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AND PHOENIX-LIKE, ARISES FROM THE ASHES

Just as the fabled bird once each century braved the flames of a slow-burning fire and arose from the ashes to live for another hundred years, so Penn State, in inaugurating its new customs awakes from its lethargy to partake of a new life, a life of symbolic action in a world fraught with tradition.

Move-up Day will be to Penn State men what Commencement Day means to the father of a college man—the passing from the old to the new, the completion, the graduation. Move-up Day, in years to come, will be the backbone of Penn State tradition; it will be the stem that winds the mainpiping of college life.

Customs and traditions at Penn State mean something, whether that something be tangible or not. Freshmen are kept completely in check and the reins loosen only gradually until, as they become seniors, they are free-agents. Old Main has a hold on us which cannot be denied, the old tower against the moon-lit heavens brings Penn State ever closer to the heart. The Nittany Lion, fierce in its rage but lordly in its wisdom and carriage, symbolizes all that Penn State stands for—strength of muscle and of mind. All these traditions have their place in the program outlined for Move-up Day, Ivy Day and the Senior Sings.

Each class will participate in a ceremony on May fifteenth which is destined to become the crowning event of the College year. Upperclassmen and underclassmen alike will move up in customs. Seniors will don Lion suits, a garb which signifies their completion of their four years here; juniors assume senior customs by discarding their hats and wearing their blazers; sophomores remove coats as they become juniors; freshmen cast aside their dinks and are sophomores! The passing from the old to the new.

Old Main, that grand old building "built by students working nights" becomes the scene of Senior Sings, a half-hour in the spring dusk spent in low, close harmony. "Victory," "The Nittany Lion," "Alma Mater"—blended mellow voices on the front steps of Old Main. Ivy Day—the planting ceremonies and the Ivy Day Oration preceding the first Senior Sing. Old Main brought closer still.

The Nittany Lion, chosen as a champion because of its courage in battle and its calm, cool wisdom, adorns the back of the jacket of the seniors' Lion suit. For these men belong to Penn State, and as they pass from these portals they are marked as Penn State men, worthy to wear the Lion.

All of Penn State's ideals are symbolized in Move-up Day, Ivy Day and the Senior Sings; not one detail has been omitted in preparing for the occasions. Even the social aspect of the custom has been remembered in the all-College Move-up Day dance to be held in the Armory on the fifteenth, to which seniors and juniors will repair in Lion suits and blazers, which sophomores should attend in jackets and slippers, and to which freshmen may escort girls, with no qualms of to-be-administered justice.

Ivy Day ceremonies will take place for the first time on Monday evening when the seniors will gather in front of Old Main to plant the immortalizing vine and hear a short oration by one of the members of their class, saluting the event. Ivy Day has been for years a successful and picturesque tradition of other institutions, and in installing the custom here, Penn State finds time to make its campus more beautiful, its buildings more attractive, its setting more sublime.

Time may have been when the graduating class grouped itself on the front steps of Old Main to sing the songs which belonged to Penn State. Time was when seniors planted clinging ivy next the walls of Old Main. But with the coming of the blatant twentieth century, Penn State students probably lost their ideals of a university atmosphere and became interested in the material side of life only. But now, as we observe our actions with the bystander's critical eye, we find that habits which were once formed must endure; that atavism is a human trait and must be recognized.

Penn State approaches what will most likely be the crisis in a half-century of tradition. With the innovation of Move-up Day, Ivy Day and the Senior Sings, Penn State recedes in order to advance. Colleges, the lives of which are measured by hundreds of years rather than mere decades, have commemorated the passing from the old to the new, the planting of ivy and the senior singing for many, many years. In a short time, Penn State will live a new life, forgetting the present and becoming engrossed in the past; living the traditions which should have been instituted in years gone by but which somehow were neglected. Move-up Day, Ivy Day and the Senior Sings will remedy an aching void in Penn State tradition; they will serve their purpose and be really traditions, recalled as pleasant memories in later life, remembered as we will remember the Nittany Lion and Old Main, idealized as we idealize Penn State.

DADS ENTERTAINED BY STUDENT BODY

Attend College Mass Meeting Friday—See Four Events On New Beaver

PARENTS WILL CHANGE DATE OF OBSERVANCE

"Dads' Day" passed at Penn State for another year, was a highly successful affair. Although a number of fraternities had previously observed the custom of having fathers of members spend a weekend at the College, Fathers' Day at Penn State was officially established as an annual feature in the spring of 1921.

First on the program for the benefit of the visiting parents this year was the mass meeting held on Friday night in the Auditorium. It was opened with a talk by Dr. Arthur Holmes, formerly dean of the general faculty, who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. His talk was unfortunately curtailed to enable him to catch an outgoing train.

Bez spoke in regular football season style. D. D. Henry '26 represented the sons while one of Penn State's former football captains, Mr. Hewitt '03, spoke for the dads.

Parents' Association Meets The fifth annual meeting of the Penn State Parents' Association was held in the Auditorium, Saturday morning, at ten o'clock. President John S. Muser of Harrisburg made the opening remarks.

Prof. E. K. Hilschman discussed "The College Administration" and Dr. Riteroni spoke about "The Health of the Students." Dean Stoddard talked on "The Place of Scholarship in a College Education."

D. D. Henry '26 and Ruth N. Schaeffer '26 acquainted the parents with the students' social life. They told of the many extra-curricular activities and of the various publications and organizations of the College.

Sports Entertain At the business session new officers were elected as follows: E. E. Hewitt, president; Mrs. Elizabeth Olewne vice-president; and Prof. J. O. Keller, secretary-treasurer. The organization also expressed itself as being in favor of a movement to interchange the observance of Fathers' Day, now held in the spring, with Mothers' Day, started last October as an occasion of early fall. This would permit the observance of Mothers' Day on or near the date set for national observance of the occasion.

Saturday afternoon was replete with the various athletic events, including the baseball game with Ursinus college and the lacrosse game with St. Stephens. Visiting mothers were entertained at a tea given by the girls in the Women's building from three till five o'clock. A smoker and staid show was staged in the evening at the Armory.

Committee Arranges Move-up Day Program (Continued from first page) preceding a traditional Ivy Day oration.

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AGRONOMY DEPARTMENT TESTS QUALITY OF SLAG

Occasion Marked By Numerous Talks—Professor Borland Acts As Toastmaster

Among the recent developments to indicate the importance of the department of Agronomy in the agricultural field at the tests on slag being conducted at the experimental station, the appointment of H. P. Ulrich '26 to the position of assistant on soil survey in the state of Indiana, and fertility determinations on soils along the Erie railroad being made by students of the department.

In cooperation with the Mellon Institute at Pittsburgh an elaborate test is being conducted on blast furnace slag as a source of lime for correcting soil acidity. This material will be tested on a pool acid soil at Snow Shoe, Centre county. The use of different amounts of pulverized slag in comparison with the pulverized limestone will also be tried this year on a variety of crops indoors and outdoors. Professor J. W. White, who has charge of the experimental work for the station, assisted by Prof. J. S. Cobb, expects to have the value of the slag practically determined by the end of the year.

Ulrich, a student of Agronomy who will soon leave for Indiana has received his appointment through the recommendation of the department as a result of his standing as a student.

F. H. Calkins '26, J. G. Steele '27, J. K. Thornton '27 and C. D. Eybel '27 are the students having the valuable and interesting experience of making soil fertility tests in eight counties of the northern part of the state from a soil fertility train operated by the Erie railroad.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT SHIPS MANY PINE TREES Although it has been sending small trees to all parts of the state from time to time, the Forestry department recently sent one of the largest lots when they shipped two hundred dollars worth of red pine trees to various farmers in Pennsylvania. The farmers plant these trees to help develop their forests.

at some of the most tradition-steeped institutions in the East, and will play a large part in making the day a success at Penn State.

Ninety or one hundred 1927 blazers have been shipped and probably will be received this week. They may be had at the Fashion Shop. A second consignment to outfit those juniors who did not order will be shipped presently. The extra blazers will be made up in regular sizes from material on hand before the Passaic strike.

During Spirit Week freshmen will gather the wood for the bon-fire in which they will burn their dinks. Booklets containing all Penn State songs, including the new "Pennsylvania State," will be published and distributed to all students in preparation for the Senior Sings.

The Engineering School of Penn State will be host to the seventh industrial conference and the Engineering Extension convention on the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth of May here.

The Extension Department's convention begins on May thirteenth with a program featuring the subjects "Industrial Training," "Shop Training," "Apprentice Training" and "Industrial Training by the College." Robert S. Eukert, vice-chairman of the Committee on Public Relations of the Eastern Railroad Pres-

ident's association, will speak at the dinner at the Centre Hills Golf club on Thursday evening.

Robert H. Spahr, formerly a member of the Engineering extension faculty here will speak on "Investigation of Foremanship Training by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce," on Friday morning. Mr. Spahr is a member of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Meetings To Combine During the remainder of the day, the two meetings will combine. The Extension Department convention will adjourn after the annual dinner, while the Industrial conference will continue through Saturday. Senior engineering students are to attend the addresses Friday evening in McAllister Hall.

Upper classmen and faculty members of all schools are invited to attend the discussion to be held in Room 200, Engineering D, Friday at two-thirty o'clock and Saturday at nine-thirty o'clock. The Engineering Department will provide transportation for the visiting delegates from nearby railroad towns.

Lower Classes To Tangle Tomorrow (Continued from first page) upperclass honor societies be present in order to assist in conducting the underclass battle along the proper lines.

The rules for the scheduled fracas as announced by H. D. Frutkin '25, chairman of the committee, are: The two classes will be assembled at opposite ends of the field. The scarp will be run in heats with fifty men on a side. Ten minutes will be the time of each heat.

A gun will announce both the starting and end of each set. The huge air-filled ball must be kept in bounds or between the side-lines. The scoring will be determined by the point system. The side succeeding in pushing

ing the ball over the cross bar between the goal posts will be credited with two points. Should the offense be able to rush the ball across the goal line a single point will be awarded.

Precautions Taken Measures of precautions have been taken by those in charge. Should a participant fall during the height of conflict a gun will be the sign for all activities to cease until the situation is remedied. It is essential that spectators remain from the field of action in order to reduce the risk of injury.

All fraternities and boarding houses are asked to postpone their evening ban until six-fifteen o'clock.

Should the sophomores be defeated in the scarp they will be required to change customs with the seniors on Friday from twelve until six o'clock. An all-College pajama parade is on the bill for Thursday evening. On Saturday the freshmen will don ancient, tattered tunic as a part of the annual Poverty Day celebration. Spirit Week will come to a close at six o'clock on that day as an attempt the freshmen will entertain their sophomore brothers at a smoker in the Armory.

BOTANY STAFF TO ATTEND CONGRESS

International Plant Science Convention Will Meet for Second Time

DR. OVERHOLTS WILL READ PAPER ON FUNGI

Penn State will be well represented when the International Congress of Plant Sciences convenes for the first time on American soil at Ithaca, N. Y., August sixteenth to twenty-third, according to the Botany department heads.

The entire force, together with several scores of interested students, intend to journey to the congress, they stated. It has also been learned that Dr. L. O. Overholts, professor of Botany here, has been accorded the distinctive honor of reading a paper at the Ithaca gathering. The subject upon which Doctor Overholts will write is entitled, "Classification of Fungi."

The first of three scientific conventions was held in 1910 in Europe. The next meeting, scheduled for 1915, was prevented by the World War. In 1920 European conditions would not warrant the repetition of the affair and it was neglected until last year when American botanists sponsored the Congress in this country.

They received the hearty approval of their co-workers on the Continent. The convention is to be held under the auspices and with the cooperation of the American Research Societies in Plant Science. At present there is at headquarters a list of more than forty scientists of European prominence who have promised to attend. Papers will be read only by request of the men in charge. Scores of American universities will have student and faculty representatives at the convention.

Cornell university is located in Ithaca and the New York institution has offered the use of its dormitories for the convenience of the hundreds of delegates.

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