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## THE NEW YELL

One cannot begin to realize the utter impossibility of the present "College Yell" as standing for the official battle cry of a college the size of Penn State, until he gets right down to some good, hard serious thought on the matter. The present yell is "prep-schoolish" in its structure, measure and sound, to such a degree that it is antiquated and fit only for the scrap heap.

Can one possibly conceive of that jumble of words with its high school "Sis boom!" as being actually inspiring and uplifting to a tired and battered football player who has been "roughed up" and smeared around in mud and dirt for a long unending hour, gallantly fighting for the glory of his Alma Mater? Any Penn State football man who has gone through such a test on a foreign field will be inclined to give a negative answer to the query. Penn State players and supporters who have invaded foreign fields will tell you that as a college yell, Penn State's main standby is a complete failure.

Fully realizing all these facts, the COLLEGIAN, with the foremost desire of always serving the students to the best of its ability, has made possible the awarding of a prize of \$25.00 to the student who can compose an original and satisfactory substitute for the College Yell. We take this opportunity of thanking those who have come to our assistance in making this prize really worth while. We feel that they will be well repaid for their cooperation.

It is now up to the student body to "come across" and make the contest a success. There has been no inclination on the part of anyone to suggest the adoption of one of the existing yells as the official yell, and something new, with a "punch," must be the outcome of this contest. In drawing up the rules for this contest, the COLLEGIAN has tried to be fair and square, and by letting the final vote of selection up to the student body, we feel that the prize award will be made to the rightful winner.

No doubt each student has his own individual idea as to what a college yell should be. Here is an opportunity not only to win a prize, but also to gain a reputation as the composer of Penn State's official College Yell. Go to it!

## WHY?

"In accordance with a faculty action of last year which goes into effect this fall, but two below grade reports will be sent out each semester to the members of the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes, instead of three, as in former years. Reports will be sent out to the Freshmen at the end of every four weeks, or according to the usual custom followed in other years. In many instances this change will mean that but two quizzes will be given during the semester to the sections in the three upper classes..."

—From the Penn State Collegian, October 10, 1916.

To the best of our knowledge, no action has been taken rescinding this ruling, yet on all sides complaints are heard from Sophomores and upperclassmen with regard to quizzes being given even before the end of the first four weeks. It is impossible to determine whether or not these objections are placed upon legitimate foundations because of the fact that each individual instructor has his own individual manner of grading students.

We have been told that many upperclass students in some of the schools have already completed quizzes in all their subjects. If grades are turned in to the various deans at intervals of six weeks, are instructors justified in reporting that grade on only four weeks' work? Some may be, for, as already stated, each instructor follows his own method. But why not get a standard system established as in former years, and let every instructor stand by it?

Frequent tests, and the so-called "snap" or unannounced quizzes go hand in hand with the abolition of final examinations. For the past year the COLLEGIAN has advocated the abolition of finals as a time saver and as means of forcing the student to greater effort during the semester. Present methods are in keeping with that system which does not exist at Penn State. By taking five or six recitation hours during the semester for quizzes, and eight days or more for examinations at the end of the semester, valuable time is being wasted.

The short, ten or fifteen minute quizzes once a week or so under the present system of determining grades are most desirable, provided the full hour tests are given in accordance with the faculty outline of below grade reports—every six weeks. System and efficiency seem to be the keynotes of success these days. Do they exist under present conditions? We trust that we can be shown that they do.

This matter is taken up not only from our own viewpoint, but also upon the urgent appeal of many upperclassmen who desire a definite understanding. If we MUST have final examinations with their great loss of time, let us at least be allowed the best possible chance to utilize every minute during the semester's work.

## AN "UNNECESSARY" EVIL

Activities at Penn State this fall are all attempting to live up to the motto which was so appropriately placed at the entrance way to the college, namely "Business as Usual," and every Penn State man is proud of the fact that there is "business as usual." However, it is with a feeling of deep regret rather than pride that we note that there is an unnecessary evil with us "as usual." We refer to the chalking of the sidewalks with unimportant, nondescript notices of all kinds, just as has been the case in former years.

Last year, Student Council made the request that no notices be nailed upon the trees about the campus, but that they be tied on with string if they had to be put up at all. This was done to save the trees from injuries that might arise from so many nail holes. Moreover, a number of new bulletin boards were placed at advantageous localities along the walks, to be devoted entirely to college notices.

Undoubtedly, the chalked sidewalk is an excellent advertising

medium, but if it must be used, it should be reserved entirely for such important notices as mass meetings and class meetings, where a large number of the student body are interested. Minor notices which affect but a few, should be placed elsewhere.

County clubs and departmental societies seem to be the chief offenders in making our sidewalks unsightly, without any apparent good cause. Notices of departmental society meetings could be advantageously placed in the buildings connected with the school concerned, and they would surely be seen by those interested. County clubs could well afford to supply themselves with postal cards and notify their members through the mail, for no membership is too large to make that method prohibitive. It is to be hoped that Student Council will consider a means of eradicating this evil if it continues to be forced upon us.

## THE FIRST TEST

When the team that is representing Penn State on the gridiron this fall trots out on the field at Washington next Saturday afternoon, it will face its first real test of the season. With a veteran team, a speedy backfield, and a line that averages close to 200 pounds, Washington and Jefferson will be an opponent not to be despised by any team.

Against this veteran aggregation, Penn State will send practically a green team, for the games already played have failed to even afford good practice to the Blue and White eleven. The ambulance camp team had had but little practice, Gettysburg was decidedly weak, and St. Bonaventure put up a game that would have been a disgrace to a first class high school team.

For that reason W. & J. seems to be the favorite for winning laurels next Saturday. But we are firm in the belief that the team that will carry the Blue and White on the field is a team of fighters—a team that will not be beaten until the final whistle is blown. On ability alone, the Westerners should win, but it is that old Penn State "fight" that has carried former teams to victory over superior teams, and we are counting on it to "bring back the bacon" next Saturday!

## LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

ONE FROM "PETE" KEELAN  
Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.  
Oct. 6, 1917

To the Collegian

I have been in the army for nearly three months now and everything is O. K. I enlisted in Company I, 10th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania about the middle of July. I was stationed at Greensburg until September 7, when we moved on to Augusta. The War Department certainly was far-sighted in picking out Augusta as a training camp, for besides an ideal location, we have had perfect climatic conditions which are conducive to "strenuous, vigorous, healthful," and I might say, monotonous drill. Since I have been here we have faithfully followed the programs mapped out for us, and when I say that I mean that we rise at 3:30 a. m. (a mighty disrespectful hour) and after drilling for eight hours—eight hours of the old "squad" drill, or left, intermingled with calisthenics, which brings us to 6 p. m.—we are done for the day and have "nothing to do until tomorrow."

However, the future is bright, and all prospects point to a most interesting period in a short while when the "rudiments of modern warfare" are to be taught us.

In spite of the monotonousness, etc., of drill, one cannot help but be pleased with the camp, and I have no regrets on my choice. The weather, too, makes things harder than usual, especially during the day when it is extremely hot here. The soil, being sandy, gives rise to dust very easily and it takes lots of will-power and energy to drill every day without being troubled in mind as well as body. The nights are the reverse of the days. It becomes extremely cold early in the morning, but we only regard that as compensation and relief for the heat of the day. One certainly is led to sleep soundly here with such weather and awakes refreshed and ready for the fray.

As you know there are about 30,000 Pennsylvania Guardsmen here, and I believe that the old 10th Regiment, or what is now the 111th Infantry of the U. S. N. G., has a very choice location. We are quartered in the regulation army tent. A squad is assigned to a tent, and the squad to which I belong is made up of fine fellows—seven of us college men. One is from Pitt, and two from W. & J., one from Washington and Leo, and another from Bucknell. Each tent is lighted with electricity and board floors were installed shortly after our arrival. We have "showers" at the end of the company street, and they certainly are fine after a day's drill.

At the end of the company street each company has a large wooden mess hall in which our meals are served. Along the "serv" line, I must say that on the whole, the army feeds well. Of course, no "house-party" menu is recorded, but the food is clean, wholesome

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amusement are well filled. A word about Augusta: It is the slowest town I have ever been in; a couple of movie houses, a theatre, and a million (more or less) soft drink stands.

Well, taps has sounded and it is time for me to go. Remember that the COLLEGIAN has my best wishes for a successful and prosperous year.

"Pete" Keelan

Gillespie at Gettysburg  
Headquarters Co., 7th U. S. Inf.  
Gettysburg, Penna.

Dear "Dean"—

Some of the boys informed me in a letter that you were inquiring about me one day. By means of this letter I may be able to tell you a little of the busy life I have been leading. After leaving Fort Niagara I was traveling around the cities for a few weeks. As I was assigned to the 7th Infantry, I reported here on the 29th of August and was assigned to Company E. First of all I will tell you that in our company at Fort Niagara examinations were held for commissions in the Regular Army. I was one of three fortunate in thirty-five. Well, I was in Company E about a week and was then transferred to the Headquarters Company of this regiment and am now assisting the adjutant and am on the colonel's staff. It sure seems odd to go riding down the street with an orderly bringing up the rear. The orderly looks after everything for you. In civil life he would be called a chauffeur. Besides the military life, I have been made manager of the Officers' football team from the camp and also the 7th football team. We ended the baseball season when the Philadelphia Athletics trimmed us 7-1 the other day. We play Allentown on Saturday in Harrisburg and we ought to have some game. We are going to take our band along from the 7th and we sure have a good one. We play the Marines and a few college teams later.

This regular army is certainly a great thing and so far I find Sherman's saying to be far from appropriate. Kindly remember me to Mrs. Robinson and with kindest regards to yourself, I am

Cordially yours,  
J. F. GILLESPIE

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## Penn State Team At Judging Contest

Penn State will be represented at the Student's Stock Judging Contest of the National Dairy Show, which will be held at Columbus, Ohio, October 19, by a team composed of T. F. Nolan, '18, J. G. Good, '18, and R. S. Clark, '18, of the Dairy Husbandry School, and D. T. Hill, '18, of the Animal Husbandry School. These students left here Sunday in charge of Professor E. L. Anthony, of the Dairy Husbandry Department, and are making an extensive trip through Ohio, visiting many of the most important dairy farms in the country. While at these farms the men will be coached by Professor Anthony in the fine points of stock judging.

The team will compete against sixteen or eighteen other college teams from all parts of the country, and the prizes awarded will be four post-graduate scholarships of the value of \$400 each. M. H. Keeney, '14, won one of these scholarships while competing a few years ago. By all indications Penn State will make a strong bid in the final outcome.

The National Dairy Show is the largest in the country, and about 1600 head of cattle are on hand to be judged. The men will spend a few days at Columbus after the judging contest, and will return here about Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

The Blue and White team will make or break at W. & J. next Saturday. Be there to help them come through.

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A shipment of fibre Laundry Boxes received this week, also College Jewelry.

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