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WILL POSTER NIGHT BE A FAILURE?

Within the next week or so, Poster Night will no doubt be celebrated. It is an occasion packed full of opportunities for good and also filled with possibilities of evil. Which of these two alternatives will come about depends largely upon the members of the sophomore class. Their action on this night will decide. They can celebrate a legitimate custom and make trends for Penn State, or they can indulge in an unthinking and disgraceful, and even brutal, display of passion.

We have no objection to Poster Night and we would be the last to advocate its abandonment, but it must be conducted in the right way. A little padding has cured many a freshman realize that he is no better than the next man. But beyond this point, Poster Night must not be carried. Otherwise we will have to abolish it whether we want to or not.

One thing for which Poster Night is not designed, is the working off of grudges. Every man is entitled to a square deal and all the freshmen must be treated alike. Only a coward would take advantage of Poster Night to "get" a freshman that he dislikes. To seize this opportunity to bully and browbeat the temporarily defenseless men who has injured the custom and tended to discredit the whole institution. This thing must not be permitted and all good sophomores as well as the upperclassmen will forcibly eliminate the despicable creature that would try to take out a personal spite.

Another disgrace that has occurred in the past and that can not be permitted again is the rowdyism and mob fighting that takes place on Co-op Corner after the return to town of the sophomores. How any man can imagine that he is upholding his class honor by instituting a free-for-all brawl is more than we can understand. He is weak-minded rather. In addition, property is liable to be damaged. Remember that things which do not belong to you are not to be mistreated and also that State College is not so remote but what State Police can be called upon to protect the rights of citizens. We do not want Poster Night turned into a law-breaking orgy and the elimination of the disorder on Co-op Corner is essential.

The sophomore class officers, the leading men of the class in general assisted by the upperclassmen will no doubt do their utmost to make Poster Night a real, legitimate success. They recognize its value and its purpose, and also its shortcomings. We are satisfied that as far as they are able to make it, Poster Night will be a success. But the small-minded, weak-willed creature that oversteps the bounds must be guarded against. He is ubiquitous and only the united effort of all good men can eliminate him. He is the man who spoils the good things of the earth, he it is who brings discredit upon us, he it is who has no place among the lovers of Penn State.

We beg you to think of your Alma Mater, think of your class, and think of yourself. Protect the good name of Penn State. If even one of the freshmen is injured, the blame is upon us all. We want Penn State to be the best college in the United States. We want to have a big-hearted student body that believes in the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

USE THE LETTER BOX

We would call the attention of the student body to the letter box maintained by THE COLLEGIAN for the use of the men and women students of Penn State. This department of THE COLLEGIAN will be glad to receive all communications upon subjects of interest to the student body and we would urge that more use be made of this service. If there is any matter that any of our readers feel should be brought before the notice of the institution, put the thoughts on paper and mail them to us, and we will be glad to publish them. There is only one rule and that will never be broken. All communications must be signed by the writer. However, the name will not be published if the author wishes it withheld.

WE NEED DORMITORIES

When incoming freshmen are forced to sleep on cots in the Armory for lack of accommodations in town, it is time that the state bestirred itself and erected adequate dormitories. It is a disgrace to welcome new men by simply herding them into the Armory and tell them that that is all the housing accommodations the state of Pennsylvania can afford. This institution is growing beyond the stage where everyone can find rooms in the boarding houses of the town, and dormitories will have to be built.

BOTANY DEPARTMENT FINDS

Dr. Kern, head of the Department of Botany and Professor C. E. Orton, accompanied by three representatives of the State Department of Agriculture, made a collection tour in the region of New Bloomfield, Carlisle, Mount Holly Springs, and other places in Perry and Cambria counties during the first part of the first week of this month. They gathered among other specimens several interesting fungi and a few specimens of the fox huckleberry. The latter is a remarkable and exceptionally rare plant, being found in only four places in the United States. New Bloomfield is a remarkable and exceptionally rare plant, being found in only four places in the United States. New

BLOOMFIELD BEING ONE OF THE "STATIONS"

It is an evergreen plant and derives its name from the fact that its leaves resemble those of the boxwood plant.

LACK OF FUNDS CAUSES

GIBARD LABORATORY TO CLOSE
Mr. J. H. Muncey, who has been pathologist in the Girard, Pa., laboratory, has accepted a position with the Iowa State University. Mr. J. R. Eyer, who was also employed at this laboratory as entomologist, has accepted a position at the University of Minnesota. The Girard laboratory has recently been closed on account of lack of funds to carry on the important work of agricultural experimentation.

BULLETIN

Tuesday, September 20

6:15 p. m.—Penn State Club, Old Chapel.
7:00 p. m.—Student Tribunal, 311 Main.
7:00 p. m.—Perk Union Club, 316 Main.
7:30 p. m.—Student Council, 14 L. A.
7:40 p. m.—Penn State Physica, Engineering Office.
7:00 p. m.—Penn State Engineer, Engineering A.

Wednesday

6:15 p. m.—W. S. G. A. Old Chapel.
7:00 p. m.—Caters, 219 Main.
4:30 p. m.—Candidates for Varsity La. Cross Squid, Holmes Field.
1:30 p. m.—Candidates for Varsity Soccer Squid, Army Field.
All track and Cross Country Candidates report to Bill Martin.

Thursday

7:00 p. m.—Menorah Society, 11 L. A.
7:00 p. m.—College Chorus (choir A) Auditorium.
8:00 p. m.—Freshman Choir (choir B) Auditorium.

SECOND YEAR MEN GET TOGETHER AT SMOKER

The Army was the scene of a successful affair on Saturday night when almost the entire sophomore class assembled there at the Chrys Smoker. Several remarks by President Thomas, Dean Wincock, Coach Bockel, and President Martin of the class were well received, and after these, smokes and music prevailed.

President Martin got the affair underway by recalling the successful year spent by the class as Freshmen, and expressed his opinion that from all standpoints, the present year would equal, if not surpass, the past one. Inasmuch as the success of the class was concerned.

Dan Warnock complimented the class on the large number who have returned as Sophomores. He remarked that the percentage of men who withdrew from school was far less than that of any other class. Speaking of having Dean Warnock stated that the underlying object should be to make better Penn State men of the new students and not to inflict punishment.

President Thomas expressed his appreciation for the manner in which the class is supporting him as the new head of the college. He also stated that there is a vast difference in the classes at Penn State at present than there was in the years gone by, when the objective seemed to be to have the roughest class.

The necessity of every man in the class keeping together was explained by Coach Bockel, who also stated that the class and the Administrative officers of the college must work hand in hand in order to derive mutual benefit. "Bez" commented on the necessity of courtesy in athletics, especially to visiting teams as the college is always judged by its representative team.

After the program of the speakers of the evening was concluded, smokes, songs, and music reigned and a general get-together of the members of the class took place.

STUDENT BAND ORGANIZES FOR COMING SCHOOL YEAR

The Penn State band was reorganized for the year at a meeting held in the band room in Old Main on Thursday night. There was a fine turnout of the old men, sixty reporting to Mr. Thompson, the director. All of the old men did not come out at the first meeting so it is expected that the above number will be increased ten or twelve more before the band gets underway.

An important feature of the meeting was the distribution of new marches to the members so the band will have an abundant selection from which to draw for the many occasions on which they are expected to serve. A number of popular selections were also given to the musicians.

The band will play this year, as in other years, at all athletic events and it is planned at present to have fine organization completed in time for the first football game with Lebanon Valley on September 24.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT FOSTERED BY DR. SPARKS

Unusual Growth During Past Twelve Years Reflects Credit on Former Prexy

Twelve years ago, Dr. Edwin E. Sparks came to the Pennsylvania State College from the University of Chicago, where he served as Professor of History, to assume control of the college. He found the Student Government in a state of infancy. The organization was then only a mere embryo, but under his fostering care it has grown into a powerful and efficient organization which is now the voice of the student body.

Another department which has grown under Dr. Sparks' guidance is the Summer Session, which has grown from a small gathering of teachers to an educational institution of nearly two thousand. This school furnishes a source of education to thousands of Pennsylvanians, by furnishing instruction to teachers who would otherwise be unable to obtain such advanced work.

As the head of the retiring administration, President Sparks gives the following review of his term of office. "The request for a message to the student body at this time calls for a note of thanksgiving. This college, for so many years the arduous concern of devoted men building on a new definition of education, seems now to have passed the experimental and begging stage and to have gained the public confidence as a permanent agency for the betterment of succeeding generations of young Pennsylvanians.

Most fortunate is the choice of an executive who has already shown a remarkable comprehension of our local problems and a keen sympathy with the student body. His coming to this institution was the result of a well-grounded foundation for future progress in education. Personally my thanksgiving arises from a restoration to normal physical condition which will permit me to continue daily intercourse with the loyal men and women who make up the faculty and students of the college. Far beyond the increase in numbers and appropriations which may have marked the twelve years of the past administration, I prize that intangible devotion of the college, the faculty and students which may have marked the twelve years of the past administration, or in a faith and support which will rebound to her permanent good.

In retrospect, I recall with gratitude the willingness of the student body to develop student government on a home rule along sane lines, to abandon many things which were dear to them but contrary to the policy of the administration; and also I recall the indulgence of the Faculty in giving trial to many provisions which were both novel and possibly dangerous. Some failed, other succeeded. But all were part of the transition from a small to a great institution. Credit is due where it belongs as stated above.

"Asked to name the innovation which affords the most pleasure in review always places me in a quandary. Whether to name the Summer Session which has grown from 125 to nearly 2000 attendees, the collecting of miscellaneous departments into a School of Liberal Arts, the Freshman advisor system, the High School Principal's conference, the development of cooperative student government—these and others are difficult to estimate and appraise, properly. For each success, one could find a counter experiment which failed and which one gladly forgets.

"A large portion of educational effort is based on hope; on things hoped for rather than things seen. The book of records for the past administration is closed, one can only hope for good results.

"But there is one tangible result, perhaps personally selfish, which is not in uncertainty and that is the joy of having mingled in these thirteen years with probably ten thousand sincere and devoted young men and young women of these United States of whose friendship a king might well boast. None of us saw at the outset the great growth destined to come to OUR Penn State, none can see to what spheres of usefulness the new administration is destined to lend us. So here a cheer for the past and a mightier cheer for the future and the new "Prexy."
Edwin E. Sparks

Following President Sparks' objections, the Student Council ordered the paper to cease publication when the paper was published the next week, the council ordered the paper to be burned. The entire issue was burned on Co-op corner. This was the beginning of the efficient organization which is now the voice of the student body.

FRESH CO-EDS ARE GUESTS AT LAWN FETE

The first party to be given the new co-eds who entered Penn State as members of the 1925 class was a lawn fete given under the combined efforts of the Y. W. C. A. and the Women's Student Government, and the Girls' Athletic Association. The affair was held on the lawn in front of the Women's Building on last Wednesday evening. President and Mrs. Thomas and Dean Margaret A. Knight formed the receiving line.

The program for the evening was varied and proved to be interesting till the end. Each freshman girl was escorted to the party by her junior advisor and was introduced to the President of the college and his wife as soon as she reached the lawn. The new girls became acquainted with the members of the other classes and of their own class by means of autographing cards which everyone carried for that express purpose. This feature alone did much to guarantee the success of the evening. Fun provoking games and an excellent program of unusual stunts occupied the early part of the fete while dancing in the parlors of the Women's Building followed in order to prepare the way for the most enjoyable part of the fete. The kinds of refreshments that usually are served at parties added an indispensable part to the program. The singing of Penn State songs made a fitting climax for the reception and the freshman co-eds had made their debut into co-ed society.

ENGINEERING NOTES

Professor E. A. Fessenden, head of the department of Mechanical Engineering, devoted the entire summer to supervising the completion of the new

Mechanical Engineering laboratory, the old equipment, and such new apparatus as the college has been able to purchase has been installed, and the laboratory will be used regularly during the coming year. As was planned, this is one of the best laboratories in the country for instruction in the use of steel, gas, oil and compressed air apparatus. Dean Sackett appeared this summer before the State Public Utilities Commission on a valuation case and also attended the commencement of the University of Michigan and the Industrial Conference which was held at Silver Bay, New York. He also spent some time on research in the library of the United Engineering Societies on Industrial Education.

LACROSSE PRACTICE

TO START THIS WEEK
Manager Fox '22 announced that calls would be made this week for Varsity lacrosse candidates. There will also be calls for candidates for Sophomore and Freshman teams. These men will be coached by members of the Varsity team. Inter-class scrags are to be staged during the fall, and it is necessary that candidates report for practice as soon as the call is made. Berles on the class team are open to all who sign up for lacrosse as a substitute for gym.

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