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WELCOME TO THE MOTHERS

Each spring, for three years, Penn State has been throwing wide its doors to the Dads of students. Tomorrow, for the first time, the College formally welcomes the Mothers. The COLLEGIAN voices the unanimous sentiment of the entire student body when it greets them with the greatest cordiality.

Mothers' Day fills a real need in undergraduate life, a need that has existed for years. Under the best circumstances it is necessarily difficult for the parents of students thoroughly to understand the joys and the difficulties, the problems and the accomplishments which greet their sons and daughters on a college campus. Letters, no matter how carefully or frequently written, cannot convey a realistic picture to the folks at home; the accounts of activities and of the son or daughter at home during vacations can hardly present an accurate one. A visit to the campus, even though it be hasty, is infinitely more valuable.

Nittany students now have the opportunity of welcoming their Mothers in a group. They want them to take every advantage offered by that welcome—to learn all they can about Penn State, to absorb some of the spirit, and to enjoy themselves. There is the campus and all that is on it!

LIFE SAVER NEEDED

Cries of "Help" on crowded beaches invariably bring forth multitudes of handsome lifeguards. But Penn State, crying for help as it is tossed about on the educational sea, receives as much succor as a millionaire's limousine. The dilemma has finally awakened the student body. It forms the main topic for discussion at meetings of various alumni associations. Educators consider the matter from every angle; parents of students think they see a fly in the ointment, but still the lifeguard keeps his distance.

Last June, Dr. John M. Thomas electrified Penn State by resigning from the presidency of the College to accept a similar position at Rutgers. Three months later came the announcement that Chaplain Metzger had also resigned here to take over a post at the New Jersey institution. And now, to everybody's consternation, Professor N. C. Miller, head of the Engineering Extension department here, announces that he will follow Doctors Thomas and Metzger. Penn State renews her cries for help, clinging to the hope that someone will come forward with assistance.

If Dr. Thomas saw a greater future for himself at Rutgers, he acted wisely in accepting the position. Penn State, according to his way of thinking, had much less to offer and in these days, a man is considered a freak of nature if he fails to look out for himself first. And so with Dr. Metzger and Professor Miller. If Rutgers offered greater educational and financial opportunities, which it undoubtedly did, then it would have been folly for them to have remained here. But this is not all. Rumor has it that several others are in line to go to the New Jersey school in the near future—more to worry about.

Dr. Thomas has been criticized on all sides. He has been held responsible for Chaplain Metzger's resignation. He is said to have induced Professor Miller to leave here. If such is the case, Penn State's former "Fixey" is to be praised, not condemned. When Dr. Thomas came here four years ago, he had the welfare of this College at heart. He surrounded himself with men whom he thought could best help him with the realization of this ideal. Then when he saw no future at Penn State, he left to go to Rutgers. To New Brunswick, he took with him the same determination and hopes with which he came to the Nittany Valley. Is he to be condemned for taking men who can help him and at the same time help themselves?

Penn State should not throw up her arms in despair and brand the ex-president as unfaithful. He is doing right in the eyes of those who give the matter the lightest consideration. Penn State must learn to accept these incidents as natural occurrences, as incidents which are certain to become big issues from time to time, whether the future resignees go to Rutgers or other institutions. Let us hope and faithfully pray that before Penn State is stripped of everything but her student body and a few underpaid instructors, aid will be forthcoming.

THIS AND THAT

Penn State has one custom that applies to seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen alike. It is the custom that requires students to greet each other with a cheery "Hello." In the hustle and bustle of the first few weeks of College, the custom was partly cast by the wayside with the result that the student body today has taken an indifferent attitude toward the enforcement of this phase of "regulations."

In the case of this custom, each student should constitute himself as a tribunal. "Hello's" broadcast from one end of the campus to the other gives the Nittany institution not only a democratic background but also a cheery atmosphere, two things that are necessary to the life and spirit of Penn State.

Grid Gossip

Syracuse is one of the seven Major college teams which have not been "cooped upon." Let's hope that they keep that record intact until October thirty-first, so we'll have the pleasure of breaking it.

A new step originated on the practice field Wednesday night. Led by Dangerfield and Michalske, the team ran through the mud and water using what Bez called a "duck waddle."

The huddle system is discarded—almost. The quarterbacks are now calling 'em out loud. Bez, when asked why, replied, "The huddle is too secretive. I can't find out what's going on."

There's so much spunk among the team that when Lungen and Slamp took Manz out in a scrimmage Wednesday night, between the three of them, they knocked over the water-bucket. And that's a very strange thing for any of the gang to do.

Something we forgot about New York was the show. It is said that one of the squad took four others to a musical comedy and paid six-sixty for a cardboard. He wondered what it was all about when the door-keeper told him "Six-sixty for one, six, and the other four want to sneak in behind you, you'll have to grow a lot taller."

Talk about practice with a "wet ball!" The whitened pukekin on Wednesday looked like a hard-boiled egg, tubbed in butter.

If the Lions eleven ever gets into a game on a rainy day, every one will be required to soak his hands in molasses and gravel—then the ball won't have a chance. (Neither will "He Who Gets Slipped.")

Fifteen minutes before pie time, the athletes were full of pep, as evidenced by their unusual activity in the "Y" campaign.

In signal practice every night at the end of the day's work, Bez spouts the men and then calls for two plays—letter-perfect. The players know that that means they quit if the plays are good. Somebody yells "Five minutes—then we eat!" and the scrubs get their noses rubbed in the ground.

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H. C. BALDWIN SPEAKS TO STUDENT ENGINEERS

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Philadelphia Plant; Mr. R. V. Wright, editor of "The Railway Age," New York City; Mr. J. M. Larson, assistant to the president of the Bethlehem Steel company and Mr. R. Binkeid, vice-chairman of the Public Relations committee of the Eastern Railroad association.

Prominent Engineer
Quoting as an example of a prominent American engineer, Dean Sackett cited Mr. J. B. Leeds, a man of no great advantages, who drew his education not from books but from nature's laboratory. Recognized as one of the foremost engineers of his day, he is famous for the construction of the St. Louis arch bridge across the Mississippi river.

Although he encountered stiff opposition in the erection of this engineering wonder, he showed the same tenacity of purpose demonstrated in the construction of the famous forty-eight "iron-clads" during the Civil War. These crude little fighting vessels have withstood the elements for fifty years and not once have they been reinforced.

Students and members are always welcome at the engineering lectures, but it is requested that they take seats in the gallery as the first floor is assigned to Senior Engineers. The lectures are held every Friday afternoon at four-thirty in Old Chapel.

F. F. WILSON '20 DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

A telegram received by Mr. C. E. Bullinger, (Mary Engle '20), on October thirteenth, announced that Florence F. Wilson '20 had died of pneumonia on October twelfth after a short illness. While in college, "F. F." had undertaken to lead a leader in all activities and after her graduation worked hard to keep the Philadelphia girl graduates in touch with each other. Her death brings grief to all who knew her.

"Y" Pass the Buck?

PENN STATE RIFLEMEN ARE RECOMMENDED FOR MINOR SPORTS LETTERS

In recognition of their services as representatives of Penn State in the National rifle matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, (three members of the rifle team have been recommended by Lieutenant Miller, coach of the Nittany sharpshooters, to receive minor sports letters. The men who fired against the nation's best in intercollegiate circles were A. S. Burns '27 of the infantry regiment, H. I. Risgel '27 and B. C. Stearns '27 of the Engineers' regiment.

The practice season for the team is drawing to a close as the candidates will file their qualifying scores on Monday and Tuesday, October nineteenth and twentieth, to decide the lineup for the telegraphic match with Buffalo, which is scheduled for the last week in October.

Arrangements have been concluded for a shoulder to shoulder match with Carnegie Tech at Pittsburgh the day before the Thanksgiving football game with Pittsburgh.

N. C. MILLER TAKES POSITION AT RUTGERS

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chemical Engineering two years later. In 1916 Professor Miller transferred to the extension department. This form of instruction was begun fourteen years ago and had attained only mediocre progress until it was reorganized in 1922, with Mr. Miller at its head.

Today the department has organized schools at Allentown, Scranton, Reading, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport and co-operates with many industrial firms all over the country. These latter include steel, public service, railroad, paper, furniture and motor car companies.

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assume his favorite task at the middle of the line.

House and Flak, guards, Hastings and Gray, tackles, Wilson and Slamp, ends, together with Mahoney at center, will face the Marietta forwards tomorrow. McPhee and Weston have been challenging the two Varsity ends for the last week and it is not probable that either or both may see service in the coming game.

Snyder and Lockard will probably handle the terminals for the Ohio aggregation tomorrow with Ford and

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Harris just inside Chambers and Mallory, guards, and Rossett, center, complete the line.
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