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HELLO!

Penn State has long been known for the spirit of democracy that exists between its students. Democracy is firmly embedded in the foundation of our country, and Penn State as a mold of citizens, has made democracy a vital part of its collegiate program.

The one thing that looms foremost in the development of the democratic spirit on the campus is the cordial Penn State "Hello." During the winter sessions, students seldom fail to greet each other on the campus with the cheery salutation. It is a Penn State tradition that cannot be ignored; for traditions such as this create the good fellowship that distinguishes a college from a "knowledge factory."

Although summer session students remain but six weeks in the college atmosphere, it is not too short a time to cultivate the spirit of good fellowship. Good fellowship unrestricted is democracy. Greet your fellow student democratically as a friend. Learn to say "Hello."

STATE'S POLICY TO PENN STATE

When a man like Doctor Thomas resigns the presidency of Pennsylvania State College to accept a similar position at Rutgers in the neighboring state of New Jersey, not only the college and its friends, but the entire Commonwealth suffers a loss and disappointment.

Doctor Thomas is not the first Penn State man to be wooed into fields of wider opportunity. Preceding him have been many other outstanding teachers and experts at State whose life at the college has been restricted by a grievous and mistaken policy of penury on the part of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania is not and has not for years been treating its State College as becoming. It has been denying the institution funds it should have had to carry forward the public service for which it is designed. While other states stand generously back of their state universities, Pennsylvania has been withholding its grants or dissipating them among other educational institutions which, however worthy as such, cannot have the same claim on the State as the State's own college.

Until Pennsylvania makes up its mind that it has peculiar obligations to State College, others than "Prexy" Thomas will find the handicap too severe and be found in places where the public has a better appreciation of the function and needs of a state college than it has in Pennsylvania. The work that Doctor Thomas did at State College during his relatively brief administration there indicates how fortunate is Rutgers in his acceptance of the presidency of that institution.

—Harrisburg Patriot

"Kelley" Draws Reptile Gifts

Since the death last fall of "Belle Kelley," the pet rattlesnake at the nature study zoo of the Pennsylvania State College, Professor George D. Green has been receiving scores of offers from "snake-men" in all parts of the country to replace the first reptile broadcaster. An eight-foot rattlesnake, which was killed during the winter but was frozen and died, another rattlesnake recently killed at State College from Texas, but was not when it reached its destination. From Texas Professor Green has also just received a Gila Monster, one foot long, said to be the only poisonous lizard found in the United States. It was sent by John Humes, in union reptile collector in Florenceville, Texas. He also sent a black lizard over two feet in length, a member of the largest lizard family found in this country. The shipment also contained six horned lizards which have made themselves at home at the college nature study reservation and have started laying their eggs.

DR. KERN LEAVES FOR FUNGI RESEARCH WORK

Dr. T. D. Kern, head of the botany department in the agricultural school at Penn State, left last week for Europe on an important mission connected with research work in fungi which he has been pursuing for twenty years. He is one of the country's leading specialists in the latest forms of plant life and recent discoveries have resulted in a new classification for fungi development. He will be accompanied by Dr. J. C. Arthur of Purdue University with whom he is co-operating in the publication of a book on fungi. Six European countries will be visited and the leading botanists there will be consulted.

Upon his return from Europe, Dr. Kern will go to the University of Pennsylvania where he will continue research studies and act as dean of the College of Agriculture for the next college year. He has been granted leave of absence from the college for this work.

BULLETIN PUBLISHED ON FERTILITY OF ORCHARDS

Professors Anthony and Waring Write Article on Apple Tree Cultivation

"Fertility in the Apple Orchard" is the title of a new bulletin just issued by the Agricultural Experiment Station at Penn State. It is prepared by Prof. T. D. Anthony and J. H. Waring, and is the result of many years' experience with apple trees in both the cultivated and wild type of orchard. Copies of the bulletin may be secured free by writing to or calling at the Agricultural Publications Office at State College, Pa.

On most Pennsylvania farms the apple orchard is of the old type, that is, grass or clover is plowed to grow about the trees. It is pointed out in the bulletin that general results seem to have more exceptions in fruit growing than in most other branches of agriculture. With this in mind, the State College pomologists summarize fertility practices in the old orchard as follows:

"In the mature and orchard from five to ten pounds of nitrate of soda or its equivalent should be broadcast over the square in which the tree stands two or three weeks before the blossoms begin to fall. If a leguminous sod is used, cut this application in half. If the soil shows any response to acid phosphate, use it regularly, one or two pounds with each pound of nitrate. Build up thin spots by the use of manure."

"Cut the grass a little earlier than it would be cut for hay, before seeds have matured, and let it lie in the swath. Do not pasture the grass. Try to keep the grass from growing too thick. Advance the time of cutting to decrease the water loss. If mow as present show the dirt away from the trunks and fill the holes and mound up around the trunks with soil. Also, poison the mice. Keep the leaves healthy by spraying and the trees properly opened by pruning."

TWO ALUMNI RETURN FOR BRIEF VISIT DURING WEEK

Dr. T. D. Anthony '12 and wife visited Penn State during the past week, and also did W. G. Caldwell '16, of Pittsburgh.

First Thought Column

We have two candidates for the world's dumbest person, and very promising candidates they are. As to which is the more likely to win out, we leave it to our readers. One is a man and one is a woman. No, our first thought and your first thought is not correct. The man is probably the more promising. He is the chap who registered in summer school to receive sufficient credits for graduation, while the coveted sheepskin peacefully gathered dust in the registrar's office waiting for him to claim it. And she—well, she is the individual who expressed her opinion in no uncertain terms of a school which was inefficient in keeping records of its students. She became exhausted finally, and inquired in a withering disapproving tone, "What the heck have you men?" We are too overcome for further utterance on this subject, the decision we leave to our readers.

Two buffaloes, being trained for a pageant at Calcutta, were at first unapproachable but soon followed anyone who showed them a tin of oats. Our first thought here is that even buffaloes know their oats.

Shelli Kay-Smith, the English novelist, claims that a great many men and women choose their husbands and wives more happily than their clothes. Judging by some apparel, that is to mean accomplishment.

We contemplate joining the Penn State Players. Don't be surprised into thinking we have historic ally as well as literary. Nothing of the kind. But that "Not So Fast" idea of their appears to us in this hot weather.

We used to wonder when we helped to hold up Co-op Corn—why the Penn State boys didn't always collect faster in advance. Last week we took a trip to Tyone and we are puzzled no more. It would indeed take a hard heart to ask for money at the end of that thirty mile's jolt. We are sure those of our readers who came to State College in this route will appreciate how we feel.

We have a piece of news which we feel and fondly hope will make the readers of this Summer Collegian feel very badly. (Please make your sorrow immediately known to the editor.) We are thinking of going on a strike. It all came about in this way. We heard the other day that the editors were going to Europe at the close of the summer labor on the profit from it. Now, we have wanted to go to Europe ever since those long ago days when we read "Innocent Abroad" and we feel the editors should either include us in their plans, or else compensate us sufficiently to enable our taking an independent trip. As we have said before, we were never very good at figures. All the remuneration we receive for writing this column is the space for printing it, and that is just about like working a day to earn a dollar to buy enough food to live another day to earn another dollar.

Again, the school teacher is responsible. Margaret Kennedy, author of "The Constant Nymph," started her literary career by writing poetry, but gave it up when one of her poems was printed in a magazine by a college professor, and turned her attention to the novel. If you are reading a logical and if you have read "The Constant Nymph," you will understand the teacher's responsibility.

Life becomes more complex every day. In addition to a different costume for each different occasion, a different sense must be had, according to the degrees of perfume psychology.

The United States is a mania country, there being 104 males to every 100 females. And in some places the number of men is half again as great as the number of women. We had intended to be big-hearted and give the location of this region, but the editors feared such information would sadly deplete the ranks of summer session students.

"Monkey Town," as Dayton, Tennessee, has now been designated, is not set for the big trial. We have read about the preparations very carefully, and the most noteworthy thing is the dinner which can be secured at the Hotel Aquia. If the new opening is reliable, a seventy-five cent lunch consists of a meat with stuffing, the vegetable pie, cheese and coffee. We will stop before the publicity of our readers is stretched to the breaking point. Again, we repeat, that meal attracts us. In fact, we are almost ready to give up our trip to Europe for the pleasure of eating a meal like that and receiving a quarter's change from a dollar bill.

Now the Fourth of July is safely passed, we can get down to business for the summer. It was an uneventful day for the most part. Our chief interest centered around the pitiable predicament of the youth who motored many miles to see his lady fair, and she was not to be found. All this, however, is merely by way of introduction to the general subject of love, which affords such vast possibilities to a columnist. We do not intend to entice thirteen this time, but to come our readers felt we had been neglectful of this theme, we wanted them to realize we were just waiting for something to turn up which would give us a good opening. Now that we have it, we are willing to drop the matter until another week.

Summer Session SWEEPINGS

Mishler Editor

One morning last week a month ago in colorated July, when the bright spring flowers of May were peeping forth from aridible rail fences along the city pavements, I took my way slowly with rapid pace along the green grass of the Lehigh driveway beside the dashing river of a quiet stream on the campus driveway. As I was strolling, I took the way ash to the dashing sound of terrible thunder, the shafts of snow flakes were running merrily along their course in the vast mountainous prairie.

I was approaching the terrace of Old Main from the East, when three green monkeys came idling along on a white elephant. They stopped and should to me, "Whither goest thou friend?" An' I replied, "To the painting of fish with a piece of copy." Then he cautioned me, "Shoo no evil."

When I started on the second spoke and warned me, "Hear no evil." Then the third one spoke and said, "Brother, what hastest thou in the copy?" An' I answered, "It is the campus gossip." He, too, advised me, "Shoo no evil." The elephant grabbed me. The three riders searched me, took the copy and disappeared.

Shoo you dear editor, I have no campus gossip this time. I would like to know what some of the readers or somehow think about this outrage, but I advise that the Zoo keeper should pen up such arbitrary and pugna-cious animals.

Shoo's your old man.

Vigilantly yours,

H. Lee Stude,

We heard that the U. Club profs were rather put out when none of their number were selected in the lineup of the town nine, and so they formed a team of their own.

Rumor has it that the taxi-drivers are expecting a lot of business today transporting the league scouts from the train to the struggle between the profs and miners.

When women who can't swim a stroke go to the Evergreens and insist upon climbing wildly at the nearest male, the six-year old boys from town wonder what the world is coming to anyway.

Of the school marms who ride backward, there are some good stickers and others who fly higher. In fact one of them considers fast trotting the easiest pace because then she has time to come down between bumps. Fortunately it is no disgrace to fall off, H. R. H. is always doing it.

Noting that five more prisoners escaped from Rockview Penitentiary Sunday evening, an optimist says that even the prisoners are actively supporting Pinchot's state-wide drive for economy.

By the end of the dance at the Alpha Sigma Phi house last Friday night, about two-thirds of the men had removed their coats. The rest had shirts that showed the untiring efforts of a competent laundress.

A safe and sane fourth of July has been spoken of for years. We can't see how that could be possible here. There's no woman living who can remain sane for one entire day.

Some of the inhabitants of this peaceful village say that they think they will be able to sleep very easily in the new theatre when it is finished. Rocked to sleep is the only reason we can figure out.

After noticing the fireworks rocks, someone asked if the building next door was the Rockview of state-wide notoriety. We hope not as we happen to dwell in that building. If it were we would have more to do with the "pen" than is generally supposed. But, it's not, and you can "bank" on that.

Now that the girls have heard the Amphitheatre in the Chemical Annex called the "Bull Pen," it's surprising the scarcity of red dresses being worn to chemistry lectures.

After interviewing the weather man we wonder if the number of girls living in our fair hotel, have anything to do with the rise in temperature. Somehow we have our doubts. There seems to be a number of ice-men's daughters.

The scientists who expect to shoot a cannon-ball to the moon should be included in the class known as "Among Those Missing."

TODAY'S PROVERB: If you would go a round with married women, be prepared to go ten rounds with their husbands.

In the great open spaces where men are men. In the quiet secluded nooks where ladies are women. For the peace of the community we hope that never the twain shall meet.

They tell me that the illegitimate for men to go kartless, but I should think that girls should use their own judgement. They should always have a few loyal supporters.

Evangelist! How many times must I tell you? You are perfectly safe, for we're not going to print all the scandal we hear. No, not quite all.

We have often pondered when it rains cats and dogs, just what kind of dogs they were. A brilliant young school marm crashed thru with the suggestion that they may be "sky" terriers.

New Fad in Bathing Suits

The latest in bathing suits appeared at the Evergreens the other day. The outfit was practical. It consisted of No. 11 Oxford, golf hose, linen knickers, shirt and tie.

On the brink of the pool stood the exponent of the new style of bathing suits for men. Suddenly a strong impetus from the rear struck the bathing suit, and instantly "flub" echoed and re-echoed from hill to hill.

This novel demonstration of the new outfit for bathers met with instant applause and the hearty approval of all—save one.

A fellow wants to know whether the Collegian scribbles are in any way connected with those of biblical lore? We don't really know, but we begin to believe not.

If anyone should yell at you from the top of Old Main tower, be sure to tell him that you are certain you are in Penn State and not State Pen. Remember that, little Evangelist, and do not fail to be emphatic.

In this bustling community, filled with vivacious females cavorting themselves gaily hither and thither as the highest of thistle-down, even after teaching ever since Grant took Appomattox, the most effective statement to be used by any man is the time-honored bromide "Act your age."

Although we hammer out our offerings on an Underwood don't mispell the word and circulate the report that such is mere underworld news.

In Daniel Boone's time, deer and bear were the main object of the hunter's gun. How times have changed. They now hunt hoppers on the football field and lynx on the golf course. However in the darker nights many a "deer" is heard—anywhere.

The campus sleuth overheard the following conversation when he was making the last-minute social rounds:
She—"Wasn't the moon beautiful last night?"
He—"I don't know I was too busy."

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION SHOWS STEADY GROWTH

Five Men Work for Bachelor's Degree—Three Are Candidates for Master's

Steady growth has marked the progress of the department of Industrial Education during the past year under the direction of Professors W. U. Loomis and N. D. Hubbell.

In the present summer session more than one hundred and fifty students have enrolled in the courses in Industrial Education subjects. The faculty teaching the courses in Industrial and continuation education courses number eight; four from the resident faculty of the college and four from public school systems of the state. There are twelve courses offered in Industrial Education and six in continuation school education.

During the past year there were three resident courses given to eighteen students, six in the first semester and twelve in the second semester. At present there are five men working for their bachelor's degrees and three working for the master's degree. This is the first time that there have been any students studying for the higher degree.

Extension courses were held in Altoona, Hazleton, Hazleton, Scotland, Scottdale, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, and York. In the eight courses offered, there were 161 students enrolled in the first semester and 133 in the second semester.

Correspondence Courses. In the five Industrial Education courses given during the first semester by correspondence twenty-one students were entered and with the addition of two courses in the second semester, seven more students. Material for public evening classes in mining is also prepared, and 700 sets of instructive and business training lessons were sold to the various schools at cost. Five hundred sets of mechanical and electrical lessons were also sold throughout the state.

For the first time, two curricula were introduced for the training of teachers in Industrial Education and one in the training of teachers for continuation schools. The course is of four years duration leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science. The professional courses are in charge of the faculty of the Industrial Education department. The background courses being given in other schools. The Industrial Education department and the divisions of drawing and descriptive geometry of the department of architecture have cooperated in giving special work.

Three new courses were added to the Industrial Education curriculum for extension and summer session work and new correspondence courses made available during the past year.

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