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PENN STATE AND THE WAR

Penn State's student body has offered itself to Uncle Sam for any service in which it might be of assistance in the great national crisis, the college grounds, buildings and brains have been offered in a similar manner, the Red Cross service has sprung into great activity, and finally, many members of the two upper classes have offered themselves for beneficial service, while the underclassmen are going into their routine drill with a snap and vim never before displayed by Penn State cadets.

But by no means does Penn State's duty stop there, it has really just begun. A Penn State student body has never yet been called upon to face so great a crisis. And the advice for all at this time comes from wiser heads than ours, "Go Slowly", and in a literal sense—"Use your head."

The latest step to be taken by the Penn State students, the organization of a class in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, is one worth while and should be conducive to the most beneficial results. It opens the gateway for college men and will do away with the necessity of Penn State men with military training carrying a gun in rear rank of privates. But with all these developments, the chief duty of the Penn State student is twofold.

First, we should take advantage of every little bit of military training that is offered us, that we might become even more proficient in the art than two years of perhaps indifferent drilling on our part was able to make us. The underclassmen are particularly fortunate in receiving instruction on an intensified scale. As many upperclassmen as possible should enroll in the Training Corps, or at least attend the classes. The entire situation is far more serious than we believe.

In the second place, we should at this time stick by our everyday class work. The coming days are bound to bring unrest and excitement over unusual affairs and it will require the greatest self-control for the average student to stand up under it and continue his work in the customary manner. The advice of General Wood on this point is invaluable when he tells the college men to "stick to their present duties until such time as the government calls for men."

LEND A HAND

Word has come to us from Harrisburg that the House Bill which would provide for "Absent Voting" in Pennsylvania has been reported back favorably by the committee, and will be voted upon within the next two weeks. This bill was mentioned by the Collegian earlier in the year as being of such a nature that if it is made a law, it would be of great benefit to hundreds of college men in Pennsylvania in enabling them to cast their ballots at times of general elections without the necessity of going home to do so.

This "Absent voting" scheme is of especial benefit to traveling men and college men of voting age, and is deserving of the united support of all Penn State men, whether of voting age or not. The Penn State Civic Club, which very creditably backed a similar measure several years ago, has undertaken the work of conducting a student campaign here during the next week. The bill as a law would permit any qualified voter who finds it necessary to be away from home on election day to cast his ballot at any voting place in the state. Scores of Penn State students last fall lost the opportunity of casting their first presidential vote because they were unable to get home for that purpose. This proposed measure would allow all properly registered students to vote here in State College.

ARE "DAYS OF CHIVALRY" PAST?

By actual count, twenty-two young women students who arrived on the special train at Lemont last Wednesday noon were forced to stand there for twenty minutes until the busses could first carry the men students to the college and then return for a second trip. And on this occasion, there was no exception to the general rule. The end of every college vacation witnesses a similar ungentlemanly performance,—a mad rush on the part of the men for seats in the cars even before the train has been brought to a standstill. And each time the discomfort of a tiresome delay on top of a tiresome journey is thrust upon the girls. It is our belief that if four or four drivers placarded their cars as being "Reserved for Girls" they would be amply repaid for the courtesy, for it is quite evident that Penn State's "Days of Chivalry" are lost or forgotten.

One fly properly swatted now means that there will be thousands less to swat in the months to come.

Let us show a little patriotism these days and give Old Glory the proper salute as she floats downward every evening.

This is the season for forest fires and student likes to the mountains. Watch where you throw those lighted matches, and extinguish every camp fire.

If you can not enlist in any branch of the government service, start right now to land a job on a farm for this summer. You can help your country to a very great extent by doing so.

This week is being observed as "clean-up week" in the town and students can cooperate in many ways with the townspeople in getting rid of the eyesores. And, by the way, what has become of that idea for a big Campus Clean-up?

We note that some grading operations are under way on the proposed new site of the B. C. R. R. station at the corner of West College Avenue and Burroughs Street. Can it be that we are to be blessed with an early removal of those unattractive buildings? Impossible.

LETTER BOX

ENCOURAGEMENT

Editor, The Collegian— There is not a department and not a single class or division of a department in a school, college or university that is not vitally important to the educational system of the institution.

Athletics, sports, and social functions are mere accidents in the educational structure of any institution of learning. They are secondary elements and should never preponderate nor have precedence over the intellectual departments of college life.

One of the most effective mental developers in a college curriculum is a thoroughly well organized Debating Society, and yet, sad to say, it receives but meagre encouragement from the members of the Penn State faculty and the student body as a whole.

When the laurels of victory are contended for on the athletic field, the members of the faculty, and the student body turn out to a man and lend their presence and voice encouragement and zest to their pupils and fellow students who are struggling to bring the fame of brawn to their Alma Mater.

On the other hand, let a debate be announced or posted and no difference in loss vital or important the topic to be discussed may be, both faculty and students are most conspicuous by their absence the evening of the debate.

To prepare a debate is a laborious task. The participant in a debate spends weeks and months in serious preparation. A debate is an intellectual encounter and requires both mental and physical effort.

One Interested

WORK ON THE FARM

To the Editor of the Collegian— In this critical time for our country it was a cause of deep gratification and pride to read in a number of the "Collegian" the report of the action of the students in offering their services to the government and the further action of the trustees in placing the college grounds and equipment at the government's disposal.

But there is another way in which the students of Penn State can be of great aid to their country at this time and which in the end may prove just as helpful and important. And that is to fight now starting for the increase of area and more intensive cultivation of that area for the production of food stuffs for the coming winter.

I would suggest that you who are farmers sons write your home people and urge an increase of planting of corn, wheat and potatoes as it is possible to do. I would suggest that as many of you as are able get jobs as farm workers during the summer regardless of the course you are taking at college.

Without doubt the United States will have to help very largely in feeding Europe the coming winter regardless of conditions over there. And believe me no matter how much ammunition a country may have at her command if she goes hungry she loses in war.

Ralph F. Martin, Class of 1920

DOCTOR FLETCHER HAS WRITTEN A NEW BOOK

Among the new books recently published by the Macmillan Company of New York City is to be one entitled "Strawberry Growing" written by Doctor S. W. Fletcher, who is head of the Horticultural Department at Penn State. Doctor Fletcher is a well known authority on horticulture and his latest book is one of the famous "Rural Science Series" edited by L. H. Bailey, former dean of agriculture at Cornell University.

Doctor Fletcher came to Penn State last fall and has introduced many new features into the horticultural work. Besides his new book, he has written one on the "Strawberry in North America" and also a number of pamphlets and bulletins. He likewise owns and operates a large commercial apple orchard in Virginia.

FORESTRY BULLETIN WANTED

A machine for testing the adaptability of ores for concentrating by flotation methods is being installed in the mining laboratories in the Old Mining Building. The machine, made by the J. P. Aikens Proprietor, will soon have some individual work with this machine, testing different types of ores.

ON THE CORNER

Mixing 'em up—Football Weather in B. R. Season

SAFETY FIRST

RUB THE TUB, SCRUB THE TUB, WHEN YOUR BATH IS DONE; LEAVE IT WHITE, SHINING BRIGHT, LIKE THE MORNING SUN IF YOU SHOULD BE THE NEXT, YOU SEE YOU'D BE THE LUCKY ONE! RUB! SCRUB! RUB!

THE above poem has appeared in a prominent and proper position in a village large household's domain, and it is dollars to doughnuts that said tub will not last the year out.

AFTER risking our life on a ride in Parker's Observation Car, we have reached the conclusion that the B C R R tracks know no parallel.

BUT we observed that the ties were all wood and a yard wide.

NOW that war has been declared, we will look forward to the "Honorable" Sophomores petitioning to drop the Deutscher lingo.

BUT wasn't we? That line of chatter would come in handy in a German prison camp (Oh yes! They speak it quite fluently.)

THE w. k. German band made its simultaneous appearance with the Boek sign in our home town during vacation No, it did NOT play "Die Wacht am Rhine"

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LAST Friday was the Thirteenth—our lucky day. All that happened to us was that we went out like a lamb to the slaughter. I was in three classes and got bawled out in each of 'em, got a new yellow ticket for our large collection; received our board bill, decided to join the O. R. T. C. lost the loss on a trip to the movies; went to bed at 9 p. m. to get rid of the hoodoo, and had the nightmare in which we fell off of the Old Main tower in an attempt to walk to the Phys. Lab via the tight wire.

A NUMBER of posters about the campus tell us that on Saturday, April 21st. It would look more attractive if it were April 21st.

TRUE to tradition, March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb. Looks as if the war were to go the same with April.

HARD boiled eggs with coats of many colors, were the chief items on the private menus offered on the special trains conveying the angry mob back from civilization last wk.

Idle Speculation—Wondering just how many follies cut classes on Monday to get a first crack at whipping the trout streams.

JOY, OH JOY! WE found a whole bill in the pants pockets of our last year's summer toggery!

GLOOM Our Roomy proved that we owed him that same amount.

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LACROSSE TEAM TO TAKE EASTERN TRIP

Swarthmore and Lehigh Will Be Met On Friday and Saturday—First Games of Season

Penn State will open the Lacrosse season at Swarthmore on Friday. This will be Swarthmore's first game and their ability and strength are unknown. Captain Hollowell's team has only a few men from last year, but the new material has shown up well and the outlook is bright.

Lehigh will be played the following day at South Bethlehem. The Brown and White team is very strong and a hard fought contest is anticipated. Syracuse University will be played at Syracuse on May 4, and a return game will be played here June 9.

The showing of Penn State this year will decide whether they will be admitted to the Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. With this honor at stake every effort will be made to win it. The probable lineup for the first game is: Goal... Kreibel Point... Brenner Cover Point... Bercheer or Richardson First defense... Smith Second defense... Fluck Third defense... Dunkle Center... Lewis Third attack... Baker Second attack... Hollowell First attack... Kline or Rogers Home attack... Dean Inside home... Molloy

TO MANAGE FARM P. S. Baker, formerly assistant in the agronomy department has resigned, his resignation taking effect on April first. Mr. Baker intends to undertake the management of a farm.

TREES FOR "PEN" The Forestry Department has shipped to the Western Penitentiary over two thousand trees which are to be used for ornamental purposes. The Senior foresters will not return from camp at Springhook, North Carolina, until the first part of June. A meeting of the Forestry Society will be held this evening.

Dean Sackett and N. C. Miller of the Extension Department attended the Annual Convention of the National University Extension Association recently held in Pittsburgh. Dean Sackett was on the program for the discussion of "Types of University Extension Instruction."

Mowry's Cafe

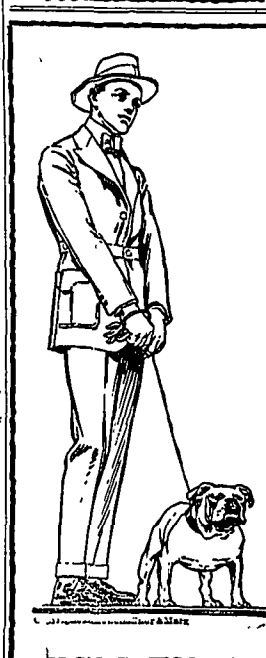
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DEBATERS HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Win Three and Lose Three in Big Season—Penn State to Receive Loving Cup

The Penn State debating team has just completed a very successful season during which they defeated Georgetown, New York University, and Bucknell, both here and at Lewisburg, and lost to Dickinson, Swarthmore and Pittsburg. A greater amount of interest was manifested in debating this year, and the results are very satisfactory.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Debating League, which includes Franklin and Marshall, Swarthmore, Dickinson, and Penn State, was held on April 7, and some changes were made in the judges. It was also decided that the cup for the second year of debates, which ended in 1916, should be purchased. It comes to Penn State, her teams having won five and lost one debate during the years '14, '15, and '16.

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