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### THE STUDENT CAMPAIGN

Official announcement is made in this issue of the drive that is to be made among the students as the third step in the two million dollar Health and Welfare Campaign. The drive is to start next Monday morning with a mass meeting on the campus and then the student organization will start the work mapped out for it.

Closely following the gifts of the potato growers and the poultry men of the state, the faculty drive was inaugurated yesterday with a one hundred per cent participation by the School of Mines. When this drive is concluded at the end of the week, one will be started among the students as the second step. On October second, the third and greatest drive will be started among the citizens of the commonwealth, including all alumni and friends of the college. Thus it is seen that the success of the first two drives will be an argument to use in the state wide drive.

It is fitting and proper that Student Council should have entire charge of the drive. An organization has been planned and the appointments to fill the various positions will be presented to this body at its meeting tonight. At this time the final work will be completed and everything made ready for the start next Monday morning. The college authorities have suggested that Student Council discourage any other drive that may be staged during the course of the year except that of the Y. M. C. A. In this way it is hoped to protect the students as much as possible. Another noteworthy feature of ucation that, for diversity of curricu the drive is the condition that the present undergraduate classes will not be expected to give a senior memorial at their respective graduations as has been the case in former years. In other words, the contributions that will be sought next week are but the anticipated pay ment on the senior memorial.

The amount to be asked from each student is one hundred dollars Each canvasser will be given the names of ten students and he will be asked to interview each one. With a complete organization work ing in the interests of such a cause there seems to be no logical rea son why the drive should not surpass the expectations of the most optimistic. The terms of payment have been made as easy as is possible and consistent. Each undergraduate will have a period of four years after leaving the institution beside the time he spends at the college in which to make his payments. Thus it seems that the average student has been given every consideration and he in turn will be expected to help his Alma Mater in its time of need.

## STUNT NIGHT

The strict observance of college customs at Penn State should receive a distinct boom by the action Student Council is expected to take in substituting a new custom for the old Poster Night. If such should happen, each alumnus would be overjoyed.

This statement is based upon facts. In a majority of cases when an alumnus of the college is given an opportunity to talk about his Alma Mater and the conversation drifts around to customs as they are enforced in these recent years, he generally deplores the fact that indifference and leniency have sprung up to take the place of the zealous observance that characterized the earlier years of Penn State history. It seems that the climax was reached last year when the number of cases presented to the Student Tribunal reached a sorry mini mum and when Poster Night was made into a feast instead of an oc casion to instruct the freshmen "in the way they should go".

In the past few years, the average freshman has matriculated with no idea of his own insignificance and he was not taught differdown a life of self-centered behavior. What was discipline to him? attom of the conditions and facts of life Why should he look up to a senior or a junior? What was a sophomore that he should be obeyed? And the saddest part of the story is concerned with the attitude of the three upper classes. If a freshman was seen to disobey a college custom, he was not even reprimanded in many instances but allowed to go serenely on his way without being

Student Council did well to take a hand in the matter when the president of the organization was authorized by it to appoint a committee whose duty would be to consider the substitution of some custom for Poster Night. This committee worked on its task over the summer and is now ready to present its recommendations to the Council. A Stunt Night to be held on an advertised date and to furn ish the upper classes with an opportunity to impress upon the Frosh the need for correct and approved behavior, and to be free of those disgraceful features, which have brought severe criticism on the college, has been suggested.

Such a night, if it should prove to be successful, would provide an excellent start for a customs campaign to last the entire year. We suggest that each member of the three upper classes consider the advisability of helping in the strict enforcement of all true Penn State customs and that he act as befits his class rank. Let no infraction of The Law go unpunished. The Student Tribunal is organized for the sole purpose of interpreting college customs and of meting out deserved punishment. Let those cases that are serious enough be duly reported with the requisite witness. Now is the time to come to the aid of the custom tradition of the college.

## THE FACULTY ARE COMING ACROSS

It speaks well for the School of Mines that it first attained 100% participation in the Faculty drive that is taking place this week. Incidentally it has served to give the drive an impetus that bids fair to duplicate this feat in the other schools. Campaign Headquarters suggested that no definite amount be set as a goal for the drive but that an effort be made to have each member of the faculty make a volun-

contribution to the cause.

Thus it is hoped to usher in the drive among the students, which the pennsylvania State College now seeks to become a University in name as well as in tact, looking toward the event ual accomodation of 10,000 regular students. tary contribution to the cause. is to take place next week.

A belated word has come to the attention of the college authorities relative to the careful crossing campaign that is receiving wide press publicity in all sections of the country. In an effort to decrease the enormous total of human life that is paid every year at the grade crossings, the railroads are staging this campaign from June first to September thirtieth. Recognition of the size of the student body and of the desirability of reaching the three thousand nine-hundred students enrolled here has influenced the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad System to bring this matter before the student body through the medium of the college newspaper.

A sticker is to be circulated around the college, beginning with this issue, on which are printed seven rules for governing the action of the motorist when approaching a crossing. The tendency on the part of the average human being is to disregard a warning until he comes face to face with the cold circumstances of a dangerous position. Then he remembers; but it is sometimes too late. Statistics recently compiled show that during the last five years, over nine thousand persons have met death at grade crossings and that over twenty-four thousand have been injured. A needless sacrifice of human blood that could easily be averted with careful driving calls for such a campaign. Remember this when you are behind a steering wheel the next time. It may pay.

## Education

WHAT EDUCATION HAS DONE

FOR THE UNITED STATES By Dr. John M. Thomas

Three hundred years ago this present year the first attempt to set up a pub-lic school system in this country me with a temporary reversal. The Ind-ian War of 1622 delayed for a time the educational plan of the little Vir ginian colony. But it was not long an education had definitely established themselves upon these shores. It was not long before Boston took action to the end that "our Brother Philem Pormort shall be entreated to becom school master for teaching and nur-turing chidren with us", and it was only a year later that Harvard College was established.

Down through the three centurie educational system has grown until in 48 states we now have a system of edlum and democracy of spirit is not sur passed in all the world. We may no yet have reached a stage where we dare say that America is the center of the educational world. With the old the educational world. With the old centers of learning still calling to graduate students of the cultural subjects woud be presumptuous on our par-

o make such a claim. to make such a claim.

Yet we have seen some indication
that the medical world begins to look
not so much to Paris and Vienna and
London for its leadership as to America, we have seen fine art objects
brought to us from other shores, and above all else we have seen the voca tional school attaining its highest de ent in this country.

velopment in this country.

It is fair for us now to pause for a
moment on that upward grade that has
been leading America, to higher
achievements in education and to check
up, so far as we may be able, the re-

#### ults that have been attained Better Living Standard

Probably the greatest work of the schools of the United States has been a general elevation of the standard of living to a point higher than that reached by the people of any other country. Those who have reached the topmost plunacle of usefulness in this country have elimbed to a position no less high than their brothers in fame throughout the problems. less high than their brothers in rame throughout the world. But it is not by the success or the fame of the few that American education is to be mea-sured, but rather by the high plane up-on which the great unknown average

nan and woman stands.

American education and American democracy, which has been its greatest product, have meant the betterment of the standards of the home and of bus-tness. They have meant that millions surrounding, them. They have meant that the young women who were to be the wives of the tuture, or the teachers, or youth, have been trained in the es-sentials of better living. No corner of the American home has been left un-touched by American education. Whether in the homely art of plain cooking or in the cultivation of the fine arts, the school has taken an effective

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since passed, and the time has com when the business man is realizing the business man is realizing and more that it is only devotion more and more that it is only to principles of sound econo brought American industry and banking to their present positions of se curity. He is coming to realize that ing of the laws of economies can guard the safety of American practices in government and business finance. If at the present time, for instance, the rican people, through the Congress that represents them, puts aside a suggestions of inflatation of currence suggestions of innatation of currency to pay off the war debt, it will be only because of the education that has in-stilled in us some knowledge of the working of economic laws and some ability to prophesy on the basis of his

# Education in Pennsylvania So much has education done for the United States. Specifically, what has it done for Pennsylvania?

In agriculture alone the service of education has been great. One needs no extensive statistics to note the bet ter education of the farmer today as-compared with the proverbial rustic of the past. Taking for his laboratory the yast fields under his cultivation, he is deeply engrossed now in the chem stry of the soil and of fertilizers, i acteriology, in plant pathology, an in the keeping of accurate accounts.

Yet there are statistics at hand to tell of the growing interest amon farmers in scientific agriculture. Out of 100 young farm managers or managers, assistants recently interviewed by a Pennsylvania State College Professor traveling about the farms of the tate, 97 were found to have attended high school, the majority of them hav ing taken courses in vocational schools Ing taken courses in vocational schools.

And thus through these high schools which give one half of their time to instruction in agriculture and home economics during the first two years of the pupil's course and as much more optionally during the next two years. Pennsylvania, which ranks seventh in Aspriculture among the states, is layin a foundation in farming that will kee her in the foreground among the agricultural districts of the world.

Nor is it alone among the vocation the saving the states of the continued of the continued of the states of the saving foreground the savi

Nor is it alone among the vocational his schools that training for particular callings is being given. Through the courses in agriculture, mining, engineering, natural actince, and home economics, given by the Pennayivania State College, vocational training of a more advanced grade and eyen of graduate grade is given to students of this state.

And if this public educational system And I. Inis Diplic caucational system, if the Pennsylvania State College, which is at the apex of that system, have succeeded in lessening disease among potatoes in making miping safer, in solving greater, problems of engineering, and in making life more livable, that system has been justified. It is with onfidence in what its graduates have

ual accomodation of 10,000 regular stu-dents. It is to serve industry of every sort to greater advantage that the Col-lege seeks to provide for expansion to a size more prearly commensurate with the demands now made upon it. -` Notice All radio operators interested in the peration of the College Radio Stational wishing to try out for a position t the station should notify G. L. Cross ey at the Electrical Engineering De-partment not later than Friday noon September twenty-second. This not fication, which is to be made by made hould include the class of licer snould include the class of license held (iff any be held), experience and the type of amateur experience possessed (commercial or Navy), class in which the applicant is registered, course, and State College address.

All-Freshmen must have their sched alle cards signed by the Physical Edu-cation Department before Wednesday, September twentieth, at 10:00 A. M.

All students who contemplate the scheduling of tennis for credit in Physical Education should see Mr. Myer this week in order to arrange for per

## Campus Gossip

This Colyum is not supposed to umorous. Its the editor's fault if If ever the spicket runs dry, which a liable to hannen any time, then ther ont be this colyum for that time

. . .

We notice that a campus fixture issing. Where is that colored hound by the name of "Bob"? That summer session always upsets things around

And that reminds us of the report go ing the rounds that they had a very fair session here this summer. In fact it was so fair that less work was done than usual,-that is in the daytime. We know nothing of the night practicums that were staged.

Much coment is being made in the Much coment is being made in the secret places of the enormous prices of books this semester. The bird behind the counter calls out, "Five dollars, please" without even quivering an eyenlash. In one course, the total cost of the tools of torture amount to three dollars and four bits. The rush for that class wire a great that the large terms of the contract of the class was so great that the instructor thought he had made a mistake and nnounced a lecture course

Campaign Headquarters have mod estly asked one hundred dollars from each stude for Health and Welfare ndred dollars from each 'stude' for 'Health and' Welfare.

But what do you want for nothing?

Even 'Doc' Ritenour will tell you that
it runs high to be blessed with the wigor and withilty of life. 'Well I guess
we might as well give it now, Instead
of waiting til the end of our glorlous
course to shell out the hundred simo-

It is interesting to note that the soc er players are getting away to an earcer players are getting away to an earju start this year. We are of the opinion that it is a wise move after glancing over the tentative schedule thatfaces the booters. They have a record
to uphold in addition. Three years
without a defeat isn't so bad when you onsider it. · · · ·

If Student Council approves of the new Stunt Night; it medies that the Frosh are in for a most unusual times From the advance dope that has been riven "us," the fun 'will con eight octock and last till midnight at least. That leads to the conclusion that four hours of sixty minutes aplece are provided for instructing the new comers in the way they should conduct themselves. Now it is up to the upperclassmen to do their part. Perhaps, if this is pulled off right with plenty of thorough teaching, there will

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previous years.

The girl students are certainly start ing things with a righ this semester, also. It was a mighty fine thing for them to piedge their entertainment propeeds to the Building Fund. That is apirit that counts.

By the way you've got to hand it to the Mining Faculty for coming across with the 100% participation the way they have. They must have some live wires in that school to steal a march on the other schools and Departments.

. . . Everybody semes to be unxious for the whistle to blow on New Beaver Field. Several new faces are going to be seen in the game this year and the boys are anxious to look them over. Coach Bezdek has a tough proposi-tion on his hands but we are willing to wager that he wins out in the end. It is one of his admirable characteristics.

#### STATE FERTILITY PLOTS NOW FORTY YEARS OLD

The thousands of farmers who an hily visit Penn State to attend event arranged for their benefit by the School
of Agriculture, invariably devote a large ortion of their visit to a study of the ollege's historic fertility plots, farfamed as 'the oldest in the United Slates. From the time of the first sow-ing of wheat in the fall of 1881, these plots, located on the residual limestone soil typical of limestone valleys in Pennsylvania, have been watched with increasing interest by the farmers of the state, and in the forty years that have now clapsed since the beginning of the test, the results obtained in the State College experiment with various tertilizers, manure, lime and land plaster. have been of inestimabe value to these farmers in maintaining the ferulity of their soils.

The forty years' results of the experiments have been summarized by the college solls specialists and will oon he issued in bulletin form together with recommendations based on yieds from each of the 144 test plots since 1881. The conclusions drawn from the study of the various treatments and the yields obtained lend futher emphasis to the principal facts brought out in the 1917 report. At the end of the years intervening, several other impor-tant facts have been revealed, one of the most interesting of which has to do with the plots receiving nitrogen in the form of ammonium sulphate. During the first ten years of the experiment this form of nitrogen excelled all others in increasing crop i production, but in later years its tendency to increase soil acidity caused total crop failure. In April, a few weeks before seeding to oats, one of the sulphate of ammonia plots in the second tier was given an

application of ground limesto rate of five tons an acre, with the re-sult that a fair crop of oats was ob-tained while other, sulphate of ammo-nia plots continued in crop failure.

## PENN STATE CONDUCTS

MAN AND WOMAN HUNT Using two-cent stamps instead of lood-hounds, the college office has begun a man and woman hunt that is unique in the annals of the college. Instead of an endeavor to locate lost gradstead of an endeavor to locate lost grad-unties of Penn State, this hunt is to get on the trail of all former students who never did qualify for their diplomas. From 1859 to the present time, a total of more than 5,000 men and women entered and then dropped out of college tered and then dropped out of college before completing their course. They are diligible to membership in the alum-ni association once they are located. At least a dozen Civil War veterans are in-cluded in the list.

#### better observance of customs than FROSH ENJOY RECEPTION BY "Y" ORGANIZATIONS

The Freshmen thoroughly enjoyed the reception given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and the wives of the faculty mambers last Friday night on the front campus

Following the usual custom, the new men formed in line and entered the front campus where they were intro-duced to President and Mrs. Thomas and faculty members. The college band and college orchestra rendered various selections and there were several speakers, all of whom are prominent at Penn State. Dr. Thomas, Dr. Sparks, Hugo Bezdek, Dean Holmes, I. S. Adams and Andy Lytle all gave a word or wercome to the new men and also some very helpful advice.

There were numerous tables, from which ice cream was served, arranged in a semicircle facing Old Main. The tables were lighted with candles and decorated with cut flowers.

## FOURTEEN YEAR OLD FROSH

ENROLLED AT PENN STATE When enrollment records were broken ast week at the Pennsylvania State College, the record for the youngest students ever admitted to the college was also broken. Henry B. DeVore, fourteen years, eight months old, and his teen years, eight months load, and his sister, Lois A, a few months past six-teen were the two youngest freshmen in the class of 1000 which Professor, A. H. Espenshade, college registrar, ad-mitted this year. The youngest stu-dent previously admitted to Penn State was only a few days short of being sixteen.

Henry and Lois are the children of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Devore, of Monon-gahela, Pa., who have given much en-couragement to them, thus helping them to attain brilliant records in high school, and graduate in the rank of up per third of their class. Mr. DeVore is per third of their class. Date: Devore is a 'firm' believer 'in- public schools, so the 'children' entered 'State 'College be-cause it's a state' institution. 'Applications' were made for them in spite 'of the 'fact that 'the 'over crowded

conditions at the college had necess tated the turning away of many qualified applicants in the past three years récords 'they' were admitted. "Henry is enrolled in the course of natural sci-erice, and Lois will take the classica

### DR. SIMMONS TO REFERENT ...

"Penn"State at Bry Hawr President John M Thomas today ap-pointed Dr. Lucretta V. T. Simmons, head of the German department, as the representative of Penisylvania, State College at the inauguration of Dr. Manion Edwards Park as president of Bryn Mawr College on October twenty-first. President Thomas will be unable to at-tend the ceremony because Penn State's alumni homecoming day will be cele-brated here on the same date.

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