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ALUMNI HOME-COMING

With the annual celebration and yearly renewal of acquaintanceships incident to Alumni Home-Coming less than two weeks distant, students, college officials and friends of the institution are busy planning to make this, the fourth occurrence of its nature in the history of Penn State, an unqualified success.

For three successive years, a week-end has been designated when Penn State puts aside everything else to assume the responsibility of host to the alumni who return to their Alma Mater.

Probably the greatest desire on the part of alumni returning to their Alma Mater is to see classmates and friends of their respective undergraduate days, with opportunity to sit down and really become acquainted again.

In keeping with this idea, the program for Alumni Home-Coming week-end will be as plain and simple as possible; the occasion will be made stag with no social activities of any other nature.

To much emphasis can not be placed upon the importance of keeping the event stag. Ample opportunity will be given for future visits of wives and families of old grads.

Penn State means to have a banner Alumni Home-Coming this year. It is up to the undergraduates to make this possible.

AN IMPROVEMENT.

It was with an added feeling of confidence in the abilities of Penn State's song leaders and those directly and actively interested in the improvement of mass singing as regards college songs, that the majority of the undergraduates listened to and joined in the rendering of "Victory" between the halves of last Saturday's gridiron encounter.

The idea, put to practical test on last Saturday, of embodying more snap and zest in the singing of college airs, can be traced directly to one R. W. Grant, director of the college music.

It was noted that the band, contrary to previous similar occasions, took its stand in the center of the field, midway between the student sections. This was a decided improvement and enabled the students in both sections to keep better time as the echo, in evidence on former occasions, was reduced to a minimum.

Another improvement is the idea of having the Nittany cheer leaders act in the capacity of song leaders as well. These relations with the undergraduates in leading yells are such that they command the respect of the students to a fuller extent than would be possible in the case of any individual song leader.

It is planned to introduce more precision and snap into others of Penn State's songs in addition to "Victory". Saturday's demonstration was but a beginning. It is a step in the right direction and is worthy of commendation.

A LAST REMINDER

Tomorrow night marks the observance of the first freshman class meeting for this year. Again it might be well to call the attention of Penn State's students, particularly her underclassmen, to the fact that there will be no scrap of any nature after the meeting.

Student Council, ever working for the best interests of the undergraduate, has ordained that there be no fighting. And no fighting will there be. To insure this, the cooperation of all undergraduates, both upper and lower classmen, is earnestly desired and solicited.

But should this cooperation not be forthcoming in full? It must be understood by all that sterner methods of enforcement will be imposed. Violators of the resolution for the abolishment of the scrap are promised well-deserved punishment. And the punishment, in itself, will not be light.

Let this be fair warning to anyone anticipating the breaking of college law and order tomorrow night. But it is hoped and sincerely believed that no such thoughts are ranking in the minds of Penn State men.

Gridiron Gossip

Those North Carolina Tar Heels proved to be worth opponents and Beaver field enthusiasts were greatly surprised bunch at the showing of the "Aggies"

However, they were treated kindly by the Lions when their southern brothers by Yale, Old Eli walloping the University of North Carolina, 63-0

We wonder what Harry Black said when they called the ball back after he had made that sensational dash for a touchdown

Only looked dangers at the time-keeper. The official blew his whistle before the big tackle had a chance to get his weekly ninety-yard kick.

The Old Fox, none other than "Pop" Warner, triumphed over his veritable pupil, "Jock" Sutherland, Saturday when Pitt vanquished Lafayette. The game was a typical "Pop"-Jock" struggle

A lowly substitute, injected into the Penn-Maryland fray in the last quarter, split defeat for the Red and Blue when he dropkicked for three points in the final stages of the game

Cornell rolled up the highest score of the day on Saturday when Gil Doble's warriors broke through the Susquehanna defense for eighty-four points

The North Carolina line couldn't see anything but "Dutch" Bedenk. The Nittany leader was in every play and nothing could stop him

"When We Nearly Sank the Navy," has been accepted as Dickinson's ideal anthem after last week's game. The Carlisle gridder held the Goat to a 13-7 score

"Tex" Hamer, captain of the Penn football team, didn't start Saturday's game. Lou Young must have very good substitutes

Which reminds us that an excellent method of quick-death would be to go to Philadelphia and suggest that they sing "Maryland, My Maryland"

We understand that Washington and Jefferson is contemplating the purchase of a crutch factory. Three Red and Black regulars are limping and have not been able to take part in practice

Those Georgia Tech Yellow-Jackets carry a wicked sting this year according to advance reports. No less than nine letter men are back in school and the former Helaman coached gridder are rarin' to go

We're glad they're going to be at Penn State on Pennsylvania Day for the sake of the H. P. Q's who don't understand football. They can at least admire their uniforms

This O'Connell lad who is leading the quarterback aspirants for "Dutch" Hermann's yearling team, certainly has been flashing a fine brand of football

With a couple of seasons' experience and a liberal education in the Beazokian school of football, he should be ripe for big things

One of the most educated toes on the Nittany squad is possessed by Larry Faulkner, right end of the second team

His punts often travel over sixty yards and it is not at all unlikely that the blonde youth will be given a chance to display his ability this season.

Reports state that the Navy football players will give up their Christmas vacation in order to meet the University of California at Pasadena in the Tournament of Roses on New Year's Day

Which makes us wonder who wouldn't prefer a trip to the Hollywood section after seeing the moving picture of the same name

Thoughts of Others

ARE WE OVER-ORGANIZED?

(The Daily Princetonian)

It is not an uncommon criticism of Campus life that it is over-organized, over-specialized,—hence, confused. It is contended that in the complexity of our undergraduate existence we lose sight of true values in a maze of details mole-hills look like mountains and a popgun seems to be the crack of doom.

The opposing contention is that the present situation is praiseworthy,—a situation in which the variegated interests and needs of our communal life are satisfied. The result theoretically obtained by this state of affairs is desirable, but only to an extent which is limited by the number of organizations, clubs, at each of which the Campus can support with success.

The questions of support and sense of proportion are the threads which lead to a solution of the argument. The first is practical, the second, philosophic.

Two factors determine the life of an organization. Its activity and the number of men interested in that field, the first depending upon the second. As long as a body has vitality and a substantial membership list, the question of support is answered. Our danger is not that we have too many organizations, but that we do not realize the proper time for a graceful demise. No Campus Institution is so venerable that it can justify its existence solely by the fact of its establishment.

Facts and Figures

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

The department of Industrial Engineering has supplied the COLLEGIAN with a few outstanding items in the work of the department at Penn State. In an institution of such large scope and broad program, it often happens that even those most familiar with the college fail to inform themselves concerning figures not directly connected with their own work.

The Industrial Engineering Department is the oldest of its kind in any college in the United States. It was started fifteen years ago by Hugo Delmer who gained an international reputation for himself in this kind of work.

It has graduated two hundred and twenty-four men and one woman besides having the only freshman girl at the present time who is regularly scheduled in an engineering course.

The department is operating three woodshops, a forge shop, a machine shop and a foundry. During the present term seventy-five students are taking work each week in the shops.

The foundry makes approximately thirty thousand pounds of casting each year. Some of these go to the machine shop to form exercises in machine work.

The iron manholes and rings for the new sewer system that is being installed in State College are being furnished by the Industrial Engineers.

The campus lamp posts which carry the inverted lights were made in the foundry.

Approximately one ton of iron is turned into chips each year by the machine shop in turning out its product.

Students in the machine shop when taking advanced work make gages of such high degree of accuracy that the department has purchased a measuring device that will give measurements of a millionth of an inch.

The machine shop is engaged in perfecting a testing machine tool of a new kind that is expected, if successful, to have a big influence on machine tool design and operation.

A furniture factory that makes one thousand dollars worth of furniture each month is operated by the department. This utilizes about twenty-five thousand feet of lumber each year.

The factory is now engaged in making up a complete line of cedar chests in addition to tables, chiffoniers, dressers, bookcases, desks and other standard articles of furniture.

During the summer, fifty chiffoniers and twenty-five dressers were turned out.

In connection with the factory and the wood shops, the department operates the only dry kiln for the curing of lumber in this vicinity. This insures that all the lumber used in the shops is absolutely dry.

A WORD FROM EXPERIENCE

(The Dartmouth)

Last evening the freshman class sat thrilled by the drama of college romance and college activities. This morning it is fitting that they have a peep behind the scenes if one would be a successful and satisfied actor in the drama of college life, one must know of back-stage worries as well as up-stage glories, and it seems to fall to our lot to juggle the tourist-guide megaphone.

We do not sweepingly denounce campus activities. They do not deserve denunciation. To be a captain of an athletic team, to manage a brisk and thriving campus enterprise, to direct the destinies of any one of a dozen organizations—perhaps even to be an editor—such ambitions are the stuff that dreams are made of. And they are worthy dreams. Romance will have its inning in college life, or college is college no longer. But there is such a thing as too much "college life," and there is the misery of finding one's self in senior year loaded down with offices and watch charms and duties so that life amounts to nothing but a round of business rather than a year of growth and satisfaction and keen enjoyment.

If one's ambitions are colored with a desire to lead in the life of the college, fine! But let one's energies go in one direction and in one direction only. When campus activities interfere with the more essential things of one's college years, then they are evil, and they need not be evil if one takes his campus activities in small if concentrated doses.

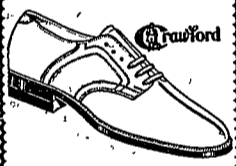
FOUR SOPHOMORES PASS RE-EXAMS IN R. O. T. C.

The following sophomores passed off their conditions in the re-examination in Military Drill 2 given on October first: H. Alford, F. L. Foerster, D. E. Jenkins, and J. Stokes. The sophomores who failed will drop R. O. T. C. this semester and will be required to take R. O. T. C. 2 next semester.

It has come to the notice of the commandant of cadets that a certain number of sophomores who failed to pass R. O. T. C. 2 last year have scheduled military drill this semester, but in accordance with the college ruling it is impossible to get credit for R. O. T. C. 2 or 4 during the first semester. Any sophomores who come under this ruling should drop Drill 2 immediately.

Freshmen who have not already obtained their military uniforms may get them from W. O. Thompson in the basement of McAllester Hall from nine to twelve in the morning and from two to five in the afternoon. No more uniforms will be issued to sophomores until the freshmen are completely equipped.

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PASTIME— TODAY— Milton Sills, Anna Q. Nilsson, Barbara Bedford, Nush Beery, Mitchell Lewis, Ford Stearns and Robert Edeson. In Rex Beach's "The Spellers" NEWS WEEKLY WEDNESDAY— DOUGLAS MacLEAN in "Going Up" The Spot Family Comedy "Heavy Seas" THURSDAY and FRIDAY— Wm. De Mille presents AGNES AYRES & JACK HOLT in "The Marriage Maker" Mack Sennett Comedy "Sky Larking"

PROF. DEDRICK ATTENDS HARRISBURG CONFERENCE At the request of the Pennsylvania State Department of Public Welfare Professor B. W. Dedrick of the Milling Engineering Division, department of Mechanical Engineering, attended a conference held in the Capitol at Harrisburg last week.

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Aunt Mary will be introduced to you Thursday night