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ANOTHER SIDE OF COLLEGE SPIRIT

The observation of conventionalities is but one phase of college spirit. Another aspect, less tangible and more important, is that of our attitude toward the physical welfare of Penn State as affected by the action of our state legislature. Oftentimes, students who do not get what they want from the college officials solicit, or permit their parents to solicit, the help of state legislators and other state officials in urging their case with the college administration.

Such students expect that state legislators will have some influence with the college authorities because they believe that college appropriations are dependent on the good will of these legislators. By seeking the interest of members of the legislature these students hope to gain a selfish desire, since they believe that there is a supposed reluctance on the part of college officers to turn down a personal request of the legislator. Thus, these students are willing to endanger the appropriation bills of the college in the hands of the state government. They are putting self ahead of the welfare of the college and their fellow students.

It is probably true that state officials are honest and broadminded and are not influenced in their attitude toward the college by their treatment in these personal matters. It is hoped that the college administrators are honest and courageous enough to decide student questions on their merits unflinching by political pressure. Nevertheless, when such a request comes from a legislator to a college officer, a very embarrassing situation is created, all because of the selfish acts of a student lacking true Penn State spirit.

Penn State is a democratic school where we believe that a man gets ahead on merit alone. The student who tries to advance self by favors and political influences is not living up to this democratic standard. If, after a fair presentation of his case here in the college, he fails to gain his wish, he should accept his fate. Above all, he should not hamper the college officials and make their task harder in the legislature by soliciting the help of any man who is in a position to vote on or influence college legislative askings.

ADVERTISE PENN STATE

One of the greatest opportunities for state-wide publicity will be afforded Penn State during the next few days when over three thousand students of this institution return home to every corner of Pennsylvania for the Easter vacation. Will the student body as individuals use this chance to "sell" Penn State for its true worth, and a worth of which the majority of citizens of the Commonwealth are ignorant?

If each student would talk "Penn State" everywhere the opportunity arose, he could do much to make known what Penn State really is and its importance as one of the greatest educational institutions of Pennsylvania. Too many citizens of this state are under the misconception that Penn State is purely an agricultural school; others have referred to it as a preparatory school, while some confuse it with other colleges and universities of Pennsylvania. How few outside of this institution realize that the Engineering School is the largest in Pennsylvania and is larger than the engineering schools of Penn and Pitt combined? The high rating of the Liberal Arts School in comparison with those of other institutions of Pennsylvania is only slightly known. Here is the job facing Penn State men and women. Advertise Penn State in asking the legislature to act favorably for the college.

As President Thomas suggested last week at the mass meeting, much could be done if students would assume the responsibility of visiting their legislative representatives during vacation and bringing definitely before them the facts of Penn State's needs. The need of \$3,200,352 for general maintenance, \$590,000 for extension work, \$71,040 for summer sessions for the next two years and the proposed bond issue of \$8,000,000 for buildings which has been recently introduced in the legislature are facts which must serve to centralize the attention of the legislators and others on the importance of careful and immediate consideration of the needs of the college.

THE R. O. T. C.

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps has come to occupy a most important place in the student life at Penn State. It is one of ninety such units established in the colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The federal government has not organized and supported the R. O. T. C. merely to give the college men the opportunity of adding military instruction to their schedules. It has a firm and definite place in the scheme of national defense of our country, in that it is the principal source of supply for officers of our reserve forces. A student enrolling in the advanced course of the R. O. T. C. is made a commissioned officer in the cadet regiment. Upon his successful completion of the advanced course, he is offered a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army, and is privileged to join one of the new reserve divisions built around the traditions of the old units that fought so gallantly during the World War.

Enrollment in the advanced R. O. T. C. course is a visible expression of the patriotism of the undergraduate. Patriotism at Penn State is not decadent, and yet when less than five per cent of the available students enroll for the advanced course, what must the outside world think? The average enrollment throughout the colleges and universities of the United States is a little better than twenty per cent. At Penn State this would mean approximately one hundred and sixty men from the present sophomore class. Why not get behind this worthy cause and place Penn State in the rightful class?

FORESTRY EXTENSION DEPT.
GIVES NATURE STUDY COURSE
 The extension division of the Penn State Forestry department is conducting a course in "Nature Study" for grade and high school teachers this summer. This course will extend over this semester and will include work in study of plants and trees.

Thoughts of Others

COLLEGE RISK-TAKERS

(The Pennsylvania)

The other day, Harry Young, famous "human fly" plunged a hundred feet to his death while attempting to scale the side of a New York hotel. His courageous though foolhardy death could not be classed as a distinct loss to society because his occupation did not contain the essential elements of social benefit. In other words he staked his life on an achievement of no value through the mere excitement of taking a chance. Young was only one of a large fraternity of speculators in life whose careers are short-lived and whose advantage to society is practically negligible.

But outside this brotherhood of professional "bad-risk" Young has a counterpart in the common figure of the college risk-taker. In the classroom the stake is scarcely as high but it is nevertheless of the utmost importance through its ability to change the whole course of a career. The college risk-taker is the man who trusts to luck to supply the deficiency created by his lack of preparation. In daily recitation luck more than once rises to the occasion but his efficiency is singularly daunted by the more formidable advance of the monthly or final examination. But the "human fly" of college ranks still persists in his attempt to scale the steep walls of the curriculum trusting to chance for the victory. In many cases his efforts meet with success but in the vast majority of instances he finds himself a member of the "bad-risk" element and his opportunity for a college education is lost.

THE DANGER OF "RUTS"

(Daily Californian)

Many philosophers have characterized man's life as a series of "ruts." We seem to have a tendency to settle down into one pathway and rest there contented for the remainder of our days. The tendency would not be so bad if the so-called "rut" led upward. But observation shows that the man who slides along easily with the current without striking out for points up-stream is soon carried to the sea of ignominy.

The same might be held true of a University campus where the number of students make it impossible for personal contact with the working affairs of the student body. In order to advance we must have interest, and in order to have interest, we must have frequent and diverse expression of individual opinions. There is no more evidence of deterioration than the prevalence of problems which are let slide with little or no discussion on the part of those who should be most interested, the students themselves. The Daily Californian has reserved a space on its editorial page where students may voice their opinions on any question regarding the University. It is urged that more avail themselves of this opportunity not only to air their own opinions, but also to help the campus in general by "hoisting us out of the rut."

AGRICULTURAL PROFESSORS

PUBLISH EXPERIMENT REPORTS

Professor F. D. Gardner, C. F. Noll and R. D. Lewis, all of the School of Agriculture, have recently published a valuable and interesting pamphlet on "Forty Years Results with Fertilizers." This is a summary of results obtained from experiments conducted at Penn State with commercial fertilizers, barnyard manure, lime and land plaster. They are the oldest and most extensive experiments of their kind in the United States, having begun in 1881.

BROWN UNIVERSITY TO GET

LIFE-SIZE BROWN BEAR

The campus of Brown University will soon be graced by a life-sized bronze bear, the traditional emblem of Brown spirit, which is to be erected by subscriptions from the student body. Bruin, modeled from life at the Bronx Zoo, is the work of Eli Harvey, the well-known animal sculptor, and, although not yet cast, will be completed in time for dedication at Commencement in June.

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AN BANQUET TO BE HELD

IN MAC HALL APRIL 20

A banquet for the entire School of Agriculture will be held in Mac Hall on April twentieth. The chief speaker will be Dr. Baird, editor of the "Stockman and Farmer." All the arrangements have not yet been completed, however, and further particulars will be published later in the COLLEGIAN.

Campus Gossip

We have hesitated and wondered about the topic to be awarded first place in this issue and have finally decided upon the notorious path at the rear of the New Mining Building.

After writing about said path off and on for almost a year it has finally been given the needed repairs.

Thus passes away another topic upon which we can heap our wrath and we are thankful.

And speaking of subjects, an "Observing Senior" writes, "With the melting of snow, one of the best topics has become uncovered."

He then calls our attention to the fact that unsightly paths are appearing on the front campus, at the locker room entrance and in front of the Liberal Arts Building.

We, too, have noticed them and suggest that getting ones avoid collecting mud on their shoes by using the legitimate eider paths.

How can we tell that it is spring when most of the bare-headed seniors have left on inspection trips?

We have refrained from using April Fool's Day and Easter Day collection until this last issue before vacation.

Now we state that the two days are one and the same, and thus Mother Nature cheats us out of a holiday.

Speaking of April Fools, there are some proofs that you can fool all of the time and others that you can fool most of the time.

But you get fooled when you try to fool the rest of them.

The fact that the Salesmanship Club is being organized here by a commercial firm is meeting in the Bull Pen is a significant fact, we believe.

We would add that the Bull Pen is a very fitting place for all salaried men.

While at home, don't forget to ask "pop" if you can go to the R. O. T. C. camp this summer.

We were a Plattsburg recruit two summers ago and can't say that it harmed us any. In fact, we look back to that time with fond memories.

And we have never met anybody who attended an R. O. T. C. Camp who did not speak with pleasure of his summer's experiences.

Put in a good word for Penn State while you're home. You'd be surprised how much influence your statements carry.

Penn State Prexy's

Today very few Penn State students would recognize the name of Dr. D. B. Pugh, yet, as the first president of this institution, he did much to firmly establish the reputation that it now holds among the agricultural and engineering schools of the country. More than sixty years ago when the college was in dire need of a man to direct and shape its future policies, Dr. Pugh rose to the occasion by his earnest and enthusiastic efforts, laid the foundation for the remarkable progress that has lifted Penn State from a "Farmers' High School" to the place it now holds in the educational world.

Dr. Pugh was born in Chester county in 1822. At nineteen he was apprenticed to a blacksmith but soon abandoned that trade and, entering the Manual Labor School at Whitestown, New York, supported himself by manual labor while receiving a year's instruction at that school. He then fell heir to a small estate, including an academy in Chester county and for the next ten years successfully conducted the school.

At that time Pugh became very much interested in educational reform and in 1853, sold his estate and academy in order to secure a European course of scientific instruction. He went to Germany and passed the next four years in the universities of Leipzig, Göttingen, Heidelberg and Paris. In 1857 he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Göttingen. Following his university course he mastered the higher mathematics and made a number of important chemical investigations. In the laboratory of J. B. Lavoisier, the English agriculturist, Dr. Pugh worked for three years on an investigation of the assimilation of free nitrogen by plants and as a result of his experiments proved conclusively that plants do not assimilate nitrogen and, in addition, gained much valuable information on crop rotation.

Hearing of his success abroad, the trustees of the Pennsylvania Agricultural College offered Dr. Pugh the presidency, and recognizing his duty to his country, he returned home in the autumn of 1859, renouncing the brilliant scientific career that awaited him.

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Along Sport Lines

AN ALL-STAR FIVE

"Dutch" Hermann, in reviewing the basketball season at the mass meeting on Wednesday night, remarked that the Nittany quintet played its best game on a foreign court against Syracuse University on February twenty-third, following the Cornell defeat. He was evidently right for the Penn State five made a very favorable impression on "Eddie" Doherty, coach of the Syracuse team, judging from an extract that was gleaned from a local newspaper. The Syracuse coach when asked to

SENIOR FORESTERS TAKE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

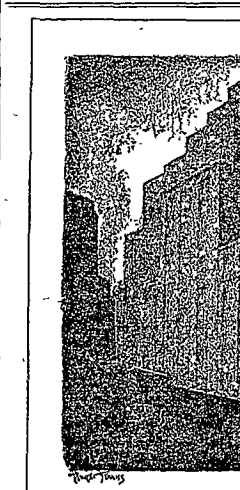
The Seniors of the Forestry School have been taking, during the last two days, the Civil Service examination for Forest Assistant. The Post Office Department is conducting the examination and also picks the students fit for the position, which pays \$1,740 for the first year. The work of the Assistant Foresters is more or less technical in nature. They have charge of timber sales in the national forest, mark trees for cutting, supervise lumber crews, make roads and trails, and do surveying.

Now Biggs Gets to Class On Time!

AN exciting tale of adventure might be written about the elusive cap of his old tube of shaving cream. For months Biggs was late to class because he spent valuable minutes scouring the corners of the bathroom for a cap that persisted in getting lost.

But those troubles are over. For Biggs has started using Williams' Shaving Cream, which comes in a tube with a hinged cap that can't get lost. You see pictured here this cap which saves his time and patience and which will do the same for you.

The convenience of the Hinged Cap would alone be ample reason for your using Williams'. But when you consider that in addition Williams' is good for your skin, and is the most remarkable beard softener known, then it does seem that you would be missing a good deal in getting along without it. Buy a tube and see if it isn't vastly better.



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