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ON THE STARTING LINE

Next Monday morning the whistle will blow for the start of one of the biggest races that the college has ever witnessed, a race that means much to the future welfare of Penn State, a test that will determine the right of the Lion to roar with the best of them. Will Penn State come through? For in truth, the student drive as a part of the two million dollar campaign is a race with time to get one hundred dollars subscribed by each student before the opening of the state-wide drive. Never before in the history of the Nittany institution has the loyalty of each student and the financial aid of each friend been more urgently needed.

Consider carefully local history for the past few years. The failure of the state legislature to provide sufficient funds to meet the state educational demands expressed in the growing list of applicants for admission was responsible for the conviction that Penn State should be the head of the state educational system. To perform this function properly it would have to be a great university of high standing capable of accommodating ten thousand students. Immediately those interested in the college started work on this enormous project with the result that, in a short time, plans have been drawn up and a definite conception gained of what the college should be. Then followed the work of organizing for a great two-million dollar campaign the proceeds of which to be devoted to the erection of only those buildings that will serve the welfare and health of the student body. If this campaign is successful, it may reasonably be expected that the voice of the state citizenry will command the state legislature to appropriate enough funds to provide for an adequate growth in academic accommodations.

The main campaign started after a preparatory period of publicity and since then the potato growers and poultrymen of the commonwealth have pledged most generous gifts. The faculty of the college have set a goal of one hundred percent participation and have already pledged fifty thousand dollars. The student drive with a goal of a hundred thousand dollars follows the faculty drive and immediately precedes the last and chief drive among the voting population. If the students are as generous and as loyal as these other bodies, a most valuable and powerful advertising medium will have been created and the outcome of the campaign is practically assured. If the students fail Penn State in its hour of need, the remainder of the campaign may be doomed to an inglorious end. The student drive is the climax of the play, it is the last lay of the race for existence. It is the fourth down with but three to go. Let's go.

A DISAPPOINTMENT

It seems to be the sentiment of some on the campus that Stunt Night was a failure and a disappointment from the standpoint of the student body. The feeling of remorse that is liable to crop up at this time should be combated by the loyal Penn State spirit. Here is an opportunity to learn if that wonderful old spirit remains.

Poster Night has been a failure for the last three years. It has been an excuse for wholesale destruction of property and for injury of several students. It was transformed into a weiner roast and a fraud, with little resemblance to that old time celebration which the alumni delight in remembering. Poster Night fell into disgrace and it had to go. It could not keep pace with the growth of the college and of the times. It was weighed in the balance and found wanting.

As representatives of the student body, the Student Council members realized these facts and planned a substitute. Much work and careful planning produced a custom that seemed to have all those desirable characteristics marking a good, active class scrap. All undesirable features were omitted. The planning of the details was left to the Sophomore class.

Student Council is to be commended for its action. It kept faith with its constituency and at the time made sure that no accident would happen during the celebration which might tend to lessen the chances of success of the Welfare Campaign.

If the individual is not satisfied with the substitution, he has no one to blame but himself. A new idea always needs unstinted support to be a success at the first trial. Co-operation was lacking on Stunt Night. But, even at that, it was better than inviting the freshmen to a picnic in the country and feeding them refreshments of some kind after that strenuous walk of a few miles.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A MAN

At first it seems to the average person, that Campaign Headquarters is asking an unreasonable sum in the student drive that is beginning next Monday. But review the facts of the case.

Three hundred thousand dollars is needed to remodel Old Main into the Penn State Union, a social center on the campus to be used by student clubs and other organizations. In years past, it has been the custom for the next outgoing Senior Class to give a Senior Memorial and generally it was the case that each Senior was asked to contribute one hundred dollars to the cause. The college authorities have publicly assured the present student body that, since this drive contribution is supposed to take the place of the Senior Memorial, no graduating class for the next four years will be asked or expected to leave a Senior Memorial. When the Penn State Union is an established building on the campus, various parts will be designated as the Memorial of each of the four classes now in college. In other words, this hundred dollar contribution is but an advanced payment on the Senior Memorial.

Payments are made easy through the medium of the note plan and of the time allotments granted. The present Senior class has three years after graduation in which to pay, the Juniors have four years, the Sophomores have five years, and the Frosh have six years in which to make their payments.

Also, the college officials have assured the student body that Student Council will be asked to prohibit the running of any campaign except that of the Y. M. C. A.

The success of the entire campaign undoubtedly rests upon the response of the students. Penn State needs the financial support of each of its friends and it looks to the individual student as the greatest of these. The path of duty is clearly defined. What are YOU going to do?

PRELIMINARY OF GOLF TOURNAMENT IS CLOSE

The preliminary rounds of the college championship Golf tournament are almost finished, and indicate some close matches for the finals. Among the low scores are the following students: J. L. Blair '23, H. L. Euser '23, P. P. Findlay '23, H. W. Wise '23, L. T. Walter '23, J. B. Conroy '23, E. O. Gerhardt '23.

The scores of several men who are sure of to be close scorers are not included in the list. Thirty-two men with the lowest scores, will enter the first round of the tournament.

The results of the draws for the first round will be posted on the bulletin board on Co-Op Corner, on Friday night. The men will find from this posting with whom they will be paired, and then will play the round off as soon as possible.

The first round will be played off Saturday afternoon. All who are not competing are requested to refrain from using the course from one to three Saturday afternoon. Those who do not report for the rounds at the time specified will forfeit their matches.

HOPE OF GOOD TENNIS TEAM WELL FOUNDED

Fall Elimination Tournaments for Varsity and Freshmen Squads Begin Soon

That the good showing the Penn State tennis team made this spring will be continued and even bettered next year seems to be a safe prediction when the number of students who have signed up, and the ability of those now practicing, the fall tournament is considered.

Will Cut Down Squads In order that the varsity and Fresh squads may be cut down to approximately twenty men each. Chief Meyers has planned the fall eliminating tournament for fall tennis candidates, and will begin the matches within a week or two. Notwithstanding the large number of students who are signing up for tennis as their fall sport, the eliminating tournaments will not be of long duration since the courts are now in condition.

Many Good Players In addition to the good material that it is expected will be developed this fall, reinforcements to the tennis squad will include McVaugh and Laws from last spring's varsity team, and Alexander and Gillin from the varsity squad, while the 1925 Class squad is intact and includes some racqueteurs of promise. Two men of the latter number who have exhibited skill are Geuther and Reed. Thus far, nothing is known concerning the tennis material that may be uncovered in the Class of 1926. However, since the game has begun to enjoy more and more popularity and appreciation by all classes of people the country over, within the last several years, it is to be expected that there is no small number of good netmen among the freshmen.

NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO ENGINEERING SCHOOL STAFF

Mr. Fred Heckler will arrive in Penn State next week, in the capacity of Associate Professor of Engineering Research in the Engineering Experiment Station. Professor Wood of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, who was formerly in charge of the Engineering Experiment station will continue in a supervisory capacity, while Mr. Heckler will take up the work of the experiment station.

Mr. C. W. Beese and Mr. C. E. Bullinger have accepted positions in the Department of Industrial Engineering. Mr. Beese is an Assistant Professor of Industrial Engineering. He is a graduate of the Iowa State College, and was chief tool designer for the Teeter Adding Machine Company, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Bullinger will act in the capacity of Instructor in Industrial Engineering. He is a graduate of Penn State, Class of 1920. He has been Assistant Production Manager in a Baltimore textile factory.

DEAN SACKETT SPEAKS BEFORE C. E. SOCIETY

Will Leave for Philadelphia To Resume Duties in the Interest of Greater Penn State

The student branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers held its first meeting for the college year in Room 260, Engineering D, last Tuesday evening, when Dean Robert L. Sackett of the School of Engineering spoke on "The American Society and What it Means to the Engineer."

Dean Sackett spoke of the great importance and value to the student of membership in this society, which is the oldest of the American Engineering organizations. The Society was founded in 1852 and has an enviable reputation for high ethical standards. The technical literature which it publishes is the most important in its line, while the friendships which one makes at its meetings and conventions often prove invaluable.

Professor Sackett leaves for Philadelphia at the end of the week, to take up his work in the interest of the Campaign for a Greater Penn State. He will return to the college in January, it is thought.

ENGINEER TO BECOME QUARTERLY

A representative of the PENN STATE ENGINEER was present at the meeting and explained the plans of the staff for the coming year, announcing that the first issue will appear on Alumni day. The Board expects to issue the magazine quarterly in the future, and this will put it in the same class with many other college engineering publications.

TOPIANS HEAR LECTURE BY EXPERT ON ROADS

Mr. Candell of the Barret Co. manufacturers of road surfacing materials, spoke to the students in Landscape Architecture last Wednesday evening. This was the first of a series of lectures which the Topians are planning for the fall during the present school year. Mr. Candell explained the fundamentals of general road building and took up in detail those points especially adaptable to the smaller type of roads found in private estates and parks.

STATE CONSERVATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE WILL MEET SOON

The executive committee of the recently organized State Conservation Council will meet at Harrisburg, October fifteenth. Dean R. L. Watts of the Ag School is president of this organization, and Dr. J. A. Ferguson of the Forestry Department is the secretary. Further developments in regard to the meeting will be announced later.

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Campus Gossip

Paint brushes may have been very scarce on the Saturday before last, because Sunday when the present Sophomores forgot to place their numbers on the Armory roof. The recent appearance of the two bits (25) numerals in a very conspicuous place of the Armory indicates that the bottom has dropped out of the paint market (loud and prolonged cheers from the co-eds). However, the Sophs need not feel so triumphant for the price of gasoline is going up—and well, we would suggest that they get the numerals off the roof (s and r are the omitted letters) quick and apologize for breaking a good old custom. Student Council will see that they are removed, so why wait for their action.

From all indications, it seems that a good time was had by all last Wednesday night. That new Stunt Night idea worked out pretty well and it seems to us that it is worth while keeping. Certainly, those freshmen were well instructed by the "knights of the saddle", and they should remember throughout the year. Now is the logical time for the Sophomores and upperclassmen to take a brace and see that all customs are strictly enforced from this time on, forevermore. Might as well work the tribunal while we have it.

Everything seems to be set for the big student drive next week. Headquarters doesn't fool when it comes to planning for the drive and when it comes to organization, we should say that something ought to happen. The main idea seems to be that this hundred dollar contribution is simply an advance payment on the senior memorial. There is not much difference whether we kiss goodbye to the hundred plunks now or wait for a few years. Its got to be done sometime.

The new certificates that are being given out by the Athletic Association to all letter men have the stuff. There is but one kind of certificate which is given to letter men in all sports. A large S of blue on a white background is prominent and adds considerably to the attractiveness of the shingle.

That's a mighty fine entertainment course the "Y" is providing this season. No artist is too great to come to Penn State and so a galaxy of celebrities will be seen here this winter. We suppose that these season tickets are good sellers for the student body knows a good thing when they see it. They say that we may expect to see

a corking La Vie next spring. Change of the size and the style of make-up is intended to make it less cumbersome. The La Vies of late years have been of high quality and no reflection is cast upon former staffs by the plans of the 1924 La Vie Board.

Hats off to the faculty for the way in which they are coming across in their drive. The list of departments that have reached the goal set is swelling every day.

St. Bonaventure is in for a hard time Saturday if the campus ways are to be believed, but you never can tell what will happen. Of course, if Coach Bezdek and his pupils have anything to say about it the outcome is cinched from the beginning, but some times the opposing team proves to be stubborn in its ways, especially when asked to admit defeat.

They tell of a sophomore on the campus who sold a radiator to a Freshman for three dollars. The Freshman did not have the cash so he politely asked the Soph to accept a five dollar check, giving the change of two dollars back which he obligingly did. When application was made at the bank, the check was found to be worthless. A Fresh may wear a dink, but he may not be green.

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