

Frosh Welcome 10 Years Ago Featured 'Tomato Massacre'

A warm reception. That's exactly what awaited the blooming freshman 10 years ago as he stepped off the Bellefonte Central into the eager arms of his fellow students who had had the advantage of several years of Penn State's "culture."

All sophomores who did not carry paddles were disqualified for the occasion.

Stunt night, the gala event of the year closely followed the freshman's arrival, and was a decided asset to the local lumbermen. For the official reception, outstanding members of the new class entertained with a short talk accompanied by a form of applause devised by the upperclassmen known as the "tomato massacre."

In case the fruit gave out, flour was distributed to the needy ones. This soul-stirring drama was followed by personal greetings from every member of the upper class in which the yearlings "ran the gauntlet." A fresh supply of paddles was supplied the next day to substitute for those which had been destroyed in action.

A climb up a greased pole followed to allow the freshmen to taper off for the night. However anyone who felt unable to accomplish this feat was assisted by kindly sophomores who lent the victim the necessary momentum through the medium of a quarter of an inch of oak.

A fire hose was always procured to cool any one who might have become dangerously overheated, and, also, anyone who had not become overheated.

The same year several hundred of the incoming sheep were shorn of \$1.50 to buy "recognition pins" as they were buying their dinks. Unlicensed sellers of fictitious "recognition pins" cleaned up close to half a grand as they turned their upper-class salesmanship loose full blast upon the "greenies" and sold "traditional" ornaments right and left.

Later on the social calendar came the date of the traditional "pants scrap" on Beaver field. For this bit of boyish fun the sophomores, and the freshmen clashed with the objective in mind of tearing off the pants legs of the opposing class. The victor was determined at the end of the scrap when a count of the intact pants legs of each side was made.

FELINE

You expect a 2 in the course. You have sussed through the bluebooks, and answered all the questions in the final. Opening your grade sheet expectantly, you find that you have flunked the course with a minus one. You buy a white sash gown for house-party, as you were invited months ahead. At the last minute, your escort calls and breaks the date—if you have experienced either of these somertragedies you can appreciate how a child would feel on Christmas morning if he discovered that his stockings was empty.

The underprivileged children in Lytle's Addition and Mifflin County have scrawled letters to Santa Claus asking for toys, oranges and woolen mittens. Handicapped by a cut in funds, the social workers cannot supply all these requests. They need your support.

A small contribution of 25 cents; the price of a pack of cigarettes and a milkshake, will accumulate into \$250. If all the co-eds donate when members of the House of Representatives and Freshman Council come around to the dorms in a few days. Your quarter will help fill some unfortunate child's stocking. Don't be a Scrooge.

Seminar To Conduct Trip To Steel Mills

A social inquiry trip, including a trip to the Johnstown steel mills for first-hand information on recent strikes, will be conducted by the Sophomore Seminar tomorrow. Automobiles will leave the Corner at 5:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Plans are being furthered for the annual Christmas holiday trips to Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

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Collegian Honored In '28-'29 Under Editor Bell

Adjudget the outstanding college newspaper in the East, the Penn State Collegian rode the crest of journalistic prosperity in the year 1928-29 under the editorship of Louis H. Bell '29, now assistant professor of journalism.

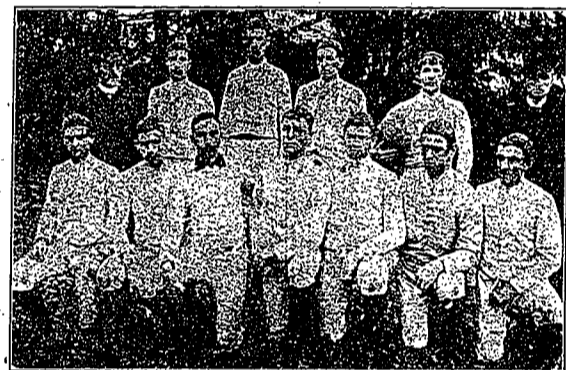
This honor and a \$25 prize was given by the Eastern Intercollegiate Newspaper Association when the Collegian garnered 18 out of 20 possible points. Second place went to the Boston University News with 11 points. In the same year, Editor Bell was acclaimed the author of the outstanding collegiate editorial. His editorial, "Substitute Stamina," is an ever-time-ly praise to the football "bench warmers."

Alpha Delta Sigmas Will Hold Initiation

Initiation of new members to the Penn State chapter of Alpha Delta Sigma, national honorary advertising fraternity, will take place Wednesday, December 8, at 5:30 p. m.

Speaking at a banquet which will follow the initiation ceremonies in Old Main, Prof. Franklin C. Bauner, head of the department of journalism, will discuss his recent trip through the Orient.

Nope—Not A Pajama Party



PENN STATE'S FIRST GRIDMEN 1887
Standing—Coach Cleaver, Jackson, Mitchell, Mock, Lins, Manager Morris.
Kneeling—Barclay, McLean, Weller, Kessler, Hildebrand, Rose, Leyden.

1887 Gridders Had Admirers, But What About The Game?

Report on Penn State's first varsity intercollegiate football game, reported from Volume 1, Number 3 of the Penn State Free Lance, December, 1887.

Bucknell, 0; P. S. C., 54. The regular practice and careful training of our "first 11" developed confidence enough in the playing abilities of our boys to lead many people to believe an interesting and exciting game would be played on the occasion of our visit to Lewisburg on November 5, and the State College football team did not disappoint the admirers at home nor did they leave the opponents' field until they had gained admirers there. It is worth mentioning that our boys made their first "touchdown" within 2 minutes after the game had been called.

The playing on both sides was very commendable throughout the entire game.

The teams were well matched in size and strength. Neither side could gain by what is called rough playing, and all the points scored were made by the skillful playing of tricks the best of which was the one so frequently played by our half-backs.

Bucknell, 0; P. S. C., 24

The Bucknell University football team of Lewisburg, Pa., which was defeated November 12 by the State College 11 by a score of 54 to 0, played a return game here November 19, and again lost by 24 points to 0, or two goals from touchdowns and

Flying Dutchman



JOE BEDENK '24

Penn State's line coach was the last of the five Nittany Lions to be accorded a position on Walter Camp's All-American eleven. The hard-charging "Dutch" went to the Rose Bowl with the Lions in 1923 but cracked some ribs in practice and was unable to play.

The second annual book fair, sponsored jointly by the Christian Association and the Library, will be held in the Library December 13, 14, and 15.

War-Bell Performs Original Function After 10 Years

War in China!

Today we see it in three-inch headlines; we read of streets full of dismembered bodies; thousands annihilated in air-raids, by huge bombs, shells, gunfire, execution. We see news-reels of death and wholesale destruction—and the ancient war bell at Lingnan University is undoubtedly once more performing its original function.

Appearing in an issue of the Collegian of ten years back is an article explaining that the class of '27 had just bought and donated an ancient war-bell dedicated to China's War God to Lingnan University. The inscription-covered bell was housed in a tower on the campus for the prosaic purpose of calling the faithful to classes.

Explaining the uses of this war-bell, the 1927 Collegian stated, "With its deep-throated call rolling out over the city, men of Canton would heed the tolling, and gathering their weapons about them, would hurry to the meeting place.

"But all this is past, the fallen voice of an idol is in another tower where it will ring to call Chinese men and women from their homes to battle, but their antagonists will not be animate, they will be books."

Latest rumors have it that little yellow men are trying, even at this moment, to elevate the Chinese standard of living and conditions to a higher plane, one where books are unnecessary.

Town Underwent Radical Changes In 1925 Boom

Penn State students returning to school in the Fall of 1925 found State College radically changed, for during that summer the town's greatest building boom had taken place.

The Cathaum theater was nearing completion about this time. It took the place of the old Pastime movie house located next to the Nittany theater and which is now used for storing.

The Leitzell building had been erected on Co-op corner. This particular structure was built with the black bricks and gold mortar left-over from the American Radiator building on 42nd Street, New York City.

The new fraternity houses which were in various stages of construction during that year were Sigma Nu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Acacia, Phi Epsilon Pi, and Omega Epsilon, now Phi Kappa Psi.

and exciting, only one touchdown being made, and that by Jackson. In the second half the college played a strong rushing game, excelling their opponents in running, tackling, and kicking. Capt. Linsz secured three touchdowns, from two of which Mitchell kicked goals. The running and rushing of Linsz, and the brilliant tackling of Barclay were the features of the half.

Just as the Collegian is the traditional news purveyor of college activities, so is Stark Bros. & Harper an institution which has become the traditional Haberdasher for Penn State men.

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"No fines for cutting," Registrar announces.

No, not a headline from this year's Collegian, but it was true back in 1929. Students who skipped classes a few hours before the Thanksgiving holiday were not subjected to the heat of a five-dollar fine.

"Back in the good old days" the students were only fined for cutting classes early on Christmas and Easter recesses. Back then, the Registrar, it seems, decided whether or not the fines would be imposed for those students eager to lift their skirts and fly town.

From the same year comes this bit: "If musical alarm clocks are the ideal means of gently and harmlessly waking college students... Why not replace the Old Main Bell... With chimes?"

The ever present fight for funds was the prevailing news in the Collegian in the fall of 1928. Students were massed to fight for a proposed \$8,000,000 bond issue, which of course, was not passed.

Dr. Fred L. Pattee was delivering his final lectures nine years ago this week, according to a Collegian story of December 7, 1928. His last public appearance here as head of the department of English literature was in Schwab auditorium where he spoke on "French and Spanish Influences in American Literature."

In the September issue of the fall of 1930 the Collegian reported the return of Fred Waring's Pennsylvania for a fall musical show. It was his first homecoming since 1927.

In May 1930, the students were celebrating the repeal of the ruling which made chapel attendance compulsory, a fight begun back in the days of the first few Free Lances.

George C. Skidmore, escaped prisoner from Pittsburgh was being sought in the Nittany Valley, a Collegian story of September 30, 1930 states. The former Bellefonte student was supposed to be hiding in Rattlesnake mountain.

"Students Favor R. O. T. C.; Verbal Questionnaire Shows" reads a Collegian headline of a late November issue in 1930. Quite a bit different from today! According to the article, 50 per cent of the students taking the basic course would have enrolled in it anyway. Note: The Department of Military Science and Tactics made the survey.

Congratulations on your Golden Anniversary

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Ran 'Em Ragged



BILL COX '29

Three times Intercollegiate cross-country champion, the "Nittany Flyer" was also holder of the indoor and outdoor ICIA one-mile title.

Who's Dancing

TONIGHT
Pi Kappa Phi
Booth Watmough
(Formal invitation)
Miles Street Dorm
129 South Miles Street
Victrola
(Closed)
Varsity Hall
Victrola
(Subscription 25 cents)

Campus Bulletin

TODAY

An organization meeting of all Penn State skiers will be held at 7 o'clock tonight in room 418 Old Main. Rabbi Abram Hirschberg will speak at the Hillel services at 7 o'clock in room 405 Old Main.

TOMORROW

A record recital conducted by Bernard Rossman under the auspices of the Hillel Foundation will be held at

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

THE COLLEGE CUT RATE

Next to the Corner Room

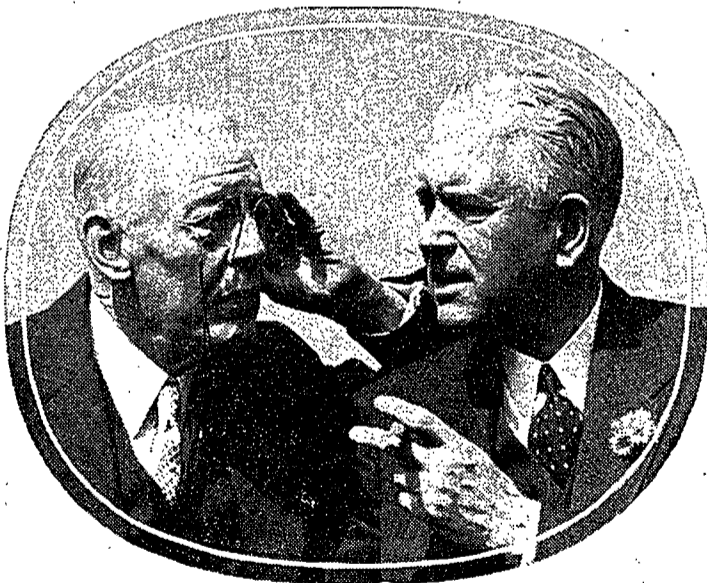
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