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WELCOME TO PENN STATE

With the opening of a new college year and the enrollment of a new college class, many unfamiliar faces appear on the campus in ever-increasing numbers. To these newcomers, members of the Class of 1927, about to start the struggle of four years of collegiate existence, Penn State bids a hearty welcome.

fortunate, indeed, are these young people, admitted to an institution which must yearly turn away, for lack of accommodations, hundreds of prospective students clamoring eagerly at its portals. Twice fortunate are they to be admitted at a time when Penn State awaits and is, indeed, started upon an era of expansion which will probably be remembered by unusual growth and added recognition throughout the country.

Such is the setting as the freshman dons his cap of green and steps forth into the limelight. But there remains to be spoken a word of friendly advice which should be taken in the spirit of good fellowship in which it is given.

Probably the most inspiring thing about the Nittany institution is its atmosphere of friendliness and brotherly regard which paves the way for and insures the perpetuation of that wonderful Penn State spirit. It is a standard to be lived up to by each and every incoming class, a standard set by the revered founders of the college, a standard worthy of men. And it is to be approached only by a whole-hearted observance of and regard for Penn State's customs and traditions. It is an inspiration to all first year men and women.

One other point might well be mentioned at this time for the guidance of Penn State's new sons and daughters. It is a question of more personal interest, a question of purpose. A college education is unquestionably a thing of infinite value, but it does not, in itself, fit a man or woman for productive life unless it is coupled and linked with a definite aim in life.

Lack of definite purpose is one of the most pernicious habits of human beings. It is easy to drift through college, taking traditional, conventional studies that others take, following the lines of least resistance. But where does it lead? No graduate has ever regretted going to college but many have regretted taking courses for which they were not fitted.

It is a matter for serious thought and consideration. Take heed, freshman. A personal inventory at the start might save a world of trouble at the finish. Let each newcomer discover, before it is too late, just what he is seeking.

IT IS WELL

The chapel question, one of Penn State's liveliest issues, has been solved. The method of solution takes on the form of a compromise. A student petition for the abolition of the then existing form of compulsory chapel, drawn up by the members of Student Council in the spring and sponsored by a general prevailing feeling about the campus, was brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees and Council of Administration at their annual spring conclave and was immediately rejected. But it was rejected only in part.

Awakened to the urgent necessity of some action being taken, and with the justness of the student appeal, the college trustees accepted a plan proposed by the president of the college, and authorized the filling of a post left vacant for the past eight years, the post of college chaplain. It was a step taken wisely and marked the solution of a troublesome problem.

Compulsory chapel will still be maintained, but Penn State students have the assurance that it will be a different kind of compulsory chapel. Under the guidance of the new college chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Fraser Metzger, a national figure in religious, civic, political and welfare life, it is promised that daily chapel exercises will take on a different aspect and be a benefit to those in attendance.

Penn State men need no reminder that the new chaplain, an advisor and "daddy" to the students, will be supported earnestly and sincerely. Pent-up feeling, voiced in the spring and merited by then existing conditions, will have no place on the Nittany campus this fall. The whole-hearted assurance of Penn State's president has been given that the appointment of a college chaplain is the best solution of the chapel question. All loyal Penn Staters will abide by the decision.

"PREXY" AND PENN STATE

"Penn State is the greatest educational opportunity in America," So said Dr. John M. Thomas when he made his debut in this community a little over two years ago as the newly-appointed president of the Pennsylvania State College. And so says "Prexy" Thomas today as he stands firmly by his convictions formed at that time and maintained through two tumultuous years in office, a man loved by his friends, feared by his enemies, and honored and respected by both.

Despite unexpectedly heavy cuts in legislative appropriations and many discouraging reverses, he has kept gamely on, fighting his way through obstacles of a forbidding nature which would have stopped less fearless and determined men ere half begun. And he is still fighting, fighting for Penn State. The recent Pinchot cut of \$800,000 has failed to uproot his opinion about the Nittany institution. The wheels of progressive and intelligent effort for a greater Penn State once started in operation are not to be stopped until the goal is gained. "Prexy" means to see it through.

Thinking Penn State students and alumni are warm in their appreciation of what he has done and is now doing. It is for those unthinking ones in every community that this reminder is written. A silent worker, he seeks results, not praise. But tribute must be paid where tribute is due.

COLLEGE TO PUSH BUILDING CAMPAIGN

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ed for this structure. Women's Activities Building, to be built around the present "New Mining" building on the east campus. It is to contain a gymnasium for the exclusive use of the women students, a swimming pool, headquarters for their student government and other organizations.

Student Union Building which will be Old Main remodeled and completely renovated to contain student activities headquarters of all kinds, cafeteria, assembly halls, a small theatre, the X. M. C. A., and many other organizations affiliated with all forms of student activities.

Dormitories for men and women, the group for the women to be started on the Holmes Field section to the rear of McAllister Hall, and additions for the men to the group of three units that now compose Watts Hall. The State Grange has volunteered to attempt the erection of the head house for the women's dormitory group, and their campaign is now well under way. Various agricultural groups such as livestock raisers, the dairymen, the poultrymen, limestone producers and others, are raising funds for various dormitory units.

Watts Hall should not be confused as a campaign building. It was erected through funds received from the State Legislature of 1921, and the new cattle barn opened after last commencement came from the same source.

Watts Hall is named after Judge Frederick Watts, of Carlisle, who was the president of the first Board of Trustees of the institution, and an ardent booster in the early organization days of 1855.

MEN'S NEW DORMITORY READY FOR OCCUPANCY

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"Frederick Watts Hall" Is Named After First President of Board of Trustees

With the opening of the fall term, the new men's dormitory, capable of housing one hundred and ten students, will be occupied for the first time. It has been named "Frederick Watts Hall" in a memorial to the president of the first board of trustees of the college, Judge Watts, of Carlisle, who was very active in the organization of the institution in 1855. A memorial tablet will be placed at the main entrance, reading as follows:

In Memory of
Frederick Watts
First President
of The Board of Trustees

The Great Body of Our Citizens Have Not the Power and the Influence Which They Ought to Have for the Proper Balance of Power in Our Political and Social Relations. The Institution We Are Striving to Establish Is Intended to Supply This Great Social, Political, Moral and Economical Want.

The new dormitory constitutes the last word in residence halls for college men. It was erected with state funds appropriated by the 1921 legislature. The group of three units will be enlarged eventually through the \$2,000 emergency building fund drive.

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COLLEGE SUFFERS CUT BY PINCHOT'S ACTION

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neering administration building on the site of the old building that was destroyed by fire in November, 1918. This and other buildings that would have removed the necessity for holding classes in Old Main, endangered by great fire risks, could have been erected, and an old mortgage covering the erection of McAllister Hall could have been liquidated. This building program will now probably have to await the outcome of the proposed \$800,000 bond issue measure, which, if approved by the next Legislature, will come up for a vote at the general election in the fall of 1925.

The late adjournment of the Legislature on June fifteenth gave the Governor until July fifteenth to act upon the appropriation measures.

While the aggregate appropriation for the next two years is slightly larger than for the past two years, the general maintenance item is less by \$61,400. Engineering extension and

summer session operation costs come out of the maintenance fund this biennium, but that fund is relieved to the extent of \$50,000 by reason of the special item for agricultural research.

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and
WYNDELL STANDING

In "Daytime Lives"
"Our Gang" Comedy

TUESDAY—

ELAINE BOARDMAN
and
CLAUDE GILLINGWATER

In "Three Wise Fools"
SNUB POLLARD COMEDY

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY—

GLORIA SWANSON
In "The Bluebeards Eighth Wife"
MACK SENNETT COMEDY

SATURDAY—

ANDREE LAFAYETTE
In "Children of the Dust"
PATHE COMEDY

COMING—

POLA NEGRЫ
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"Penrod and Sam"
NEWS WEEKLY

TUESDAY—

Return Showing
(Previously shown during summer vacation)

ANDREE LAFAYETTE
In "Trilby"
"Out of Inkwell" COMEDY

WEDNESDAY—

Return Showing
(Previously shown during summer vacation)

ALL STAR CAST
In "Children of the Dust"

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