater number of people.

All books in the building are still available to readers by merely presenting a call slip containing the number of the book desired. As before, small open shelf collections of new books, of books recommended for general reading, and of selected fiction will be maintained. The reference books in the reading room are also freely available for use within the room.

After a short time under the new regulations, students will discover that they are receiving a better library service and that the change has been made for the better. It may take an interval to become adjusted to the new conditions but time will test the wisdom of the step.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT CAMP FOR FORESTERS

Only seven freshmen and sophomore foresters attended the annual forestry camp at LeMat and Lander this summer. At the first of these camps that of the freshmen in LeMat was the most successful, a party of being served with rattle-snake steaks once a week.

The freshmen camp was located at the mouth of Bear Run of the Wheeling Purchase tract of fourteen thousand acres near LeMat, and was under the supervision of Professor J. A. Tolson of the forestry department. During the camp the men were visited by a representative of the Division of State Works, who instructed them in the use of the axe and the cross-cut saw.

The work of the freshmen at the camp consisted of practice in estimating timber, measuring logs and timbers, and in the use of forestry instruments. The men also had the opportunity to study the trees and forests in the vicinity of their camp.

The sophomore camp was located on the Wheeler and Dusenberry Lumber Company's tract near Endeavor, in Forest County. The camp was under the direction of Professor W. G. Edwards who conducted a study of the logging and mill operations is practiced by that company. The sophomore's work also included topographic and lumber map making, and a study of the forest conditions in that part of the county. Trips were made to the neighboring wood-using industries such as the paper and pulp mill, the wood-distillery plants, and several saw factories.

Professor R. R. Chaffee, former professor of lumbering, and who is now employed by the Wheeler and Dusenberry Lumber Company as forest engineer, was a frequent visitor at the camp as were Mr. A. D. Andrew, Mr. Harry B. Richards, and Mr. J. P. Kitch, all of whom are employed by that company.

ACROSSE PLAYERS WILL BEGIN PRACTICE SOON

With the approach of the fall season plans are being started for the cross-country team. Captain "Doc" Lewis stated that the varsity would begin its work within a couple of weeks, although it is yet too early to have been chosen to succeed "Doc" Lewis who resigned as Lacrosse and wrestling coach last spring. The spring schedule for the team is being arranged by Manager Fox and a more definite announcement will be made later.

During the fall much time will be spent on coaching the Sophomore and Freshman class teams in preparation for a contest between the two schools soon after Thanksgiving. Members of the varsity will act as coaches to the underclassmen. Freshmen and Sophomores are especially urged to come out and try for these class teams, from which some of the "varsity" material for next year will be picked. Lacrosse is not a widely known sport outside of the college, so that if you are interested in this sport, it is hoped that you will be one of the two lower classes will sign up for

this sport in order that the class games be successful. Men selecting this sport will be given credit for gym and also those playing on the varsity class teams will be allowed to wear their number 12.

TWO NEW COURSES IN STUDY OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Class enthusiasts will welcome the opening of two new courses in photography by the Division of Photography of the School of Agriculture. These two courses known as Hort 11 and Hort 12, are general in nature and are open to students of any school. Hort 11 is the elementary course which will be offered during the first semester and Hort 12 is the advanced study which will be given the second semester to all who have successfully completed Hort 11. This is the first time that my courses in general photography have been offered to students at Penn State. In the past, the study of photography at the college was limited to a course specially applicable to agricultural work and of interest to agricultural students only.

The office of 201 Hort Building will be open for information and registration at the following hours: Monday, 10 to 12; Tuesday, 2 to 4; Wednesday, 10 to 11:15.

Hort 11 is a course in elementary photography fundamentals of photography, general and photographic, optical, exposure, sensitometry, development, printing, orthochromatics and the handling of the camera. Lectures one hour and practical two hours, first semester, credits 2.

Hort 12 is a study of advanced photography, some of the practical work in field and indoors. Students are given the opportunity to apply what he gains in the solution of practical difficulties when he met. Practical work required. Hort 11. Practicum four hours in two periods of two hours each, credits 2.

SCOTTS WILL HOLD BIG SMOKER SATURDAY NIGHT

President M. Thomas, Dean W. B. K. and Corey B. Scott will be the principal speakers at the first smoker of the Sophomore class to be held in the Armory tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the class orchestra and a number of other features are being planned by the committee composed of W. T. Womble, W. B. McQuiston, G. I. Lee, J. H. Woodbridge and G. I. Dick.

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BIBLE LIT. COURSES OFFERED THIS SEMESTER

In order to meet the need and request of an increasing number of Penn State students arrangements have been completed for three two-hour courses in Biblical Literature and Religious Education. The courses are as follows: Bib. Lit. 3—a comparative study of the synoptic gospels and John, the hours being Wednesday and Friday at nine; Bib. Lit. 5—in orderly study of the history of the Hebrew Commonwealth in its contact with the Babylonian, Egyptian Greek and Roman civilization. The course will include a literary introduction to the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament, and finally Bib. Lit. 15—a study of the great religious movements of the world's history (Hinduism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Judaism, Christianity, etc.) together with a comparative examination of their respective values.

NEW MATERIAL IS NEEDED FOR VARSITY QUARTET

Owing to the fact that only one member of last year's Varsity Quartet, E. H. Robinson '21, second tenor returns this year, Dean Robinson is scouring the student body for new material to build up a group that will follow last year's quartet satisfactorily. The reputation built up by that group has created a great demand for the Penn State Varsity Quartet. At present there are several candidates in view but no selection will be made until all available material is tried.

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