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GROWING IN POPULARITY

The Penn State Players are fast assuming an important place in the college life through the quantity and quality of the productions they have staged during the past few years.

It is within the power of many of the undergraduates to recall the youth of the Penn State Players. Only a few years ago, a few students came to recognize the need of a wide-awake dramatic organization...

A feature of their work that deserves passing comment is the preparation that is given a production before it appears on the stage. Few realize the intensity and the amount of work that is connected with a performance of the kind that was given last week.

But the work has its reward. Those who perform creditably receive the satisfaction of work well done. The organization grows in popularity and each succeeding performance is greeted with an ever increasing audience.

A GLORIOUS WEEK-END

Conquest is unusually effective in sending joy to the heart of the average American and in making his step lighter. It is but natural that the college student at Penn State should feel a thrill over the indoor victories achieved in winter sports during the past week-end.

How sweet and comforting it was to sit, packed like canned salmon, on those hard bleachers and see the Penn wrestling team go down to defeat! But the Red and Blue warriors furnished worthy opposition.

The boxing meet with the midshipmen proved to be a great disappointment to the spectators. Far be it from a Penn State man to discredit the showing of any opponent, but it is right to demand justice. It is the firm belief of a great majority that this was denied in two specific instances.

Both freshman and varsity Pitt basketball teams were unable to match the Blue and White score. A marked superiority gave Penn State both classes. This is not the first time that an element of injustice has crept into the judgment of those who are honored with responsible positions at athletic contests.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

The editors of the paper wish to remind their friends that anonymous letters are banned from publication in the Penn State COLLEGIAN. This ruling has not been closely followed in the past, although it has been enforced in many cases.

All encouragement possible is given the students, faculty and alumni and friends of the college to write to the COLLEGIAN on any topic of interest. But to insure publication, the name should be affixed. This is but a fair demand to make on all contributors and compliance should be forthcoming.

Penn Statesmen

Howard Walton Mitchell '90 Much fame and glory has been brought to Penn State by the achievements of her athletes on the gridiron, baseball field, and track...

"Mitch" was a member of the class of '90 whose achievements were recorded some time ago in the biography of James G. Mock. That class founded the "Free Lance", the predecessor of this paper, established the custom of the Junior La Vie and conferred a boon upon future generations of Penn State students by securing the permission of the state and conservative Board of Trustees to hold dances at college social functions.

But as an alumnus Mr. Mitchell has been of even greater service to Penn State. Upon leaving college, he began practicing law at Pittsburgh and gradually worked himself up in that profession until in July, 1919, he was appointed Judge of the Orphan's Court of Allegheny county. During these years Mr. Mitchell continued to be one of the most prominent workers in Penn State affairs.

Campus Gossip

We arrive in the Armory one hour before the first meet and find every seat in the house and most of the floor space occupied by those who really came early.

We were preparing to make the rounds of the Armory requesting all those who were not gentlemen to remove their hats when the cheer leader came to our rescue.

The violation of the custom that all shall remove their hats at indoor athletic contests does not seem to trouble the average student.

The wise man has discovered that the only way to soften bleacher and floor seats is by the use of a cushion.

One man in the bleachers with a book but with no room to hold it directly in front of him entwines it about the neck of the man sitting below him to obtain the proper distance between the eye and the printed page.

Such are the crowded conditions of our Armory.

Penn State is surely a democratic college. Even the professors sit on the floor at indoor athletic contests.

The use of the boxing platform to elevate the wrestlers enabled many to gain a better view of the struggling main event. Why not use it for all wrestling meets?

Latecomers other than bandmen crowd into the band gallery and take the best positions while the musicians leave them to play the march.

We suggest that some sort of bleachers be provided for the band members. At the present time the band members must stand through entire contests.

We overheard a conversation which solved the mystery as to how some people rate seats in the section reserved for letter men.

Those who have been holding down seats since noon do a "seventh inning stretch" fifteen minutes before the wrestling meet starts.

The practical student finds opportunity for practice in mental telepathy when he tries to catch the attention of a distant friend by looking at him.

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Faith of a State and Future of a College

By Dr. John M. Thomas, President of the Pennsylvania State College

(NOTE: This is the first of a series of articles by President Thomas in which he brings out the true relationship between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and The Pennsylvania State College; the ways in which the College has faithfully served the State; and the responsibility that the latter should assume toward its institution of higher learning.)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by an act of its Legislature approved April first, 1863, made this pledge: "and the faith of the state is hereby pledged to carry the same into effect."

What the Commonwealth pledged to carry into effect was the Morrill Act of the Congress of the United States approved by Abraham Lincoln. The Morrill Act by its title, was "An Act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts."

The lands were donated to the States for "the endowment, support and maintenance of at least one college where the leading object should be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts in such a manner as the Legislatures of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life."

It was this act which the people of Pennsylvania in 1863 through their constituted authorities declared "is hereby accepted by the State of Pennsylvania, with all its provisions and conditions, and the faith of the State is hereby pledged to carry the same into effect."

In making this pledge the Legislature designated The Pennsylvania State College as the instrument of the Commonwealth to carry out the terms of the Morrill Act.

The faith of the State, therefore, is pledged to Penn State as: A State Institution chartered by joint act and contract of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as one of a national system of public institutions to engage in higher education "in such manner as the Legislatures of the State may respectively prescribe."

A State Institution specifically related to industry—"to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts."

A State Institution with a broad and extensive educational program, obligated to include all industrial interests of the Commonwealth—"to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life."

The next article will bring out just what the Commonwealth has done in the fulfillment of its pledge to Penn State.

BIOMETRY COURSE OPEN TO ALL AG. INSTRUCTORS A course in biometry, the study of the calculation of the probable duration of human life and statistical measurements, will be opened to instructors and professors in the Agricultural School on March second.

This course is to be preliminary to the same subject which will be introduced in the Summer Session this year and taught by Dr. Love of Cornell University. Plans are in charge of Dr. R. D. Anthony and Charles F. Noble.

When did that guy get a letter? asks the indignant one. And his companion answers, "In the noon mail."

Idle students must do something to occupy their minds before the action starts. If they can't throw pennies they fall back on paper airplanes.

The Armory ventilating system was designed for a cave when the windows are opened and the draft starts.

The same system would also please a South Sea Islander when the windows are closed.

Some genius had enough foresight to foresee that the Red and Blue colored posts in honor of the Penn wrestlers could be changed to Blue and Gold for the Navy boxes.

And, speaking of boxing, we hereby put in our application for the position of Judge.

We openly admit that we know nothing about boxing, which is more than some Judges will confess.

It's not in our nature to complain, but when an opponent admits afterwards that he didn't deserve a decision, we think that remedial measures should be taken to prevent the recurrence of the same thing at future meets.

Do some people never eat? We leave the Armory at five-thirty and return before six-thirty only to find a huge crowd ahead of us.

How many ever noticed that Captain "Pip" Koehler's "1" is sewed on backwards?

Thoughtless students still disrespect the "Alma Mater" by using it as a period in which to put on their coats.

Letter Box

Editor, Penn State Collegian, Feb. 17, 1923 State College, Penna.

My dear Sir: After reading an article in a recent issue of the "Electrical World," which recounts the success attained in the industrial realm by one of Penn State's graduates, Preston B. Postlewaite, recently elected Vice-president of the Wagner Electrical Corporation, I thought it would be of interest to the students of Penn State. The article includes a few biographical notes of interest.

Born in October 1883 at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Mr. Postlewaite received his primary education in the public schools at Huntingdon and for several years before entering Penn State he was employed by the Bell Telephone Company as a lineman on construction work in central Pennsylvania.

In September 1904, Mr. Postlewaite entered Penn State and was graduated from that institution in Electrical Engineering with the class of 1909. Immediately after graduation from college, he took up the apprentice course offered by the Wagner Electric Corporation and in February, 1910 he went to their Cincinnati office as a salesman where he became branch manager in 1915. Mr. Postlewaite was called to the Wagner Electric factory at St. Louis in November, 1916 to organize and take charge of the service department, and in 1919 he also took over the Automotive Department including sales in that branch.

He has been Vice President of the Collin B. Kennedy Company and other subsidiary companies of the Wagner Electric Corporation for some time and in January, 1923, he was elected Vice President of the reorganized Wagner Electric Corporation.

E. H. Wetherill, A COLLEGIAN Reader

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ALONG SPORT LINES

YE OLD GAME OF HANDBALL

Next to a rough and tumble fight, featuring bricks and shillyalloys, the Irish sportsman loves a game of handball. This ancient game that was played first on the "Ole Sod" more than sixteen hundred years ago, has been introduced at Penn State and bids fair to become a popular game at this college.

Penn students have played handball and not many more know the simple rules of the game. The regulation court is a room about sixty by twenty feet, with walls of cement and a floor of pine wood. The server bounces the small rubber ball that is used and serves it against the front wall. It is returned off any wall on the first bounce and as in tennis, a point is scored when one of the players fails to return the ball.

A temporary court has been set up in the Armory and the new gymnasium that is planned for Penn State will have a separate wing, containing six regulation courts. The coaching staff has taken to the game with much enthusiasm and "has" displaying skill worthy of Irish ancestors, has successfully defeated all comers. At a number of colleges the game is played by a large number of students. We recently came across an account of the finals of an interfraternity handball tournament in the college newspaper of the University of Texas. The game was equally as popular at the University of Oregon when Bezek was at that college.

TRACK FANS EXPECT A BIG SEASON

Each succeeding year brings a bigger and better season for almost every college sport and, not to be outdone, 1923 offers the prospect of a banner season for track athletes.

The indoor season will be brought to an end by the Intercollegiate on March third and will be followed by the annual outdoor Intercollegiate meet. Manager George W. Orton has been working on the annual Penn Relay Carnival, and promises that this famous event will be a greater attraction than ever before. The date has been set for April twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth and a number of foreign entries are expected to give the Relays an international flavor.

The showing of Harvard and Yale on the cinder path will be watched with great interest by track fans for these two colleges have scheduled a meet with the combined Oxford-Cambridge track teams. The event will be held near London in the latter part of July and the best athletes from Yale and Harvard will be picked to represent the American universities.

WINTER SPORTS AT DARTMOUTH

A cold wave hit Penn State last week and once more the shivering students wondered why State College should be afflicted with so much snow and zero weather. That question is never asked at Dartmouth College for at that institution the Outing Club has solved the problem by making Hanover the center of winter sports.

The Dartmouth Outing Club is the foremost organization of its kind in college circles. It was founded for the promotion of camping, trapping, mountaineering, and encourages hunting, fishing and canoeing. Membership in the club is open to any member of the college on the payment of the annual fee of one dollar. Financial assistance from the alumni has added the club in acquiring equipment which includes eleven cabins scattered over one hundred miles and a ski jump, one hundred and ten feet in height.

The crowning event of the club's program is the annual winter Carnival. This year the Carnival included three days of revelry, with winter sports, an international intercollegiate ski jumping contest, a costume ball, the annual musical comedy of the Dartmouth Players and fraternity house-parties as the principal features.

The Outing Clubs of several other colleges have followed Dartmouth's lead in encouraging winter sports. Colgate staged a revival of its traditional Carnival this year and Middlebury has taken active steps to encourage winter sports by holding a Carnival and organizing inter-fraternity and inter-collegiate winter sports tournaments.

Penn State has plenty of snow but no Outing Club. Last year we remember such an organization but this winter we have heard nothing of it and our only conclusion is that Penn State's Outing Club has passed into oblivion and no one has even noticed its passing.

GOLF PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Last week we told of the formation of an intercollegiate golf league and pictured the formidable teams that would represent Yale, Harvard, and Princeton. Incidentally we timidly ventured the prediction that some day Penn State would take an active part in college golf.

Developments during the last week have indicated that there is a strong possibility of our prediction coming true. Penn State is attempting to schedule a series of matches with leading college teams and from the present dope, will be represented by a strong links team.

We were talking the other day with a man who claimed to have a pretty good line on the calibre of the Nittany players as compared to other college golfers. In his opinion Penn State has golfing talent that will compare favorably with the average college team. True Harvard has "Bobby" Jones; Yale, Jess Sweetser and Princeton, F. Knopfer, than whom there is none better, but it was his contention that the rank and file of these teams will find difficult matches in J. W. Kind, '24, "Herb" Ewaw '24 and "Jimmy" Crookston '23, who will probably make up the Nittany team.

The schedule that is planned for the Penn State team will conclusively prove the truth of the above statements. If the showing of the Nittany golfers proves that Penn State has a representative team it is our hope that the college will be represented at the Intercollegiate this summer.

UNIV. OF MICHIGAN FRATS STAGE VAUDEVILLE CONTEST

A fraternity vaudeville tournament is to be staged at the University of Michigan. A cup will be offered for the best act. Twenty organizations have entered the contest.

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