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BE THERE!

In a really serious effort to acquaint the students with each other and with members of the faculty, the College sponsors a reception the first week of school each year. Not to slight the Summer Session students and faculty, this annual get-together of teacher and pupil is scheduled for the Army room tonight at eight o'clock.

While the distractions of a Summer Session are far more alluring and far more attractive than those of the regular term, the College is eager that students avail themselves of this opportunity to mingle with members of the faculty and to become personally acquainted with the men and women who will guide their scholastic destinies during the short six-weeks of summer school.

Realizing the import of a better understanding between teacher and pupil, however short the period, the Collegian joins with the College in its kind request that members of the faculty and student body attend tonight's reception.

PICKING THE WINNERS

The race is on. Applications for admittance into this and other colleges for the fall term are now submerging over-worked office forces beneath a mass of inquiries, recommendations and whatever other means are resorted to by eager high school graduates anxious to start on that four-years cruise around the College of his or her choice.

The sifting of applicants for admission to colleges and universities is a process now well established in the administration of every present-day educational institution. The entrance quota is reached only after a careful review of the high school records of promising applicants. The lucky applicants are notified of their good fortune weeks, and sometimes months, before school begins. Parents start to count their pennies. Millions of dollars are put in the banks of the country so that Mary and Johnny may acquire the education that is a necessity in this day and generation. The interest on the investment of this money depends to a large extent on the quality of the instructing staff.

We are confident that this College makes every possible effort to secure instructors who are efficient, learned and able, and who possess the best possible qualifications as educators. We wonder sometimes, however, if these pedants are chosen for their ability as a teacher or as a research expert. It is somewhat difficult to find a man that possesses both qualities. Too often the capable research expert is so passionately interested in his experimental duties that he lectures before a class only because he is paid to do just that. Not only students suffer from this conflict but the professor is deterred in his own particular field. Then there are instructors who possess an amazing grasp of their subject but lack the ability to disseminate it. Excellent administrators are often forced to yield to excess academic duties.

Undoubtedly the faculty budget controls administrations in their selection of staff members. Expense always has been the primary interest in maintaining a college faculty. But it seems logical that a research expert should continue his investigations and the teacher devote his talent to teaching. There are far too many "dry professors" in this and any other faculty to insure inspired students.

While administrators are selecting students for next fall they should likewise consider the desirability of choosing professors who are especially fitted to interest a maximum number of students in education, for education's sake, and not for the purpose of research.

A GOOD START?

The College Summer Session officially opened Tuesday morning but it seems the students are not cognizant of that fact as yet. At any rate, there are few students who have settled down for study and the daily routine of classes. This not unusual situation was created by the College itself this summer since late arrivals are still trooping in for registration.

Unless we are mistaken in our observations, honest-to-goodness class work has not started. One week of what is only a short six-weeks of schooling has been lost because of late registration and incomplete class rolls. Apparently this not commendable state of affairs is chargeable to the College for permitting registration as late as today and tomorrow. Of course there is a fine imposed on the tardy students. Nevertheless, the irregularity of class rolls is not remedied by dollars.

On the other hand, late registrants can hardly be censured for coming late if they are able to regain their scholastic feet without any serious effort. If these tardy souls could celebrate July fourth at home without hurting their pocketbooks or their chances for a passing grade, there is ample justification for the tardiness.

A prohibitive fine might bring about early registration but it is doubtful. There would still be a few brave souls who would rather pay the fine than spend a national holiday in State College. That leaves but one course open for the College and that is to postpone Summer Session until after July fourth. Then students would have no legitimate reason for late registration.

The Bullosopher's Chair

SESSION ONE

Smithers: Well, Bullosopher, now that the Summer Session has started I suppose you are perfectly contented, or at least as nearly satisfied as it is possible for a critical soul like you to be.

"You suppose all wrong, and besides it's my right—my job—to be critical. My faculty for pertinent observation and timely criticism is the thing through which my reputation at Penn State has been attained—although there are, of course, some people who do not think much of this reputation. Just to provide my beam—which my ego says contains a brilliant mind—with material for criticism was my main reason for attending this, my first Summer Session."

Smithers: Why what's the matter now? Doesn't the old habit seem like home to you any longer, since there are so many—how will I say it—so many excitingly beautiful Summer Session "buddies" treading the sacred precincts of Penn State?

"Aw, lay off me, won't you? I'm lazy today!"
Smithers: You layv? Such nonsense, Bullosopher! You have always been known for your energy. But then, perhaps, you did not get much sleep last night.

"You hit the hammer with the nail that time."
Smithers: I see you were galivanting around with Summer Session Sally in her open job. Nice car—

"Yeh, that was it, but she has thrown me over for a good looking man now."

Smithers: You should worry. There are plenty more school mams here with automobiles. Just look anywhere on the campus.

"That reminds me of something, old friend. Did you see the notice in the Collegian or on the bulletin boards concerning the parking of cars on the campus?"

Smithers: I can't say that I did.

"Another person who doesn't read the College announcements!"

Smithers: Well, what did it say?

"This is how it read: 'Because of the dangerous conditions created, students are requested not to bring cars to, nor park them on the campus.'"

Smithers: What of it? Why bring that up?

"No reason at all, except that this request has not been heeded. In fact our summer visitors are grossly violating the request which came direct from the powers that be. The lucky ones appear to think that it is below their dignity to walk more than a hundred feet, but it I had my way—"

Smithers: What would you do?

"Well—er—uh, you never can tell, but I might change that request into a prohibition."

SESSION TWO

Smithers: Going dancing tonight?

"Yes."

Smithers: Where?

"In the Armory. And I expect to attend the Summer Session reception also."

Smithers: What are you going to do tomorrow night?

"Date."

Smithers: And Sunday night?

"Another date."

Smithers: And the next night?

"Still another date. What makes you so inquisitive concerning my personal affairs? Who are you—my chaperon, my guardian, or just a plain ordinary pest?"

Smithers: I can't say that I care to be either, for better men than I am, have failed at all three; but just between you and me, Bullosopher, what are you and the girl friends—notice that I say friends because you know as well as I that it is not necessary to restrict oneself to a singular portion of the opposite gender during Summer School—what are you going to do while you are on all of these dates, besides keeping up to date in your necking practice?"

"Perhaps we'll go to the movies. Then too, the Artists' Course begins next week."

Smithers: Why not go dancing part of the time? Dancing, you know, is one of the favorite diversions of youth and your woman would surely enjoy it.

"There's no place to dance—after tonight; and there probably will be no more until the Summer Session dance on August ninth."

Smithers: That's tough. Why not?

"Didn't you hear? The College officials have banned all subscription dances at the fraternity houses, and who else would have one? If there's a suitable hall in town, someone might hold a dance there."

Smithers: I wonder why this ban was put on?

"It's beyond me! I don't know, but just as a conjecture we might say that some old maid saw something shocking last summer."

Smithers: No doubt, that was the trouble.

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Thoughts of Others

Intelligent Listening

It would be natural to expect that the lecture system of instruction, whatever might be its other merits and demerits, would train University students to be intelligent listeners. There is no reason why it should not. Responsibility for its failure to do so may be placed partly on the nature of the system and partly on the students themselves. In any case it is perfectly obvious that it fails. Anyone who has watched, even indifferently, a class taking lecture notes, or has glanced through his own or another's notebook, is quite aware of this. Some of the most disingenuous platitudes falling from the lips of the professor are diligently copied down as dazzling gems of newly discovered truth which deserve subsequent cogitation. Watch a class listening, to all outward appearances attentively, to a lecture, with pens poised, while the speaker pursues his course through a long sentence or two. Let him utter a short sentence of the most elementary common sense, and watch a hundred pens strike the paper as one.

From the very beginning there is no attempt made to teach intelligent listening, yet certainly that kind of listening could easily be taught in four years under the lecture system, and certainly it would be an invaluable faculty in later life. Freshman lectures—in fact, all lectures—should not be too fact-erammed. First-year students should be able to spend the major part of their time in a lecture course listening, and a minor part in taking notes. The content of lectures can be increased as students become more experienced listeners.

We would like to see an experiment tried in University lecturing. Let the lecturer speak for forty of the fifty minutes, during which period a student would be permitted to take no notes at all, and let the latter spend the remaining ten minutes of the hour in writing a review of the salient points of the talk. It would be difficult at first, but it would be good training. It would have its disadvantages, for occasionally a professor unleashes an ideally phrased thought which ought to be recorded verbatim. Experience teaches that such instances are rare, however, and exceptions to the rule could be made for them.

—Cornell Daily Sun

MACHINERY SPECIALISTS VISIT WASHINGTON, D. C. Five Penn State farm machinery specialists and agricultural engineers attended the annual convention of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at Washington, D. C., recently.

They were Ralph U. Blasmgame, George M. Foulkrod, Helgi B. Josephson and W. D. Hemker of the farm machinery department, and John R. Haswell, extension agricultural engineer. A considerable part of the program was devoted to rural electrification extension methods.

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July 8—The Old Testament and Its Books
July 15—The New Testament and Its Books
July 22—The Story of the New Testament Manuscripts
July 29—The Story of the English Bible
August 5—The Bible in Mission Lands

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J. G. WHITE GIVES TWO FELLOWSHIPS

Scholarships of Donor Number Three Now in Memory of His Father

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That two additional fellowships awarding six-hundred dollars each have been added to the list of prizes for which students of the College are eligible, was made public recently by President Ralph D. Hetzel.

The two prizes are provided through a gift of twenty-five thousand dollars from James G. White, class of 1882, and will be awarded each year to seniors whose work in College has been outstanding, and who will use the fund for graduate study at this or some other institution.

With one such fellowship having been offered for several years, the prize now makes possible the awarding of three, each being provided by the donor in memory of his father, John W. White. Up to this time it has been the ambition of every Penn State senior to win the White Fellowship for the honor attached to it.

The prize has been the largest in value offered at the College. The latest gift is an addition to the fund heretofore provided for the John W. White Fellowship and scholarships, and has been accepted by trustees on the same general terms.

Mr. White is head of the J. G. White Engineering corporation and its many allied companies, known as the largest engineering organization of its kind in the world. At the recent alumni day dinner here he was given the alumni award for completion of twenty-five years of outstanding service to the College as a member of the Board of Trustees.

FOREIGNERS ENROLL IN AGRICULTURE COURSES

Penn State's free correspondence courses in agriculture will reach the Holy Land, Thomas I. Mairs, director, stated recently. He has received a request from W. J. Jankelson, of Metula, Galilee to be enrolled in the available courses in sheep breeding. Mairs also reports the enrollment of R. C. Agrawal, lecturer in agriculture.

AGRICULTURISTS ATTEND VOCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dean Ralph L. Watts Addresses Teachers at Eagles Mere Convention Saturday

Several members of the School of Agriculture faculty took part in the annual State vocational conference at Eagles Mere Park last week. The conclave was brought to a close Saturday.

Professor H. Clyde Kandel, head of the poultry department; Prof. Frank D. Gardner, head of the agronomy department; Prof. Adam L. Beam of the dairy husbandry department; Fred P. Langer of the agricultural economics department; Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, head of the department of horticulture; and Prof. Ralph U. Blasmgame, head of the farm machinery department, presented the latest results in research in their respective lines of work.

Dean Ralph L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, addressed the group of vocational teachers at their final meeting Saturday morning.

Others from Penn State who participated in the program are Prof. Harry G. Parkinson, head of the department of rural education, who presided over a sectional meeting for supervisors of vocational agriculture; Dr. William A. Broyles of the same department, who will preside at a county supervisors' meeting, and Prof. Clarence S. Anderson, also of the same department, who is chairman of a meeting for directors of vocational schools.

Specialist Upholds Food Rights of Egg

That the egg is an ancient as well as a modern human food was the statement made recently by Harry H. Kauffman, poultry extension specialist of the College.

"Before the dawn of civilization," declared Mr. Kauffman, the primitive man robbed birds' nests for part of his food supply. Since that time the production of eggs has gone through a marked stage of development in this country alone the value of the poultry industry amounts to \$1,250,000.

Passing beyond borders of civilization to the less advanced countries of today, it is found that many of the barbarous and semi-barbarous tribes of Africa, South America, and the South Sea Islands have flocks of partly domesticated fowls which are maintained to furnish a supply of eggs.

Cathaum THEATRE
FRIDAY—William Haines in "TELLING THE WORLD"
SATURDAY—Colleen Moore, Edmund Lowe in "HAPPINESS AHEAD"
MONDAY AND TUESDAY—Matinee Monday at 2.00 World's First Showing at Popular Prices of Janet Gaynor, Charles Farrell in "STREET ANGEL"
WEDNESDAY—John Gilbert, Renee Adoree in "THE COSSACKS"
THURSDAY—Return Showing of H. B. Warner, Nils Asther in "SORRELL AND SON"
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NEXT SATURDAY—Thomas Meighan, Marie Prevost, Louis Wolheim in "THE RACKET"

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