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WHO IS TO BE BLAMED?

Search the campus and the ranks of the student body to find who is to be blamed for the present attitude toward Penn State customs. Consider the nation-wide reputation that the college has earned as an exponent of true campus democratic spirit.

Those who can remember the Penn State of four or more years ago are able to recall the spirit of comradeship and good fellowship that reigned supreme at that time. Then it was considered little less than a criminal offense for one student to pass another on the street or in a building without giving a cheery greeting of some kind.

Now it is becoming a rare occurrence to pass two students in succession and to receive a greeting. Evidently, "Hello" has been torn out of the Penn State vocabulary. Numerous violations are witnessed every day where students neglect to salute President Thomas.

There is nothing the matter with Penn State spirit as it was formed by the traditions of many years and by the zeal of the great men in the college history. It has survived the test of years and is still that excellent panacea for all ills.

Student Council has done well to consider this Penn State disease and to take steps to effect a cure. The Freshman Handbook is accessible to all and there is no excuse for not being fully acquainted with all of the regulations.

A SKATING RINK

Sentiment seems to run high among the students in favor of a skating rink situated on the campus. Blessed as Penn State is with all the gifts that a bountiful Nature might reasonably be expected to bestow on one community, it has always been somewhat of an enigma to the average student why an attempt has never been made to form a skating rink.

However, Student Council has appointed a committee to cooperate with the Athletic Association and work will probably start soon. At the present time, it is not known where the rink will be located or what plans are to be followed.

As has been suggested by some of the students, there are apparently two practicable ways to construct this rink. The first is to flood Old Beaver Field and to build the bank in such a manner that a solid layer of ice will cover the field. The second plan advanced is to utilize the natural dam at Thompson's Springs on the outskirts of the town.

TIME FOR ACTION

The offer of Mr. E. H. Lederer which appears in the Letter Box of this issue merits the attention of the student body. He will give a prize of five dollars to the writer of that letter which is to be addressed to either Senator Reed or Senator Pepper and which receives the most favorable consideration of a committee of judges.

The need for a Post-Office Building that will be a credit to State College and which will meet the demands placed upon it has long been considered. At last the efforts of those interested in this subject are bearing fruit.

Sixty thousand dollars have been appropriated by the Federal government for the construction of such a building in the town. Plans have been drawn up and everything seems to be in readiness for the starting of the construction work.

includes all such items of public construction under Federal control. Action is needed now.

The erection of such a building would add greatly to the appearance of the town and would be a great benefit to the student body. Student Council has concerned itself with conditions as they exist and a committee from that organization has been working for some time.

The individual student would do well to participate in this contest which will require but little time since the length of the letter is limited to one hundred words. In one week, it will be too late and a golden opportunity will have been lost, if no interest is stimulated in this proposition.

NEW BAND UNIFORMS

The report that was given at the meeting of Student Council last Tuesday night concerning the possibility of securing new uniforms for the band is gratifying and it will bring joy to the alumnus and undergraduate alike. Although the need for enough uniforms to equip the full membership of the organization has been recognized for a long time, yet no definite action had been started until now.

The fact that the college and the Athletic Association are willing to give so generously to this cause shows that strong support may be expected in these quarters. The remaining five hundred dollars that will be needed to cover the expense of equipment should be met by the student body. There seems to be no difficulty connected with the proportioning of the class budgets so that each class will bear its burden.

Campus Gossip

We have been told that the wet weather signals displayed from Old Main indicate the presence of boot-lickers.

Freshmen are not permitted to adorn their faces with hair growths. We wonder if sideburns are considered a part of the face or not.

Among famous indoor sports we would include that of kidding feminine soda fountain clerks with last year's jokes.

Standing in line for the movies might also be included except for the fact that this is done out in the bitter cold.

Our All-College Hat Many comments have been passed our way with reference to the all-college hat that we are accustomed to wear. We admit that we are guilty of this evil but rise to defend ourselves on the following points. We do not:

Wear semester shirts on Sunday. Wear flapping goloshes. Think we can sing. Read only the sporting page. Write daily letters to the "same address."

Think we are born humorists. Avoid saying "Hello" to a fellow student.

Our enterprising cub reporter has overheard the following Cou-sisms: "Day by day in every way, I am getting--"

The frosh: "Sadder and wiser." The soph: "Harder and more colorful." The junior: "Dignified and more dignified."

The senior: "Nearer and nearer a diploma." The co-ed: (Not reported). The prof: "More and more learned."

The janitor: "Richer and richer." Is Penn State going to have a real ice-skating rink this year? We hope so.

That the Commerce and Finance students are determined to get into college was indicated at their dinner last night.

Our Weekly Puzzle Figure it out for yourself. Where the two words mean the same thing, or nearly the same thing, mark Yes; where they mean quite different things, mark No.

Abbreviate—Correct. Profits—Verbosc. Contriptal—Disintegrating. Penary—Restricted. Jeonoclastic—Idolizing.

DEMOTION IS PENALTY FOR HAZING AT ANNAPOLIS An order carrying into effect the decree of the Secretary of the Navy Denby, directing that three midshipmen of the senior class be dropped back to the next lower class for "gross dereliction of duty," as a result of the recent hazing trials, was issued by Rear Admiral Henry D. Wilson, Superintendent of the Naval Academy.

The Letter Box

The Editor Penn State Collegian, Dear Sir:

As a public spirited citizen interested in the welfare of the community, I am writing a letter calling the attention to a matter of imperative need to every student, and citizen of State College.

At this time Congress is giving consideration to appropriation bills. Among them is the Treasury Bill which includes nearly all items of public construction under Federal control, including Post Office buildings.

We all know that the Post Office building in State College is inadequate to carry on and perform efficient service, nor has the present building ample space to allow any fair number of people to be accommodated. These and many other deplorable conditions, too numerous for me to mention or go into detail, are met by the student, and other persons who have occasion to use the building every day.

The point that I am leading up to is, if at this psychological time these conditions were brought clearly and distinctly, by a large number of students and others, to the attention of Senator George Wharton Pepper, and Senator Charles H. Reed, no doubt favorable action would be taken to pass the item of \$15,000 etc. for additional appropriations for a Post Office building in State College. Already \$60,000 has been appropriated, but this amount is insufficient to construct a building according to the plans that were designed.

Now my thought is to bring this matter up, and to encourage each student to write to either one of the honorable representatives of this State, and set forth in it the needs of this community. I am not a rich man, but I will offer as an incentive \$5.00 to the person whose letter is chosen by the

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Judges to be forwarded to Senator Pepper, and a like prize for the letter that will be forwarded to Senator Reed. All letters must be in by Monday, January fifteen, five p. m. The letter must not exceed one hundred words, written in a clear hand, signed, addressed to either Senator Pepper, or Senator Reed, not sealed, and setting forth the:—

- 1. Need for a larger building. 2. Need for a more sanitary building. 3. Need for a more efficient parcel post delivery system. 4. Need of larger entrances. 5. Need for loading and unloading facilities. 6. Growth of student body and town in the last four years. 7. Approximate time lost in standing in line per student. 8. Time lost in distribution thru lack of room for proper delivery of parcel post packages. 9. The value per student of the parcel post service.

The judges appointed for this contest are George Graham, president of the Chamber of Commerce, E. D. Schive, and Dean Warnock. Each student may write one letter only to either Senator, the same to be delivered to the office of the Penn State Collegian.

Yours for a greater Penn State, Eugene H. Lederer.

CAMPUS CLUB FOR GIRLS IS FORMALLY INTRODUCED

The formal introduction of the new campus club for women, La Camaraderie, was made at an afternoon tea held in the Alpha Zeta house last Saturday afternoon. A program of short speeches and music, followed by a social hour, completed the afternoon's entertainment. Among the speakers were Dean Margaret A. Knight, Miss L. V. T. Simmons, and Mrs. J. B. Hill. The music numbers consisted of a vocal and a piano solo and a selection by a quartet Miss Myri Fox '23, president of the new club, presided as hostess, while Mrs. J. B. Hill and Mrs. R. W. Grant poured. A large number of women faculty members and girls were present. An attractive color scheme was carried out by effective decorations of ground pine and the club's colors, combined with a system of artistic lighting.

PENN LIBRARY IS ALSO USED AS TRYING PLACE

Students are using the library of the University of Pennsylvania as a trying place instead of a study hall and an addition is needed to take care of the surplus. Students have complained that many use the library as a place to meet and whisper "dove-talk" and in this manner crowd out the studious ones.

After Every Meal WRIGLEY'S P.K. CHEWING SWEET The Flavor Lasts

ALONG SPORT LINES

THE 1923 FOOTBALL CARD

"Year by year, in every game, our football schedule gets Harder! Harder!"

Have Coach Bezel's and Graduate Manager Neil Fleming been using a version of Emile Coue's famous formula in drawing up Penn State's football schedule for next fall? There will be very few schedules that will boast as formidable an array of games as has been arranged for the Nittany eleven. The Navy, West Virginia, Syracuse, Georgia Tech, Penn, and Dart will be played in order and these teams, which were rated as some of the strongest in the East during the past season, will prove a big noisefor even the Nittany Lion to absorb.

An interesting addition to the schedule is the strong West Virginia eleven, coached by Tubby Spears. Last fall the team, playing through a hard schedule, was ranked fifth among all of the college teams. "Victories over Pittsburgh, Virginia, and W. and J. showed the strength of the Mountain boys. Penn State will meet them in New York City on October twenty-seventh and the same may prove to be the hardest battle of the season.

DECLINE OF PENNSYLVANIA FOOTBALL TEAMS

During the 1921 football season the grid teams of Penn State, Lafayette, and Washington and Jefferson were rated as the best of the East. The past season saw a complete reversal of form and all three teams went down to defeat with the result that at the end of the season, Lafayette was ranked twelfth, W. and J., nineteenth, and Penn State, twentieth.

Both Lafayette and W. and J. started the season with good prospects, defeating all of their opponents until they met each other in New York. Lafayette was defeated by the narrow margin of a missed placement kick in one of the greatest struggles of the season. From then on both teams slumped, W. and J. dropping games to Pitt, Detroit, and West Virginia, and Lafayette losing to Georgetown and barely defeating the weak Lehigh team by a 3 to 0 score.

STANFORD'S ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

If there is a doubt in anyone's mind as to whether Penn State has sufficient athletic equipment, consider the following inventory of athletic facilities at Leland Stanford, California. Can any Penn State student imagine this at State College?

Stanford has a campus composed of 8,600 acres of valley and rolling foothills, stretching for nine miles between the mountains and the San Francisco Bay. On this vast domain are four turf football fields, a soccer field, a cross-country field, two outdoor swimming pools, five baseball fields, two polo fields with ninety polo ponies, a canoeing and swimming lake of twenty-five acres, two quarter-mile tracks, two 220 yard straightways, twenty-four tennis courts, a \$100,000 basketball pavilion, and a beautiful horseshoe stadium, built in a natural crater and having a seating capacity for 65,000 spectators.

PENN STATE BARRED FROM LACROSSE LEAGUE

Penn State and Rutgers College were denied membership in the Intercollegiate Lacrosse League at a recent convention of the members at New York City. Both the northern and southern divisions of the league have a complete quota of teams and it was decided that both institutions must wait until a vacancy occurs in either division. The members unanimously agreed, however, that Penn State and Rutgers should be given first consideration after league games had been scheduled.

Membership in the league would have proved a great aid to the development of the sport at Penn State. The action of the league, however, insures the team of an attractive schedule until full membership can be obtained.



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