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THE FINAL SPURT

The crisis of many a good race comes at the final spurt and the outcome of more than one test has been decided during the final period. But these truths are not limited to athletic games or contests as they have been recognized in the battles of life. Even they may be applied to the academic life of the student.

The second semester of the college year is more than half completed and the annual spring recess is now an event of the past. With this realization should come the resolution by every student of the institution to make a last determined effort for higher scholarship records. The calendar this year has been broken up as it never was before and the student body has been the recipient of generous vacations. In return, the faculty has a right to hope for the whole-hearted response of Penn State students in applying to the remaining six weeks an honest endeavor to raise the scholarship standards of the college.

On many occasions, it has been remarked that one of the first essentials of a Pennsylvania State University is a higher scholarship rating than has been associated with the college in the past. A great state university which will be the center of the educational system of the commonwealth and which will be the summit of the state educational structure must rank with the best of American universities in this essential and it can attain this position only through the will of the student body. The first below grade period of the first semester and the end of the first semester were marked with an overabundance of unusually low marks. The beginning of the second semester did not witness a great change in this condition so it can be said that the temporary scholarship standing at the present time is lower than it should be. If this handicap is to be overcome, we must start to spurt.

The holding of the annual junior prom over the coming week end should not have the effect of a general neglect of studies. It is the successful student who is able to enjoy the social life of the college and accomplish his academic work without interference of the two. Two extremes face each one and it is the person who creates the "happy medium" who is considered the true example. Penn State voices the plea that each one remember his duty to the college.

Time passes quickly and the June exams will soon claim the attention of all undergraduates. Whether or not the majority of the students will be able to take these exams successfully depends entirely upon the preparation and it is not too late now to make amends for a careless beginning. With the goal in sight and the last lap immediately before us, we should put all energy in a winning spurt for Penn State and the Pennsylvania State University.

RESPECT FOR THE SENIORS

For the past several years, Penn State has been associated with the popularity of its customs and the student attitude toward the strict observance of these customs. There has been a marked tendency on the part of many institutions in the east to gradually do away with this part of American college life, which change in many quarters has been attributed to the recent World War. And now Penn State is beginning to feel the effects of this tide, daily demonstrated in the remarks of the older men who are wont to draw comparisons of past and present conditions. A broader outlook for Penn State and a more serious consideration of the problems of life on the part of the average college student of the day are but a few of the answers made to the comparisons of older men.

However, it seems that Penn State will be among the last to relinquish recognition of the value of class customs and this is no doubt commendable when the customs in question have survived the test of Time and have earned the favorable consideration of alumni, students and faculty. If the benefits derived through rigid observance are such as to merit this consideration, surely the student body should hesitate before forgetting it.

But this is a danger that is threatening some of the oldest customs at the college. Are the Seniors respected as they should be? Recently many complaints have been heard concerning the order in which students leave the Auditorium after a morning service or at the close of Sunday chapel. It is specifically stated in the Students' Handbook that the faculty members are to pass out first, to be followed by the members of the Senior class, and then the members of the other three classes in the order of seniority. In making the seating arrangement, the college authorities assigned seats first according to classes and then according to name in order that this custom might be followed out. Confusion has invariably been the result in this laxness and should not be countenanced. Probably, the majority of the students are firm supporters of the custom but they have failed to act accordingly.

As a possible solution, it is suggested that each member of the three lower classes take upon himself the duty of showing visible support to the customs at Penn State and that the class officers bring this matter to the attention of their respective classes at the next meetings. This is another way to work for Penn State, for a part of Penn State is CUSTOMS.

OUR WILD FLOWERS

The most enjoyable season of the year is beginning at Penn State and the wild flowers of the region are adding their share of attractiveness to the Nittany Valley. Associated with this growth of the springtime flora is the natural desire to pluck the blossoms that may be found in meadow and woodland. A consideration of the need for the preservation of the wild flowers, especially at this time of the year, would eliminate the need for any further notice concerning this matter. Every lover of the great out-of-doors—and there are many at Penn State—is enlisted in this cause.

Arbutus, especially, has suffered greatly in the past at the hands of the destructive flower hunter. This typical American wildflower in bloom at the present time and is being gathered in great abundance. A few suggestions in regard to its collection will have the effect, carried out, of saving this species of flora from future extinction. The trailing arbutus does not reproduce itself from seeds but is dependent upon the presence of the root which is so easily torn from the protecting earth when the stem is picked. If every one gathering this fragrant flower will remember to cut the stem rather than pick it, a great step will be taken in its preservation in this part of the state.

BULLETIN

Tuesday, April 25
7:00 p.m.—Student Music Meet. Old Chapel
7:00 p.m.—York County Club. Old Main
7:30 p.m.—A. S. M. E. Lecture on Refrigeration. Thomas Shipley, 200 Doug. Bldg.

Wednesday, April 26
7:00 p.m.—Sophomore Class Meeting. Old Chapel
7:30 p.m.—Meeting of Fraternity Presidents. 315 Old Main

Thursday, April 27
7:00 p.m.—Blair County Club. 14 L. A.
7:30 p.m.—College Senate Meeting. Foster Auditorium.

Notices

A meeting of the Honor Council will be called next week for the purpose of organization and to consider a definition of what constitutes an honor society membership in the Honor Council is extended to chosen representatives from the various Honor Societies in the college, an effort will be made at next week's meeting to determine which organization should be included.

New Books On The Library Shelves

Albright—The Short Story
Beebe—Edge of the Jungle
Berman—The Glands Regulating Personality
Book—The Intelligence of High School Seniors
Brown—Two Essays on the Taxation of Unearned Incomes
Converse—Our Poets of Today.
Fauro—History of Art
Hill—Leading American Treaties
Huebner—The Stock Market
Jones—The Trust Problem in the U. S.
Korff—Russia's foreign relations during the Last Half Century
Langquith—Investment Analysis
Overson—The Women Who Make our Novels
Pyle—Wisconsin
Robinson—Penology in the U. S.
Sharfman—The American Railroad Problem
Smith—The Profits of Religion.
Tanner—Essays and Devotional Writing
Taylor—A Penny Whistle
Treat—Japan and the U. S.
Watson—The Encyclopedia and Dictionary of Education
Wright—A Student's Philosophy of Religion
Yarrow—Robert Henri

PHI KAPPA PHI PLANNING ANNUAL CELEBRATION
An invitation will be extended to the other honor societies to participate in the celebration attending the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi on June first. Dr. Sparks who has been visiting American colleges since January in the interest of higher scholarship, will be present and will address the gathering.

JOURNALISM STUDENTS AT OHIO STATE GET BUILDING
The Ohio State University is planning the erection of a two story building to house their Journalism students. The first floor will be taken over by the printing and binding plants, which are to be very complete in the way of machinery, while on the second floor will be both the Journalism classes and the editorial staffs of the various campus publications.

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MODEL BARN FOR BEEF CATTLE WILL BE BUILT

Trustee Committee Approves Construction of New Building—To Be Ready In Fall

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, the plans for the new beef cattle barn and the cattle shed were approved and work on their construction will soon begin. The new buildings will be north of the dairy barn, in the far corner of the lot set aside for barns and will probably be ready for use next fall. Fifty thousand dollars were set aside for the erection of the beef cattle buildings, and thirty-eight thousand dollars will be necessary for the completion of the barn proper, the remainder to be devoted to the construction of the shed.

The Animal Husbandry Department intends that the new barn shall not only be most attractive in appearance, but that it shall also be entirely practical and of a type that might be used as a model for the arrangement of any practical beef cattle barn, and while the materials of which the cattle barn will be constructed are probably more expensive than those that most farmers would employ, yet the interior arrangement will be within the range of possibility for any cattleman.

Livestock, feed rooms, laboratory and office will occupy the first floor of the proposed barn, while the second floor will be used for the storage of hay and grain. The walls will be of hollow tile with stucco finish, and asbestos shingles will be used on the roof. It is planned to make the barn 120 by 60 feet in size, with a silo at each end. The shed is designed for use in experimental feeding of the beef cattle, while the animals for classroom work and for shows will be housed in the barn, which will be one of the finest beef cattle barns in the United States.

PENN STATE AND TECH

ALUMNI HOLD BANQUET
The first of a series of meetings of the Penn State Alumni Association and the Alumni Association of Carnegie Tech, instigated for the purpose of promoting a closer association among the alumni of Western Pennsylvania, was held in the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh over the Easter holidays. The afternoon program consisted of speeches by Judge H. Walton Mitchell, 88, President of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. J. A. Leete, Librarian at the Carnegie Institute, who was a member of the faculty at Penn State for a number of years.

This is the first time that such a banquet on the alumni of Penn State and Carnegie Tech has ever been held and the fact that it is now planned to hold these reunions frequently indicates a spirit of co-operation between the two colleges.

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PENN STATE PROFESSOR HEADS AG SURVEY WORK

Three Investigations Being Made Under Direction of Professor Myers in Many States

Professor C. Everett Myers of the Rural Life Department is now in Washington, conferring with Dr. C. H. Lane of the Federal Board of Vocational Education, relative to the publication, by the Federal Board, of two new bulletins on Agricultural Education. One bulletin will deal with "Teacher Training," while the other will treat of "Methods of Teaching Vocational Agriculture."

Professor Myers holds a dollar-a-year appointment with the Federal Board and he is directing three surveys concerned with the conditions of Vocational Education throughout the country. One of the surveys is a record of what former Vocational Agricultural students are now doing, and a second study is being made of the scholastic records of students from Vocational Agricultural schools in land grant colleges, these two surveys being nationwide in their scope. The third study concerns the "Function of Vocational Agricultural Instruction As Evidenced by Farm Practice." This survey covers the Appalachian region. The results of the survey will be published during the latter part of this summer.

MUHLENBURG STUDENTS AND PROFS SHOW COLLEGE SPIRIT

The student body at Muhlenburg showed its college spirit when an appeal was sent out for volunteers to remove a coal pile from the vicinity of the baseball diamond. Among the willing student workers were scattered a number of professors.

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