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FATHERS' DAY

Within the walls of Penn State there are assembled some hundreds of students seeking higher education. The doors swing wide to admit them into the collegiate brotherhood and they are accorded the hand of fellowship from the time that they first set foot on Nittany soil.

The undergraduates of this College have made rapid and lengthy strides in their pursuit of knowledge and have learned, in turn, to extend that true feeling of hospitality to those who follow in their footsteps. But may it never be forgotten that behind these undergraduates there has always been someone on whom the burden of support has devolved and who has made these opportunities possible. That someone is the Penn State student's parent.

So once again the doors of Penn State are swung open to admit a guest. And this time it is Dad. The keys of the College, with which they may enter and examine the innermost recesses of their sons and daughters' work shops are placed at the disposal of the fathers. The COLLEGIAN, on behalf of the students of Penn State, welcomes them and bids them take full liberty of their visit.

A goodly program has been arranged and it is the duty of every undergraduate to see that the fathers of Penn State do not miss a single event planned for them. Fathers' Day has been supported with great enthusiasm in the past. And this year will be no exception. It is a day rightly set aside for the honored guests of Penn State, a day for the entertainment of those who have made it possible for the undergraduates of this institution to take up and continue their work under the watchful eye of the Nittany Lion.

SPIRIT WEEK

The poet tells us of King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table as they sought the blessing of the Divine hosts before going out to combat. Such was their procedure for instilling vividly in the mind of the warrior that his mission was one of honor and for a worthy cause. It was to strengthen him and give him courage and spirit that would serve to carry him through his dangers without harm.

In every war the soldiers have gathered together on the eve of battle to receive the comforting words of the chaplain. This idea has not changed, it has survived from the old legends to be put into actual use today. Wherever people assemble in large crowds, there is a danger that the cause may become obscured by the growth of personal ambition and the desire for self-advancement which eventually spells defeat for the cause. It is even so at Penn State.

To offset this unchecked tendency, and to renew the aims of the institution, its customs, its desires for advancement and growth, and its ideals there has been set aside a period designated as Spirit Week. It is a time to call together the hosts of Penn State to renew their allegiance to its traditions.

The Penn State spirit is not dead. It is contained in the breast of every loyal son and daughter of the College, but it does need awakening; and to this end Spirit Week has been devised and is being dedicated. It will be only by united efforts that such a result can be accomplished successfully. The fire that now smoulders must burst into flame and must be kept burning fiercely as a beacon light of the very life of Penn State.

Student Council has worked hard on a program which, it is hoped, will serve to inspire the undergraduates and renew the traditions of Penn State. Beginning on Monday morning and continuing until next Saturday night, the various organizations on the campus, including the Student Tribunal, Blue Key and the several class societies, will have charge of the events which have been planned. But these plans, however well made, will avail nothing if the undergraduates do not lend their undivided and unstinted support to the undertaking.

To better instill in the minds of the students the importance of the occasion, it is suggested that the characteristic Penn State "Hello" be adopted as the slogan of the week, and then be wholeheartedly continued every day while there is such an institution as Penn State in existence.

The challenge has been sounded. Let every man with a spark of the true meaning of Penn State spirit rally to the occasion.

A NEW STAFF

The COLLEGIAN is pleased to announce the personnel of the Board resulting from the annual elections held recently. It is to them that the out-going Board turns over the management of the paper, with the earnest hope that next year will be one of real progress for Penn State and for its student publications.

Within the memory of the present senior class the COLLEGIAN changed from a weekly to a semi-weekly publication, although the number of editors and business managers that had published the weekly edition was considered sufficient to publish the paper twice weekly. During the past year the fact has become evident that the task of publishing the COLLEGIAN efficiently while keeping up a high grade of scholastic work is too great for four junior associate editors. It is for this reason, and in order that the publication may enjoy further progress, that the junior editorial board has been increased to six members.

Elections to the Board resulted as follows. On the editorial staff: Editor-in-Chief, W. L. Pratt '25; Assistant Editor, J. H. Lum '25; Managing Editor, H. S. Morris '25; Managing Editor, F. P. George '25; Associate Editors, H. W. Cohen '26, W. J. Durbin '26, H. L. Kellner '26, R. T. Kriebel '26, R. A. Shaner '26, A. K. Smith '26. On the business staff: Business Manager, J. H. McCulloch '25; Advertising Manager, J. M. Eisler '25; Circulation Manager, R. C. Body '25; Assistant Business Managers, T. Cain '26, G. L. Gray '26, H. A. Warner '26.

PENN STATE ALUMNUS DIES AT WILMERDING

Word was received at the Alumni office this week telling of the death of Carlton S. Davis, 27, former Alumni Editor of the Penn State Engineer. Davis died at his home in Wilmerding on April twenty-fourth after an illness brought on by an attack of pneumonia. While a student at Penn State, Davis was on the track and wrestling squads. He was also secretary of the combined Engineering Societies, as well as a member of the Sigma Tau Fraternity.

Thoughts of Others

LITERATURE AND SLUSH

(The Daily Illini)

Edwin Markham, the author of the poems "The Man With the Hoe" and "Lincoln, the Man of the People," 70 years young said in his inimitable last week that in his opinion there is a falling away from the higher standards of forty years ago.

"There's a tendency toward less reverence for things worth while in certain directions, but in certain directions only. That is partly due to the war. We'll have to get away from it," he said. He went on to say that young people have too much "of an inclination to read the books that deal in sex stuff."

We are sorry to have to admit that Mr. Markham's statements are true. The tendency toward the kind of reading matter that is directly harmful and against the best interests of the individual is apparently increasing. We refer especially to the lead magazines that we see in increasing number and variety on our news stands. These magazines in large part appeal only to base passions of mankind and serve no good purpose despite their statements that they "show life in the reality."

We do not believe in strict censorship nor are we inclined to think that the young people of today do not as a rule have a taste for higher literature than is here exhibited, but we do feel that the display of these magazines and their attractiveness to young and undeveloped minds constitutes a menace that should be guarded against.

University men or women, at least, should frown upon these periodicals and do all in their power to discourage the reading of them. They know what is good literature and should value this knowledge felt.

GENERAL MUIR TO VISIT PENN STATE FOR REVIEW OF R. O. T. C. REGIMENT

Coming here with the idea of reviewing the R. O. T. C. regiment and witnessing the competitive drill and military drill day, General Muir, commanding officer of the third corps unit will be the guest of Penn State on May twenty-ninth. Every effort is being made to have the regiment in the best possible shape for this event. Captain Daniel Nece and second Lieutenant Moreland, members of the corps of Engineers at Washington D. C. were visiting here last week to look over the facilities of the college and the possibilities for the new R. O. T. C. engineering unit to be established at Penn State.

In the near future an engineering officer will be sent from headquarters to give the present sophomores the opportunity of learning more about the engineer's advanced course. President Thomas expects to visit Major-General Lansing H. Deach, Chief of Engineers, this week at his office in Washington, to make further plans for the institution of the new unit.

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Registrar Compares Grades For First Semester

The registrar has prepared the following list of figures showing the relative standing of students in this college both as individuals and in groups for the first semester of the current year. This report shows that the average woman maintains a better grade than the average man, but there is little difference between the grade of the average man and that of the average student.

It is interesting to note that the grades of freshmen are much lower than they should be. Praterity freshmen fall three points below non-fraternity freshmen. No survey of the probable reason has been made but it seems that there are too many distractions from studies. In the sophomore year there is a slight general rise and this is continued in both the junior and senior years.

The entire college average is headed by the campus club girls with 75.9. The non-campus club girls follow with 75.7, non-fraternity men come next, while the fraternity average is at the bottom of the list.

AVERAGE GRADE FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER 1923-24				
	Average student	Average man	Average woman	Average Two-year Avg
Fraternity student	72.8	72.2	77.7	77.5
Non-fraternity student	75.9	75.7	75.9	75.9
Non-campus club girls	75.9	75.7	75.9	75.9
Local fraternity men	71.0	68.8	71.6	70.7
National fraternity men	68.7	68.5	70.7	70.4
Campus club girls	78.2	77.9	81.8	78.9
Entire college	71.3	71.4	71.2	71.7

'PREXY'S MESSAGE TO FATHERS IS BROADCAST

WPAB Sends Out Spirited Address on Wednesday—Self-thinking Boys Are Commended

"It is a very beautiful thing to be a child, and it is a glorious thing to be a man, but it is very uncomfortable to be a betwixt and between," said 'Prexy' Thomas Wednesday night in an address from WPAB in the interests of Fathers' Day which will be observed at Penn State tomorrow.

"Prexy" went on to show how young boys, tired to death of being a boy and ambitious to be a man try to "quit it" as rapidly and thoroughly as possible. In explaining the feelings of the normal boy, "Prexy" went on to say "The normal boy reaches a stage when he pulls off and is contrary. He is fond of the woods and does not want anyone to go with him. He will sit on a rock in the deep, deep woods, hide in the spruce branches so that even a partridge cannot see him and feel that there, in the solitude with no master, no one to fondle and baby him, he is himself. Then he will play for a life in the open, a soul-house alone on the prairie, long stretches alone stalking deer, full brotherhood in a tribe of Indians."

Think For Themselves
'Prexy' continued by showing that it is the nation's most promising youths that want to think for themselves and, as soon as possible, be entirely their own master. "We might like to have the change from the boy to the man made abruptly beautiful innocent childhood one day, and the next complete manhood, strong in judgment and in self-control, and sufficient unto every responsibility. But that is not nature's way," went on the Penn State president.

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On Sunday, May eighteenth, the College Orchestra will give a concert at the State Penitentiary. This organization will not be able to give a concert next week as planned, due to the fact that the Auditorium will be in use every evening of the week.

THOUSAND FRESHMEN TO BE ACCEPTED NEXT FALL

Applicants to Schools of Mines and Agriculture Practically Sure of Admission

The next freshman class at Penn State will be limited to one thousand according to action by the college trustees. For many years past, large numbers of applicants have had to be refused admission due to lack of facilities to handle more in certain schools and departments, and there has been no increase in these facilities during the past year.

W. S. Hoffman, the college registrar, announces that as usual the fall class will be admitted during the month of July, after all high school commencement exercises have been held. No priority of application will be considered and admission to crowded courses will be granted entirely upon a scholastic basis. Assurance is given at this time

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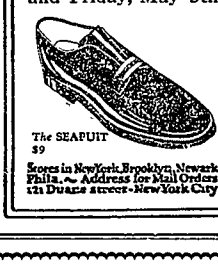
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