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BRAINS WANTED

The passing of the seventy-sixth birthday of Thomas A. Edison, which was celebrated but a short time ago, found the great inventor still possessed of that grudge against the college man, expressed many years ago and used by the press as an axe to whack against the foundation of higher educational training.

The subject of education seems to be a bone upon which the inventor delights to gnaw. Statements to the effect that "a college education does not always fit a man for success in life and that many university students regard it as a means of lifting them beyond the necessity for work" have caused others to add their comment.

Mr. Edison claims that the questionnaire is formed on the current events of the day and that he who reads the daily newspapers can answer the questions. Perhaps this is true, but not wholly. What daily paper prints answers to such questions as: What countries bound Persia? Who invented the telescope? What are the two most northern and southern cities of the world?

No doubt, there is not a student on the campus who could not compose a questionnaire that would cause Mr. Edison to give his head many a scratch and which would result in his failing to pass the exam, and he would not have to study even the newspapers to pass it.

Let the college man stand out and defend his position. Probably there are a very few of those who ever graduated from a college or a university who are sorry they did. Probably there are a great many who did not go to college, who had that opportunity, and who are now sorry that they did not take advantage of it.

Mr. Edison fails to recognize the basic fact that a college cannot create brains. Its sole function is to develop those given by the God of the Universe. If a person is so unfortunate as to have received but a small share, the college may fit him to cope with problems with greater success than he would have had minus a college training, but it can never add to his store of "gray matter".

It is unreasonable to expect American institutions to furnish the country with a group of men able to answer all types of questions and to become unqualified successes immediately. But give the average college graduate a chance, and then watch him pitch into the hardest of work and come out on top, smiling.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

The student body gives a fond farewell to the basketball and the wrestling teams as they set out for foreign lands. Mighty foes are to be met in the combat and the Lion is ready to uphold the honor of Penn State.

The wrestling team journeys to Annapolis to meet the Navy team. Past seasons in this and other sports have made their impression; former results and decisions have prepared the student body for a disappointing score.

It is sincerely hoped that the wrestlers and the cagemen come through with winning scores. We wish them good luck.

Penn Statesmen

Cummings C. Chesney '85

Among the legions of men who have gone out into the world as Penn State graduates, Cummings C. Chesney stands out as a man who has done much to advance the name of his college in the industrial world.

A few years after graduation Chesney entered the experimental laboratory of Mr. William Stanley and two years later entered into partnership with Mr. Stanley in the organization of the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company at Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

In more recent years as manager of this plant, Chesney has supervised the research work of the organization which has resulted in notable advances in the development of high voltage transformers, for commercial service, up to 220,000 volts, extensive developments in high tension bushings and regulators, and the perfection of the R. I. Motor and the oxide film lighting arrester.

Church Notices

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Services every Sunday evening at 8:30 in Room 100, Horticulture building. All are welcome.

FAITH REFORMED Bible School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 10:45 a. m. Young people's service at 6:45 p. m. Evening worship at 7:45 p. m. The Reverend E. H. Romig, Pastor.

GRACE LUTHERAN Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:45 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m., conducted by Dr. Charles Alkens, President of Susquehanna University.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHAPEL Mass, 10:15 a. m. Saturday confession, 7:00 p. m. Week day mass, 7:00 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:45 a. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. and Sr. C. E. at 6:30. Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The Reverend Samuel Martin, pastor, the Reverend Donald Caruthers, Student pastor.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL Second Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion, 7:45 a. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon, 10:45 a. m. Evening service, 7:30. Edward M. Frear, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL Sunday School for students, 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 10:45 a. m. Evening worship, 7:30. Is open to all.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL The Reverend R. C. Peters, pastor. The Reverend F. H. Babcock, student pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a. m. Evening service at 7:30.

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST Bible School, 9:45 a. m. and public worship at 11:00 in Room 200, Engineering D. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

A. H. CLUB TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

The Sorority Club of Penn State will hold a meeting next Tuesday night, at seven o'clock, in Room 200, Agriculture building, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

The First National Bank STATE COLLEGE, PA.

W. L. Foster, President David F. Kapp, Cashier

Faith of a State and Future of a College

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

(NOTE: This is the second of a series of articles by President Thomas in which he brings out the true relationship between the Pennsylvania State College and the State. In his first article Dr. Thomas discussed the pledge of the State to the College in accepting the Morrill Land Grant Act of Congress in 1862, and in designating Penn State as the instrument of the Commonwealth to carry out the terms of the Act.)

II. How the Pledge Has Been Fulfilled For sixty years acts of successive Pennsylvania Legislatures have confirmed the pledge of the Commonwealth to Penn State.

Pennsylvania, traditional keeper of treaties from the days of William Penn, has kept faith with the nation to the extent of preserving in Penn State a public institution of higher learning of the character defined in the Morrill Act. While support has been inadequate, and while Pennsylvania has been far behind other states in the development of its state institution, it is just, both to the Commonwealth and to the College, to exhibit what has been done since 1862 in the fulfillment of the pledge then given.

The usual form of government of American colleges and universities is by self-perpetuating Boards of Trustees. As a State institution, however, the control of Penn State is vested in representatives of the people. Two-thirds of the trustees are state officers, appointees of the Governor, and members elected by delegates from county agricultural and engineering societies. The remaining members of the Board are elected by graduates of the College, three being chosen by general ballot each year.

As to constitution and government, and administration, therefore the Commonwealth has kept its pledge and preserved Penn State as a state institution, the recognized agent and servant of the Commonwealth in the field of higher education.

Financially Pennsylvania has not been unmindful of its pledge to Penn State. While support has not been proportionate to the educational needs of so great a Commonwealth, it is nevertheless true that Pennsylvania has built up at State College one of the large and commanding public educational institutions of the nation.

The original federal endowment of the college has been safe-guarded and its proceeds devoted annually to the support of the institution. For thirty-six years every Pennsylvania Legislature has considered the pledge to Penn State, included in the obligation to provide funds for current maintenance. Starting with \$100,000 in 1867, the amount has been increased every session but one, although in recent years it has fallen sadly behind the growth and needs of the college.

Slow in Building. Not many years after the foundation of the land grant colleges—and one was established in every state—the United States funds for them were found to be inadequate. Their very success led to this result. It was a new type of college education which American Democracy had evolved and it proved remarkably suited to American needs. Since it was specially provided that no part of the federal funds could be used for buildings, it was not long before the more progressive commonwealths began to add liberally from State funds for the support of the institutions.

Pennsylvania was slow in following the example of other states, and her appropriations have been small in comparison; nevertheless the Commonwealth has never forgotten her pledge and the aggregate of State funds devoted to Penn State is now considerable.

Penn State has now campus and farms of 1800 acres, pronounced by experts the best adapted to the uses of a State institution of any college property in the United States.

The Commonwealth owns at Penn State thirty-two academic buildings and twenty residences and other structures, which cost \$2,212,363, and could not be replaced for less than 4,000,000. The inventory of equipment at Penn State, engineering, mining, agricultural, and others, totals \$1,713,294.

Five Hundred Graduates a Year

In Penn State the Commonwealth has one of the strong worthy institutions of America. Penn State has a Faculty numbering with the extension and administrative staff of 648 men

and women. The development of this organization with its high standards of devotion and scientific attainment, has been the patient work of many years. Nearly 8,000 men and women have gone from the halls of Penn State, trained for their professions as engineers, chemists, mining experts, scientific agriculturists, teachers, and business executives, Penn State is now sending from its four-year courses over 500 graduates a year. Its student body of 6,000, including the Summer Session, represents every county in the State. Its agricultural extension service in 1921 taught 295,821 farm people how to produce more and to live better. Through these and other activities Penn State has built up a good will out of all proportion to what it has cost.

The College affords resident instruction in six great schools, of Agriculture, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Natural Science, Mines, and Graduate Study, with departments of Home Economics, Physical Education, and Military Science, and a Summer Session the largest in the State.

In extension work Penn State's field of service is every city, borough and township of the State. Whatever knowledge is needed by the people, whether the call comes from farmers, miners, mill or shop workers, women in the homes, or any others, that knowledge it is Penn State's mission to furnish in proportion to its ability. These things, then, in briefest outline, Pennsylvania has done in fulfillment of its pledge to carry into effect the statute of the United States to which Abraham Lincoln set his hand in 1862. The next article will show what the Commonwealth should now do in further fulfillment of its pledge.

Thoughts of Others

DEMOCRACY (Daily Kansan)

Whenever an American hears the term democracy, he mentally pricks up his ears and prepares to pat himself on the back. For has not democracy reached the highest point of excellence in these our United States? It has. Almost any American you ask will tell you so.

But if you happen to ask one of the great minority, a thinking American, you may be surprised at the answer you get. He will tell you that there are practices in America that are not the outgrowth of democracy. Autocrats still flourish in the United States; they still exist on the campus of the University of Kansas. It is a challenge to those who think.

EDUCATORS NEEDED (Cornell Daily Sun)

It is common with "self-made" men, especially those of the old school, to belittle the college man of this generation. It is a prevalent thought among them that a man coming from a university should have every detail of the intellectual field at his fingers' tips and should be able to gush forth with reams of knowledge of the events of the past, present, and even the future; that he should surely know all the theoretical conceptions which have played so great a part in the world, and which have made possible the livelihood of the "practical man"; that a college man is an idealist and not fitted for the hard knocks of this wicked world.

Perhaps their trend of thought is true, at least it is on the right track, but in nearly every case this type of person exaggerates his hypothesis. A college man coming to him for a position is, on the face of things, educated. That is, he has taken courses which have covered part of the field of knowledge, but where in all the intellectual centers of the world will one find a student who has at his beck and call every detail of the subjects he has studied? Yet that is what some of these men seem to require. Where will one be found who upon leaving the halls of his Alma Mater, is able to step into the business of some kind, and because of his recently acquired superior knowledge revolutionize his environment and with a brilliant stroke of the pen, or a theory gleaned from a textbook, hurl the thunderbolt which will make all the other competitors in that field cringe and bow in submission? Yet that is what many of the "practical" business men of the old school seem to think he should do, and if he falls short, the college man is branded as "no good," or as having been a loafer in college and afraid of "dirty work."

But is this the end toward which a college education aims? Certainly not. In four years one could not hope to come near this peak of perfection. It is rarely that one attains this goal after three score years of constant study. If a man went through college and learned but one thing, namely, to know where to find things, to know where to look for information, he should have gone a long way toward getting an education. That gauges very nearly all we require in college, except facility in the use of our powers which is sharpened by contact with different sectors of the intellectual realm.

Campus Gossip

Recollections of a Turf Hound In the spring a young man's fancy turns to golf.

No, brave reader, it isn't spring yet but we live in hopes.

Just recently we saw an ambitious student braving the cold to swat golf balls occasionally and the snow more frequently.

Which makes us hope that spring is just around Co-op Corner.

The thought of the links game takes us back to our happy sophomore days when the sport was just coming into vogue at Penn State.

Although we know nothing about golf, the editor assigned us the task of writing "The Golf Column" for the COLLEGIAN.

And there, two years ago, started our ill-starred career as a "colymnist."

We first got into contact with "Bez" and he told us his plans for golfing at Penn State.

With the expansion and betterment of the course, the promises of the Penn State mentor are now coming true.

"Bob" Rutherford, Penn State's golf coach, was our guiding light and mine of information for the column.

We also bought many booklets on the subject and absorbed their contents.

And, weekly, the expectant public was either disappointed, bored or ignored our valiant efforts.

We wonder if any of the older readers remember that column and if they ever read it.

Our own achievements on the greens and fairways have been disappointing.

Never in our career have we "holed out" in one and we never expect to.

We can't remember the scores of any rounds that we ever played and we're glad to forget them.

PUBLIC SALE

We have purchased 122,000 pair of U. S. Army Munson last shoes, sizes 5 1/2 to 12 which was the entire surplus stock of one of the largest U. S. Government shoe contractors.

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In most cases we never remember the score at the end of the game because it had approached astronomical figures.

That we are the champion, loser of golf balls is our only claim to distinction in golfdom.

There may be other claimants for the title but we believe that we are the best.

The grass cutters always quit the day when they saw the competition that we are giving them.

And yet, after all of our efforts and writing on the subject, we are still puzzled on one point.

The ground rules require that all divots be replaced but, we ask you, what do you do when you can't find the divots?

Shades of our future ancestor! Can it be true that Penn State is to have five-cent movies?

We never thought that the day would ever come when the "Nittyan" would return.

We make the above observations upon learning that the "Y" feature movies are to be five-cent movies from now on.

But we don't blame the "Y." We would only be too glad to pay the nickel if we attended. That is, if we couldn't get a free pass.

To The Co-Eds We understand that certain remarks made in this column some time ago did not please the co-eds.

We never attempt to understand women and always try to avoid the subject in these columns.

But, in our absence, a willing substitute filled the allotted space with a fanciful sketch of the future co-ed.

Since the subject has been brought to our attention we are willing to give the co-eds a chance.

We agree to devote an entire column to the co-ed's views of Penn State, if the co-eds will only express those views.

And if that isn't as fair a proposition as any co-ed, we resign.



FRIDAY—

ELAINE HAMMERSTEN and CONWAY TEARLE in "One Week of Love"

BUSTER KEATON in "The Balloonatic"

Adults 30c, Children 15 and 10c

SATURDAY

AGNES AYRES in "Racing Hearts"

NEWS WEEKLY

PASTIME

FRIDAY and SATURDAY Matinee Saturday at Two MAE MURRAY in "Jazzmania"

Adults 30c, Children 15 and 10c

MONDAY and TUESDAY

GLORIA SWANSON in "My American Wife"

LEATHOR PUSHERS

Adults 30c, Children 15c and 10c

NITTANY

TUESDAY MABEL JULIENNE SCOTT in "The Power of a Lie"

SUNSHINE COMEDY

COMING:— The Greatest Cast Assembled in "QUINCY ADAMS SWAYNE"

SPECIALS Because of arrival of our Spring merchandise we have the following articles to offer for immediate sale: Overcoats---Special Price White V-Necked Sweaters Were \$10.00---Price \$6.50 Brushed Woolen Mufflers Were \$3.25---Price \$1.75 Brushed Wool and Camel Hair Sweaters Were \$9.00---Price \$7.25 Were \$8.00---Price \$6.50 All Silk and Wool Hosiery at Low Prices \$1.00 Neckwear \$ .69 1.25 Neckwear .84 1.50 Neckwear 1.00 25 per cent off on all Golf Hose THE QUALITY SHOP Opposite Front Campus Open Evening

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