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LIFT THIS BURDEN

A great responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the Freshman class. And it rests with as much weight upon the members in the three upper classes, for with the reduction in numbers in the student body this year, however slight it may seem, the burden of keeping things moving in a natural way is now unevenly distributed. By virtue of their larger numbers, the bulk of the power that must be utilized in turning Penn State's wheel of progress must come from the new men.

We can rely upon the upper classes to see their duties and to perform them to the best of their ability. But things are new to the Freshmen, and will continue so until they are organized and their duties indicated. We trust that this organization will not be held off much longer. The men and the college are the losers.

It is extremely gratifying to know that the total membership of the student body has not been materially decreased because of the great world crisis. While it is true that about forty percent of the Senior membership of last year has been lost, and less than thirty percent of the Juniors have not returned, with the Sophomores numbering almost the same and the Freshmen many more than last year, Penn State is not in such bad shape as it was thought last spring that she would be at this time.

But in certain ways that loss of three hundred men will be keenly felt. For instance, that many loyal voices would make a vast difference in the cheering sections at a varsity football game. That many men would add greatly to the success of an athletic mass meeting. And they could help a good cause along by appearing daily at football practice, showing an interest in the men who suffer pain and torture for the glory of Old State.

These are the ways in which the Freshmen can help in carrying the burden. Let the rest of us know that there is a Freshman class at Penn State; that it is a class worth while; that it can readily absorb the Penn State spirit. One visit a week on the part of each member of the class to old Beaver field would mean more than one hundred spectators every practice hour. Get out there and learn to know the men who will represent your class on the gridiron this fall. There is plenty of room and your presence will be welcomed. There will be a mass meeting just before the Gettysburg game next week. College customs dictate that ALL Freshmen attend these mass meetings. They are well worth while, and you will be expected to attend. Plan now to witness every home game this fall, and as many of the foreign games as you can. Preceding classes have earned reputations upon their ability to give the college songs and cheers in a creditable manner, and now is the opportunity of besting these records. Go into it—go hard, and the "burden" will turn out to be made up of mere feathers.

"LETTERS FROM THE FRONT"

Beginning with this issue, the "Collegian" opens a new department which we hope to maintain throughout the year. The title, "Letters From the Front," is self explanatory, for under this head each week we will endeavor to print letters, or parts of letters that have been received from Penn State men who have undertaken to help their country in the World War.

But in order to maintain this new feature we must naturally have the cooperation of the men who have gone out to take up this great work. Copies of the "Collegian" are being mailed in bulk to a Penn State man in each of the various camps for general distribution at their headquarters, so far as limited means will allow on our part. The student support to the welfare of the "Collegian" at this time does not warrant our sending free copies to all Penn State men, even to those of the undergraduate classes who have gone into the service. Publication of these first three issues has been made at a great loss. A glance at our paid advertising space in this issue will prove that statement. Student subscriptions to date are lower than at a corresponding time for years back. In order that we may guarantee publication throughout the year, and supply at least some of the soldier boys with the college news, we must have twice as many student supporters than have already come forward to help us out.

We would also seek the cooperation of members of the faculty and student body who from time to time receive letters from their friends in the service. We will gladly print letters, or parts of letters that you feel would be of interest to our readers.

To the men in the service—This innovation presents an excellent opportunity to tell all of your classmates and friends in one letter where you are and how you are "making out." Let us hear from you.

A PLEA FOR PENN STATE

As can be seen from the "Honor Roll" printed each week in the columns of this paper, many Penn State men are already in the armed forces of the United States. The names of many others have not yet been printed, for it is impossible to keep track of the great number who have rallied 'round the flag. The provisions of the selective conscription act are daily adding other names to our roll of honor as the men are called to serve their country.

Penn State men are already in France engaged in many branches of governmental and military work. Others are sure to follow soon; and the rest are scattered across the continent, in the north and in the south; in the east and in the west—all preparing to carry the colors of Uncle Sam to the front.

While the majority of the men mentioned are without doubt alumni, there are also many under-graduates among them—men who would have been seniors, juniors or sophomores if they had been able to return to college this fall, and who would have had but a few short years before obtaining their diplomas.

It is to these men that we wish to make this plea for Penn State. Remember the old Alma Mater, men, wherever you may be, and remember that we who are back here at old State are still thinking of you. And when this great war is over, and peace is once more the dominating power, then, men, we will look for you 'neath the vale of Old Mount Nittany. Come back and finish your course, whenever it may be, and make old Penn State to the fullest extent, your Alma Mater!

The students of Penn State are indeed fortunate in having at their disposal, free of charge, the College Health Service, the aims of which are pointed out by Dr. Ritenour in the news columns of this issue of the "Collegian." Dr. Ritenour has a great work in hand, and we extend to him best wishes for success and achievement in it throughout the year.

We would repeat the words of President Sparks when he urged last Wednesday morning that students try not to "cut" chapel on mass meeting mornings. The college mass meetings on Wednesday mornings are of the greatest importance at all times. Not only are matters of student government interest taken up at these gatherings, but important announcements are always made. Every seat should be filled in college chapel on Wednesday mornings and Freshman chapel on Thursday mornings.

On the Corner

No. We Haven't Started
To Think About Study

These are the days of real sport—studying the Freshies beat it to cover on the street at nightfall.

W.L.L.L. they've had 'em worried about the big event, anyway, and there is a lot of satisfaction in doing that.

WE know of a few very FRESH Freshmen WHO we would LIKE to see get on the tall END of the line THAT winds its way to BELLFLOUNCE or LEWISTOWN or some other DISTANT point, and KEEPT there all the way OUT and back then MAYBE they wouldn't be quite SO eager to shoot off ABOUT what THEY'RE going to do towards PAINTING the college RED.

OH, for a good old class scrap just about this time! THIS grand old days of yore will soon be over unless someone comes across with something that looks like a real thing.

TOO bad that our predecessors shifted that Tug 'o' War to a spring event.

IN glancing thru our Freshman "Bible" we lapped Dean Holmes' photo just opposite the "chapel regulations." Now we wonder why?

PERHAPS it is there for the "psychological effect."

STANDING guard, as it were.

CIDER and pretzels will soon be the order of the day.

WITH APOLOGIES Where do we go from here, boys, Where do we go from here? Gettysburg don't count at all. Let W and J appear! No fear of Dartmouth or Lehigh, We'll set Pitt in the rear, Oh, joy! Oh, boy! Where do we go from here!

THE HILL is a dreary place for the senior Aqs these days, with only eighty-five of 'em back.

WE take pleasure in noting the fact that at least ONE of the streets in State College got rid of a few mud holes during the summer.

EUREKA! WE have discovered the name of those w. k. flaring socks that the "bunt" knitting co-eds" tote 'round with 'em. They're just common, ordinary "knitting bugs," we are told.

AND we are disappointed, for to be up to the times, they ought to have some Frenchified moniker.

LET'S see, haven't the Freshmen girls been "hazed" for the last two years? Uh, huh.

LOST—Some good ideas that we never had for this spire of nothingness. Finder please put them on a post card and drop in nearest mail box.

PHILIP Sparke is helping to assemble this s. o. n. this w. k. and it is not hard to see that he is not doing us much good.

WE don't care what we write about, just so we get to the end of the column pretty soon.
Here it is already.

PREVENTION IS AIM OF HEALTH SERVICE

BY DR. J. P. RITENOUR, College Physician

It has only been within recent years that the leading industrial concerns of the country have made some effort to protect their employees from injury and disease, and to take an interest in their welfare by instructing them in hygiene and sanitation. This was not brought about by any philanthropic sentiment on the part of the employer but of necessity, because they have been awakened to a realization of the fact that an employee who, by reason of injury or illness, is not able to produce is an economic loss, and in the case of disease, especially if it be contagious, is a menace to his fellow, and may disrupt the whole organization.

Some of the American colleges were not long in recognizing the value of such service, if it were applied to the student body. As a result of this, between thirty five and forty of the leading colleges have adopted some form of Health-Service, one of the first of these Penn State.

The object of the Health-Service is primarily, not as seems to be the common impression, to take care of the student after he becomes ill, or has been injured, but to keep him free from disease and protect him from injury, by advising in regard to his habits of life and hygiene, and how to protect himself from accidents as well as to look after the sanitation of boarding house, sleeping quarters and class rooms.

A little thought given to the subject will readily convince one how detrimental, to the smooth running of the work of the class room, a sick student may be. He not alone misses his classes but if his illness happens to be some contagious disease it may necessitate the detention of all those with whom he came in contact, in quarantine, and this may be a large portion of the student body.

If a student misses any of his class work it of necessity must be "made up," if he is to get all he came to college for, and that throws an additional burden upon the teaching force, and a handicap upon the student himself.

This may all be avoided if the student will, when he experiences the first sign of failing health, no matter how trivial the symptoms may be, consult the Health-Service. The college authorities have recognized that the highest efficiency can be maintained only by keeping all the students at work. They believe when a man or a woman enters college he or she does so with the object of getting out of it all there is in it, and because future attainments depend largely upon their actual work in college, they should maintain their highest efficiency by keeping in the best of health. For this reason the Health-Service was established.

It is here and it is at your service. Consult it upon the slightest pretext upon matters concerning your health or welfare that the college may be kept at its highest efficiency and you attain the object of your coming.

SUCCESSOR TO GUAM
Since C. G. Guam, of the Extension Department, has received a commission and reported to Camp Meade, it was necessary to engage a successor. Mark Walter, of Mount Carmel, a graduate of Bucknell College in 1914, will be a travelling representative of the Engineering Extension in the western part of the state. Professor N. C. Miller will visit the Philadelphia industrial field in co-operation with the Central Y. M. C. A.

WRESTLING MANAGERS
All members of the Sophomore class desiring to try out for the positions of Assistant Wrestling Managers, are requested to register at once at the office of the Graduate Manager of Athletics.

Southpaw Williams Big Factor In Race of White Sox For Pennant



CLARENCE ROWLAND has a winner in Williams, a southpaw, Williams developed into one of the best pitchers in the American league. As the race for the flag got hot Williams was in rare form.

COLLEGE WILL OFFER A COURSE IN PLAY WRITING

A course in writing plays of a dramatic character is being offered by the Department of Public Speaking this semester. The plan, as outlined by Professor Marshman, is divided into three parts. The first part will consist of reading contemporary plays, mostly of one act, and will probably last two weeks. Then contemporary stories, especially short ones, will be read and dramatized. After proficiency has been gained in this, the remainder of the course will be spent in the writing of original plays by the class. At the same time the technique of the drama, and the actual production of dramas on the stage will be taught. Subject matter will pertain to agricultural, industrial, and professional life, in their modern phases.

Last year, after Farmer's Week, during which a rural play was presented by local High School students under the direction of the college, literally dozens of farm organizations wrote in, asking for farm plays to present in their communities. Since there is a dearth of such plays, it is the purpose of the Department of Public Speaking to take the best plays written by the class, use them in this extension work, and sell them to those in farm, industrial, and professional life.

All students intending to take this course, are advised to see Professor Marshman immediately.

DEAN WATTS TO SPEAK AT MANY GATHERINGS

Dean R. L. Watts, of the Agricultural School, attended a meeting of the American Bankers' Association at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel at Atlantic City yesterday, where he met with the agricultural commission of this association to discuss with them the work of the bankers in regard to the agricultural men throughout the country.

On September 27th, he will be a speaker at the Somerset County Fair, at Somerset, and will address the gathering on "Opportunities for Pennsylvania Farmers."

Two speaking dates are announced by him for October. On October 11th, he will attend the annual meeting of the Vegetable Growers' Association at Springfield, Massachusetts, and will address that body on the subject, "What seeds shall American Gardeners Grow and Why?"

On October 12th, he will address the Penn State agricultural men in the vicinity of Scranton, and in the evening he and Dean "Bill" Wood, of the Two-year men will be guests of honor at a banquet given by former students.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB ELECTS

The girls Glee Club has elected its officers for the coming year as follows: Bertha Redder, '19, president, E. L. Carey, '19, manager, Lettie Peacock, '19, assistant manager, D. M. Habman, '20, assistant manager.

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