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WHAT OF THE FRESHMEN?

About this time last year, as a part of the two million dollar campaign for health and welfare buildings, a student drive was launched with a goal of one hundred thousand dollars But a short time remained before the opening of the state-wide drive, and it was a race against time to get one hundred dollars subscribed by each student before the date set for soliciting outside aid. Never before in the history of the Nittany institution had the loyalty and financial aid of each student been more urgently needed The splendid manner in which the test was met is now a matter of history

This year sees the influx of a new and untried group of Penn State rooters, an addition to the Nittany family It seems only fair that they, too, should be given an opportunity to do their bit for the institution For, in the event of a great state university supplanting the college of today, there is no disputing the fact that they are the ones who will profit most materially. For the benefit of the newcomers, a brief survey of the campaign status, past and present, might not be amiss

The failure of the state legislature to provide sufficient funds to meet the state educational demands, expressed in the growing list of applicants for admission, was responsible for the conviction that Penn State should be the head of the state educational system After a preparatory period of publicity, a great two million dollar campaign was started the proceeds of which would be devoted to the erection of only those buildings that would serve the welfare and health of the undergraduates

The faculty of the college set a goal of one hundred percent participation and pledged nearly that amount The student drive followed the faculty campaign and was a complete success The alumni and voting population of the state were next called upon and contributed liberally, although their contributions were not up to the expectations of those responsible for the project

The emergency building fund total now stands at approximately $1,350,000 The goal has not yet been reached Here, then, is a splendid opportunity for Penn State's newcomers to lend their material support They are now a part of the family; they should share its troubles as well as its benefits

A DISCOURAGING PRACTICE

There is an axiom, oft-repeated and as often forgotten, that continued practice leads to habit, and habit, once formed, is hard to break It might be well to call the attention of the undergraduates to the practice, fast becoming a habit on the part of certain individuals, of taking books from the library shelves and forgetting to return them It may be attributed to absent-mindedness, forgetfulness, procrastination, or, perhaps, to a combination of the three In any event, the results are the same

Day after day, week after week, month after month, books are checked out of the library and never checked in again Others come back eventually, after repeated requests for them, much the worse for bad usage traced directly to carelessess on the part of the students It is a deplorable situation For the library is intended primarily for the use of the undergraduates, and it is not the desire of anyone to curtail their privileges in using it.

It is discouraging, indeed, to those responsible for the proper maintenance of the library and the replacement of books, lost, strayed or so badly misused that they are worthless. It is not a case of being too busy. The fact that certain of Penn State's faculty members take out an average of forty books a week and have never once been charged with tardiness in returning them, disproves any such assertions.

It is simply a case of gross neglect and misunderstanding of existing conditions on the part of the undergraduates. It is imperative that the practice is stopped.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is a singular tribute to Penn State students in general, and to her underclassmen in particular, that the event of this year's first freshman class meeting witnessed none of the fighting and rough-house practices incident to the initial gatherings of previous years The cooperation of the undergraduates in supporting Student Council in its stand for the abolition of the post-meeting scrap, is a thing worthy of commendation. It is but another example of that wonderful old Penn State spirit

The abolition of all fighting in connection with the first freshman class meeting is in keeping with a reform movement on the part of the college officials and faculty members for the extirpation of the rough-house practices incident to all of Penn State's customs The movement, inaugurated with the best interests of the institution at heart, is gaining rapid momentum. And the undergraduates are beginning to wonder where it is going to stop.

Thus far, the Nittany students have given "Prexy" Thomas and his reform enthusiasts unanimous support, though, in some instances, with a feeling of hesitation. They have done this, believing that it was for the betterment of Penn State But there is a general prevailing sentiment about the campus that enough concessions have been granted on the part of the undergraduates for this year at least. And it is a sentiment to be considered before more reforms are undertaken. For students and faculty members do not always see things in the same light.

Letter Box.

Editor Penn State Collegian
Dear Sir

A good many years ago Penn State came into the possession of an Alma Mater Since then it has been an old and cherished custom to sing that Alma Mater at the close of every athletic event When the final whistle has blown and the teams have given their college yells, the students as of one accord arise, take off their hats and sing those four old verses

In the early days, when this institution was in infant, and everyone attending these games was directly interested in the games as a faculty member or as a student not a soul stirred from his place till the last note of the Alma Mater died away Why should they? Was that not a part of the game?

As Penn State grew older, these events began to draw strangers to our gates from miles around They could not appreciate this final bit of reverence, and as a result they left at the close of the conflict Year by year this number has increased, but those hurrying away were always uninterested persons

This year, however, it has been noticed that undergraduates are leaving the games in a hurried, guilty manner

Now it has been said, over and over again, that Penn State has something that other institutions lack That something is the real Penn State

Let's not lose it

Let's not have it said that Penn State had spirit but as she grew larger she lost it

Let's guard it as "Bez" says, "in a jealous manner"

(Signed) A Student

College Senate Is Announced

The following is the personnel of the College Senate for the year 1923-24

General Administrative Officers: J M Thomas, President, R. H Smith Comptroller, A. R. Warnock, Dean of Men, Miss Charlotte E Ray, Dean of Women, Hugo Bezdek, Physical Education, G L Febiger, Military Science and Tactics, J P Ritenour, College Physician, E W Runkle, Librarian, M S McDowell, Director of Agricultural Extension, and W S Hoffman, Registrar and Secretary of the Senate

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School of Natural Science: C W Stoddart, Acting Dean, R D Casselberry, G C Chandlee, D C Duncan, E H Dusham, W R Ham, L R Parks

Committees

President Thomas with the advice of the Committee on Committees of the Senate has appointed the following committees for 1923-24, the first named in each case being chairman

Admission: Professors Hoffman, Bressler, Dengler and Espenshade

Athletics: Dean Holbrook Professors Bezdek, Ham, Keller and A E Martin

Student Welfare: Professor Fletcher, Deans Ray and Warnock, Professors Dusham and Simmons

Publications: Mr Cresswell, Professors Chedsey, W S Dye Jr, Kocher and Parkinson

Academic: Professors Walker, D A Anderson, Dutcher and Moore, Acting College Examiner

Courses of Study: Deans Stoddart and Chambers, Professors Ferguson, Kinsloe and McFarland

Research: Dean Kern, Professors Boucke, Chandlee, E B Forbes and Hechler

Thoughts of Others

(PURDUE EXPONENT)

PUNCTUALITY

The old, old story of being late to class just a few minutes is still taking its measure of a certain percentage of the student body We are all offenders at times—the amount of inherent get up determines the limit to which these petty latenesses can extend

It is a fact that if a student allows the careless habit of being a little late to every engagement grow upon him while in college, it will persist in holding him back when everything depends upon punctuality There are occasions, of course, when it is impossible to meet an engagement There are hundreds of occurrences during the week which demand more time than was originally figured for them—It is the test of a personal schedule to keep it functioning, even though events do transpire to almost throw it over—but there are also hundreds of times when students are late to class by a few minutes when one less cigarette or a little less talk would have put them there on time The amount which the late entrances hold back the class, or lose for the offender in explanation may be little The great loss is in the habit of punctuality, which, some day may tell a mightier tale

HEALTH SERVICE SUBMITS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

The following is the report of the College Health Service for the month of September

Visits at Infirmary	636
New conditions treated	264
Old conditions treated	123
Applications for excuses	64
Excuses granted	59
Total No hours missed	365½
Surgical dressings applied	119
Patients to hospital	17

PITT UNIV. STUDENTS ACT AS PALLBEARERS

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Gridiron Gossip

Looking Backwards

Recently we stated that Cornell has probably the youngest football captain in twenty year old George Pfann

Well for us that we used that qualifying word probably, for we learned yesterday that Penn State holds that honor

This information came in the form of a letter from George H Lins of the venerable class of 1892 and stated that in 1887 our varsity football team was led by a nineteen year old captain

And there can be no doubt of the accuracy of this statement for Mr Lins was that nineteen year old captain

At that time eligibility rules were evidently a minus quantity for Mr Lins was still in the preparatory school when he was elected captain of the varsity eleven

The next year, while a freshman, Mr Lins rounded out his football career as captain of the "88" football team

It would be interesting to see that gridiron eleven of 1888 lined up against the team that Coach Bezdek is whipping into shape this fall on New Beaver Field

The difference would be striking for those were the days of mass football and weight was the first requirement of the successful football man

And for a good reason, for in those days without the rules and penalties of the present day game, football was a matter of the survival of the fittest

But lined up against Penn State's 1923 edition of a football team, the weight of that team would be of little use for like every game football has developed by leaps and bounds

The science and skill of Bezdek's men would enable them to run rings around the gridmen of 1888

Mr Lins also pointed out another error in our columns under an article on the history of fraternities at Penn State. This error was in regard to the commonly accepted statement that Phi Gamma Delta was the first secret fraternity at this institution

According to Mr Lins, there was a Latin letter secret society called Q T. V in existence several years before the installation of Phi Gamma Delta

It was a national organization but in 1889 the local chapter merged with a Greek letter fraternity which Mr Lins recalls is Phi Kappa Sigma

But returning to football we believe that congratulations are in order for little Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pa.

This institution won its first football game in three years when it defeated St Francis last Saturday

For strange combinations Yale is a winner this year Old Eli's tackles are Hiller and Diller and her two ends are Hulman and Luman

'Bill' Wood, a former Nittany football star, will return to his Alma Mater on Saturday with eleven gridiron men whose fixed purpose is to pull the jaws of the Nittany Lion

And from past performances, the Battlefield collegians will make a pretty determined attempt to carry out their friendly intentions

"Hinkey" Haines former all-round Nittany athlete stands a chance of breaking into the world series this week

But we are willing to wager our room-mate's shekels that "Hinkey" prefers the cleats to the spikes any day

STUDENTS WITHDRAW

Junior

Everett, Frank M, For

Sophomores

Ball, Donald N, Ch
Dorman, Frederick B, CE
Dove Donald S, Ag
Hanna A W, Agro
Hissom, Gail D, For
Hughes, C G, EE
Ridgway, William G, IE
Swartwood, G F, EE
Wilson, L K, ICh

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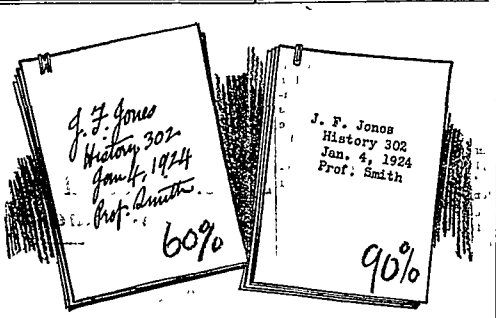

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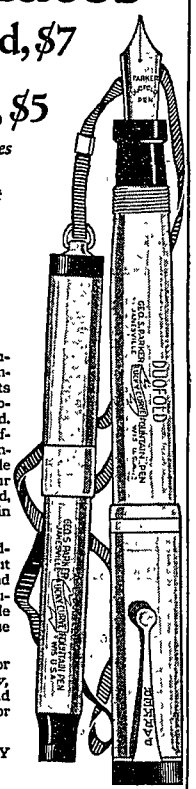

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