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HOW ABOUT A COLLEGE SONG?

In conjunction with the demand that has arisen for a new "college yell" and which culminated in a contest started by the COLLEGIAN last week, there has also been considerable comment on the need of some new Penn State songs that would be suitable for singing on all occasions.

We believe that this need is indeed a real one and that some new songs would be highly acceptable to Penn State. There is not the shadow of a doubt that on the whole, Penn State is woefully weak in the number of her college melodies, and that any student who can compose a good college song will be doing a service to his alma mater by his act. Perhaps at no time is this need felt so keenly as when groups of college men gather together, as at the various training camps, and begin to sing their respective college songs. Not until then, does the Penn State man fully realize just how few songs with original airs his college actually has.

However, granting that we need new songs, we are never-the-less convinced that we already have some songs that are well worth learning. Apparently, however, a very small number of the students know the words to them, and we believe that this is because these songs are never sung. In other words, if the songs in question were called for, the students would soon take pains to learn them.

At the last mass meeting, song leaflets were distributed among those present for use at future football games. Strange as it may seem, there was just ONE Penn State song on the sheet, the rest being popular tunes of the day. If the band and students can afford the time to learn these so-called "popular melodies," why can they not take the same amount of time in learning the college songs—songs that really mean something to both the students and to visitors? The band has always shown a willingness to help on all occasions, and we believe that they would be willing to learn the college songs if they were asked to do so. It is up to the song leader to ask them.

It is believed that the singing at athletic contests would be greatly improved by the presence of the college Glee Club, and we are pleased to announce that arrangements for the appearance of its members at football games are now being considered. A place is reserved for the band at every football game, and if the Glee Club were to have a place nearby, the effect upon the singing would be well worth while. Some degree of unison and rhythm should be secured with a strong enough volume to lead the way. If seats could be reserved for the Glee Club in that end of the west bleachers which is nearest the band, the song leader would have little difficulty in avoiding the selection of "rag" tunes to keep things lively between the halves, especially if the club members would come prepared to sing every worth while Penn State song. The same idea could be carried out effectively at the wrestling meets and basketball games in the armory during the winter.

AS TO FACULTY ENLISTMENTS

No doubt many of our readers were impressed last Sunday by the great truths expressed by the dean of our faculty in his few simple remarks concerning religion. We were not impressed by their novelty for we have been taught since childhood that true religion is not a thing of cant and ceremony; but we were impressed when it occurred to us that what he said of religion can in a large measure also be said of education. It must be patent, to any thinking person, that the colleges and universities of this country can no more rely for existence upon their fine buildings and great endowments than can the church upon its beautiful cathedrals and impressive ceremonies. Education and religion must, in the last analysis, both claim truth as their primal reason for existence.

What we have just said of all educational institutions is indeed true of our own college. Penn State was founded, primarily, to foster and teach truth. Therefore, in such a time as now it is imperative that we let the realization of this fact influence our actions. We feel that there must be a new campaign with a new slogan. "We want more buildings," was not sufficient. We have lost many of our most valued teachers to the army and it is this that makes us adopt a new cry. "We want more men," and not only that, we want to keep those that we have. If, as our statesmen tell us, it is the students' most patriotic duty to prepare to rehabilitate the world after the war, surely it is the obligation of our teachers to stay in the college to help us to do so. Let them not commit the folly of the European educators by deserting their posts as guardians of the truth. Their universities are deserted; ours must not be.

It is the men of the faculty upon whom the great responsibility rests. In large numbers they have joined the colors and if they continue to do so Penn State will soon lose the power of performing her function. The buildings, the campus and the student body are not enough to keep up the work of the college.

It is, then, from a feeling of need that we are prompted to make a plea for a new conception of duty on the part of the faculty members. It is their part to keep the forces of truth active and powerful at Penn State, for it is upon these forces that her life depends. Without them, her buildings and her state support are useless.

A MESSAGE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

The defeat of the German autocracy is not only the task of armies and navies, but of every one who believes in the principles of democracy. It is not alone our soldiers and sailors who are fighting Germany but every true American should also be doing what he can to bring about a speedy victory.

Young men and women in our American universities and colleges will soon be playing a very real part in our national life. You are preparing yourself now for future usefulness. You should remember always that your first duty is to the nation and that you will find your highest personal success in public service.

The fact that your country is at war imposes on you a double

duty to study as hard as possible and to make yourself as valuable economically as you can. Live up to your duty as well as the men in the trenches are living up to theirs.

There is however, one way you can be of immediate assistance to your country. You can purchase and help sell Liberty bonds. Put your money you can spare now into the safest investment in the world. The cash, into which you can at any time convert these interest-bearing bonds, may prove most useful when you are starting to earn your own living. Buy Liberty bonds and urge others to buy them—P. P. Claxton, (Head of the U. S. Dept. of Education) From the Patriotic News Service of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies.

For a "green" team we certainly must give the football men due credit for their great fight at W. and J. last Saturday. Against great odds, their "comeback" in the second half was well worth while.

The great writers might be born writers, but newspaper work gives splendid opportunities for development in that line. The first and last call for Freshmen reporters will be made by the COLLEGIAN tonight.

Practically all of the news writing and editing for each issue of the COLLEGIAN this year has been done by only five men. Most of this work falls upon the shoulders of two or three of the most experienced. It is very discouraging, to say the least, for these men to take as much as twenty-five hours a week of their time in return for the apparently disinterested support of the student body.

On the Corner

Our Roomy Will Try To Entertain You This Week

YD editor of this column is sick, stuffed himself up on pie—but the good room must go on, so his hen-pecked roommate is on the job "Et tu, Brute!" OH, see what we have here! Shik's! He's a leading young Shakespeare, whoever L. A. J. might be. Strike a pose when you read this:

A Defense of the Paddle
Oh paddle of wood, so misunderstood!
Thou art not to blame for all thy ill fame.
Thou art but a tool in the hands of a fool
If given thy choice, thou wouldst lift up thy voice
And anger outpour on the bold Sophomore,
Who, seeking to gain revenge for past pain,
Compels thee to whack the Freshmen, black!

And they in their turn with fierce anger burn,
Resolved that next year their paddles shall scar
The flesh of the youth who come seeking
In the halls of the great, maintained by the State.
And so, 'gainst they will thou art forced to fulfill
Desires of the brute whose soul is so mute
He cannot rise o'er and forgive an old score,
And resolve that Penn State shall truly be great,
Nor blacken her fame by Poster Night shame.

BY the way, that Mass Meeting last Thursday night was pretty near like one of those old time "get-togethers" that just sizzled with pep. Good work! Let's try to keep the old steam up and make the next one even better!

THE boys did their dullest at W. and J., anyway, and we bet that the Washingtonites know that they played a real team.

THAT reminds us. We might remark for the benefit of the navy men that we don't consider it Penn State spirit to cheer when our opponents are penalized, or to make running comments about the players who are opposing us. Nut Sea!

Oh, Dear!
"Bucknell Displeases Penn Authorities"—headline in a Philadelphia—U. of P. newspaper. Oh, for goodness sake! Poor little Bucknell forgot their numbers and now Penn won't play them any more. Bucknell scored on Penn. We want to see Glen Warner to have all the Pitt players manacled and manacled before the tea party on Franklin Field next Saturday.

SAY that Honor Roll surely does Penn State credit, doesn't it? I've surely ought to be proud of those boys. Here's luck to every one of them!

IF tobacco keeps on going up we'll have to roll our cigars with corn silk to keep down the H. C. of L.

HOW are those yells coming along? Everybody up and at it. Don't sit back and hibernate and then crab at the yells that others with more pep have turned in.

WE believe that Andy could give a good many people some pointers on public speaking. He has some impassioned oratory.

ISN'T it about time that our more recent Co-eds began to doff the emerald hood ribbons? Not that we are anxious to have them lose anything that will enhance their beauty, but these you know that variety is the spice of life.

ALL out for the Red Cross dances and litney feed! And don't forget to bring a Co-ed. They're as necessary as the hot dogs or the lemonade. (We might suggest that a matrimonial agency be established for the benefit of those who don't know any Co-eds to make the date with.)

THIS is a progressive town. There are lots of changes here. Yop! Even the Camels change into snakes.

(The editor tells me to come to bed and stop hammering on this Underwood machine shop. I'm annoying him! Listen to that—Y.M. annoying him! Why doggone it, I've stood it ever since college opened this year and now he's crabbing at me! Well darn it, if he wants me to quit I'll quit.

BUT we'll do it when we're good and ready.

SOMETHING worries us. We can't quite see this "W. K." stuff the reg. ed. pulls off in this column. Next week we will p. o. something better than that.

NOW we'll quit. See you later.

ORDNANCE MEN ARE TRAINING AT ARSENAL

Those Who Took Second Course Here During Summer Are Now Stationed At Rock Island

The men who completed the second course in stores keeping here last summer are now in training at the Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, where the Penn State contingent numbers all 106 of the other college groups. The University of Wisconsin and Chicago University both have representations there, while Pitt and Dartmouth also have men in training.

Although the arsenal employs nearly a thousand men, nearly a hundred are only about a hundred students in training here. They will receive six weeks of practical training, be granted the commissioned officer's rank and will then be sent to one of the army cantonments, or may even be sent directly to France for active service.

The arsenal is situated on an island in the Mississippi River directly between the cities of Davenport, Iowa and Rock Island, Illinois. The island is about four miles long and a mile wide. The arsenal itself is entirely surrounded with a barbed wire fence ten feet in height. At the present time it is being enlarged so as to accommodate nearly a thousand more men.

Life at Rock Island is strenuous, to say the least. From reveille at six a. m. until taps at nine p. m., the men are constantly occupied. Roll call is taken at 6:10 a. m., and is followed by breakfast. After this, the barracks are cleaned and beds made, then drill is held for an hour and a half. From 9:30 to 11:30, there is a study hour during which army regulations, ordnance forms, and army forms are some of the subjects which the men pursue. At 12 o'clock dinner is served, and the afternoon is spent in further study and practical work. Supper is at 5:30, and taps are sounded at 9. From Saturday noon until Sunday evening the men are granted a holiday.

AG. SCHOOL TESTS OUT SEVERAL EXPERIMENTS

Three experiments are being undertaken by the Agricultural School along the line of conservation, by a special fund of \$2,500, which has been set aside for the purpose. The first one will be to extend the experiment of a field fertilizer, which was used with great success at Snowshoe, on DeKalb soil. Other soil types at two or three different places will be experimented with and the work carried on by increasing the value of the fertilizer to the new soils. The amount to be spent on this experiment will be approximately \$1,000. The second will be to experiment with dry cow fodder, and test its value for silage. Several silos will be built to carry out the experiment and about \$100 will be used in the work. The third will be to try and reduce the cost of poultry raising by mixing alfalfa hay, soybean hay, corn fodder, all ground to powder form, chop, bran or some other form of poultry food, and skimmed milk, and see the mixture as a substitute for poultry. If this proves successful the cost of raising will be cut about one-half.

TAU BETA PI ELECTS.

At a recent meeting of the Tau Beta Pi honorary business ring fraternity, the following: Seniors were elected to membership. P. E., Derr, P. V. Welch, A. G. Medler, C. H. B. Hotchkiss, W. W. Payne, G. Apple man, and R. V. Jones; also W. R. Egan, '19.

There is always room for one more. Earn a price of \$16 by getting COLLEGIAN subscriptions.

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LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

ONE FROM DUTCH HERMAN, '18

Camp Warden McLean, Chattanooga, Tenn.
For some considerable time, I have been trying to find an idle moment in which to write you somewhat in detail as to my life here in the "meat" army. As you no doubt appreciate the fact that time for much else aside from work is very scarce, you can readily understand my apparent negligence.

We arrived here after dark on the 23rd, were registered and assigned to quarters at once. There ensued a great scramble to secure cots and bedding, but in a short time we settled ourselves and retired. We did not real work until the following Monday. Just why we were ordered to report four days early, I haven't been able to learn.

Since the opening of camp we have been pushed at an astonishing rate of speed. Men who were at the first camps say that they didn't know what speed was there. We are on the move constantly from 6:15 a. m. until 10 p. m. We have Saturday afternoons and all day Sunday to do as we please.

Our camp, to my mind, is delightfully situated. It is located on a high plateau in Northwestern Georgia just a few miles from the Tennessee line. The weather has been a surprise to us in Pennsylvania, while the nights are invariably cool. There are no flies or mosquitoes—this is a real Godsend. We are about ten miles from Chattanooga, which city is the mcca for the training camp here on Sunday. Our camp is located in Chickamauga Park, a few miles from Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge.

Last Sunday I took a trip to Lookout. The view from the "Pinnacle" is magnificent. I spent but an hour on the mountain. However, I hope to spend

ONE FROM FRANCE

The following is part of a letter received by Mrs. D. O. Diers, of State College, from her son D. B. Diers, '13, who is with the U. S. engineering units now in France.

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No Penna. Day Dance This Year

Because of an evidence of very little support for a Senior dance during the Pennsylvania Day events, it has been decided not to hold that feature this year. The only time at which it could have been held was Friday night, November 9, in the armory, and it has been decided that there will be at least fifteen dances at various places about college on that night.

Investigation showed that it was also impossible to secure a student orchestra for this annual event, and it was not deemed advisable to engage a high priced orchestra from out of town in view of the great number of small dances that are scheduled for that night. Sentiment seemed to be in favor of the dance at the Senior class meeting last Wednesday night, but the odds were too heavily against the step and a motion was passed to omit the dance this year. Plans are now being started for the series of Senior dances to be held in the armory during the winter and spring. The first of these will come between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Two new representatives were elected to Student Council. G. Q. Arndt was chosen from the Agricultural School in place of Shen, who has joined the ordnance department. R. K. Cocklin was chosen from the Engineering School in place of L. W. Bailey, who, as vice-president of the class, gains a chair in Student Council automatically.

C. D. Pruittman, C. J. Farnbaugh and C. D. Pruittman were elected as representatives to the Forensic (debating) Council.

DEAN WATTS WRITES AGRICULTURAL WORK

Dean Ralph L. Watts has published through the Orange-Judd Company, of New York, a text book entitled "Vegetable Gardening," containing 431 pages, well illustrated and in excellent print. The book will be used as a companion text to his "Vegetable Gardening," which has been used extensively throughout the agricultural schools of the United States. Only one other book of a similar nature has been published, that of Dean Bailey, of Cornell, which was issued about fifteen years ago. The book will be used in many colleges, and Dean Watts sets forth this subject in a masterly manner after years of investigation and experiment.

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