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A DIFFERENT ASPECT

Military activities at Penn State are once more to be viewed from a different angle. Radical developments have taken place within the past week, calling for a change in plans on the part of those students who desire to enlist their services in the biggest job that Uncle Sam has undertaken in years. An entirely new aspect now confronts these men, and while at present it appears to be less attractive, its material side should really be ignored by those who feel that the country needs their services. And there are many such men at Penn State.

And further developments may be expected daily. They have been coming thick and fast during the past week. With three months of military drill in a regularly organized army encampment facing them before a commission can be secured, the situation here at once assumes greater responsibility and sacrifice on the part of all who go into it. Picked men will represent Penn State, and with the advantages of the military training received here, an efficient body should survive the test and bring further glory to its Alma Mater.

It is entirely possible that pay will be allowed these candidates for commissions, but that side of the question should by no means influence any Penn State man in making his decision. The fact that our country is at war and needs our services is in itself enough to command and guide the eligible upperclassmen who sees his way clear to take this step.

With respect to the agricultural situation, we can do no better than quote the great Napoleon—"An army fights upon its stomach." The willingness of the students in the school of agriculture to give up their studies and get back on the farm to become producers, is on a par with that of the men who undertake the military service.

A SCRAP OR A PINK TEA?

In an editorial that appeared in the Collegian earlier in the year the fact was commented upon that "something was wrong" at Penn State. Among other statements that were set forth as being facts for the proof of that state of affairs, there was a clause which referred to the lack of class scraps and the old time spirit that formerly accompanied such occasions as one reason why the college had fallen into a depthless rut of seeming content and was allowing things to slide along in a "peppish" matter-of-course way that had apparently lost forever that many sided, peculiarly human phrase—"College Spirit."

However true that allusion may have been at the time—and we believe that there was a chance for a great deal of truth in it—the fact remains that on next Saturday afternoon we will be given an opportunity to see if matters have improved. Shall we have a real scrap next Saturday, or are we to witness a "pink tea" affair made resplendent with about as much "pep" and interest as displayed by a Thursday afternoon Sewing Circle?

The sad fact remains that the committee in charge of the Tug-of-War between the two underclasses has deemed it necessary to limit the scrap to three tugs with only seventy-five men to a side. Lack of interest on the part of the Sophomore class in the scrap last November makes it impossible for the committee to count on more men turning out. There are more than enough available men in each class to make up half a dozen tugs. Little or no interest has been shown by the underclassmen in the coming scrap. Yet the winning of it means more to the Freshman class than they seem to realize, the choice of the colors they shall bear for the balance of their college course. Here is a clean, wholesome and fair class scrap that a one legged man could enter and give a good account of himself; but only one-third of a healthy, active class can be relied upon to uphold the honor and dignity of the whole. Class scraps are fast approaching the point of elimination at Penn State and the attitude displayed by the underclasses in Saturday's fray will count much in the final outcome of the present decline of college traditions.

OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE

On a par with the famous Sherwood Eddy, the long remembered John R. Mott and the equally successful Raymond Robbins campaigns of the past three years, is the coming Charles M. Alexander series of evangelistic meetings under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The time and the leader could not be of greater importance to the men of Penn State in a movement of this kind. The stage is appropriately set and the actors just as well fitted for a most memorable series of meetings. Mr. Alexander set Penn State to thinking a few weeks ago with his statement that it would not be many more weeks until we students would be wearing a different kind of uniform. At that time his words came as a distinct shock, and to many were unbelievable. Yet he was right, and his return is being looked forward to with great interest. We shall hear more of the world-wide movement of the Pocket Testament League, and the aim of Mr. Alexander in this campaign will doubtless be to increase the Penn State membership in this unique organization to the maximum. Music will be made a feature of the campaign, and it is hoped that student leadership in music will be the outcome of this special emphasis.

Looking Backward

FIVE YEARS AGO

For the third time, Penn State won the Inter-Collegiate Debating Championship after defeating Dickinson in the last debate of the season. The Co-eds gave their annual dramatic production in the form of a comedy "Professor Fred L. Patten completed the arche trip had just returned from a short trip which included concerts at Phillipsburg and Bellefonte. Twenty-eight men made the trip. Professor Fred L. Patten completed his junk, "Elements of Religious Pedagogy," after a short leave of absence. TEN YEARS AGO Football games of the week victorious for Penn State.

St. Johns was defeated by a score of 11-2 and Bellefonte, 5-2. Ten gold medals were awarded at the last indoor meet of the season to the best all-around athletes of the College. FIFTEEN YEARS AGO The baseball team left on the eastern trip; five games were to be played and they were expected to be the hardest of the season. They were: Dickinson, West Point, Forham, N. Y., Manhattan and Lafayette. Trials for the men to be placed in the Relays at Franklin Field were held and some very good material found. (Penn State made second place.) New bleachers, to replace the old ones which were burned in a celebration fire two years previous, were voted by the Athletic Association. TWENTY YEARS AGO The completed baseball schedule, with eight games at home and eight away, was announced. The Glee and Banjo Clubs played six concerts on their annual trip.

ON THE CORNER

Proving that two Heads are Better Than One—Even If Ours is a C. H.

NOTE—Believing that Variety is the Spice of Life, Ye Ed of this column, having been stricken once more by the a. f. b., called upon the "she co-ed" department this wk to devote its energy towards the construction of our weekly throw. They have saved us a lot of gray matter (if such be necessary for the composition of this Tower of Babel) and have come across in a manner that is in or 1 above our expectations. Look it over for yourself.

YE ED (A Different Corner This Wk.)

WE must spring it quick! It is a w. k. fact that using the literary style and idioms of another is a low form of plagiarism—but what could we do? Manufacturing this column was wished on us, we dislike too much responsibility so we follow as closely as possible (for radical "ahes") the policy of our predecessor.

"O LOVE That Will Not Let Me Go" may become the explanatory anthem of some of our pacifist co-eds. DESPITE the timely warnings of that man who was loafing On the Corner before vacation, one of our Freshmen replied "McAllister Hall" when the phone rang at home.

ODE TO McHALL RATIONS

Hominy! Rice! Spaghetti! Macaroni! Soon, in truth, I'm convinced that I'll be quite busy. For too much starch that makes me fat. (A local dietitian is responsible for that) Starch from potatoes no more may I glean. Hence the reason for my second line is very clearly seen.

HARBINGERS OF SPRING

1—Running the granules to classes in the L. A. Bldg while miniature open air mass meeting assemblies sit puffing on The Dean's Favorite in the shadow of the L. A. office. 2—That w. k. evening debate between the Track House and Old Main. What would happen if a cross fire was established between McAllister and the Cottage?

We Mean This:

SHIELDED by this desirable anonymity we may call attention to a certain too w. k. sight about town immediately following the meal hours—Numerous students reflectively chawing upon toothpicks. For nigh onto sixteen years, (I e., or since memory stands up and our second set begin to put in appearance) we have restricted molar attention to the ultra private use of a brush designed for this purpose, and dental floss. We strongly urge a more universal local trial of our method. College men and culture are not synonymous with toothpicks or files used in public. SERENADERS on Ghost Walk always welcome. Those with vocal ability preferred.

DO YOU KNOW

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w. k. co-ed is hired by the wily Soph to flirt with the dear little Freshies so that they might get the goods on them and have them "up!" Yeh. Optics flash—Freshie falls—haircut or feed—the usual plan of procedure. (Note: All co-eds wishing to compete for this lucrative position for the college year 1917-18 report in person at the office of this periodical. Instant recognition of all Freshmen the only essential requisite.)

Y. M. C. A. Campaign

(Continued From First Page)

Mr. Alexander is preparing a special set of songs for his visit here. His ability as a choir leader and music director ranks as one of the strongest in the country today. In his tours with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and Dr. Torrey, he has led the greatest choirs organized in recent years. Judging from the stimulus given this department of college activities in his visit last month, there should come an incentive and spirit for music that has never been known on the Campus heretofore. It is to be regretted that Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, will be unable to visit Penn State with his partner and co-worker, Mr. Alexander. Dr. Chapman has suffered a nervous breakdown due to overwork, and only because of the stringent conditions imposed on him by his physicians, was he restrained from coming.

In view of the service which Penn State students are likely to be called upon to render the Nation, the Christian Association has arranged to bring Mr. Alexander and his party to the College, and are planning for special emphasis along this particular line. Those who heard the message during Mr. Alexander's first visit, will welcome his return, together with his party. During the day, various men interested in the campaign will be open to interviews to those desiring such. Arrangements can be made at the Association office through the various Student Secretaries of the men.

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BAND AND DRUM CORPS ON TRIP TO HARRISBURG

The Penn State military band, made up of fifty pieces, and a drum corps of twenty men, took a prominent part in a large patriotic parade held in Harrisburg last Saturday. The event was one of the biggest demonstrations seen in the Capital City in many years, and both of the Penn State organizations were given prominent positions in the line of march. The parade committee paid all transportation and entertainment charges for the men. They were accompanied by Bandmaster Thompson and returned on Sunday evening.

ELECT Y. W. C. A. OFFICERS

At a recent election the following were chosen as the officers of the Y. W. C. A. of the college for the ensuing year: Miss Anne Hunzberger, president; Miss Mary Clifford, vice president; Miss Fannie Ruloy, secretary, and Miss Adeline Miller, treasurer.

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