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HELP THE "Y"

It has always been the policy—it might, indeed, be called a privilege—of Penn State men to support all worthy student organizations on the campus with a spirit truly characteristic of the Nittany institution.

The privilege of helping to support one of the most worthy student organizations on the campus will be accorded each Penn State man next week. The local chapter of the Y. M. C. A. is planning a campaign for financial support to begin on Monday morning and continue until Thursday night.

There should be no hesitation on the part of any man in recognizing the worth of the chief welfare organization at Penn State. This can best be done by subscribing to the campaign. The sum to be asked this year, a five dollar pledge from each student, is not as high as usual.

The money that is raised this year will not be devoted alone to Y. M. C. A. projects at the college, but will be utilized in mission work in the south and overseas. This does not mean, however, that the local branch of the organization will neglect, to any extent, its work here at the college.

The Y. M. C. A. is truly a student organization. It is controlled by representatives of the students and is used for undergraduate welfare work. The student cabinet, elected annually, is representative of the campus. It decides on the policies of the organization, is in charge of all expenditures and is duly recognized by the college.

A five dollar pledge to the Y. M. C. A. will entail a small personal sacrifice on the part of each student. But it is not too much to ask. It is estimated that the total amount spent by Penn State students for amusements during the past year was approximately \$361,572 or about \$116 per man. The "Y" asks a little more than one per cent of this amount.

The work that the "Y" is doing on the campus and abroad commends its cause to every undergraduate. It is ever interested in the betterment of the college and is deeply concerned with the problems that confront the average Penn State man. It is worthy of student consideration and help.

A FRESHMAN WEEK

There is a problem, of a more or less troublesome nature, which crops out at this time of year and annually confronts the members of Student Council and other Penn State men actively interested in the welfare of the institution. It is the problem of acquainting the freshmen, to best advantage and in the least possible time, with the customs, traditions and workings of the college.

A plan, which might be feasible at this institution and which is known to be in existence in a similar form at certain other colleges, is worthy of consideration. It takes the form of a "freshman week". At the opening of the college year in the fall, all duly admitted freshmen would be required to present themselves at the institution a full week before the remainder of the students. And during that week they would be kept busy by the college.

As soon after arrival as possible, each freshman would matriculate and be registered, and each professor and instructor would meet his future class once and become acquainted with its personnel. The first year men would be required to attend lectures on "How to study", "How to use the library", the workings of all college organizations such as the Athletic Association, college publications, musical clubs, dramatic organizations, and so on through the whole apparent maze of college intricacies which presents itself to the freshmen at this and any other institution where they are not properly instructed.

During the week, the newcomers would be given psychological examinations, the various courses and schools and what they represent would be explained to them, and they would be given athletic tests to determine their physical fitness and acquaint them with the gymnasium and athletic fields. In the evenings they would hold parties, get-togethers and smokers so that the members of the class might become acquainted. They might elect temporary officers and perhaps, solve a problem which is even now troubling the college authorities and members of Student Council,—the problem of the first freshman class meeting.

The result of such a "week" is self-evident. When the college year officially opened and the members of the three upper classes arrived, they would find a freshman class duly organized, acquainted with the college, the buildings, the instructors, the class rooms, the various college activities, and altogether prepared to get off to a flying start. A similar plan is productive of excellent results at several other institutions. It might, at least, merit consideration at Penn State.

Thoughts of Others

THE POET LAUREATE

(The Christian Science Monitor) An event of unusual interest and importance from many points of view, is the announcement that Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate of England, is going to spend some months at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. It is extremely significant that a successor of Chaucer, Spenser, Dryden, Wordsworth and Tennyson should leave England for an extended stay at any American institution of learning. It is a strong and inspiring appeal to the imagination.

Apart from these considerations, the visit of Mr. Bridges is a somewhat surprising revelation of literary and poetic conditions in America. Even after the first shock of the announcement that the poet laureate is to make an extended stay in the United States, an additional slip of surprise is given by the fact that he is to reside at a university beyond the Hudson river, indeed beyond the Allegheny Mountains—and not at one of the older and more famous colleges near the Atlantic Ocean. This rather astonishing phase of the case will tend not a few to gain a new and valuable view of what is going on in the United States in such matters and will teach Americans something it is good for them to know about America. A writer in New England is moved to express his feelings thus:

"It may be asked in this part of the country why the academic visit of England's Poet Laureate should be received at a western state university, not noted for its patronage of letters nor for its record and influence in this field, rather than at Harvard, Yale and Princeton."

"The answer is two-fold. Evidently, the representative of Michigan wanted him, and had the enterprise and the grace to go and get him. And again it is to be considered that possibly the astounding and recent event, needs a poet and critic of Mr. Bridges' culture and restraint more than the effete east needs him. Like another, he may feel that he comes rather to the last sheep than to the saved Gopher Prairie. It is not in Michigan, but it is not far away. The learning of a Bridges should prove a corrective to the ignorance of a Ford."

The coming of Mr. Bridges and the discussion that it is bound to rouse are sure to do much toward altering the kind of information and ameliorating the feeling displayed by its writer. In this a great part of its worth to America will lie. It will remind those who may have forgotten it, that the pioneers who crossed the Alleghenies took books with them and that one of the first things they did after reaching their log houses was to build and provide schools."

PLAYERS HOLD FINAL TRYOUTS FOR "CAST"

Show To Be Presented Some Evening During Pennsylvania Day Week-end

Holding additional tryouts all week for the Penn State Players' road show, "Caste", by T. W. Robertson, the list of contestants has been narrowed down to ten characters, and the final elimination will be a careful, discriminating selection by the director.

The play will be presented some evening during the Pennsylvania Day week-end. This showing will inaugurate the Players' season, and following this presentation the same cast and the same scenic effects will be used in the engagements on the road.

"Caste", a gripping melodrama, taken from the very heart of the English home, is a tale of English social life, the story of a man who murders below his social position. To him the glitter of love is more brilliant than the reverence to his name and position. His marriage is accompanied by unhappiness and trouble for he finds that it is as impossible for his wife's family to come up to his level socially as it is for him to go down to theirs.

SNIPE HUNTERS ON SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY

The Ancient Order of Snipe Hunters increased its membership on Saturday night when one of the new members of the instructing staff of the Mechanical Engineering Department held a bag and a lighted candle well into the small hours of Sunday morning.

There is no doubt but that the season is about right, for the moonlight is of considerable help to a weary night prowling snipe. The instructor in question had been duly informed of the value of snipe as a game bird by his fellow members of the University Club, and did not have any great difficulty in getting up a party to take him to a likely place.

A Ford load of hunters with their bags and candles went down to the patch of woods below Lemon. After duly planting the hunter with his bag and candle, and giving him instructions as to the proper method of whistling, the rest of the party came back to town. The expedition would probably have been an entire success if the candles had not burned out before the snipes could be driven into the bag.

GRANGE MEETING WILL HAVE MANY FEATURES

Prominent Faculty Members Will Speak—All College Students Are Invited

The Penn State Grange will hold its yearly open meeting next Tuesday evening, at which time several short and a two-point talks will be given by prominent men. At this meeting various forms of entertainment will be offered, at the conclusion of which light refreshments will be served. This meeting will be the first to be held by the Grange this year, and it is expected to mark the inaugural event of a successful year. Although only Agricultural and Home Economics students are eligible to membership in the Grange, yet, for this meeting all students in college are invited to attend.

Professor R. G. Brössler of the Department of Rural Sociology will deliver the main talk of the evening. Besides Professor Brössler, there will be several other speakers, among which Professor I. L. Foster may be numbered. The President of the Penn State Grange will also give a short talk on the history and benefits of this national agricultural organization.

Gridiron Gossip

Hugo Bezdek and his cast of embryo football stars will clash with Lebanon Valley tomorrow afternoon on New Beaver field.

We wonder how many teams "Bee" will win in tomorrow's try. Not more than four is our guess.

Which would make it seem to the average dumb belle on the campus that Lebanon Valley must have a formidable eleven if it requires four Penn State teams to finish the game.

"Snaps" Emanuel is back at Gettysburg this year as captain of the "bat-defied collegians", and the latest report is that he will be shifted from end to complete the backfield.

All of which brings forth memories of how he poked up a fumble on New Beaver Field last year and galloped seventy yards for a touchdown.

Down at Ohio State they have three major sports captains on the varsity football team.

"Pop" Warner, as in other years, remarks that his gridirers haven't a chance in the world to go through the season undefeated.

And this year, we heartily agree with the routing mentor, with visions of Forbes Field on Thanksgiving Day before us.

Carnegie Tech steps out against Toledo University tomorrow afternoon, "Wally" Steffen has a great first team this season but good substitutes are lacking.

The students plan to give Steffen the college if he can defeat the Pitt Panthers this year. We wonder what he will do with it when he gets it.

Announcement in a leading daily reveals the startling fact that the combined weight of the Penn State varsity team is 1969 pounds.

And the remark naturally follows that they are worth their weight in gold.

Joe Locheek, famous Lafayette football star, is coaching Lansdowne High School and at the same time playing for the Frankford Yellowjackets, professional grid team.

The Maroon star will have as one of his team-mates, Joe Lightner of Nittany grid fame.

West Virginia clashes with "Bob" Higgin's Wesleyan aggregation tomorrow. Here's hoping, "Bob".

Penn has an end this year who made the all-American third team two years ago.

His name is Brodie Stephens and he hails from the University of California where he was a team-mate of the illustrious "Briek" Muller.

THE HANOVER SHOE HANOVER, PA. On Display at The State College Hotel Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6. It will pay you to wait for our Representative.

STATE DAIRY STEWARDS ASK AID OF W. B. COMBS

The conference of Stewards representing the State Institutions of Pennsylvania held at Harrisburg have requested the services of Professor W. B. Combs of Penn State in presenting to the conference the ways in which the Dairy department may be of assistance to the Stewards in charge of the various State Institutions in securing dairy products of higher quality.

This request comes as a result of the action of one of the Stewards in sending samples of dairy products to State College to be scored and criticized as a basis for the purchase price at which the Steward will be justified in offering. This service was so satisfactory that the conference is now seeking to extend the assistance that may be rendered to the various State Institutions by the College.

THIRD SCRIPT RECEIVED FOR THESPIAN CONTEST

Byron W. Knapp '21 Submits Musical Comedy—Students Urged To Enter Contest

The third script to be submitted to date for the Thespian contest was received in part this week from Byron W. Knapp '21, ex-president of the Thespian and the Penn State Players. It is his intention to submit the rest of the comedy within a short time. The play is an original musical comedy and presents an interesting situation, brilliantly written with catchy and attractive music.

It is hoped by the director of the organization that additional scripts will come in so that the best manuscripts available may be secured. If none of the manuscripts which are turned in are sufficient in themselves to win the contest they will be combined in part, or parts, to form a single production. It is probable that at least one song from each script will be used. It is the aim of the Thespian to put on the boards this spring a play for the students and by the students.

The dramatic organizations of Penn State cannot rank with those of other institutions until they produce their own work. Every student is urged to get behind the Thespian Club in its drive for an original musical comedy.

SENIOR CLASS AVERAGES TOP PREVIOUS RECORDS

All Students in Upper Half of Class Have Averages of Seventy-five or Over

Three years ago Penn State adopted the selective method of choosing its students, and the members of the present senior class were selected from the upper and middle thirds of the senior classes of preparatory schools. This system has produced a marked result, for the averages of the members of the class of 1924 for the last semester are much higher, according to unofficial reports, than the averages of any previous class.

In the upper fourth of the class of six hundred, all but seven of one hundred and fifty have averages of eighty or more.

In a recent publication of the names of the leading girls, the order was somewhat reversed. The standing of the first four girls of the class is as follows: first, Elizabeth W. Meares, second, Helen E. Cleary; third, C. B. Ruth; fourth, Mary Reno Frear.

PROF. F. L. BENTLEY IS JUDGE

AT NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR Professor F. L. Bentley is judging Aberdeen-Angus and Shorthorn cattle at the New Jersey State Fair at Trenton. Professor W. H. Tomhave left on Wednesday for the show. On Thursday Mr. Tomhave attended the Stewards Conference of the various State Institutions at Harrisburg.

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PENN STATE STUDENTS HURT IN AUTO MISHAP

Rothrock Brothers on Motorcycle Collide with Auto at Centre Hall

When the motorcycle on which they were riding was sidwiped by an automobile at Centre Hall last Sunday evening, Addison M. and Henry A. Rothrock, both Penn State students of the Class of 1925 sustained severe bodily injuries. They were rushed to the Bellefonte Hospital where examination showed that their condition was not dangerous.

Several reports of the accident have been current. One is that the "lads" as they are commonly known about the campus, endeavored to pass an automobile traveling in the same direction and lost control of their vehicle with the result that it was overturned. Immediate notice of the accident was telephoned to the college authorities and to the parents of the injured lads. Doctor and Mrs. Rothrock of West Chester motored in all haste on Monday to the hospital at Bellefonte. An official message from the hospital on Wednesday reported that the general condition of both young men was encouraging. Harry Rothrock is reported to have received a scalp laceration five inches in length, and lacerations on the left leg. Addison fared better than his brother and will probably be the first to entirely recover from the accident.

PENN STATE IS REPRESENTED AT AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION

Penn State was represented at the fifteenth annual convention of the Vegetable Growers' Association of America, which was held at Buffalo, New York, by Dean R. L. Watts, Professor W. B. Nissley, W. B. Mack and W. T. Topf, who have charge of the vegetable work at the Pennsylvania State College.

On Monday evening, Professor W. B. Nissley in the absence of Professor C. E. Meyers read the latter's paper on "Research Vegetable Production" Tuesday evening Professor R. A. Dutch or gave an illustrated lecture on "The Importance of Vegetables as a Food". A short talk was given Wednesday by G. Watts, a Penn State graduate and the son of Dean R. L. Watts.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

The Nittany Theatre Co. TODAY and SATURDAY—ALL STAR CAST in "The Last Man" LARRY SEMON in "The Gowin Shop" PASTIME TODAY and SATURDAY—30 SCREEN STALLS and 50 CELEBRITIES in "Hollywood" MONDAY & TUESDAY—BARNY BERNARD and ALEX CARB in "Polish & Permitter" ADDED—BEN TURPIN in "Pinfalls of a Great City" This is a sequel to "Where Is My Wandering Boy This Evening" which was recently shown here.

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