

THESPIANS ADMIT NEW TALENT TO MEMBERSHIP

Recent Additions Will Assist In Staging Three Productions This Season

Anticipation for an unusually successful season has caused the Thespian Dramatic Club to start early on their program for the year of 1921-22. With the array of talent left after the close of last season, supplemented by the addition of sixteen new members, with the eight underclassmen who are affiliated with the organization but who are not eligible to the privilege of membership, and with the addition of previously undeveloped and undeveloped talent among the upper classes, the members of the dramatic group have ample reason for considering such hopes for the future.

The Thespians enjoyed an enviable season last year, to say the least. When college opened in the fall, the prospects were gloomy because all activity on the part of the club was blotted out by the exigencies of the war. In the proceeding two years, but due to the expert leadership of Professor M. M. Harris, and the undeniably clever ability of B. W. Knapp '21 the Thespians assumed in orderly outline early in the fall. The schedule for the year culminated in the successful performance of "King Pomponius I," when a picked house recited the renewed activity of dramatics at the college.

The Thespian Club is the oldest dramatic organization on the campus, having enjoyed a continuous existence for twenty-four years. They hold monthly meetings throughout the school year for the discussion and the development of musical and dramatic productions. The organization plans to give at least two and possibly three performances during the coming year, the last of which will be composed entirely by members of the club. A musical comedy is already in progress and promises to excel even that which was given last spring. Professor Harris and B. W. Knapp '21 are collaborating with the members of the club in writing something of an unusually high calibre.

The officers elected for the year 1921-22 are: President, N. Brainerd '22; Treasurer and Business Manager, W. A. Rinkenbach '22; Secretary, W. B. Knapp '22; The directorate remains as before, being composed of: Director, Thompson U. S. A., and Professors M. M. Harris, Arthur DeBorja and W. S. Hoffman. The following men were elected to the dramatic organization for the ensuing year: V. H. Noll '22, W. H. Hulse '22, S. R. Goble '22, W. T. Schockley '22, R. DeBorja '22, G. H. Berger '22, Hummel Fishburn '22, Benjamin Whitford '22, E. H. Ralston '21, J. M. Peoples '23, T. H. Hines '21, G. B. Hines '23, E. S. Deitchel '21, H. W. Hinson '23.

INAUGURAL PLANS ARE DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Should be brought forth to the mind of each member of the Penn State student body, the parade is being designed to represent the entire student body and no student will be expected to shirk his duty by voiding participation in the parade on Friday morning. All freshmen and sophomores will appear under the direction of the military department of the college, and the juniors and seniors will be requested to assist in the presentation of the department in some manner. At a meeting of the faculty held yesterday morning it was decided to declare a holiday of Thursday, Friday and Saturday of that week in order to give the students ample time to construct designs and floats.

Further plans and arrangements will be printed in the next issue of THE COLLEGIAN.

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GYM REGISTRATION NEARLY COMPLETED

Five hundred and fifty-two Freshmen and four hundred and forty-three Sophomores have registered up to the present time in the Department of Physical Education and have selected the sports which they will elect during the fall season. There are still a large number of students from the two lower classes who have failed to register. All lower classmen who have not reported to the Armory for registration must do so before tomorrow noon when the regularly assigned classes will begin to hold sessions.

Among the Freshmen, tennis and track have proved to be the most popular sports, while the Sophomores have shown a greater preference for track and wrestling. One hundred and forty-seven sophomores and Freshmen have selected tennis as their fall sport. Because of the lack of facilities, it is probable that some of this number will be forced to transfer their work to other departments.

Other sports which have attracted many candidates are wrestling, where fifty-four Freshmen and seventy-five Sophomores have signed up, boxing with fifty-one followers and golf with thirty-eight.

Professor Myers will have charge of the gymnasium classes this year. He will take the place of "Doc" Lewis and Mr. Quinlan who have resigned. Something new will be introduced into gym work when the classes will be held out of doors until after the Thanksgiving vacation. During the fall period of instruction the work will consist in games of various nature.

For purposes of assignment to periods of instruction the Freshman gym classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday and the Sophomores on Wednesday and Friday at 4:30 p. m. It is planned to have the physical education period extend from 1:30 to 5:00 p. m. This period will be divided into two sections of forty-five minutes each.

Bright Prospects For Sports.
The large number of candidates signing up for the various sports will give the coaches a wealth of material with which to work. Especially in wrestling, with one hundred and twenty-nine already choosing this sport, Coach "Dave" Deiter will be able to make a good selection. He plans to give all candidates a chance to show their ability in wrestling before weeding out those who are not fitted for this sport.

The construction of an outdoor basketball court will greatly aid in preparing the basketball candidates for the winter season. Those who choose this for their fall sport will be able to play the game out of doors, thus eliminating the undesirableity of this form of athletics at this time of the year. The proposed location of the court is immediately to the rear and the west of the board building.

Very few men of the incoming class have selected soccer or lacrosse as a fall sport. These two games present a very real opportunity for increasing class numbers, as few men have taken part in these sports prior to their admittance to college.

Hiking, as a sport, will be under the direction of the Outing Club. Further information will be published in the COLLEGIAN at a later date concerning this popular Penn. State recreation.

STATE RANKS FOURTH IN APPLE PRODUCTION

Horticulture Dept. Completes Survey of Commonwealth—Large Increase in Output

The Horticulture Department has recently completed a survey of the apple-growing industry in Pennsylvania, the report of the survey to be published by the State Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg. This bulletin will be the first of a series of bulletins resulting from surveys of the other agricultural industries of the state. The purpose in taking the surveys was to determine the status of the State Department of Agriculture, who cooperated with the College in making the survey, wished to have a survey that would present a picture of the apple-growing industry in this state in 1920. Also, the Department of Horticulture has wished a more thorough knowledge of the apple-growing conditions in this state before revising its plans for coming research work. Third, the surveys are meant to serve as a complement to the 1920 Federal census.

A crew of ten men from the department and Secret of the Department of Agriculture worked on the project during the summer of 1920. Practically every county in Pennsylvania, in which fruit-growing is important was covered. This included about 1,000 growers and altogether gives an accurate and comprehensive picture of 25,000 acres of apple orchards.

Few states have fruit regions extending through a greater climatic range or showing more marked diversities than are found in Pennsylvania. The state can be divided into five distinct regions as regards apple growing. These are the southeastern section which takes in the southeastern corner of the state, the northeastern section taking in the northeastern corner, the southern section composed of Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, and York counties, the central section which is the largest and includes the entire central region of the state, and the western section composed of the extreme western corner of the state.

The commercial apple crop area of Pennsylvania is the southern region, while the outstanding feature of the rest of the state is the selling on local markets. In fact, so much of Pennsylvania's fruit is sold in this way that although she ranks fourth in the number of fruit-bearing trees, she falls to fourteenth place in number of carloads of apples shipped by rail, the rest of the fruit going to market in auto trucks, each section partially supplying the cities and towns in its own territory.

It is interesting to note that Pennsylvania occupies fourth place in the United States in the number of bearing apple trees, the total number according to the 1920 census being 6,981,128 trees. Twenty years ago (1900 census) Pennsylvania ranked sixth in number of bearing apple trees although the number was 11,774,211. Thus although there were fewer bearing trees in 1920, the relative rate at that time was higher than in 1900.

The Letter Box

"NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES NEEDED," SAYS STUDENT

Most of us realized that some change in the system of the library would have to be made, and all of us now realize that the present step it has seemed necessary to take works a considerable hardship on the majority of the students. A library should not be used as a study hall under ordinary circumstances, but here there seems to be no other place on the campus to use as a study hall. Men who live any distance from the college surely cannot find it profitable to go home and back during a single vacant period. The result is that many periods are and will be lost as far as study is concerned. This applies particularly to the engineers and to others who have heavy schedules.

As for the students in the Liberal Arts courses, the library is their laboratory. For them to be deprived of the privilege of taking their own books and note-books into the library proper, makes it very inconvenient.

If a student goes into the library and leaves his own books on the shelves provided, it is not very probable that the same ones who were careless with the property of the library last year will also be careless with the books of their fellow students.

But what is to be done? It is a difficult problem. Why not do as Prexy suggested and let the Student Council bring it up for discussion before the student body? Someone may happen to hit upon a better solution. It has been suggested that it might solve part of the difficulty to allow books to be taken into the library and have a student (during a vacant period) check the books as the students leave the library. This could be done almost at a glance and would be considerably cheaper than losing as many books as were lost last year. It would not be a very pleasant job, but it is not pleasant for an instructor to act as proctor during an examination.

As to the girls cannot they be given certain sections of the library in which to study?

There was considerable real studying done last winter, particularly in the alcoves of the library. It is unfortunate that some have made it necessary for these alcoves to be closed.

NON-FRAT MEN GATHER AT MEETING TONIGHT

Ap Upperclassman

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house or permanent quarters of some kind for the organization. At the coming meeting this matter will again be brought up for action and it is hoped that in a short time, some home will be secured.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK CLOUDS VARSITY SOCCER SEASON

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and who cannot be excused in blocking and passing the ball, Keller '22, Harris '22, and Miller '22, who gained varsity positions by their consistent playing. Longhurst, who played goal throughout the entire season; Spahr, Bickmore, and Milligan who will show varsity skill, all of these will be in form to make up for the absence of James '21, Gladding '21, and Glenn '21, who were among the best of Coach Crowell's proteges.

The schedule for the coming season has not yet been completed due to the fact the manager elect will not return this fall. E. D. Schive '23, who kept moved all summer and the final has been appointed to succeed the manager elect has started to work on the varsity program and hopes to have an attractive one approved as soon as possible. The large number of freshmen and sophomores, who have signed up for this sport for gym credit will start their work on Wednesday and will make it necessary to use some of the varsity men as coaches for the first few days. The fundamentals of the sport will be taught these men the first few days and then light scrimmage work will follow to give those who have never played before the opportunity of getting first hand knowledge of the booting technique.

The field in back of the Armory will be in fairly good condition by the middle of the week and should prove to be no obstacle in the way of varsity and class practice. The grass has been

LARGE ATTENDANCE MARKS RECEPTION FOR FROSH

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then, each of which he has attended excepting one which he stated that men of all beliefs, from all parts of the country gathered here at Penn State with but one thought—that of becoming Penn State men. He spoke highly of the work of the local Y. M. C. A. and advised new students to take an active part in its welfare work. With final words of welcome to the incoming Freshman Class, Dr. Sparks concluded his talk.

Much regret was expressed when the chairman announced that President Thomas and Coach Bezdek would not speak, the former being detained at an Executive Committee meeting, and Bezdek falling to put in his appearance. Several selections were rendered by the college band, and the Glee Club, under the direction of Dean Robinson, also gave several selections including "The Nutcracker" and the ever-popular "Rosie O'Grady."

The president of the Senior Class congratulated the new students for having been admitted while so many hundreds were turned away due to lack of accommodations. He said they were to be congratulated for having been given the opportunity to become Penn State men. Mr. Overdorf also spoke highly of the work of the Y. M. C. A. and recommended its work to the new men.

The Y. M. C. A. was represented by

its president, C. T. Douds, who briefly outlined the mission of the organization. He stated that unlike the college whose function it is to develop the mind, and athletics to develop the body, the Y. M. C. A. has for its purpose the development of the spiritual part of man.

Following the serving of refreshments, the affair was concluded and through the efforts of the Y. M. C. A., another Freshman Class was officially welcomed to Penn State.

Clanore for a speech by "Andy" Lytle, "the youngest Freshman in college" arose throughout the crowd, and he addressed the assembly giving his advice to the Freshman as he has done ever since the organization of the college.

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