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A HANDCLASP

Penn State's annual quota of freshmen is now on the campus, almost a thousand men and women new to the College and new to its methods and traditions. Penn State welcomes them as future sons and daughters and extends to them the cordial hand of friendship, welcomes them in a manner intended to be even more helpful than ever before.

For the past seventy years incoming freshmen have gazed at Penn State to be so completely overwhelmed in the inevitable confusion of the first few weeks that their assimilation of even a rudimentary knowledge of Nittany tradition was in many cases slow and faulty. Freshman Week was conceived as a remedy for this trouble. In the words of Chaplain Metzger, chairman of the directing committee, "Freshman Week is intended to place the entire College at the freshman's service one week before the actual college year begins, so that he may become acquainted with the conditions under which he is to work for four years, and not be forced into that acquaintance through mere chance or accident."

The new system is the outcome of a "welcome-plus-service" attitude; the welcoming hand of Penn State is now also the helping hand pointing the way toward an appreciation of the new environment and the new opportunities which are opening before the new students.

Future men and women of the Class of 1929, we welcome you. For a week the town and campus are yours; make the most of Freshman Week and the opening of College should find you no longer strangers.

RUSHING

In the minds of a few fraternity men there is a serious uncertainty as to the procedure to be followed in rushing freshmen during the present season. There is evidence that some have even contemplated rushing and pledging freshmen immediately after their registration and tomorrow, at an old Interfraternity Council regulation as a warrant.

It is to be hoped that this sentiment has resulted only from ignorance of the actual facts in the case. With the final acceptance of the Freshman Week plan last spring the administration made the very definite suggestion that organized rushing should not be carried on until the opening of the actual college term. The suggestion alone should have been enough to settle all uncertainty in the matter for it is obvious that the distractions of an organized rushing program would interfere disastrously with the instruction period. However, in order to give the suggestion the force of an Interfraternity Council regulation, the president of the organization has communicated with all of the fraternities requesting that all rushing be deferred until the boys can meet tonight and agree upon the opening day of pledging.

There probably will be violations of the regulation this year just as there have been violations in the past. Before the violation, however, the would-be offenders would do well to consider the effects. In former years a breach of the ruling was an affront to the other fraternities and to the administration.

This year an attempt to rush or pledge before the date set will be a direct confession of weakness and an insult to the rushee, for through the instruction of Freshman Week the yearling will recognize the offense and construe it as it should be construed, that is, as an evidence that the rushee's fraternity fears that he will be won over by another, more desirable society.

A violation means, finally, that the offender will be sentenced not only by the College authorities and by the Interfraternity Council, but also by the freshmen themselves. The fraternity which can afford to have such a penalty does not exist.

PENNSYLVANIA'S LOSS

Having lost none of his confidence in the future growth and development of Penn State, yet believing that he could perform a more constructive service in New Jersey, Dr. John Martin Thomas last June resigned his position as president of the College to accept the executive chair at Rutgers University. Announcement of his resignation was first made in a news dispatch from Rutgers, dated Saturday, June thirteenth, and came as a complete surprise to the Nittany faculty and students.

At once a wave of protest surged through the newspapers of the State and editorial comment scored the State's negligence in failing to provide adequate financial support for its own educational institution. This lack of funds had long been felt on the Nittany campus, where it was clearly evident that President Thomas practically had been halted in his program of expansion. The inability to progress toward the goal which he so clearly saw, and perfectly reasonable discomfiture over successive niggardly appropriations were apparently the factors which caused him to welcome the opportunity to serve in other halls.

It is with regret that Penn State advances to the threshold of another year without the guiding influence of Dr. Thomas. As expressed in a local paper, there is a feeling that "Pennsylvania's loss has been New Jersey's gain," that Penn State has lost a man who gave his best in the service of the College and the Commonwealth.

Grid Gossip

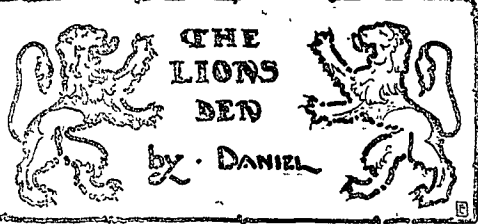
With the opening of the football season, the Grid Gossip is again a feature of the Collegian. The first game of the season was held on Saturday, September 6, at State College. The Nittany team, coached by Dan McCarroll, defeated the Lehigh team, coached by Fred C. W. Smith, by a score of 14-0.

The game was a well-fought one, with both teams displaying excellent football. The Nittany team's offense was particularly strong, with several touchdowns scored in the first half. The Lehigh team's defense was also commendable, holding the Nittany team to a low scoring game in the second half.

The Nittany team's victory was a morale booster for the players and fans alike. It shows that the team is well-prepared for the season ahead and is capable of competing with the best teams in the conference.

The game was held in a beautiful setting, with a large crowd of spectators in attendance. The weather was perfect, making it an ideal day for a football game. The game was a success in every respect and sets a high standard for the rest of the season.

The Nittany team's performance in the game was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players and coaches. It is a credit to the entire Penn State football program and a source of pride for all Nittany fans.



WELCOME

Greeting, "Hello!" We just pulled into town the other day and had nearly forgotten from Dan when the editor collared us. "We're going to give an article to you, Dan," he says. "Get busy." Can you imagine the "Hello!" in the grid and readers? A supposed-to-be good friend of mine says, "Why, he was so abrupt as to not even bother putting, 'I'm glad to meet you' or 'hello' or 'good morning' to us. But this last was the only thing he said." A true sign of originality, we thought.

"Most men would put a way in a coma or the like if handed such glad news, but not you old uncle Daniel. He just pulled his tie a little tighter, wished his tie a nice time, and said to himself, 'Well, here's where you get out first, old man. Dust yourself, Corona.' And our extreme welcome was rewarded as we peeled into the contribution box. High and behold! There before our very eyes was a set of poems. As they were both up-to-the-point and to the point, we give them to you.

WE'RE BACK AGAIN

When we think once more of the work and love that make up the year's long grind, We've come very far from here to get back to thence. And we're glad of the change, we find It's not every place, in the years we'll trace, That becomes one's second home, And the old home's "morn'" and the days grow short When we're back on the Nittany loam.

BELLEFONTE TOWN

It's just twelve miles to Bellefonte, Buddy, Let's hire a hack and go. We're freshmen here at State, my buddy, It's hell to be kept down so. Put on your loubé t'socks, my buddy, Put a smile while you have that frown. We're off for a night of nights, buddy, We're going to Bellefonte town. Deflected

ROMANCE LOST

There's lots of talk about the town, Why telephones are dead. Big rampant goer from mouth to mouth And vicious words are said. No longer can we lift the hook And then recline in ease, To wait until the central says "What is the number, please?" Long years before, the telephone Was great for love, they say. Now you will understand, perchance, Why all this mournful lay. No longer can we use the phone, Our many words to tell. Until we drop the nickel in, And central hears the bell. —NIL TON

The Slickery Stud and the Clever Cat

Hi, fellow Grid Goid! Meet the Slickery Stud. He's here to please you, the ruler of the Grid. Ask for him at any University and you'll find him.

Sure, Billy discovered her. Brought her to the hop too. But Columbus never did own America, much. Foxy Philip found out it was her birthday, and he slipped down town and got her a darling new Wahl Pen. You know the kind—slim, cylindrical, golden beauty. You can't blame the girl, can you?

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MANY VOLUMES ADDED TO SPARKS COLLECTION

Funds Subscribed by Students and Alumni To Provide Endowment Fund

With over five hundred volumes added during the summer vacation the Sparks Memorial Collection is rapidly assuming large proportions. More books will be added in the future, an endowment fund providing for these additions.

The five thousand dollar fund subscribed during the campaign among the students has been divided into a spending fund of two thousand and an endowment fund of three thousand dollars. The alumni drive is expected to increase the endowment and provide a revenue which can be used each year for new additions.

Although not all the volumes in the collection have been catalogued the majority are ready for students use at once. The collection now contains many current histories and should be of great service to the undergraduates. The biographies recently purchased cover a large part of American history and form a large part of the memorial.

Two hours of the freshmen week of instruction will be spent in the library.

with the purpose of resuming the collection with the reference and reading rooms. The volumes will be divided into groups of forty each to prevent crowding. Following a hot trip the books will be taken on a trip through the library and will then be given instruction in the use of the reference rooms. Textbooks.

Beginning with the opening of college the position of assistant librarian will be filled by Miss Marian Leitchman, a graduate of Cornell University. Following her graduation Miss Leitchman attended the University of Illinois at Urbana and there completed the part of her master's thesis on the history of the position in the United States. She will be held by Mr. Rebecca Knapp.

AIR MAIL SCHEDULE FOR BELLEFONTE ANNOUNCED

Since the opening of the aviation field below Bellefonte a regular schedule for the arrival and departure of mail planes at the field has been announced. At night the planes from the East arrive at eleven-thirty and depart at eleven-fifty. Those from the West arrive at three-thirty in the morning and leave at three-fifty. During the day, planes arrive from East and West between noon and one-thirty in the afternoon.

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