

INTERUNIT SPORTS EXTENSIVE HERE

Provide Athletic Training For Those Lacking Varsity Team Calibre

To provide athletic training for the majority of students at Penn State who are not quite up to varsity team standards, an extensive intramural athletic system has been built up by Hugo Bezdek, director of athletics.

Practically every sport represented in the intercollegiate competition has its counterpart in interfraternity, interclub, and interunit tournaments. These tournaments are under the direction of experienced coaches and frequently valuable material is uncovered for the varsity teams although that is not the primary purpose of intramural sports at Penn State.

Plans have been underway for eliminating as much as possible the class period from 4 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and for setting the dinner hour of fraternities at 6 o'clock instead of the present 5:30 o'clock custom. By effecting improvements in these two ways an uninterrupted two-hour period for all-student athletics would be made possible.

Many Students Compete

Evidence of the increasing importance of intramural athletics is shown in the widespread participation of the students. Fifty-seven groups, representing 853 student participants, engaged in intramural football to make that sport the most popular in the Fall season. Cross-country and horse-shoes swelled the total for that season to 1,076 students in active competition.

Sixty teams competed in the basketball tournament and individual champions were crowned in boxing and wrestling. In addition to the major sports, intramural handball and volleyball were held in the winter season. More than sixty students competed in the former tournament while three times as many entered the latter competition.

Tournaments run off in the Spring included horseshoes, tennis, golf, soccer, track, and lacrosse. Football, for those who desired to learn the fundamentals of the game, was also a feature of the Spring competition.

Control of the intramural athletic affairs of the College is in the hands of a student sports council selected each year. A general manager is named by this group as well as separate managers for each of three seasonal divisions. Responsibility for the competitions in each season falls on the manager of that division.

Hiking Routes Abound In Nearby Mountains

Town Reservoir at Shingletown Gap Offers Favorite Retreat for Walkers From State College

Because mountains lie within four miles of State College on the south and east and within seven on the north, students are afforded unusual facilities for spending their leisure time in hiking and outdoor recreation.

For the casual hiker the most popular mountain retreat is Shingletown Gap, in the mountains south of town. The reservoir on which State College relies for part of its water supply is located there. Deriving its name from the town situated below it, Shingletown Gap is one of three, convenient for hiking purposes in the first range of the Seven Mountains. By climbing the sides of the gap, excellent views can be seen of State College, lying in the Nittany Valley which extends to the Bald Eagle range on the north.

If the road which passes the reservoir at Shingletown is followed for about three miles, Bald Knob will be reached. It is a treeless, steep mountain which reaches 2,300 feet in height and affords a view of the surrounding mountains and country. Descent can be made from its top into Boalsburg which is six miles from State College by State road.

Bear Meadows Unique

Musser's Gap lies to the west of Shingletown. From it a trail leads between the first and second mountain to Shingletown or the gap can be reached by following the top of the first mountain.

One of the most interesting long hikes is into Bear Meadows, a swampy region in the valley of the fourth ridge of the mountains to the south of State College. It is formed where the northern side of the ridge curves into a saucer shape. In the Meadows grow many rare plants and animals. Twelve miles from State College the Meadows are reached by passing through Wright's Gap to the east of Shingletown. Four miles beyond the Meadows is situated the Nature Study camp which is operated by that department of the College during the summer months. A short distance farther is the Alan Segar memorial which constitutes practically a virgin stand of forest trees.

Pine Grove Mills, which derives its name from the fact that formerly two mills with a white pine grove were situated there, is about six and

a half miles from State College by State road. After passing through a gap in the mountains above that village and climbing the second ridge, an excellent view can be gained on a clear day. Descending the mountain about two miles farther the road crosses Laurel Run which leads to the east and joins with the Bear Meadows road. Whipple Dam is situated about a mile from Laurel Run. It affords good swimming and camping ground.

The Nittany ranges running toward State College from the northeast terminate in the famous Mount Nittany at whose base lies the village of Lemont, two and one-half miles from the town. From the summit Penn's Valley can be seen extending between the Nittany and Seven Mountain ranges and running into the Nittany Valley which lies between the Bald Eagle range and the Seven Mountains.

To the north of State College lies a sandy region called the Barrens, which comprises many acres of soil too poor for farming. Scrub oak and underbrush cover most of this region but large quantities of iron ore have been taken out. The cost of transportation and the introduction of iron from other regions led to the abandonment of mining. Scotia, six miles from State College, is one of the deserted towns which in small part still stands. At one time Andrew Carnegie installed steam shovels there because of the large ore pockets.

For automobile drives there are many limestone caves, wet and dry, and interesting natural formations nearby.

Athletic Director



BEZDEK

Crime Here Sets New Low Record

Crime at State College last year was restricted to a number lower than that of any college town its size in the report released by Albert E. Yougel, Chief of Police.

Of the 653 arrests made in 1931 only 119 were of a character coming under State jurisdiction, such as assault and battery, larceny, and the like. Most of the cases resulted from violations of borough ordinances and traffic laws. College students, who form fifty percent of the town's population, constituted 114 or 17 percent of the arrests.

"Because of the co-operation offered the local police by its close association with the student body through the student police force, lawlessness at State College is kept at a minimum," declared Chief Yougel.

College Catalog Describes Campus of Fifty Years Ago

Visions of a Penn State campus on which Old Main—the original structure—contained all the class rooms, the laboratories, the library and chapel hall, in addition to numerous dormitories, are conjured up by the College catalog for the year 1881-82.

The calendar, as it was called, is a sixteen-page pamphlet three by five and a quarter inches. "James A. McKee, M. A., Acting President," heads the faculty list, which includes twelve other men and two women. Miss Anna M. Cooper, B. S., is designated "Lady Principal" and Miss Hattie L. Foster, "Instructor in Music."

After describing the aims and purposes of the College, the calendar tells something of the campus. The main building, it says, "contains the public rooms, such as chapel, library, cabinets, laboratories, class-rooms, and social halls, and a large number of dormitories. . . . The other buildings are professors' houses, barns, engine-houses, etc."

Compulsory Drill

Declaring that the College provided a bedstead, mattress, washstand, and chair for each student who roomed in the building, the catalog said that all other articles, "including bedding, wash-bowl, pitcher, mirror, lamp, etc.," should be furnished by the student.

Although the College provided no boarding facilities at that time, students were able to secure meals at about half present rates, the bulletin adds.

"The College does not maintain a boarding-hall," the catalog explains, "and most students depend on the boarding-houses in the vicinity, the regular charge being \$3 per week."

The College offers special facilities to those who board themselves singly, and also to the College Boarding Club, which supplies its members, now numbering about twenty, with good boarding at about \$2 per week.

All students were required to take military training three times a week, but seniors and juniors had to attend only half the number of classes assigned for members of the lower classes during the year. The uniform, the catalog states, "is of cadet gray cloth and of a standard pattern."

Had 2 Sessions

College officials who regard as a new development the quarter system, in which the academic year is divided into three parts instead of into two semesters, should refer to the catalog of fifty years ago. The 1881-82 calendar was divided into a fall session of sixteen weeks and winter and spring sessions of twelve weeks each.

The College maintained a preparatory course for students coming from districts where there were no "advanced schools." In this department as well as in the first two years of

College work proper, the student might elect a course in general science or one in the classics.

Speaking of the College courses, the pamphlet says:

Lists Curricula

The predecessor of the winter short courses in agriculture given by the College is seen in the Farmers' Institute of 1882. This was a series of lectures given over a period of ten days in January.

"That in General Science, probably the most popular of all college courses, embraces German and French, mathematics, and a fair outline of the natural and metaphysical sciences! The Classical combines with the essentials of the old, time-honored 'college course' a large amount of the scientific knowledge and practical training which that course formerly lacked."

At the end of his sophomore year the student might continue in the chosen course or enter one of four "technical" courses. The curriculum thus designated were agriculture, natural history, chemistry and physics, and civil engineering.

SHEDD GIVES LECTURES

Mr. Fred Fuller Shedd, editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin offers a series of lectures on journalistic subjects every Monday morning during the regular session.

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