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CAN PENN STATE COME BACK?

Penn State has reached a great crisis. We of the student body face a golden opportunity, even though the road before us lies rough and crooked. It is an opportunity to create, to build, to strengthen and to maintain again a solid foundation for the college that we all love so well. How are we going to meet the situation? It is not an easy job. It can not be accomplished in a day, in a week, in a month. History will be made here in the coming weeks, as it was made here following the declaration of war last spring. But it will be a different kind of history. Then men were leaving; now they are coming. The departure of those who have patriotically gone to answer the call of their country has left ragged holes in our ranks. We now face the difficult problem of filling these ruptures and getting established once more in a place where Penn State can stand before the world and say that she has won.

Not only are the two upper classes greatly depleted in numbers, but our student government is temporarily shattered; the athletic teams, the campus organizations, the faculty and the military department have all suffered great loss. True to their real calibre, the leaders in Penn State activities have gallantly become leaders in Uncle Sam's business. Practically all of them have left us, and now we must set about the task of filling their shoes.

Our great opportunity lies in the fact that new student leaders are to be developed; that there will be a greater opportunity for more men to enter all athletic sports, that the student organizations will be forced to take on a new lease of life; that every line of college activity must be stirred up anew. Interest will be created, and within the year Penn State can meet the emergency with a new array of leaders who will be a credit to the institution.

The bulk of this burden rests on the shoulders of the Senior class members, for at present the student body is without a head. No Student Board has been elected and only about half of the Student Council members have returned. The Honor Committee lacks a leader and some of its members and no Student Tribunal yet exists. All of these student governing bodies lack leaders, and members of the Senior class must be chosen within a very few days in order that the student body might reach an operating basis.

It is only fair that the members of the two upper classes give this situation their gravest consideration. The hundreds of men just starting out on their college careers must have a guiding hand with a steady and competent head behind it. The student leader must be chosen by the comparatively few Seniors who have returned, and their task is far from being a light one. It is no easy matter to fulfill this obligation to the under classes, and in doing it, Mr. Senior Classman, make it worth while. The same care and consideration should be taken in the selection of the Student Council members by the two upper classes. Many men of character, strong personality and ability are back with us and too much care cannot be exercised in the selection of these men who will be called upon to start the new entrants off on their careers at Penn State.

TO THE FRESHMEN

On the part of the Penn State student body, the "Collegian" extends a most hearty welcome to the Freshmen and the new students who have come this year to enter the other classes of this institution. Your coming at this time is most welcome, and your large numbers speak well for this institution.

For more than half a century Penn State has sent forth her quota of students at graduation and in return has received each year her full number of new men. In the past few years more attention has been given to the interest and welfare of the Freshmen than had ever been thought of before. And from all indications, this year should be an exceptional one in that respect. While the student body and its governing departments have been greatly disturbed by war conditions, that Old Penn State Spirit will soon rally to the emergency and the Freshmen will soon find conditions back to normal.

The Freshmen have a big task before them. Much will be expected of them in living up to the standards of this institution. We hope that they will soon absorb the Penn State Spirit, that they will believe in college life as we see it here and that they will keep the high ideals of the institution always before them. A Freshman's first duty is to become familiar with the college customs, his class customs, the methods of student government and the college songs and yells, all of which will be found in the handbook with which he has been provided.

DO YOUR BIT

This issue of the Collegian marks the thirteenth anniversary of its birth. In the past two years a great progressive step has been made by the students who have managed its publication, and during the coming year we expect to follow this idea and present to the students a live, interesting and truthful report on all college activities.

Under the existing abnormal conditions this will be a difficult task, but with the aid of the student body we fully expect to fulfill our hopes and desires. Penn State requires and demands an up-to-date publication and we will do our best to make good. But in order that we might fulfill this pledge, we must seek student support. The Collegian is published for the benefit of the students and alumni. We feel that all of them need it, and the larger subscription list we possess the better service we will be able to present. The publication of this paper is recognized as a college activity, and as such is deserving of student support. Do your bit!

Y. M. C. A. REGISTRATION

A new feature of the registration this year was a Bureau of Registration and Information which was established by the Y. M. C. A. At this Bureau, the freshmen were assisted in registering and were directed to rooming and boarding houses, and in many cases, employment was found for those who desired it.

OPEN NEW LABORATORY

The Priestly Laboratory, of the School of Natural Science, will be occupied this year for the first time with the quantitative and physics departments. The building is equipped with the latest and most improved scientific and mechanical appliances, and its arrangement is ideal in every way.

THE GOVERNMENT OF PENN STATE

The new men who are just commencing college life at Penn State should become familiar with the conduct of the Student Administration at the earliest possible moment. The new administration was first introduced in the Fall of 1907, and met with almost immediate approval. Since that time it has undergone various changes, and at present has reached a high stage of perfection. The government now comes under the supervision of four distinct bodies—the Student Council, the Student Board, the Student Tribunal, and the Honor Committee.

Of these four bodies, the greater amount of work falls on the Student Council, which is also the largest and most representative of them all. It is the duty of this council to pass upon all regulations affecting student government, and it originates college customs, referring them to the two upper classes for ratification. Members of this council are chosen by the vote of their respective classes at the end of each year to serve for the following year. It is composed of fifteen seniors, ten juniors; the president of the Sophomore class, and a member of the Sophomore class elected by the class, the president of the Freshman class, and one two-year Agricultural man.

The Student Board is the most select of the governing bodies and its duty is to discuss questions relating to the student government, meeting with the president of the college and the dean of the general faculty and makes recommendations to the Student Council. The board is composed of the president of the senior class, and two other seniors elected by the senior members of Council, the president of the junior class and one other junior elected by the junior members of Council, and the president of the Sophomore class.

It is the duty of the Student Tribunal to try all cases of infringement of college rules, and it interprets the college customs. It is composed of three seniors, four juniors, and five Sophomores, all appointed by the Council.

The Honor Committee conducts investigations and trials of all students accused of dishonesty in examinations or quizzes. It consists of three seniors, two juniors, and one sophomore. The vice-president of the senior class is a member and acts as chairman of the committee.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK RESULTS.

Penn State and Pitt each captured one of the two baseball games which were played last commencement week. The first game which was played on Saturday resulted in a 4 to 1 victory for State, while the second game on Monday was captured by Pitt 8 to 4. Penn State won the commencement track meet from Pitt 68 1-3 to 51 2-3. Jeffries' broad jump of 21 feet and six inches turned the tide of the battle, while Shields clipped more than four seconds from the mile record by running it in 28 2-5 seconds.

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Music Notes

The department of music this year offers two courses in violin instruction under Mrs. E. L. Ridgway, further information may be obtained at the office of the department of music in the Auditorium.

The college chorus will serve as the chapel choir this year and will be divided into two sections to sing on alternate Sundays. Membership is open to members of the three upper classes, and all applicants should report this Thursday evening at 7 P. M. in the Auditorium.

The freshman choir will be in charge of G. P. Carl '19, and all freshmen wishing to try out are requested to report Thursday evening of this week at 8:30 P. M. in the Old Chapel.

There will be a Glee Club meeting for members only tonight at 7 P. M. in the Auditorium.

The members of the Girls' Glee Club will meet next Tuesday evening at 7 P. M. in the Auditorium.

FEWER TWO YEAR MEN

The first year class of the Two Year Agriculture course will be about one-half as large as the class that reported last year. The great demand for farm labor had much to do with this decrease. All of the second year class who have not been affected by the draft will be back this year, according to W. W. Wood, head of the Two-Year Course.

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PHI KAPPA PHI ELECTIONS

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NEW FEATURES IN THIS YEAR'S FRESHMAN "BIBLE"

At variance from former years, the Y. M. C. A. handbook, more familiarly known as the "Freshman Bible," was mailed to all freshmen entering this year. Formerly, they were distributed at the Y. M. C. A. office. Due to the increased cost of printing, the books are not being given free to upper-classesmen this year.

The book this year is more complete than ever before and contains the inter-class constitution and budget system, together with all the usual features that have appeared in former years. It offers a good opportunity for every man

to familiarize himself with the student government of Penn State and with its political and financial systems.

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