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"GOOD MORNING, MY FRIEND"

One of Penn State's faculty members has reminded the student body of a salutation which it can carry in its heart as it goes forth on Monday to secure a memorial for Dr. Edwin Erie Sparks. The salutation is "Good Morning, My Friend."

Representative students have a well-organized campaign ready to launch at an appointed time on Monday night, a campaign which has been planned for six days. But so worthy is this cause, so richly deserving is our former Prexy of this tribute from his boys and girls, that the campaign goal of five thousand dollars should be reached long before Saturday night.

The success attending the raising of the fund will depend much on the help volunteered by the undergraduates. It is urgently requested by those who have organized the canvass that all students who have a few spare moments give them to this cause.

The memorial to be erected in the Library will keep the "ever welcoming smile" of Dr. Sparks upon the Penn State campus. To those who knew him best and to those who will come to know what manner of man he was, this tribute will ever remind them of the salutation which came "from a warm heart and was emphasized by a firm hand clasp." "Good Morning, My Friend."

Edwin Erie Sparks was that kind of man. It is fitting that we keep his memory alive by giving.

PENN STATE!

Some unthinking members of the Penn State student body still refer to their Alma Mater as "State." No name could be less euphonious or more devoid of meaning when applied to this institution. Its use is as offensive to the ear as the contraction "frat" for fraternity, an abbreviation that has long been taboo in collegiate circles.

In addition to the undignified sound of the term, "State" makes no distinction between this College and the numerous other State institutions that are scattered throughout the country. Penn State, on the other hand, refers to the Pennsylvania State College and to this institution alone. It is definite in its meaning and leaves no chance for misinterpretation.

The advocated change is neither drastic nor impossible. Such revisions are not new or experimental, but have already been adopted at other colleges and universities. The University of Pennsylvania recently went on record as being officially opposed to the use of the nickname "Penn." If "Penn" is deemed an undignified abbreviation for that institution, how much more so is the contraction "State" inappropriate for the Pennsylvania State College?

Students who employ the term in their speech on the campus will unconsciously let it slip from their tongues while in the presence of outsiders during vacation periods. It may be uttered with no thought of its offensive sound, on the contrary it may be used with the highest reverence, but it is confusing and misleading to those who are not thoroughly familiar with the College.

When referring to this institution always speak of it as Penn State, it will do much to distinguish and to bring into greater prominence the Pennsylvania State College, which is the only institution of its kind in this Commonwealth.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The congratulatory remarks made to the Music department last Tuesday in these columns were whole-hearted and deserving, but that our words of commendation should have caused some dissension to come from a few organizations and individuals on the campus is regrettable.

A just claim has been made for the achievements of the Penn State Band, which is in charge of Bandmaster W. O. Thompson, to be credited to the Department of Military Science and Tactics.

We are glad, therefore, to clear up the ambiguity of our former statement and to acknowledge the achievements of this department. We further wish to congratulate Bandmaster Thompson for his untiring efforts with the Penn State Orchestra and to encourage those who are giving this entertainment to the student body.

COSMO CLUB APPOINTS RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

After much discussion, the Cosmoopolitan Club at its last meeting, appointed a committee to draw up a resolution embracing both the national and local consultations of the club in order to permit it to become a chapter of the national organization.

The Club picture was taken last week and will appear in the 1925 Yearbook. The newly-appointed committee will report on its resolution at the meeting to be held in Room 121, Old Main, tonight at seven o'clock.

Faculty Member Endorses Sparks Memorial Fund

Office Note—The following communication supporting the movement among the student body to secure a memorial to Dr. Sparks was received from Prof. A. P. Martin of the History Department.

I welcome this opportunity to express my approval of the excellent movement of establishing in connection with the Carnegie Library a "President Sparks Memorial Library in American History." From the point of view of both the needs of the College and the wishes and interests of Dr. Sparks, a happier and more serviceable memorial could not have been devised upon this globe.

While Dr. Sparks was eminently successful as the Administrative head of the College for many years he was known also throughout the country as one of our foremost authorities in the field of American History. As a teacher in the Pennsylvania State College at the University of Chicago he established in an enviable position, and as the author of some ten books and numerous magazine articles on various phases of American History he won for himself and the institutions with which he was associated a place of national renown. Even after his retirement from the presidency of the college he resumed his teaching and writing. One of the chief tributes of Dr. Sparks' life as expressed in many people was to see the American History Library at the Pennsylvania State College one of the best in the country. At present, it is one of the best in both secondary and some of the best in the world. The building, containing of \$5,000 worth of the memorial fund by the present student body will not be sufficient to equip a library of distinction in American History. It will satisfy the present needs and will form the nucleus which through future contributions in money and books and other historical materials from alumni and friends of the College ought to make the "President Sparks Memorial Library in American History" in time one of the best in the country both in number of volumes and in value.

Letter Box

State College, Pa.
March 12, 1925

Editor,
Penn State COLLEGIAN,
State College, Pa.

It was with considerable surprise that I read your editorial on "The Music Department" in the Tuesday issue of the COLLEGIAN. In reference to it I think I think that some of the credit is misplaced. While I do not wish to create the impression that the Music Department has not done its share in advancing music to a higher plane at Penn State for it has, I do want to see that credit goes to all those to whom it is due.

The clouds present in the winter concerts this year have shown that the end result is beginning to see much more in music than has been the case during the past few years. However, it can not be fairly said that all the credit is due to the "unholy trinity" of the Music Department. I wish to make it clear that the band and orchestra, two of the organizations that constituted the main part of the concerts, are in the Department of Military Science and Tactics as evidenced by the heading on the program of their concerts, namely, "The Pennsylvania State College Department of Military Science and Tactics" and are in no way connected with the Department of Music.

The band and orchestra owe their support which has always been of the strongest to the first mentioned and I believe are ready to acknowledge that the credit for that which has been accomplished by these organizations should go to this department and to Bandmaster Thompson who is responsible for the remarkable growth of the band from 15 men in 1915 to 115 men in 1925. He has also labored and worked with the orchestra (and without remuneration) so that it produced such a splendid concert as it did on March 7.

With all due respect to Director Galt and to the credit which he is doing here, I cannot but say that I think that Bandmaster Thompson and the Department of Military Science and Tactics should be given at least a part of the credit for what they are doing in advancing music here at Penn State through the band and orchestra.

A SENIOR

Did YOU Know—

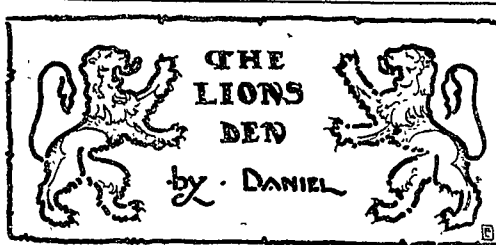
That the vice-president of the Carnegie Steel Company is a Penn State graduate?

That Co-op College was a potato patch when the foundations for Old Main were being laid?

That Captain Dismahan of the department of Military Science and Tactics is a '17 graduate of Middlebury, attending that institution when President Thomas was its head?

And that Captain Dismahan played for four years on the varsity football, basketball and track teams at the Vermont College?

That the Q. T. U. fraternity, established at Penn State in 1881, was the first fraternity society organized at this college?



SPRING

Spring is the Heaven and last resort of poets. Elephants filter from two-top to two-top. Campus hounds run around kicking trees. A young man's fancy turns to clothes he couldn't wear in his own home town.

Oh, I love the pretty springtime
When all of nature's grace
Fills poets' hearts with blank verse
And silks the canine race.

Thoughts of love dominant through the reign of Jack Frost step out is the last gallop mashes its last dash. With the win and wain of a cabin each little lad chases his little through the eye which blinds him to her callow eyes and knock-knees. With the last tweets to its mate and the Mother's sponge calls to its young.

May I add that which has nothing to do with the case

The flowers bloom fra in la la
And this is blah bla blah bla blah.
A Lumb in the Lions Den

BORDIN' BRIEFS

The your mouth's all set for beefsteak,
And your nerves are all agitated,
Don't you feel a queer sensation,
When you find the dard dard things live?

Although a shower comes in handy,
You receive almost enough,
When you stick your spoon in grape fruit
To release the bloomin' stuff.

The limo beams are camouflaged
By floating them in corn,
Just to glimpse the eggs they fly you
Would make a chicken mourn.

You get a sliced bonina
With peanuts sprinkled thin
Laying so serenely
On a withered lettuce skin.

Once they served us waffles,
Which sure did go immense,
They must be pretty costly,
For we never had them since.

FELLOWS!

WHERE DO YOU EAT?

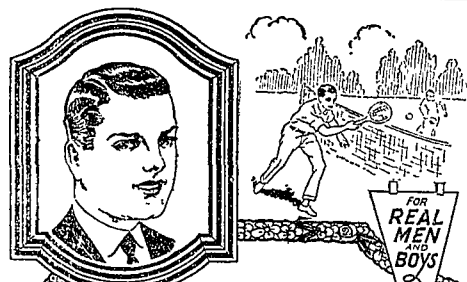
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Spotlight and News



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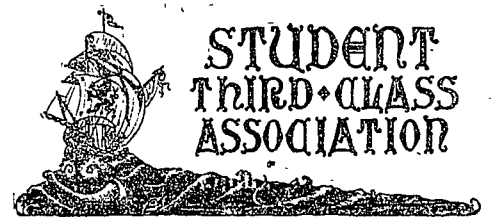


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