

The Lemon

Magazine Satirizes Problems

The Lemon, a small yellow colored magazine which carried satirical coverage of campus problems, appeared just before Christmas, 1906.

The Lemon came into being in an in-between period of the University's history. After the death of President George W. Atherton, 1906, and before the selection of President Ed-

win E. Sparks, 1908, the University (then College) went through two years of indecision, squabbling, and lack of leadership.

The students felt the situation needed comment and the Lemon was, in their eyes, the answer to this need.

"The Lemon," said the lead article in the first issue, "will direct streams of astringent juice at those things in and about the college that, in the eyes of the undergraduates, need betterment or abolishment."

Satirizes Meetings

The following numbers, besides satirizing some faculty members and town characters, made fun of faculty meetings and class room practices. It continually jibed at the Bellefonte Central Railroad, asked questions about the Co-op and the attitudes of some merchants in town. It so strongly advocated the establishment of a post office and naming the town Atherton, that all but the first two issues of the Lemon printed the dateline "Atherton, Pa."

When the Board of Trustees was considering making the College co-educational, an issue was dedicated to the coeds. It pleaded that Penn State remain a men's college, and poked fun at the proposed course of cooking and baking.

In order to throw snoopers off the track, the editors issued the Lemon Squeezer, a red covered pamphlet the same size as the

Lemon. This contained the names of the editors, whereas the Lemon had been published anonymously. The Lemon Squeezer was supposed to be a criticism of the 4 1/2 x 6-inch yellow magazine.

As if in reply to this counterblast, a ninth issue was published a week later. The last one came at Commencement time and printed the list of its perpetrators, four of whom proved to have been editors of the Lemon Squeezer.

The Lemon strongly set forth its faith in the existence and worth of school spirit and spoke of a hope that the College would soon have University status. It supported the idea of an honor system. It decried squabbling among departments and pleaded for an interest in the College as a whole.

The Lemon attacked the habit of students cutting articles from books and magazines in the library. It advocated greater support of the cut system.

In addition to these campaigns,

the Lemon reprinted from reputable magazines or books quotations designed to promote better living or a saner and more philosophical attitude toward life and its problems as they affected student life.

With the coming of the new president, Dr. Sparks, the reason for The Lemon's existence ceased and the last issue in 1908 stated the why and wherefore of the magazine and the reason for its discontinuance.

"And now that we have a President who realizes what the students are and what they want; whose object is to help us and to supply our needs; who has the ability to cure the ills of college life . . . why the work of the Lemon is completed."

Weather Flags Displayed for Sixty-Seven Years

The weather flags which are displayed every day atop the Mineral Industries building represent a 67-year-old tradition at the University.

The College catalogue in 1888, announcing the service, said the flags would be flown from the flagstaff on top of the main building (the old Old Main) "whence they are visible for miles on every side."

The flags are changed at noon to indicate the next day's weather.



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... when the Farmer's High School first appeared on the scene, Milady and her Master dressed very much like this.



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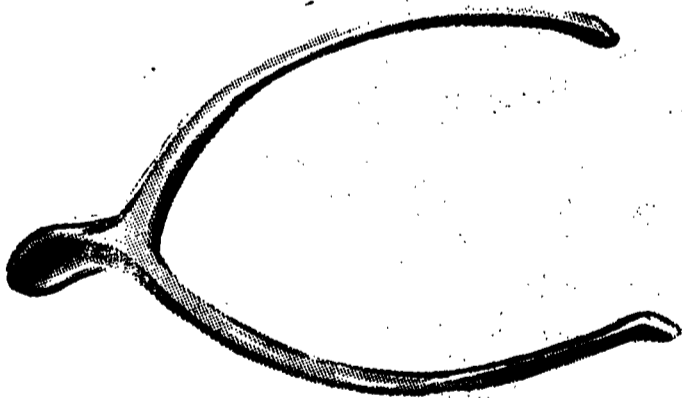


Bags of Water

Fall From Old Main

In the early days of the University when all students lived on the third, fourth, and fifth floor of Old Main, the fifth floor was always the most popular because it gave students the feeling of being above everyone else.

Also, it gave a "poke of water" farther to fall before it hit the person at whom it was aimed. The poke of water consisted of a paper bag filled with water which, when dropped down the stairway on the head of some individual walking below, afforded much amusement—to the one who dropped the poke.



What else can a newcomer say at such an occasion? We can't say; "We remember back when the college consisted of two buildings or when State College was only one street long."

What we can say is that "we're glad to be here." We thank you for the hospitality you, the students and faculty, have shown us. We thank you for your wonderful reception to our opening and for your continued patronage.

To us, this is not so much the ending of the first century, but rather the beginning of a second. We're sure that the University will grow larger and even better in the years to come. And We hope that, with your cooperation, Penn Whelan will grow right along with it.

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