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DR. THOMAS URGES HIGHER STANDARDS FOR COMING YEAR

College Opening Is Featured by Speaking and Cheering at Convocation Exercises

"PREXY" MAKES PLEA FOR SANE COLLEGE CUSTOMS

Coach Bezdek Makes No Promises in Regard to Outcome of Grid Encounters

Higher up! That was the keynote of Dr. John M. Thomas' opening address at the convocation exercises in the Auditorium last Wednesday morning when the Penn State leadership formally welcomed the undergraduate body to a new year of study.

The exercises opened with a prayer reading by the student body, led by Director Grant, followed by cheering, and finally with a rousing oration to "Prexy" and the faculty heads as they filed in.

Always returning to the well-trodden "Higher Up" President Thomas pleaded in his own characteristic, family manner for a general lifting of Penn State standards, in scholarship, in character and in gentlemanly conduct.

He brought out the fact that the scholastic average of the freshman and sophomore classes last year was seventy-one percent, that of the seniors seventy-seven percent and stated that the students should not be content with such average, that the world does not want seventy percent but one hundred percent men.

Offering constructive criticism, he urged the students to freshen up in the solution of many campus problems, calling especially for a sane enforcement of freshman customs, support of the newly made regulations controlling social functions, and an acceptance of the challenge put out by the College Senate embodied in its Honor Point System.

"Bez" Speaks

As "Prexy" closed his address with a word of encouragement and an appeal for hard work to the incoming freshmen, the applause from the students merged into a demand for "Bez" to take the program.

BAND CANDIDATES WILL MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

Nittany Musical Organization To Accompany Football Team on Three Trips

With an extra incentive of three football trips to work for, it is expected that one of the largest groups of candidates to report for the Penn State Band will turn out next Wednesday night when the new candidates meet for the first time.

The band will make its first appearance tonight when, under the direction of Bandmaster Thompson, it will present a varied program at the freshman reception on the front campus.

Included among the cities that the band will visit this year with the Nittany football team are Annapolis, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Last year the band appeared in both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and were received with great approval in both those cities.

During the winter months, the band will offer several entertainments, including one program as a part of the five mid-winter musical series. The entire organization will appear at the football game on New Beaver Field tomorrow afternoon.

STUDENT COUNCIL TO MEET TUESDAY

Student Council will hold its first regular meeting of the year Tuesday evening at seven o'clock in Room 11, Library Arts, President Wood presiding.

DR. HENRY WILL ADDRESS CHAPEL

Canton Christian College President To Speak on Work of "Daddy" Groff

IS PROMINENT FIGURE IN CHINESE EDUCATION

Penn State named first among the colleges participating in the work done by the Canton Christian College, will have the privilege of hearing of the remarkable work done by G. Weidman ("Daddy") Groff in the Auditorium on Sunday next.



Dr. Henry J. M. Henry, President of that institution will speak at the chapel service.

"Daddy" Groff began his striking work for the Canton Christian College in 1911, having been graduated from Penn State in '07. Because a college reputation has passed from the campus since he has been in Penn State, it may be well to remind ourselves of the work of this distinguished alumnus, who for sixteen years has been serving in China, being now for that college, Dean and Director of Agriculture.

Canton Christian College is an independent Christian missionary institution under the government of a board of trustees incorporated under the laws of the state of New York. Most of these trustees are Americans, one of them being Dean R. L. Watts, one of the Board of Management of the College of Agriculture at University Park.

The College of Agriculture, of which "Daddy" Groff is the Dean, is mobilizing modern science in the interests of China's food industry, small farm-land.

Fortunately for us the current issue of the "Library Digest" contains an illustrated article showing the commanding position occupied by the Canton Christian College. The civil war which is now focusing all eyes on China cannot settle the vexed problem of that great country, since they must be worked out through education, modern science and Christianity.

CALL ISSUED FOR MORE JUNIOR CHEER LEADERS

Two members of the Junior Class will have an opportunity to secure a place on the Penn State cheerleaders' staff if they answer the call for tryouts at 6:00 o'clock next Monday afternoon at six-thirty o'clock. All sophomore candidates will report at the same time.

The two vacancies among the junior cheerleaders have been occasioned because W. H. Anderson '23 and J. T. Ingelbly '24 did not return to college. The two junior members who are interested will be afforded a chance of becoming senior cheer leader next year as they will assume the same status as those junior candidates who have been competing for the last two years.

LION YEARLINGS FIGHT HARD FOR GRIDIRON POSTS

Tentative Eleven Includes Weight and Speed—Scrimmage Will Be Continued Today

COACH HERMANN WILL CUT SQUAD NEXT WEEK

Opening Contest Scheduled for October Eleventh With Carnegie Tech

Fighting hard for positions on the first-string eleven, the candidates for the yearling football team yesterday completed their second day of intensive scrimmaging under the watchful eyes of Coach "Dutch" Hermann and his assistant "Dick" Schuster.

Yesterday's practice hit "Dutch" put out an eleven which approximated an average of one hundred and seventy-six pounds, and one which had exceptional speed. As left end was found Clayton, huge Amosson boy, while at the other wing position Krall took his place.

Good Line Material

At the tackle, Greenfield, Scott and Mahoney have been alternating with each other on the first squad. Greenfield has practically assumed himself a 1928 position, but the other tackle lies between Scott and Mahoney, with the latter having a slight edge over his rival.

ANNUAL "Y" RECEPTION WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

New Students To Be Welcomed on Front Campus—"Prexy" and "Bez" To Speak

The annual "Y" reception for the incoming freshman class will be held tonight on the front campus, beginning promptly at seven o'clock. The reception committee, headed by Ray Dumbore '27, president of the Sophomore "Y" cabinet, has prepared an excellent program which will further introduce the new men to the spirit and traditions of Penn State.

The freshmen are urged to line up on the walk leading to the front entrance of Old Main, when they will pass through a decorated arch and be received by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas, Dean and Mrs. Warnock, Dr. and Mrs. Metzger, Dean Ray, "Y" Secretary and Mrs. Kitchen, "Bez," W. C. Calhoun '25, president of the Y. M. C. A., Miss Ninia Roof '25, president of the Y. W. C. A. and "Doc" Wiscard '25, president of student council.

Following the reception, the Band, the Men's Glee Club and the Girls' Glee Club will entertain the freshmen with several musical numbers. "Prexy" Thomas will speak of the college, and "Bez" will be there to talk football. W. C. Calhoun '25, is line to speak to the new men.

Refreshments. The final feature of the reception will be served by the faculty ladies, with the cooperation of the co-eds. The freshmen will be served first and the upper classes will be kept away until the freshmen have been served. Customs will be observed during the reception and the freshmen co-eds will be present under the care of the '26 co-eds, so the new men will have a fine chance to become acquainted all around.

The need is felt this year of having a combined reception with the girls and the presence of the Girls' Glee Club is a step in that direction. Various members of the co-ed organization have pledged their support and through the cooperation of Miss Ninia Roof, a committee in charge of Dumbore is drawing up plans for such a reception next year.

SENATE OUTLINES SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR COMING YEAR

November House Party Program Unchanged—Senior Week To Feature Prom

THREE DANCES MAY BE HELD EACH SEMESTER

Commencement House Parties in June Can Be Attended Only by Underclassmen

Since the opening of college on Wednesday, questions concerning the social program at Penn State for the coming year have been asked by a number of students. This program was prepared in a number of recommendations drawn up by the special committee of faculty, named and student members, and although definite dates are not set for the recommendations adopted, the following program is outlined for the present college year.

NEW COACH CALLS OUT LION SOCCER PLAYERS

Four Veterans From Last Year's Undeclared Team Are Lost Through Graduation

Faced with the problem of replacing the four veteran players, Coach Ralph G. Leonard began his duties at Penn State yesterday afternoon when he met old and new candidates on the Army field and began training for the first game, to take place October twenty-eighth.

Despite the loss of a captain "Andy" Warner, J. Crooks, J. A. Kelly and W. R. Hilde, from the undeclared team of last year, Coach Leonard seemed well pleased with his material, although several of last year's stars did not put in their appearance. Yearlings with ability are also asked to report. No schedule has been arranged for them, but they will be given a chance to show their ability in weekly scrimmages with the varsity.

Although a complete schedule of games was made last spring by Manager R. W. Norton '25, it has not yet been approved by the Athletic Association.

NEW TRIP-SPORT COACH

Coach Leonard, who arrived at Penn State early last week was secured with considerable difficulty last June by Thayer Board '25, head of the coaching staff in soccer, wrestling and lacrosse, the last two positions being left vacant by the resignation of Coaches Jardine and Dotson. Leonard has formed his coaching staff at Williams last year in organizing these three minor sports on an inter-collegiate basis for the first time at the Massachusetts institution, jarring out teams that compared favorably with those of much longer traditions from the former New England college.

Graduating from Springfield University in 1917 with a fine record in cross country, soccer, wrestling and lacrosse, Leonard served a year and a half as first lieutenant in the army aviation and infantry services and on the signing of the Armistice went to the Brooklyn Polytechnic Day School as director of physical education.

Known As Writer

At Brooklyn, Coach Leonard succeeded in turning out a total of six championship teams in soccer, wrestling and lacrosse, in competition with the schools of the N. Y. A. A. Always an ardent booster of lacrosse, he was appealed to during his stay at Williams for a series of articles to add to popularizing the sport. These appeared in the Western Conference Athletic Journal last spring.

STUDENT OFFICERS WILL RECEIVE FREE UNIFORMS

Under a new dispensation made by the United States Government, Penn State students taking the advanced ROTC courses will be furnished with uniforms this year.

This announcement comes as welcome news to many juniors and seniors who have contemplated signing up for the advanced courses in Military Science and Tactics. Upon the completion of the course the uniform will automatically become the property of the student to whom it was issued.

OUTSIDE WORK NOT TO EXCUSE CHAPEL CUTS

Because of the abuse of the excuse privilege in the case of morning chapel, no student will be granted an excuse from morning chapel because of conflict with his outside work. Applications for excuse on other grounds must be filed with the Dean of Men in writing and the applicant must attend chapel until notified that his application has been granted.

PLAYERS TO HOLD TRYOUTS MONDAY

"Kempy" Secured As First Feature Play—Ran in New York City for Two Seasons

ORGANIZATION TO GIVE FARCE FOR FRESHMEN

Tryouts for the first play to be given by the Penn State Players this year will be held next Monday evening at eight o'clock in the Auditorium. "Kempy" by I. C. and Elliot Noyes, is the name of the play and it is a modern comedy of the popular type, with good humor, amusing situations and clever dialogues, all of which will appeal to every student.

Running for two seasons in New York City, "Kempy" is now on the road and is meeting with great success. Tryouts are for men and women of the three upper classes, freshman trials coming later. The date for the showing of "Kempy" has been set for November twenty-first.

Reception To Freshmen

A new feature this year will be the "Players" reception for the freshmen, scheduled for October seventeenth. On that date a farce called "Facing the Music" will be presented for freshmen only, free of charge. In this way the new men can be shown what Penn State is doing in the line of dramatics and will get acquainted with the class of work the Players do. Tickets will be issued to each member of the 1928 class wishing to attend this humorous play but underclassmen will not be admitted to the presentation.

Mr. Crottingham, director of the Penn State Players, is planning to produce some exceptional plays this year, such as the "Y" and the "Carnary," which he may select later on in the season. Mr. Crottingham has been in New York this summer looking over plays suitable to present at Penn State. While in the Metropolis he visited several play brokers in order to get a line on good plays. During his stay in New York, he worked for a short time with David Belasco, the noted movie producer. With all the information Mr. Crottingham obtained in New York, the Players will probably have an exceptionally good class of plays to present to the students this year.

TICKET SALE CONTINUES FOR "Y" ENTERTAINMENTS

Attractions of Program Include Cleveland Symphony Orchestra and Light Opera

Following the ticket sale held at Co-op Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the booking of reservations for the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course was continued at the "Y" Hut last night and will continue at the same place tonight and tomorrow night from seven to nine o'clock. Although many good seats are still to be obtained, students should lose no time in making their reservations as the choice positions are going fast.

The entertainment course is run primarily for the students as a student function and it remains with them to take advantage of it. The course is of a classic nature and is meant to further the education of Penn State men and women along artistic musical lines. With this end in view the "Y" has secured the highest quality of entertainment to be obtained sparing no expense, and will offer the entire course to the students at a price which is paid for the concert of this type in the larger cities.

The best known numbers of the elaborate program are "The Barber of Seville" by the Manhattan Opera Company, and concerts by the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra and the Flonzaley Quartette. The first presentation is by the same company that produced "Pagliacci" with huge success here last year. This company of noted actors and actresses is under the direction of (Continued on fourth page)

LION GRIDDERS READY FOR OPENING CONTEST

Lebanon Valley Is Nittany Opponent Tomorrow Afternoon—Artelt Goes Back to End Position

Penn State's 1924 gridiron machine, after four weeks of the most strenuous practice, is ready for the opening clash of the season with Lebanon Valley tomorrow afternoon. The encounter is scheduled for New Beaver field at two-thirty o'clock and although it is regarded as a proverbial "set-up" the Lion mentor has left no stone unturned in his preparations.

Nittany Captain



"BAS" GRAY

Little is known of the strength of the visitors but for the past two years, Anville Collegians have given Bezdek's proteges hard battles in opening clashes. Last year the Lions rolled up a big score on Lebanon Valley but reports from the visitor's camp indicate a much stronger line-up this season.

First Team Switched. The first change in the varsity team since the opening of practice came on Monday when "Bez" sent Artelt back to his old position at right end and placed "Ernie" McCann at tackle. Although Artelt was doing excellent work at his new tackle position, a scarcity of old material made the shift necessary. No other changes were made in the line and, according to advance information received from Bezdek, the team will line up tomorrow with Artelt and McPhie at ends, Prvoost and McCann at tackles, Michaels and House at guards, Gray at center, "Bill" Baker at quarter-back, Gier and Gene Baker at the half-back posts and "Charley" Litch at fullback. Both Gene Baker and Gier have been troubled with sore feet for the past few days and in the event that they are not able to start, the half-backs will be chosen from Helbig, Buckley and Bergman.

NEW SYSTEM OF GRADING DEVISED

Students Will Be Dismissed From College for Failure in Two Semesters of Chapel

NUMBERS TO REPLACE ALPHABETICAL MARKS

According to the new regulation affecting students of Penn State this year, an honor point system of grading will be used instead of the alphabetical system in vogue during past years.

There will be six grades instead of the five letters now used. The highest available grade will be designated by the number three, taking the place of the "A" of the old system. A number two will be given for all grades between eighty and eighty-nine, a number one for grades from seventy to seventy-nine, a fourth for grade sixty to sixty-nine, a minus one for grades from forty-five to fifty-nine and a minus two will be given for grades below forty-five.

A grade of minus one is a condition in the subject in which it is received, and entitles the student to a re-examination, the same as was formerly granted when a grade of "D" was received. When a minus two grade is given there will be no opportunity for a re-examination and the subject must be repeated.

CO-EDS HAVE NEW HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Miss Marie Haidt Has Spent Two Summers as Instructor at Penn State

Miss Marie Haidt of Rochester, New York, a graduate of the Boston School of Physical Education, has been secured as instructor in Physical Education and Hygiene for women at Penn State. Miss Haidt, who has been at the Nittany institution for two summer sessions, fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Helen M. Dunning.

After completing her course at the Boston School of Physical Education, Miss Haidt was, for two years, a director at the Herman Barclay Butler Community House, Chicago. Last year she was in charge of Physical Education in the Herkimer Public Schools, Herkimer, New York. In addition to the two summer sessions at Penn State, Miss Haidt spent a summer instructing in swimming at the Utica Y. W. C. A., Utica, New York.

Miss Haidt, in planning her work with the girls at Penn State for the coming year, is outlining a program which will produce considerable enthusiasm and interest in athletic.

COLLEGE ORCHESTRA TO CHOOSE NEW MANAGER

Because A. S. Prutzman, manager of the college orchestra, is not able to return to school this fall, no definite program has been arranged for the coming year.

At the first meeting, to be held next Tuesday night in the band room at seven o'clock, procedure to elect a new manager will begin. Only string instrument performers will report since Bandmaster Thompson selects the other pieces from the band.

The orchestra will present several programs here among which will be a Sunday entertainment at the Auditorium during the winter months. Tentative arrangements have been made for a performance in Williamsport during the coming year. More definite information will be given out later.