

Dr. Sparks Enthusiastically Received at Southern Colleges

FORMER PRESIDENT OF PENN STATE IS BOOSTING SCHOLASTIC ATTAINMENTS

At the present time, Dr. Ed. South is general secretary of the Phi Kappa Phi honorary society. He is making a tour of the country, in the course of which he will have visited over sixty American colleges under the auspices of the Phi Kappa Phi honorary society. Last week Dr. Sparks spent most of his time in Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama. In his travels he addressed thousands upon thousands of students, trying to impress on them the importance of taking every advantage of their opportunities for scholastic attainments.

In a recent address made at Atlanta, he said that America is lagging too much behind the rest of the world in the matter of college life, that most students go to college for these features, and in consequence, America is going to be behind the rest of the world unless colleges begin to lay more stress on the scholastic side.

"I believe in athletics and in all the things that make college life pleasant, but I think we can have too much of them," said the former president of Penn State. "I am trying to preach to college boys the doctrine of American preeminence in scholastic attainments."

"The day is coming, and it's not far off, when America is going to have to compete with the rest of the world in brains. We can put a high tariff on (d-e-stuffs, and keep them out, can put a high tariff on fire-arms and munitions and keep them out, but we can't keep out foreign brains with any tariff that ever has been or ever will be conceived. There are other countries that we must compete with in brains and it will be largely up to the college youth of America today to maintain American prestige in the future. Dr. Sparks is representing two great fraternalities on his trip through the

FRESHMEN PREPARE FOR LAST GAMES OF SEASON

Yearling Passers to Meet W. Va. Frosh Thursday—Week's Rest Benefits Players

Another week of practice has slipped by for the Nittany yearling passers and they are now being groomed for the final two games of the season. The first contest that with the West Virginia Freshmen in the Army Thursday evening, should not tax them to the utmost of their power but on Saturday, when the Panther Club visit them in a return game, Killinger's players will tackle a tough assignment and will have to be on their toes continually to secure a second victory over their time-honored rivals. The latter are anxious to get revenge for their defeat in Pittsburgh two weeks ago and are working strenuously now so that they may realize their aim.

Coach Killinger gave the Blue and White Freshmen a deserved rest over the past week-end but started preparations with a punch yesterday and is at present diving the team at a severe pace. He is making a special effort to prevent the men from considering the West Virginia aggregation too lightly, feeling that too much confidence might undermine them and possibly lead to their undoing after they have successfully thwarted all opposition to date. Fortunately, all of the first-string players are in good condition. The cancellation of the Bellefonte fray gave them plenty of opportunity to rippe any slight injuries which they might have acquired on the western trip and, with a little luck in practice this week, they should enter Thursday's game in excellent shape.

The personnel of the Frosh duo continues to remain the same since the regular members fit into their positions, so well that the substitutes have practically no chance of displacing them. A change may occur though in the regular line-up on Thursday. In the first game against the West Virginia yearlings Coach Killinger used Yost at one of the guards in place of Stukeman because of the fact that the West Virginians were big heavy individuals and Yost's extra weight seemed necessary to combat the conditions. If the same conditions exist on Thursday, Killinger may again start Yost. He is not going to overlook anything which will enable his men to triumph over the visitors more easily and he is also not forgetting the fact that the Pitt first-year men come here Saturday and that the Nittany Frosh will have to be in perfect trim to defeat this aggregation.

ARCHITECTS PLAN TO GIVE TWO ACT PLAY

Dean, Sackett Lectures on American Architecture—Miss Jackson Selects Cast of Play

The Architects Club held a very important meeting in Engineering F on Thursday evening at which Dean Sackett of the Engineering School gave an interesting talk on American Architecture.

Beginning with the real American architecture the structure of the American Indian the Dean showed how there was but one system of building throughout the entire country, with the possible exception of the extreme Southwest where the climatic conditions made the tepee impracticable. From the building of the early Indians he passed on to the structures of the colonists—smatters of the various old Colonial styles later in the beautiful Colonial Architecture of New England, Pennsylvania and the South, mostly of Virginia and Louisiana. Then jumping across the States he took up the Spanish styles of California and the result of this influence on later California building.

Passing from the Architecture of the Revolutionary Period the speaker came down to the present time with our mixture of all the various styles that have been produced, all side by side in the large cities of the country. In speaking of the present day building the Dean also took up the question of the tall building and what its future will be. The speaker concluded his remarks by leaving the question with the architects whether the tall building the Colonial style or some new feature will be the distinctly American architecture of the future or if we will continue to borrow.

Following the remarks of Dean Sackett, the meeting took on the form of a regular business session where plans were made to produce a two act farce "The Infernal Triangle" in connection with a dance the middle of March. The play which was selected carefully from about twenty or thirty plays submitted by the various architects clubs in other colleges and large cities in the country will compete with any production presented on the Penn State stage in years.

The comedy is the story of two young struggling architects, Trit and Tule who have been unable to make ends meet. A large contract is in sight which they must get. The means that they employ in trying to land this job

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The fire broke out in the building at about midnight on December 24th. The cause of the fire is not known. The building was a modern structure and the fire was very intense.

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DEBATERS SELECT TOPIC FOR TRIANGULAR MEET

Pitt, Syracuse and Colgate to Be Met in March—Trip to Coast on Schedule

The Penn State debating season will officially open on February twenty-fourth, when the followers of the forensics at this institution will match their skill in contests with Buchanan and Dickinson. The question to be debated is, "Resolved, That the United States Government should establish a system of unemployment insurance for the employee in American corporate industries."

On March twenty-fourth, the Nittany debaters will engage in a second triangular debate with Colgate and Pittsburgh completing the triangle. These institutions usually support strong debating teams and should furnish the Penn State team with some real opposition. The question to be decided in the debate is "Resolved, That it should be the policy of the United States to claim full payment of the debts owed her by the Allied nations." The latter question will also be argued on April eighth, at which time a forensic contest has been arranged with Syracuse University.

Immediately following the Syracuse contest, the Penn State debating team will leave on a three weeks' transcontinental tour, on which trip debates will be held with representative teams of seven of the leading western colleges and universities. On this list of opponents are Marquette University, North Dakota Agricultural College, Montana State College, University of Montana, University of Washington, Oregon State Agricultural College, and University of Wyoming.

On this trip the debating team will use three questions, and the members of the team will be required to be prepared to debate on either side of two of the questions and one side of the third question. Sides will be determined by the toss of a coin on the platform. This introduces the idea of a sporting chance into the contest and is an especially good way of deciding which side the debaters will take in the discussion of the Japanese question on the coast.

SEVENTY-SEVEN STUDENTS MAKE CHANGE IN COURSE

The Registrar of the College reported that seventy-seven students changed their course from one school to another at the beginning of the second semester. Of this number the Engineering School stands at the head of the list with a change of twenty-nine from engineering and nine to engineering, leaving a loss of twenty students in that school. The School of Liberal Arts has the record of gaining the greatest number of students, during the second semester, four changing from Liberal Arts and forty-three changing to Liberal Arts, giving a gain of thirty-nine students. The other changes were as follows:

- From Agricultural, 13, to Agriculture, 13, Gain 0
- From Home Economics, 4, to Home Economics, 0; Loss 4
- From Mines, 3, to Mines, 2; Loss 1
- From Natural Science, 10, to Natural Science, 8; Loss 2

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