

# Penn State Collegian.



Drop a Nickel  
In the Slot  
You'll Be Saved

When a Man's  
a Man  
Not a Freshman

VOL. XXI, No. 1

STATE COLLEGE, PA., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## VARSIITY GRIDMEN SCRIMMAGE DAILY

### Bezdek Drives Men in Preparation for Lebanon Valley--Squad Has Wealth of Linemen

Driving his men with the determination and vigor characteristic of the Nittany Lion, Coach Hugo Bezdek is conducting morning and afternoon drills on the New Beaver practice field in his efforts to place a well-balanced Penn State eleven on the gridiron in the opening clash against Lebanon Valley on Saturday the twenty-sixth.

Despite various rumors to the contrary, the outlook for a successful 1925 season becomes brighter with the return of many veterans, among them Bill Helbig and Charlie Light. Ken Weston, Clark Wilson, McPhie and Hayes stand out as possible wing-men while Bill House, formerly a tackle, has been shifted to one of the technical positions by Bez, a wealth of line material necessitating the change.



"BEZ"

#### Backs Promising

Beside Light and Shorty Watson, the stellar ground-gainers of last season, Bergman and Dangerfield have been performing in the backfield of the temporary first team. This quartette presents untold possibilities, each member being at least a "double-threat" man. Dangerfield, at quarter, plunges and runs the ends equally well, as also does Watson. Bergman, though a trifle slow to start, is a consistent line-bucker and passer, while Light can be used to hit the line, pass or punt.

During the past week, and especially last Saturday, Dangerfield has literally covered himself with pie-season glory. His remarkable ground-gaining capacity is only realized by viewing him in action. The Lorain, Ohio, flash has consistently wiggled through the second team line and backfield for long gains, and his excellent end-running and snaring of passes warrants a big season for the diminutive sophomore back.

Lungien, super-luminary of the freshman team last year, also has returned, and is anxious to don the mole skins. Cy has not been feeling "in the pink" of late, but looked well yesterday when he received his initial work-out.

**Bezdek's Strong Line**  
Basil Gray, twice leader of the Blue and White pigskin warriors, has returned to his 1923 form and leads the team from the snapper-back post. The wingmen on the fast-moving line are House and Weston, while Kahl and Greenholds loom as prospective regulars at the tackle berth. Ernie McCann and Aug Michalske, both regulars, are playing with the sebubs and their work, coupled with their speed and punch, precludes any possibility of their remaining long with the work-houses.  
Dempsy Hastings' weight and  
(Continued on last page)

### I. F. C. CONVENES TO DECIDE RUSHING DATE

#### Fraternities Asked To Suspend Freshman Entertainment Until After Meeting

In a meeting called for seven-thirty o'clock tonight at the Kappa Delta rho house, members of the Interfraternity Council will gather to discuss rushing regulations for the season and to fix a date for the start of plugging.

According to the old rushing regulation, pledging of the yearlings would be permissible immediately after their matriculation today and tomorrow in order to safeguard the Freshman Week program and to comply with the suggestion of the committee in charge of the period requesting that rushing be deferred until the end of the period, an attempt was made to call a special meeting of the Interfraternity Council last night. It was found, however, that few of the representatives had returned and the meeting was postponed until tonight.

**Rushing Deferred**  
In order to direct the situation until the time of the meeting, H. D. Fitchman '26, president of the Council, last night issued the following request:

"The College administration has requested that there be no rushing of any kind during Freshman Week. Therefore it is the duty of each fraternity represented in this council to comply with the wishes of the administration to the fullest degree and to give its hearty support in aiding the men who are sponsoring the plan. Until the time of the meeting  
(Continued on third page.)

### "Y" ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM INCLUDES NUMEROUS ARTISTS

#### Paul Whiteman's Band To Be Big Attraction--Glee Club Billed for Concert

#### HAROLD BAUER IS FIRST ENTERTAINER OF COURSE

#### Donald MacMillan Will Tell of Recent Trip--Jacques Thibaud Is Secured

Booking an array of artists that promise to surpass those of other years, the Y. M. C. A. has arranged the entertainment course for the current season. Among the outstanding features for the course are the scheduled appearances of Paul Whiteman and his orchestra, Donald MacMillan, who will lecture on his during exploits into polar regions, Harold Bauer, the noted pianist who created a sensation here last year, Jacques Thibaud, the violinist, and Suzanne Keibel, the noted opera singer.

For the opening number of the season, Penn State audiences will once again have the opportunity of hearing Harold Bauer, often termed the master pianist. Mr. Bauer, in his appearance here last spring, thrilled a capacity house of music lovers and is certain of an enthusiastic welcome when he comes to Penn State on October seventeenth.

W. J. Henderson says of the popular musician, "Harold Bauer may be regarded as a grownup pianist. He was born in London and was recently discovered by that busy city, where he played some recitals. He started in life as a violinist but was converted. He is chiefly a self-made pianist and did a very good job."

"Now New York has come to dote on Harold Bauer. People try to climb over one another's backs to get into a hall to hear him play. Not even the stationers could determine who was right and who was wrong about Mr. Bauer's playing in 1920. The 'lefty' brow of Boston writhed in emotional spasms; the sensitive nerves of New York remained unshaken."

**Scotch Comedians Coming**  
The second presentation of the year, billed for November thirteenth, will be the musical and dramatic production of Robert Burns' famous poem, "The Cotter's Saturday Night" produced by the Scottish Musical Comedy Company. It is a musical play entertainment.  
(Continued on fourth page)

### Lieut. Connell, Penn State Grad, Lost in Sea Plane Disaster

Listed among the crew of the giant seaplane PN-9 No. 1, which set out upon a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Hawaii and was reported missing Monday, August 31, is Lieutenant Byron J. Connell, a member of the 1918 class at Penn State.

Connell enlisted in the aviation corps in March 1918 during the World War and in November of the same year earned the commission of ensign in the Naval Aviation service in Florida. In 1922 he was a post graduate in the United States Naval college. The following year, 1924, Connell graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1924. He was stationed with the Bureau of Aeronautics at Washington.

While attending college at Penn State Lieutenant Connell was prominent in student activities. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Connell's home was in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

### Match Box Collection of Registrar Hoffman Amazes Smoking Fraternity

Among the fraternity of "collectors" there have been specialists in the acquisition of old guns, ship models, old rugs, old bottles, old bones—anything rare—but it is left to Penn State to develop a connoisseur with a hobby of blue-ribbon, super-super novelty. He is William S. Hoffman, Registrar of the College.

Last spring over the College campus a staff stroll during which he picked up five different kinds of match boxes was the inspiration for Mr. Hoffman's collection. At the present time he has 433 different kinds of match boxes, most of the well-known safety variety, but claims that he has "just started" for his goal is one thousand different makes before Christmas. Even now he is said to have the largest collection of the kind in the world. Twenty-five countries are represented in the collection, the largest to

### J. G. WHITE INCREASES STUDENTS' LOAN FUND

J. G. White '22 vice-president of the Board of Trustees, presented at the annual meeting of the board, a sum of \$25,000 the interest of which is to be used in making loans to men students at Penn State who need financial assistance. The fund was given in honor of General James A. Beaver, former governor of the Commonwealth and also president of the Board of Trustees.

All returns from the investment added to the principal until the whole will be loaned to students at five per cent interest and the returns will be added to the principal until the whole has reached the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, when all of it may be employed. This is the second donation from Mr. White, the previous one being for the benefit of girls at the College.

### CANDIDATES CALLED FOR FROSH ELEVEN

#### Freshman Gridders Will Use New Practice Lots' On New Beaver Field

#### FIVE GAMES SCHEDULED FOR 1929 AGGREGATION

In response to the call of Coach Dutch Holmann, the local large squad of yearling football men will don the mole skins and bug-a the fight for positions on the 1929 team this afternoon about four o'clock on the new practice lots on Beaver Field. Definite announcement of the time of the practice will be made to the freshman sections this morning.

Arrangements have been made for two practice fields on the tract above the Varsity swimming lot on New Beaver Field. This field will include a part of the baseball outfield. Coach Bezdek has planned to erect ten battery dummies on this field which will be used by both squads. All the work of instructing the yearling players will take place on this field. The candidates for the eleven are: Fred Smith, Fred Smith, Fred Smith, Fred Smith, Fred Smith, Fred Smith, Fred Smith, Fred Smith, Fred Smith, Fred Smith.

During the first few practices Coach Holmann will endeavor mainly to get acquainted with his material and will early begin to cut the squad to a good working number. The 1929 squad promises to be on a par with that of last year.

#### Fresh Schedule

The yearling schedule for this year consists of five games, three of which are at State College. The first game will be played with Wyoming Seminary on October seventeenth on the yearling's home field. This will be followed by a contest with the Syracuse football team on the following Saturday at State College. On October thirtieth the Nittany yearlings will oppose the Pitt Freshman on the latter's field in Pittsburgh. The last home game will be played with the Bucknell Flebes on November seventh. The fifth and last game of the season will be staged at Salt-sburg with the Kiski gradmen.

### DEAN HOLBROOK TO BE GRADUATE SCHOOL HEAD

During the absence of Dr. F. D. Kern, dean of the Graduate School, Dean E. A. Holbrook of the School of Mines and Metallurgy, will assume Dr. Kern's duties. All business relating to graduate work will be transacted in Dr. Kern's office in the Kotters building, while mining and metallurgical headquarters will be in the New Mining building as before. The residence of Dean E. A. Holbrook has now been changed to 105 East Fairmount, the new telephone number being 368.

## NINE HUNDRED YEARLINGS WELCOMED AT FIRST FRESHMAN WEEK ASSEMBLY



DR. THOMAS

### TRUSTEES NAME GOVERNING BODY

#### Committee Takes Over Reigns of Administration Until New "Prexy" Is Named

#### DOCTOR THOMAS TAKES UP DUTIES AT RUTGERS

Following the official departure of Dr. John M. Thomas from the presidency of Penn State on August thirtieth, the task of directing the college policy fell upon an administrative committee consisting of Judge H. Walton Mitchell, president of the Board of Trustees, Deans R. L. Watts, R. L. Sackett and C. W. Stoddard and R. H. Smith, college comptroller. No definite movement has been made to elect a successor to Dr. Thomas thus far but the committee is searching for a suitable candidate for the position. The five trustees who are engaged in this important work are Judge H. Walton Mitchell, Pittsburgh; Vance C. McGonick, Harrisburg; John F. Shields, Philadelphia; W. S. Wise, Mendota, and J. L. Hamill, of Columbus, Ohio.

Qualifications Important  
The necessary qualifications of the man needed to fill the presidential  
(Continued on fifth page)

### GLEE CLUB WILL START REHEARSALS NEXT WEEK

#### Trips for New Members To Be Held Soon--Two Road Trips Are Planned

With two trips already arranged and others under consideration, the Penn State Glee Club will resume training on next Wednesday evening under the direction of Richard W. Giant, head of the department of music, in preparation for what promises to be a banner year for the Nittany organization.

A large number of the club of last year are expected to report again Wednesday evening, but there will still be several vacancies, in each of the voice sections that will have to be filled to bring the club to full strength of approximately fifty voices. The majority of these will be filled by members of the incoming freshman class and triouts will be held within the next three weeks to select new members for the club.

Triouts will be conducted for tenors and for baritones and basses on separate dates, which will be announced in a later issue of the COLLEGIAN.

#### Glee Club Trips

The first trip of the season will include four concerts in the northern and western sections of the state, where the club received an ovation last year, will be visited again, while Oil City, Kittanning and Pittsburgh will be the remainder of the appearances of the songsters.

Penn State will be represented at the annual intercollegiate glee club contest in New York City this year. For some time there had been discussion of having a Pennsylvania competition, the winner of which would represent Pennsylvania at the New York competition. But plans for the state contest will not be formed this year, and Penn State will probably be the only Pennsylvania college represented at the contest.

The Nittany organization has always placed well up among the leaders at the intercollegiate and the group maintains considerable prestige among the many colleges that  
(Continued on last page)

### Judge Mitchell Addresses Initial Chapel Exercise--New Scheme Will Be Great Help to Students

In order to initiate the incoming freshman class into the new environment of college life and acquaint the new students with the customs and traditions of Penn State, the college administration has designated the period from September 9 to 15 as Freshman Week. The newcomers will be divided into sections according to their courses, each section having a different schedule of instruction.

Each freshman has already received his section allotment and a seat in the Auditorium which he is to occupy during morning chapel exercises. Although the schedules for the various groups will differ, each freshman will have six general types of assignments which will include assemblies, school meetings, lectures, classes, mass meetings and miscellaneous interests.

### 1929 ENROLLMENT NEARS THOUSAND

#### School of Engineering Claims Almost Forty Per Cent of Students Admitted

With the opening of Freshman Week today Penn State will welcome approximately nine hundred new students as members of the class of 1929. Despite the fact that the present freshmen were rather late in turning in their applications, the nine hundred quota has long since been exceeded; in fact Registrar Hoffman has admitted some eighty more than the set quota.

The size of the present freshman class is the smallest for several years. Last year eleven hundred students were accepted, but of this number ninety failed to come, which lowered the size of the class of 1928 to approximately one thousand students.

Of the group forming the class of 1929 there are one hundred and six girls. The majority of these have been enrolled in courses in the schools of Education and Liberal Arts. Fewer students have been admitted from foreign countries than in the past and these come mainly from South America.

#### Enrollment by Schools

The School of Engineering claims almost forty per cent of the incoming freshman class with an enrollment of  
(Continued on fourth page)

### "Big Tent" Denizens To Entertain Frosh

#### Wild Animals and Side Shows Are Features of Friday Night Entertainment

Shades of P. T. Barnum and all the Ringling Brothers! The realm of the circus has invaded Penn State. Mid the pink lemonade and the stentorian cry of the big tent barker the new wearers of the green will be in familiar scenes again. So Friday night don your best togs and make your way through the holiday crowds that will throng the Armory to see the Y. M. C. A.'s "Greatest Show on Earth."

Judging by the wild, blood-curdling cries heard by several reputable witnesses when the Bellefonte Central's shrill whistle disturbed the calm silence of our peaceful valley several nights ago, the galaxy of wild animals imported for this event should be sufficient to strike terror and amazement into every circus-goer. The management, while very uncommunicative about the affair, admits that some of the animals are like nothing ever witnessed by human eyes before.  
(Continued on sixth page)

### MISS WILLARD STUDIES FOR DOCTOR'S DEGREE

Miss Mary Willard, recent instructor in chemistry at Penn State, is now working for the degree of doctor of philosophy at Cornell university. She is studying organic chemistry and its applications.  
Miss Willard is a daughter of the late Prof. J. M. Willard, for many years head of the College department of mathematics, and she was graduated from Penn State in 1921. She taught here and studied for her masters degree, which was awarded last year. Miss Willard is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honorary scholarship fraternity.  
The process Dean Wendt will attempt this year to make a suitable motor fuel will be the removal of oxygen from alcohol by means of a catalytic agent. Dean Wendt has been a prominent figure in the scientific world for his important investigations and discoveries on the atom. The research on motor fuel, he says, is more important at the present time, however, and he will devote the rest of his time to this work.

### DEAN WENDT AT WORK ON NEW MOTOR FUEL

#### Cheap Substitute for Gasoline Is Aim of Research--To Experiment Here

Dean Gerald L. Wendt, head of the School of Chemistry and Physics at Penn State, following several weeks of research in chemical laboratories in Germany investigating the manufacture of motor fuel, will conduct a series of experiments this year at Penn State in an effort to find a cheap substitute for gasoline for use when the supply of oil in the world is exhausted, a condition expected within twenty years at the present rate of consumption.

During the summer Dean Wendt visited a German nitrate plant at Meisburg, where wood alcohol is now being manufactured by a new process so cheaply that it has turned the industry in this country. He stated that if the proper process could be discovered, necessary changes could be made at Muscle Shoals to manufacture motor fuel cheaply and in large quantities.

The process Dean Wendt will attempt this year to make a suitable motor fuel will be the removal of oxygen from alcohol by means of a catalytic agent. Dean Wendt has been a prominent figure in the scientific world for his important investigations and discoveries on the atom. The research on motor fuel, he says, is more important at the present time, however, and he will devote the rest of his time to this work.