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PROFESSOR ESPENSHADE

The COLLEGIAN takes this occasion to record the sentiments of Penn State students on the retirement in June of Professor A. H. Espenshade as Registrar. A work of fourteen years, so vital to the institution and so intimately connected with its personnel, invites the attention of the entire student body.

Professor Espenshade came to Penn State in 1898 as instructor in Rhetoric. In 1909, the Registrarship became vacant. The office was in a semi-chaotic state, the work needed organizing, and Professor Espenshade was chosen for the task. About eighty-five per cent of the total number of students who have entered Penn State, have been admitted during his term of service. The office records have been simplified and systematized, and the policy of the Registrar's office so formulated that it became not only a reliable recording office but also served in advisory and administrative ways.

Two outstanding principles have, consistently characterized his fourteen years of service.—first, to unceasingly work that actual standards shall tally with published statements, and second, to secure an equitable distribution in admission of students in the several schools of the college. Both of these tasks have so many issues, so many inter-acting and entangling influences, that to succeed in principle and practice is no small achievement. "Official gatekeeper and recorder" of an institution such as Penn State has problems and difficulties that call out the keenest judgment and broadest sympathies.

Professor Espenshade was one of the organizers of the Association of Registrars and for two years served as its president. Ever concerned with the best interests of Penn State at home and abroad, the COLLEGIAN wishes to voice the gratitude and appreciation of the students for services so freely given. The words of commendation from the president of the Board of Trustees, Judge H. Walton Mitchell, on a prominent public occasion, spoke the sentiments of the students as well.

Professor Espenshade is acting as vice-director of the welfare campaign and retains his chair, as professor of Rhetoric. "Acting" is the word advisedly used, for when the goal is reached, as it will be, its critical, crucial stages will have been met and conquered largely because of the versatile, persistent, many-sided activities of Professor Espenshade. The COLLEGIAN congratulates him upon his past services, and pledges full co-operation in the larger tasks "for the glory of Old State" yet before him.

HANDS OFF

With the founding of colleges and universities throughout the country and the division of students into classes, came a spirit of friendly rivalry, known as class spirit which has grown in magnitude and importance even as the institutions themselves have developed and grown. Class spirit is today in evidence to an unmistakable degree at Penn State and is of particular significance, as it affects the two lower classes.

For many years, class scraps so designed as to give adequate outlet to the spirited rivalry of the underclassmen have been a feature at this institution. They are, in themselves, of a harmless nature and should be encouraged. But there is an aspect of class scraps at Penn State which is not altogether pleasing to the impartial observer. It is the repeated and uncalculated interference of upperclassmen.

Time and again have scraps and class fights been won for the freshmen with the unsolicited aid of upperclassmen, supposedly only observers. Discouraging indeed, is this interference to the second year men whose ranks are usually depleted at any rate by one year in college and a certain decline in spirit.

The initial scrap of the year and one of the most important, occasioned by the first freshman class meeting, is not far distant. It is the juniors and seniors who bear watching. Fair play is closely associated with Penn State's history and growth. Let student sentiment demand "hands off" for the upperclassmen.

GET THE HABIT

A word of friendly warning to Penn State's first year men might not be amiss at this, the beginning of the college year. It is with reference to a custom at this institution of long standing and of peculiar benefit to those who observe it; likewise of peculiar harm to those who do not honor it.

The custom referred to is productive of more good, perhaps, than any of the others—the custom of saying "hello" to other Penn State men. That it is not being observed wholeheartedly by this year's newcomers can not be attributed justly to ignorance of the existing custom on their part. Perhaps it is "forgetfulness." But freshmen can not afford to be forgetful.

It is a custom for all Penn State men, regardless of class or station, to say "hello" to each other when passing on the street or in the halls or on the campus. But it is more than a custom, as applied to freshmen; it is a rule—a law not to be broken without punishment.

A cheery "hello" to all passersby, whether they be freshmen or members of the three upper classes is required of all first year men. It is a custom, which if observed in the freshman year, becomes a habit. Penn State is a democratic institution. Get the habit of saying "hello."

Many Trees Cover College Grounds

The Pennsylvania State College campus contains as large an assortment of trees as any other campus in Pennsylvania or probably any other state. There are trees still living, which were planted by the first president of the college. There are a number of trees planted in memory of certain World War heroes. It is the ambition of any institution to possess a large assortment of campus trees, not only adds to beauty but attracts many species of birds. Many alumni return in later years and remark when they attend college, they recall the many happy hours spent in study under the veteran shade trees which are still standing.

Trees are among the most common things of nature. They are all about us; on the campus, and can be seen and studied almost everywhere. They are interesting at all times and in any location. They present an infinite variety of size, form, color and texture, and vary from day to day and from week to week. In spring-time the buds unfold and develop into leaves and flowers which we see nature awaking from apparent death to life. In summer we note the profusion of foliage and a gradual increase in size and substance, it is the period of growth. In autumn, we see the bright rich color of the leaves and the long sleep which is akin to death; in winter, the bold outlines of the naked trees, the characteristic division of the branches, the slender but varied-colored trunks and stems, almost equally interesting and beautiful.

We recall that the elm is said to live 350 years, the white oak, 500 years; the olive, 700 years; the English oak, 1,000 years; the yew, 2,000 years; the bald cypress, 2,500 years; the giant redwood or sequoia, 3,000 years; and authentic measurements show that California's big trees have reached a diameter of over thirty-six feet, heights of more than 350 feet, and some of the redwoods have been traced to the time B. C., by taking a microscopic view of a cross section, we can not, but have pride in our campus trees which are in some way or other, related to those trees.

Every one of us loves the sight of green things growing, and especially trees. It is natural that trees, which are greatest in all the plant kingdom, should inspire in us the highest admiration. Their forms of life so far outrun the puny human span! They stand so high, and spread so far their sheltering arms! We bless them for the gifts they bring to supply to our bodily needs, and for their beauty, which feeds our souls!

Y. J. Meyer

PENN STATE ENGINEERS AID FACTORY MANAGER

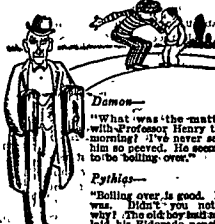
The leadership of Penn State in Industrial Engineering was indicated last week by the visit to State College of Mr. W. A. Minar, Factory Manager for the Lieutweller Pumping Engine Company, of Rochester, New York. Mr. Minar spent a week here, consulting with Professors J. O. Keller, C. W. Beese, and C. E. Bullinger, seeking the solution of various problems which confronted him and his factory.

Previous to his visit to Penn State, Mr. Minar had consulted with several well-known firms of consulting engineers, but the advice offered had never proved very satisfactory. Lack of understanding of his problems seemed to be the chief difficulty. Mr. Minar brought with him the records of the company, on the basis of which were worked out charts which showed the procedure in a revised system of cost accounting. The new system is to be put into operation at once, and one of Mr. Minar's assistants are to be sent to the Industrial Engineering Department in the near future for instruction in particular phases of management.

G. F. MELLEEN COMES TO I. E. DEPARTMENT STAFF

Mr. George F. Mellen, formerly of the Automatic Electric Company, of Chicago, has just joined the teaching staff of the Penn State Department of Industrial Engineering as an assistant professor. Mr. Mellen is a graduate of the Iowa State College in mechanical engineering, and had extensive experience in manufacturing previous to taking his college work.

For the past three years, Mr. Mellen has been an executive in the production and cost department of the Automatic Electric Company, where he has been engaged in improving their methods of management. During this time, he has done exceptionally noteworthy work in cost accounting, and is particularly well qualified to take over the instructional work in this line. Mr. Mellen is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.



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FIRST YEAR MEN MEET TO FORM BIBLE CLASS

Under the direction of W. Eastman '24, cabinet of freshmen met on the "Y" building last Thursday evening to discuss plans for a freshman Bible class. These men formerly took an active part in Y. M. C. A. work in their home towns and upon coming to Penn State signified their desire of continuing the work.

Following a light supper at five-thirty, the men were first addressed by Dr. I. L. Foster, president of the Y. M. C. A. Advisory Board, who welcomed them to a bigger opportunity for service. Rev. D. W. Carruthers, Student Pastor at the Presbyterian Church, next outlined the proposed work. Professor W. V. Dennis, the last speaker, emphasized the necessity for spiritual and moral training on the campus.

After the talks, each freshman was given a number of cards with the names and addresses of other freshmen whom he is to visit and invite out to the class.

BOTANY EXPEDITION TO ROCKIES IS PROFITABLE

L. C. Overholts and Two Penn State Students Journey 5000 Miles in Search of Plants

During the past summer, Dr. L. C. Overholts, of the Botany Department, P. F. Shope '23, and C. M. Roberts '24 made a seventy-day plant collection trip to the Rockies in Colorado. The party left here on June thirteenth and journeyed with few stopovers to their first camp at Tolland, Colorado.

From this camp on the east side of the Continental Divide, frequent excursions were made up the slopes of the mountains, mainly in search of specimens of the bright-hued Alpine flowers that grow in the cold altitudes above the timber line. The collectors lived in tents, and at night were compelled to use five or six blankets because of the low temperature of those regions. Rather disagreeable as it was in this first camp, due to the continued rain, the expedition pushed on to the foot of the Arapahoe Peaks, which they climbed visiting the Arapahoe Glacier, the largest in the southern Rockies. From there they went to the camp of the University of Colorado, and then to Estes Park, climbing Long's Peak, 14,260 feet high and collecting plants and fungi as they went. This brought their stay in Colorado about to an end and they soon journeyed homeward, making the return trip in nine days, beating the time out by almost two days.

The trip covered about 4,500 miles, and approximately six hundred flowering plants and air equal number of fungi were collected for the department. Dr. Overholts also took about one hundred seventy-five photographs, some of which he will use for lantern slides. He also intends to publish the full results of the trip and of his study of fungi.

PENN STATE PROFESSOR IS AUTHOR OF NEW BOOK

Apothecary piece of literature comes from the Century Publishing Company's press in the form of a volume, Century Readings in the Old Testament, prepared and edited by Professor H. M. Battonhouse, of the Department of English at Penn State, in association with Professor J. W. Cunliffe, of the School of Journalism in Columbia University.

The book contains one hundred and seventy-four representative selections from the Old Testament, a general introduction, special introductions to the thirty-nine books, and notes. It has been prepared with a view to its use in the college class room, in the work of the Sunday School class, and in the home.

A companion volume of New Testament Readings is to follow, the contract calling for its completion by January first. At present, Professor Battonhouse is in charge of the courses in Biblical Literature at Penn State.

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PENN STATE MANDOLIN CLUB TO OPEN SEASON

Trials Will Be Held on Friday Night—Concert Planned for Pennsylvania Day

Trials for the mandolin club and varsity mandolin quartet will be held Friday evening in the Old Chapel. All men who play mandolins or guitars are urged to be present.

Much new material is needed for the mandolin and guitar sections, owing to the graduation of many members of last year's club. The management also is calling for mandolins, and mandolins, accompanying instruments, which are needed to fill out the personnel of the organization.

The club enjoyed a successful season last year and appeared several times before the student body. Plans are now under way for a concert to be given Pennsylvania Day, November tenth, and H. L. Parkee, '25, manager, has two trips in view for the latter part of October.

A vacancy in the varsity mandolin quartet, caused by the graduation of R. H. Giesecke, '23, guitarist, must also be filled. The remaining members of the quartet who are back this year are Z. M. K. Fulton, '24, H. L. Parkee, '25, and Hugh Warner, '26. Trials for the quartet will take place Friday evening at the same time that the trials for the club will be held.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: Z. M. K. Fulton '24, president, H. L. Parkee '25, vice president, G. W. Rustay '25, advertising manager. All men who play instruments need to be present at the meeting in the Old Chapel Friday evening. The exact time will be announced in Friday's COLLEGIAN.

DR. HUGH BLACK TALKS ON SELF-CENTERED LIFE

"The World Versus God" was the subject of the Sunday evening chapel service in the Auditorium presided over by Doctor Hugh Black, Professor of Practical Theology in the Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Dr. Black defined the World as any force that shackled the soul of man and prevented it from developing Godward. He then sketched the development of the World-principle in Christendom. In the earliest days it was organized force. Later it evolved into self-indulgence and a self-centered life. Today it is to be found in the vulgar and commercialistic worship of money and the commodities that it will purchase.

These two principles, the World and Righteousness, are in mortal conflict. To belong to one is to be outlawed by the other. There is one solution said Doctor Black, the love of the World is surpassed by the love of God, and "he that doeth the will of God, abideth forever."

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COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICE TREATS MANY PATIENTS

The Penn State Health Service Department has been kept busy since the opening of the college. At present there are four patients at the hospital and there have been two hundred and four dispensary calls. These figures show that the students are beginning to realize the value of the health service. The college physician, Dr. J. P. Tilton, asks every student to go to the dispensary at the first signs of any illness.

No excuses will be granted this year for absence from classes unless a personal knowledge of the illness has been made by the college doctor or upon the presentation of an excuse from a physician. Students should also observe the office hours as near as possible.

The Health Service asks the students to take care in selecting their rooms and boarding houses, to see that they are well heated, ventilated, lighted and cared for on a sanitary basis.

CATTLE JUDGING TEAM LEAVES FOR EXPOSITION

Leaving State College Saturday afternoon, the Penn State Cattle Judging team set out for the fourth annual Eastern States Exposition, from which the Nittany representatives have never returned with a ranking other than first. The contest is to take place at Springfield, Massachusetts, as usual, starting yesterday and terminating on Friday, September twenty-first.

This judging contest, which yearly attracts the cream of the judging talent found in the eastern colleges, will be more keenly contested than ever, because with the return of another summer there is always found to be more teams entered than before. The sextet of men from the senior class who will represent Penn State this year are: E. R. Baker, H. D. Eckert, E. V. Kirsch, H. R. McCulloch, H. E. Warner, and J. P. Willman. Professor F. L. Bentley of the Animal Husbandry Department accompanied the men and he will have charge of them on this trip.

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PENNSYLVANIA SEEDMEN CONVENT AT PENN STATE

Seedsmen from all parts of the state of Pennsylvania convened at Penn State on Friday and Saturday for the purpose of looking over the scientific plant work of both the college and surrounding farms and estates. Since many of these men were very liberal contributors to the Building Campaign Fund, their visit here had a double interest to them.

On Friday evening a dinner was held at the Centennial Country Club, where Doctor S. W. Fletcher and other faculty members spoke. Saturday forenoon was spent in looking over the plant improvement work of Professors J. E. Myers and F. R. Knoll. The seedmen closed their short visit here on Saturday afternoon with a more extensive investigation of the college plant improvement work.

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