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NON-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

A question of vital importance in modern American college life, and one which can not be overlooked by even the most unobservant of college people, is presented by the constantly increasing amount of student participation in non-curriculum activities. It is a problem that is claiming the attention of many college men and women throughout the land who are actively interested in student welfare.

Alarm is evidenced in many instances over the direction and ultimate end toward which undergraduate activities are tending. It is contended, and justly too, that students actively engaged in the major activities actually spend more time in hard thought and work for these activities than upon studies. This fact is widely deplored by observant college officials and instructors who think the curriculum emphasizing the ultimate academic good is the last word in fitting the graduate to grapple with the problems of life.

But this belief is hardly reasonable. Times are changing and with them are changing the systems of education. Another ten years will witness a complete reorganization, perhaps, of college manners and methods for preparing a youngster to meet the emergencies and overcome the difficulties which he is sure to encounter upon leaving the shelter of his Alma Mater. And it must not be forgotten that the unconscious tendencies of the undergraduates themselves play an important part in these changes.

Student interest and participation in activities can be turned to advantage and should be encouraged under the present system of education. They are of infinite value as cultural and character-building agencies. They add a breadth and multiplicity of views and interests that should not be overlooked and which could never be attained by pursuance of regular curriculum work in the classroom.

A college education, according to present day standards, consists of more than mere absorption of book knowledge. Those students who attend an institution of higher education with the thought that all it holds for them is work, work, work in pursuit of academic learning, are missing something of which they will feel the need in later life just as surely as the sun rises and sets. This same mistaken idea that all education is gleaned from books, is entertained by many "small town stuff" teachers who can see none other than their own narrow course.

To discourage undergraduate non-curriculum activities and try to restrict students to school work is not only narrowing; it is depriving them of real experience.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tomorrow is a holiday at Penn State. The college will deck itself in gala attire; thousands of visitors will be on hand for the celebration. For tomorrow is the anniversary of Pennsylvania Day.

Years ago, before the pressure of public affairs became as urgent as it is today, it was the custom of the entire legislature of the commonwealth to visit the college in a body once a year. The day of the visit was set apart for the purpose of showing the people of the state and their representatives something of the work which the college is trying to accomplish. Despite the fact that it is no longer possible to have all of the legislators present for the celebration, the annual observance of this college anniversary serves as a mark of recognition to the citizens of Pennsylvania who have made the present institution possible.

Pennsylvania Day may be regarded as an old tradition of Penn State, concerning both the college and the commonwealth. It is an anniversary which the undergraduates observe with a feeling of warm sentiment. It is a time to note with pleasure the progress that Penn State is making from year to year.

But this week-end claims another anniversary, a commemoration of an event of world-wide interest and importance—Armistice Day. It is with a contrite and thankful spirit that students and friends of the college will participate in the observance of this day of days in the history of civilization. For Penn State is proud of her sons who fought and died for their country.

ADAPTABILITY

There is much talk in this day and age about the value to a man of a trait called adaptability. The question of adaptability is almost an art. Yet it is an art that can be cultivated, and there are few better places to learn its fundamentals than in college.

Learning to adapt himself to new or unusual circumstances is one of the many useful things, aside from knowledge obtained from study, that a student gains from his college career. Adapting himself to the ideas of a group may not seem easy at first. Fitting in wherever he goes, managing to make the best of things, may not be pleasant, but it is excellent training for the man who must later in life, outside of college, adapt himself to far more serious circumstances.

The student who does not learn this lesson of adaptability is often dissatisfied in college. The same will hold true in after life and he may be assured that he will never come out on top unless he first learns to adjust himself to any and all conditions, no matter how trying.

TO THE H. P. Q.

As welcome to the college as to the individuals who brought them here are the H. P. Q.s who are visiting Penn State this week-end. The Penn State COLLEGIAN, as spokesman for the student body, bids them welcome to the campus and joins in wishing them an enjoyable week-end and one whose memory they will cherish in the years to come.

Thoughts of Others

BETTING (PURDUE EXPOSITION)

The tendency on the part of over-enthusiastic students to plunge all their earthly possessions on the outcome of contests of physical skill has led to innumerable unpleasant circumstances. These circumstances include everything from extreme indebtedness, to breaking faith on promissory notes, and often cause those on the losing side unforeseen discomforts. This, of course, is taking the betting proposition in its extreme light. In considering betting, however, it is necessary to regard it in such light, for the matching of money against money has always been a game of glitter for mankind, and the possibility of doubling, or tripling an initial capital has blinded the plungers to the possibilities and the results of a loss.

The tendency in collegiate circles toward betting, especially on football games, has assumed alarming proportions in a number of cases. The fact that it breeds financial troubles is only one part of the evils resulting. It is impossible to maintain a spirit of clean good-sportsmanship between individuals when the results of their athletic contests are so significant in dollars and cents to the individual student. The money part of it enters to make the outlooker's viewpoint professional—he is not living up to the rules which govern the players on the teams.

It is the duty of the university to see that none of its players receive money for their efforts. But the university cannot intervene in the matter of student betting, although its consequences are often disastrous.

Another bad feature of the betting is that losers, (and these aren't always outsiders) become bitter critics of the teams and players they lose on. Their criticisms are often a menace to the coaches and their systems, and a serious handicap to the players.

Betting is no measure of loyalty. Misplaced enthusiasm which leads students to bet big and their means is an end of the wrong variety. The losses are usually embarrassing, while the winnings in no way compensate for the risk of betting. Money won by betting comes so easily that its value depreciates in the eyes of the winner, creating a false impression that is liable to stick with him for life.

Betting isn't loyal, it does not stimulate teams to any further enthusiasm. It is no measure of sportsmanship. For the average student, betting is merely a thoughtless and dangerous pastime, a false thrill and a menace to wholesome spirit.

Looking Backwards

TWENTY YEARS AGO

At Williamsport the Penn State football team met defeat at the hands of Dickinson. After a parade over the main streets of the town students were heard declaring that a "walk-out" at hand and head put up a game fight. Dickinson did and beat the Blue and White 6 to 0.

A Junior Banquet was held in the Park Hotel at Williamsport Friday, November the thirteenth, on the eve of the Dickinson game. The speakers of the evening were Benjamin Hamilton, Mr. Hollinger, R. H. Augst and L. C. Mink. The seniors also held a banquet across the hall from that of the juniors.

TEN YEARS AGO

The Agricultural School held its first fair at the college. It was held in tents obtained through the Agricultural Extension department and the School of Forestry. The exhibits were placed in the middle of the tents and many visitors and students attended the fair which proved to be a success both financially and educationally.

Pennsylvania Day this year surpassed all others by far in number of distinguished guests. Present among these were Governor Tener, the Perlan Minister, Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, General A. J. Logan, Speaker Alter of the House of Representatives and W. H. Garther, Secretary to Governor.

The Perlan Minister was the chief speaker of the morning and spoke on his belief in the American Government's "fair play" policy, which expression was regarded as a veiled reference to the Mexican situation.

On Pennsylvania Day Notre Dame won the distinction of being the first team to defeat the Blue and White on Now Beaver field. The Yeasterners won by a 14 to 7 score in what was one of the hardest fought and one of the most brilliant games ever played on the local gridiron. The crowd was a fitting one for the day and the game, the weather was ideal and the Pennsylvania Day crowd was the largest that ever witnessed a game on the Penn State gridiron. Lamb, right tackle, of the Nittany team, scored the touchdown while Captain Roehne and Eicherlaub made the points for the visitors.

VISIT THE

State College Hotel
Tea Room

8:00 A. M. Till Midnight

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MILITARY DEPT SUSPENDS USUAL PENNA DAY REVIEW

Captain G. L. Fobler of the Military Department announced that, as a result of the action taken by the board of college trustees last year, there will be no demonstration of any kind on the part of the student regiment on November tenth, Pennsylvania Day. This statement means that there will be no parade or review, which has been a characteristic part of all recent Pennsylvania Day observations. It will be the first time in years that the undergraduates have not been required to turn out in drill uniforms for this holiday.

Captain Fobler also stated that classroom instruction in the study of Military Science will begin on Monday morning, November twelfth. All men will report on the Drill Field that work at their regular instruction periods and at that time they will be assigned to their various classrooms.

Gridiron Gossip

Let's hope that the "Golden Tornado" doesn't turn out to be a gentle spring zephyr. Nevertheless, the southern aggregation is the undisputed champion of the colleges below the Mason and Dixon line and that means a lot.

The Big Three start their annual scrum tomorrow when the Harvard Crimson tangles with the Princeton Tiger at the Princeton stadium. If past scores have anything to do with the result, Princeton should win.

Young Stribling, the boxer who won the light-heavyweight title in Georgia and then had it taken from him by a hand-picked referee, is only eighteen years old. He plans to enter Penn next fall.

However, he states that he will not play football because it is too rough. My what a pleasant game boxing must be down south.

Illinois is leading the Big Ten Conference with a perfect record, having scored three victories against conference opponents as against no defeats.

It's a good thing that Penn doesn't win every game or they never would have any school. The students are still celebrating the P.V. victory.

Somebody could clean up a fortune by selling shamrocks in Pittsburgh when Notre Dame plays Carnegie Tech on November twenty-fourth.

Grove City beat Marietta (Ohio) College last Saturday by a 16-15 score. Sounds more like a basketball game.

When Glenn Killinger thinks of tomorrow's game, it brings back memories of how he upset these same southerners by his memorable run at the Polo Grounds two years ago.

Which reminds us that "Killy" is telling Harry Wilson exactly how it was done.

If this Smythe fellow from Army is as good a lieutenant as he is a half-back, Uncle Sam needn't worry about future wars.

Henry Ford will give a Ford automobile to the first fellow who scores a touchdown in the Carnegie Tech-Detroit game Saturday—that is he will give it to him for three ninety-five.

Bob Higgins' West Virginia Wesleyan eleven will engage in its biggest game of the season tomorrow when it meets the strong Bethany aggregation.

All of Ellwood City plans to come to Pittsburgh on Thanksgiving Day to see their pride, "Horse" Johnson, play in the Pitt game. And the big halfback says he will not disappoint them.

Faets and Figures

MINING

In order to acquaint the student body with a department about which little is known except by those enrolled in the course, the Department of Mining has submitted the following information.

The department was established in 1893 under the former school of Mechanic Arts and had for its first head M. C. Hilseng, now an expert consulting engineer. G. R. Wieland '93, at present a lecturer on the special chemistry of metals at Yale and an associate of the Carnegie Institution at Washington, was the first man graduated.

The number of graduates from the department has ranged from four in 1894 to seventeen in 1910. Eleven men were graduated last June.

Headed by Professor W. R. Chesday, a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, the personnel is completed by two instructors and a visiting lecturer in mining law.

Begun twenty-two years ago, the present mining building was erected as a temporary housing for the School of Mining into which the department was transferred on the founding of the school in 1896.

In addition to the equipment of the department are laboratories for the study of coal preparation, ore dressing and mining machinery, a device for testing the falling point of safety lamps, the only one of its kind in the country; apparatus for the determination of the explosibility of the various artils, compressors, pumps, ore trucks and other mine machinery.

In addition to laboratory equipment there is also in use a tunnel, constructed almost twenty years ago, fully equipped with fans and gauges for experiments with mine ventilation. During the last few years it has also furnished the means for training of the student in mine rescue work, the tunnel being flooded with formaldehyde gas and the students wearing the regulation masks while performing work under conditions closely resembling those found in actual practice.

For many years the members of the teaching staff have added to what has now become one of the most complete collections of safety mine lamps in the world. The group covers every form of light used for the protection of miners from the first Davy lamp to the most modern type.

Although put on a systematic basis only four years ago the mining extension of the department has over six hundred students enrolled in seventy extension schools stationed in every important coal district. The course, which has been taught by volunteer workers, lasts from October until April and has brought advancement to many hundreds of miners by preparing them for greater efficiency in their actual work and more specifically for taking the state examinations for fire boss positions and foremanships. The course is not confined entirely to practical instruction as it includes an elementary study of economics and business practice.

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work the department conducts a five weeks summer session for those who are able to take that length of time from their work. Last year twenty-seven students were admitted, all of whom passed the state requirements for advanced positions. The success of the two courses is evidenced by the fact that only two percent of the men completing the studies have failed to measure up to the standard.

F. CATHERMAN APPOINTED TO EXTENSION FACULTY

F. N. Catherman, a 1921 Bucknell graduate in Civil Engineering, has been appointed to assist Professor W. T. Elder of the department of Engineering Extension, as the marked increase in correspondence enrollments has necessitated an addition to the resident force of this department. Mr. Catherman comes to Penn State directly from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he has been taking post-graduate work in engineering.

Mr. Elder will be relieved of some of his routine work by the recent additions to the extension staff, in order to take over a certain amount of field work as well as to devote more time to administrative details which have increased rapidly with the new enrollments, and particularly to the college credit work.

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HAS TWELVE THOUSAND STUDENTS. Estimates by the registrar of the University of Michigan place the enrollment of that institution this year at twelve thousand.

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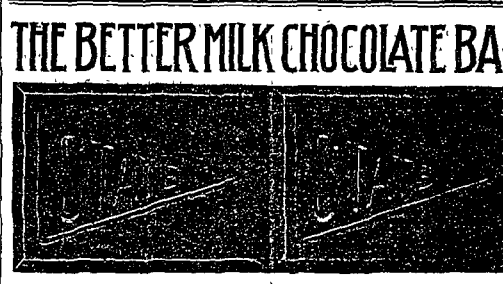
The Duffell Theatre Co. Photographs of Quality. PASTIME FRIDAY and SATURDAY—DOUGLAS McLEAN in "Going Up" Maok Bennett Comedy "Skylarking"

NITTANY FRIDAY and SATURDAY—ANNA I. NILSSON and JAMES KIRKWOOD in "Panjola" BEN TULPIN in "Asleep At The Switch"

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