

The "Y" Supplement

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OUR LATCH STRING IS OUT

Man's primitive desire, his most craving is to find happiness. From the very origin of pithocanthropus erectus, "cave-man erect," to the present highly specialized and scientific human machine, that dominating impulse has been the same, to be happy, to do life's bidding with the least amount of conscious work.

In discharging this edict of nature, millions of the earth's people have called to their assistance a force called religion. Some call it God, others say it is Evolution; some persist in designating it as Universal Mind, still others call it Nature. But despite its universality, religion differs with the individual, every man has his own religion despite his professions or possessions.

When all of these threads of wisdom are woven into the warp of living, the product reads like this: "To inherit the Kingdom of Happiness do your daily task daily, and take a delight in seeing others smile." Not only is this a philosophical observation, but it is a practical axiom of success. It worked long before Christ, though he stimulated its use, and it is applicable today with startling results.

Realizing its potency, the "Y" attempts to reflect this attitude in all its functioning. It takes no sides, believes in no special creeds. It believes in man for what he is, what he accomplishes, and respects his religion. And the "Y" invites your inspection of this policy. The Hut is always open.

Fletcher Evaluates "Y" Work for 1926-27

Reviewing the entire activities of the "Y" as a critic would a book, Dr. S. W. Fletcher, Professor of Horticulture, presents a vivid and complete account of the "Y" program and purpose in the following interview. "An institution has character as well as an individual. It acquires a reputation, based on what it has done, or has failed to do. The Penn State Y M C A has been going in and out among us on this campus for many years. What shall be said of it by way of appraisal?"

"It is difficult enough to make a just estimate of a man, for we cannot know all his circumstances and limitations, nor understand all his motives. It is even more difficult to appraise an institution. In either case, the judgment must be tempered with charity, both men and man-made institutions inevitably must fall short of full achievement."

"Builds Character" "Much of the service of the Y M C A is intangible, it can be measured only with the eye of faith. There are, however, some concrete evidences of accomplishment. The room service to new students, the employment bureau, the lost and found department, the reading room of the Hut, the Freshman Reception, the entertainment course, the cabin in Shingleton Gap, and similar activities help to develop a feeling of friendliness on the campus."

an unselfish outlook on life—not what he can get out of life by means of the particular vocation or profession that he expects to follow, but what he can give to life in and through his chosen field. The primary purpose of the Y M C A, and of Y. W. C. A. is to promote this point of view 'Service Above Self,' as an ideal toward which to strive, is not confined to Rotary. "Extension Work Important" "The means by which the Y M C A seeks to propagate the altruistic point of view are perhaps not as well known as its more obvious public activities. The discussion groups, in which problems in campus and personal ethics are considered from this angle, have set many students on the road to clear thinking.

"The extension work takes scores of men and women students into the surrounding country to conduct religious services and to fire the ambitions of country boys and girls. Many a Penn State student has found a satisfying answer to the age-old and still pressing query, 'What is worth while,' the religious meetings of the Eagles Men, or sitting around the fireplace of the Andy Lytle cabin, or in the quiet communion of an 'inner circle.' These things may be intangible, as measured by certain standards, but they are very real as measured by other standards. From the Penn State Y M C A have gone forth more men to serve in the Mission field than from any other college in the country. This is not a mere coincidence.

"Y" is Democratic "It is as futile to expect perfection in an institution as in a man. Any appraisal of the Penn State Y M C A would be misleading that did not frankly acknowledge that it has fallen short of its opportunities. Even the heavy handicap of meager facilities, soon happily to be removed through the remodeling of Old Main, cannot justify all that has been left undone.

STUDENTS MIGHTY FORCE IN POLITICS OF WORLD-BARTON

Head of Christian World Move For Education Tells of Work's Importance SHOWS HOW UNIVERSAL FACTORS AFFECT CAREER

Compulsory Military Drill Instance of Inactivity Of Scholars

Revealing the proximity of international thought to the thought on the Penn State campus today, Louis Barton '28, Cabinet member in charge of Christian World Education and who this summer lectured on this subject throughout New England, presents a five and comprehensive view of the situation in the following interview.

"College students," Barton says, "with the greatest opportunities for leadership the world can offer, should have a thorough knowledge of the problems it faces, and at least an idea of the way they may help solve these problems.

"In Europe and the Orient, university men and women are a powerful element in the control of politics, and a great share of the progress in government there has come through the activities of this student group.

"American students are typically indifferent to the problems facing the civilization in which they live up to the expectations of the less fortunate generation that preceded them. The

Fifty Students Write Letters To Freshmen

(Cont'd from page one Supplement) are continuing their meetings, exchanging views with other members of the group and setting their problems with the help of the experienced and advanced leader.

Last year the system used was to convert the "bull sessions" at the fraternities and boarding houses into discussions of life problems. To do this a volunteer body of students was trained under the guidance of Henry Van Dusen, of New York City, at the Andy Lytle cabin. Two days were spent in this work.

And the results obtained were so gratifying that Mr. Van Dusen will return again this year. He is at present teaching at Union Theological Seminary, New York, from where he graduated. He also has brilliant records at Princeton, and Aberdeen, Scotland.

Carload of Articles Lost, Found, Returned Through "Y" Work

Through the agency of the "Y" Hut, hundreds of lost articles find their owners each year, representing a return of hundreds of dollars. And although several other agencies on the campus perform a similar function, especially the janitors, it is hoped that lost articles will all some day be pooled at the Hut because of the efficiency of its service.

Monday night at the Auditorium two purses were recovered and returned to the owners. Slide rules, slickers, pens, fraternity pins, ladies' jewelry, are some of the valuables that pass through the "Y." A purse has been found with forty dollars in it, and returned to the owner. Notebooks, however, are rarely brought to the Hut.

History of Y. M. C. A. Shows Steady Development to Present Importance

Since the organization of the Penn State Y M C A. about forty-five years ago, it has become one of the strongest student organizations on the campus. Although the building which it occupies is small in size, the work that is done in that building makes up for its smallness.

Starting out with only a few members the association grew until it became of a notable size, its chief aim being that of helping other students.

Little history of the Y M C A. is available up to about 1893. In that year Dr. F. L. Pattee became a member of the teaching staff of the college and immediately became interested in the work. In 1895 Dr. E. L. Foster, now head of the Romance Languages department, became a member of the staff and he, too started in on the Y M C A. At that time the association was suffering from what might be called a relapse. It had come to life for a short period only to go back again and it was in that condition when Doctor Pattee and Doctor Foster found it.

The national Y M C A. is divided into foreign, home and student sections and each one in turn is subdivided. It is the latter division which is represented on the Penn State Campus now. When the new Recreational building is completed it is hoped that a portion will be dedicated to "Y" work.

Included in the services of the Y M C A. here are a lost and found department, a church department where students may go for information concerning churches of the borough, an up-to-date and fairly large religious library and a student directory where it is possible to look up facts about any student enrolled at Penn State.

The organization here is also proud of her training leadership. More secretaries for student Y. M. C. A. come

from Penn State than from any other college.

Penn State is part of the Middle Atlantic Territory which is made up of five states. In the United States there are seven such territories.

Incoming freshmen would certainly not be as well informed upon their arrival here and soon after it was not for the Y. M. C. A. which sponsors several meetings for freshmen along with a number of discussion groups.

The local division of the Y. M. C. A. is controlled by a student cabinet elected by the students of the college once each year.

Probably one of the biggest projects which the Y. M. C. A. undertakes for the student body is the arrangement of the entertainment course each year to which they sell tickets for the entire course at a very low price. The chief aim of the entertainment course is to broaden the student's mind. To do this a varied assortment of the best entertainments is brought here.

FORUM AUDIENCES INCREASING WEEKLY

Open Discussions Each Sunday Evening in Auditorium Becoming Popular

LAZARON, TWEEDY, VISIT PENN STATE AGAIN SOON

One of the purposes of the Y. M. C. A. at Penn State is to raise among the students a general interest concerning religious subjects. In order to fulfill this purpose, the "Y" has been conducting throughout the year, Sunday evening Forums in the Auditorium, the leaders being the most popular Chapel speakers.

At these meetings the students have the opportunity of asking questions, and in many cases, live-wire discussions take place. Some of the more popular topics last year were, "Science and Religion," "Prayer," "What is a Christian," and "Jesus' Philosophy of Life."

Dr. Sherwood Eddy, nationally known educator and speaker, conducted the first forum this year on Dad's Day. Other men whose visits are anticipated this year are Rabbi Morris Lazaron, of Baltimore, Dr. Henry Tweedy, of Yale, Dr. Mordaca Johnson, Howard University, Henry Van Dusen, of Union Theological Seminary; Dr. Wallace Petty, of Pittsburgh and Dr. Albert Russel, of Duke University.

"Y" Aids Students In Securing Work

From washing dishes to collecting empty tooth paste tubes, and from summer work to clock tinkering, jobs are secured for students through the "Y," and students are found for jobs. Last year an aggregate amount of \$18,000.00 was represented in the "Y's" employment clearing house. Send your needs for men or jobs to the "Y" Hut.

Inside The Cabin



East End Fireplace

Exterior View of Andy Lytle Cabin



Fifty Parties Have Visited This Memorial

"Y" Sponsors Father-Son Functions



Plebcs Personally Meet Prexy Hetzel

Continuing its custom of officially welcoming the freshmen to Penn State with a reception, the Y. M. C. A. this year greeted the College's thousand newcomers on the front campus and ready colored flags.

Each evening personally met President Hetzel and his wife in the reception line. Prominent faculty members, deans and prominent student leaders were in line also.

Following the personal meeting with the President the yearlings discussed their customs for the night and healthily entered into the evening's festivities. Many upperclassmen were present, as well as the women students, and a speaking and an old program was carried out.

Among the speakers were Doctor Hetzel, C. C. Benzhill, president of the senior class, L. L. Gwin, president of the Y M C A., and A. J. Gates, chairman of the program. A feature of the program was Doctor Hetzel's introduction of several members of the Board of Trustees who attended the open-air meeting.

The Band played several selections and the newly organized Glee Club presented three numbers. Punch and ice cream were served to the freshmen, following the program, by the college women and faculty members' wives.

Attend Conference



Englishmen Delegation

Wide Distribution Proves Popularity Of New Handbook

Completely revising the reading matter and adding many new features to the Student Handbook, this year's staff published one of the most popular volumes in the thirty years of the "Bible's" existence, according to the number of copies distributed to students and the comments made by its readers.

The changes in the editorial matter and the additions of Numerical Requirements, Prank Service, words of greeting, and other information were made by the staff consisting of G. F. Fisher '27, editor; P. R. Snavitz '28, assistant editor; and R. W. Atkinson '28, W. A. Graver '29, and L. Mitzifer '29, editorial assistants.

Pays for Itself The business department was so well directed by C. C. McElvain '28, business manager, that there was no deficit in the finances of the book. This self-paying status was attained by increasing the advertising rates. McElvain's business assistants were W. A. Brecht '29, W. S. Creal '29, H.

G. Kurtz '29, W. P. McKnight '29, H. E. Pfeifer '29, and W. S. Turner '29.

Nearly four thousand of the popular little volumes were distributed to students and faculty members. Copies of the Handbook were mailed to the freshmen one week before College opened and served in that way to acquaint the newcomers with their new home.

Faculty Seeks Closer Relationship With Men In Classes—Coe Assists

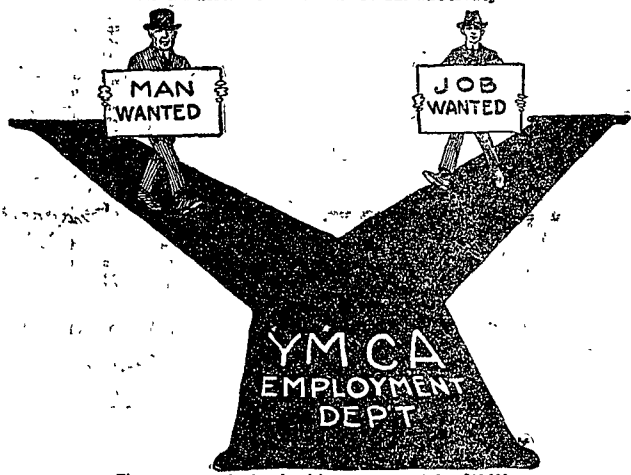
"A student on one end of the log and Mark Hopkins on the other," is often quoted as a description of a situation in which the essentials of a college equipment are represented, two men, a young man and an older man becoming familiar with each other in many phases of life.

Contrast this with the cafeteria-learning which the crowded condition of our colleges forces upon us. In too many cases the lecturer offers his material with a take-it-or-leave-it attitude. His personality touches that of the student at but one point, that of the single field of information, in which he is a specialist.

Faculty Study Problem Students and faculty alike are realizing more and more the unsatisfactory results obtained from education on the impersonal mass basis. Personal contact and common purposes are essential to productive relationship between students and faculty.

A group of Penn State faculty men have been giving careful study to this problem. As their guest, Dr. George A. Coe, of Teachers College, Columbia University did much to promote interest in the discussion and study of faculty student relations here. His three day conference has started faculty and students thinking along many lines of investigation and experiment. The "Y" men were happy to be permitted to cooperate in this work and to receive the inspiration of a cabinet meeting with Dr. Coe.

A Branch of Y. M. C. A. Activity



The aggregate of jobs placed last year amounted to \$18,000

typical American student, Smith, son of SMITH, banker and broker, is entirely ignorant of, and equally indifferent to, what is happening in the rest of the world, or even in his own country. He is preparing for a "successful career" without realizing that great international factors determine his success, even his life, to almost as great an extent as the rise and fall of steel common.

"The aim of the World Education department is to give Penn State students the opportunity to serve better the world which graduation will dump them into, by a more thorough understanding of what it faces.

"On our campus we are faced by questions of international significance. The next war can destroy the supremacy of the white race in a few months. The white race is feverishly preparing for its own destruction, driven on by the few who fancy they

"Y" Secretary



W. J. Kitchen '17

may benefit from it. The masses must back up the efforts of the men who are waging the battle for peace. "College students should lead the great middle classes in thought and

action, soon after graduation, yet on their own campus they tolerate the concerted, sincere effort on the part of very staff of which wars are made. A of very considerable body of students would undoubtedly have a great influence in ridding us of this incubus of compulsory military drill, yet not a murmur comes from the multitude who dare not think in new terms.

"The race problems facing the American people is as great now as in 1861. Few people realize that less than 10 per cent of the negro population is receiving the vote guaranteed them by Lincoln's amendment to the Constitution. We must face race discrimination fairly, take all the facts into consideration, and make a decision which insures a maximum of justice to all concerned.

"The World Education group is planning to meet a group of Labor Union leaders from Altoona, to get closer to the problems of the working men who support our economic system. Such a conference was held last Spring with good results, and will be continued with the same group of men.

"Programs along international lines will be taken to outlying communities with the cooperation of the Deputation department. Prominent speakers on international and inter-racial affairs are already scheduled to appear at State College. Their visits will be utilized to the best possible advantage for informal student discussions of the problems on which they are authorities.

"The aim of the World Education department is summed up in a recent News Service Bulletin.

"Diplomacy and international law, economics and sociology are exceedingly valuable, but alone they will never solve the world's problems. International suspicions are too deep-seated, inter-racial irritations are too painful, selfish interests are too strong. Our hope for a better world lies in the active cooperation of science and religion, one to show the way and the other to furnish the motives and driving power. It is this combination which we are trying to effect in Christian World Education."

"Y" Executive



Judge H. Walton Mitchell