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CLASS SCRAPS BEFORE WINTER

The abolition of Poster Night and the disappointment occasioned by the first Stunt Night have concentrated the attention of the student body upon the condition of customs at the college in this period of its growth. A large university is springing up out of a small college; thousands of students are now trying to glean an education from those halls which used to accommodate hundreds; customs that were enforced years ago are now being evaded every day. Why is this so? Everything is undergoing a change that will have a far reaching effect. The people of the Commonwealth can justly be dissatisfied with an educational system at the head of which is a small college capable of training only a few thousands and forced to turn over a thousand away each year. If the college is to be turned into the university that it should be, more and larger buildings must be erected for recreational and academic purposes. Then the student body will increase in numbers. This is inevitable.

These changes have their influence on customs. Traditions that have been dear to the hearts of Penn State students year after year have been neglected more each term and the tribunal is confronted with greater indifference. This year, it is hoped to make one more special effort to bring back customs to the position they formerly occupied in Penn State life, but it is apparent that a few alterations must be made. And one of these changes might concern the number of class scraps and the time these might be held.

Up to the present time this year, there has been no opportunity given the lower classes to show class spirit. Poster Night and Stunt Night failed to provide this, which fact is the basis for the failure of these customs. As it is now, all class scraps are held in the spring of the year when the freshmen are looking forward to their sophomore year and when it is doubly hard to mold their behavior. The fall of the year is the logical time to impress the new man with the seriousness of customs and a class scrap is the logical stunt to use for this purpose.

A class scrap provides all the competition and thrill that is needed and yet it is generally accompanied by a marked absence of physical injury and destruction of property. Why not stage some kind of scrap before the snow flies?

ALUMNI HOME-COMING

The college is beginning to think of Alumni Home-Coming and soon preparations will be in full swing for this annual event. For two years, a week-end has been set aside exclusively for the entertainment of visitors and especially alumni of the college. Each year, this social event has grown in popularity.

There is no doubt that the success of the week-end depends directly upon the attitude of the student body. If the undergraduates are anxious to have a banner "Alumni Home-Coming," it is highly probable that there will be no disappointment when the week-end arrives.

Now is the time to start that publicity campaign about this event. Each fraternity should write to its members, bringing to their attention the date and other general notes of interest. Start to stir up interest so that when the arrangements have been made and the program decided upon, each Alumnus will want to come back.

DON'T FORGET THE SALUTE

Recently it has been noticed about the campus that the custom of saluting the President of the College is not being observed as it should be. The upperclassmen are careless and the underclassmen need to be taught to conform to the letter of this typical Penn State tradition. For several decades the undergraduates have shown their respect for the man and the office and each year it has been necessary to remind the student body of the existence of this regulation.

A custom of this kind should rank high in the category of behavior. To the true Penn State student, it is just as ill-mannered to pass the President without saluting as it is to be disrespectful to a lady or an old person. He who is zealous in the observance of the tradition at all times and who believes in its enforcement has learned one of the greatest lessons of life. It pays to be respectful.

MORE GIFTS

The Health and Welfare Campaign received a distinct boost yesterday when it became known that the "Lion's Paw Society" had donated one thousand dollars to the college. This action was contemplated last spring when definite plans for the campaign began to take form and, before the end of the school term, the sum had been voted. Lion's Paw is the highest society on the campus, being composed of selected members of the senior class. Its one aim is to further the interest of the college and to support any policy that will better Penn State. The society is surely fulfilling its purpose on the campus.

INSTRUCTION IS NEEDED

At the football game last Saturday afternoon, the tendency to razz opposing players for some apparent error became too strong, and some members of the freshman class were heard to make several remarks that are foreign to the real Penn State sportsmen. This must not happen again.

The difficulty arises from the fact that the freshmen have not yet been instructed in the code of sportsmanship that is encouraged at

this institution. Evidently, they do not know that a Penn State student, if he be a booster for Penn State spirit, will not be guilty of such childish action and speech.

There is a way to provide this instruction in one afternoon which would be effective. Let members of the upper classes sit among the bleachers at the game next Saturday and let them criticize any student who might be so thoughtless as to make remarks of this character. A few stern words at the right time would probably have the desired effect and a lasting impression would be made upon the mind of the culprit.

Campus Gossip

Our hopes of a smooth "College Will Not Shut Down" said a headline in last Tuesday's paper. We were praying that it wouldn't rain so that we could go home.

If the college won't shut down because of a rain then we are perfectly willing to change sides and root for rain. We always like to be on the winning side, anyway.

In fact, we predict every day that it's going to rain. The dust and clouds when not carefully analyzed confuse us into making us think that they are the real thing.

We have heard the rumor that many both sides were working overtime in an effort to help the well to dry up. The boys set traps and don't care what they do when there's a chance for a vacation.

Every Saturday night you can find us in the Old Chapel. Now that the Y. M. C. A. free movies are showing regular stuff we're going to be regular movie fans.

Sometime we may even be persuaded to write a regular moving picture review for this column after we brush up on the names of the screen stars and the scandals connected with each.

With the Gettysburg game coming off tomorrow not even the editor can restrain us from making the observation that New Beaver Field will look much like a battlefield.

In connection with the last statement we might say that Lehigh must have had many resemblances to the famous battlefield last Saturday when Gettysburg succeeded in holding the Brown team to 0.

It is our policy never to sit up nights worrying about the outcome of future gridiron contests. With "Bez" and the team on the job we can't see that there is any use.

Last year we tried to figure out the ratings of the football teams by comparative scores, but we finally gave it up and returned to the simpler study of anatomy. Of course we rated Penn State first without any trouble.

Debatable Questions

The hardest course in college.
Dumb acts.
The duties of a Liberal Artist.
Chemistry rebates.
Thanksgiving vacations.

We have often noticed that joke-

sters who lack originality can always fall back on some subjects which are guaranteed to at least raise a feeble laugh. Among these may be mentioned prohibition, freshmen and coeds.

There is nothing slow about the coeds, however, and we suggest that their name be removed from the list of laugh-producers. We have special reference to the one hundred per cent participation in the Student Campaign by the senior and junior women students, a record which all of the male classes have failed to equal.

Until the men students equal this record, we request that they refrain from any attempted humor at the expense of our progressive coeds.

If it is absolutely necessary to writing jokes on coeds, we would suggest that it be specifically limited to the members of the two lower classes who as yet have not reached the high mark set by their superiors.

It would do our hearts good to see the mercury start climbing in the big thermometer in front of Old Main.

When the state-wide returns start coming in we wouldn't be at all surprised to see the thermometer go over the top. This is not mixed metaphors but a polite attempt to say that we expect there will be room needed on the basement for a registration of more than two million dollars.

Our alumni have never failed yet and we don't anticipate seeing them start now. With their backing we know that the campaign can't fail.

BOTANY DEPT. SUCCEEDS IN TOBACCO EXPERIMENT

The department of Botany, in connection with its experiments on the control of mildew, a serious tobacco disease, has this year for the first time grown an acre of tobacco. Five different species were grown including three varieties of Pennsylvania Broad-leaf, and two of Havana. The indications are that tobacco can be successfully grown in this section of the state providing proper attention is paid to fertilizing the soil.

W. AND J. ADDS EXCELLENT EQUIPMENT TO PHYSICIAN'S LAB. Three galvanometers, one of which is sensitive to the one two-billionth part of an ampere, are part of the new physics laboratory installed at Washington and Jefferson College. Two did Wheatstone bridges for measuring electrical resistance; a potentiometer, with which it is possible to calibrate ammeters and voltmeters; a one thousand watt Mazda incandescent lamp; and a Geneva Society spectroscope, imported from Switzerland, make up the list of additions.

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The Rev. Robert C. Peters, Minister. Sunday School at 9:30. Morning worship at 10:45. Senior Epworth League at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A student social will be held Friday evening in the new Wesley Foundation Building.

Presbyterian

The Rev. Samuel Martin, Pastor. The Rev. Donald W. Carruthers, Student Pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Communion at 10:15 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Carruthers will preach at the evening service.

St. Andrew's Episcopal

Seventeenth Holy Trinity. Communion at 7:45 a. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 10:45 a. m. Evening Service at 7:30. The Rector, Edward M. Frear, will welcome students for personal interviews at any time.

Evangelical Church

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching Service at 10:45 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Prayer Service on Wednesday evening at 7:45 p. m. During the pastor's absence, the Rev. W. C. Bierley will occupy the pulpit and have charge of pastoral matters.

Faith Reformed Church

Fred K. Stamm, minister. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Public Worship, 10:45 a. m. Young People's Society, 6:30 p. m. Public Worship, 7:45 p. m.

In the morning the pastor will preach on the theme—"The Parable of the Four Soils". His evening sermon will be on "How the Great Guest Came". Edwin Markham's poem is the story of great service rendered. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

University Baptist

Meeting every Sunday in Room 100 Horticulture Building. Bible School, 9:45 a. m. Divine Worship, 11:00 a. m. Rev. Clarence A. Adams, D. D., Pastor.

Christian Science

Christian Science services are held every Sunday evening at 6:30, in Room 100 Horticulture Building. All are welcome to attend.

Grace Lutheran
All Lutheran students are invited to join us and make Grace Lutheran their home. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship at 10:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30. Evening Worship at 7:30 p. m.
Our Lady of Victory Chapel
Sunday Mass, 10:15 a. m. Saturday Confession, 7:00 p. m. Week-day Mass at 7:00 p. m.

STATE CONSERVATION COUNCIL

HOLDS MEETINGS THIS WEEK
Dean H. L. Watts, left town Tuesday, October third, to attend a series of meetings of the Pennsylvania State Conservation Council, being held in Lewisburg, York, Harrisburg, and Lancaster respectively. The first meeting was held at Lewisburg, Tuesday, October third, at the Court House. The York County Conservation Council held its meeting on the evening of October fifth. At Harrisburg the meeting was called for the Executive Committee only, on Thursday afternoon, October fifth, while a big meeting was held last night at the Lancaster Athletic Club in Lancaster.

The prominent speakers at these meetings were the Hon. Seth Gordon, Game Commissioner of Pennsylvania,

Major R. Y. Stuart, Pennsylvania Commissioner of Forestry, the Hon. N. R. Butler, State Fish Commissioner, and Dean H. L. Watts of Penn State. Information concerning the results of the meetings will be published as soon as it is secured.

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