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THOUGHTLESSNESS

The importance of student interest in their "damage fund" has perhaps never assumed such wide proportions than should be accorded it this year. The decrease in the number of students to subscribe to this fund has reduced its size proportionately; but to date there has been no material decrease in the amount of damage done by students to offset this handicap.

It must not be forgotten that the money remaining from this fund each year is turned over to the Senior class to be used in the erection of a suitable memorial that will be of material benefit to the college. It necessarily remains that the less number of times this fund has to be drawn upon, and the fewer acts of vandalism the students commit, the greater will the college and classes benefit.

As examples of action on the part of the student body that in the end cause it and the college to lose, we might mention among other things the annual bill that is sent in for breakage of window glass in the college buildings. This item in itself is the largest individual one that comes out of the students' pockets, and each year it amounts to hundreds of dollars.

Student actions on poster night this year have also caused a great shrinkage in this fund. Later actions on the evening of the first Freshman class meeting perhaps caused an even greater shrinkage. In the former case a school house bell was appropriated by students and cannot now be located; in the latter instance several lengths of practically new fire hose were taken from one of the college buildings, and in a few minutes they were made utterly unfit for service, leaving that building without any means of protection against fire for several weeks.

MAKING HISTORY

The unfurling last Saturday night of the immense "service flag" that has been dedicated to honor the Penn State undergraduates and faculty members who have sacrificed their aims and work here to serve their country, marks a history making epoch in the annals of this college.

A more noble and fitting remembrance to the Penn State men who have willingly given their services to the cause of righteousness is hardly conceivable. It is only to be regretted that similar recognition cannot at this time be given those graduates of the college who are in the service, but there surely must be some way of remembering that even larger body of Penn State men, and we feel that in due time such a step will be possible.

THE "WHY" OF THE CHANGE

In a letter received by the editor from a student last week, the question was raised as to the advisability of changing the college yell, and whether or not the change was desired by the majority of students. We might state here that full reasons were given for the proposed change in the news columns of the COLLEGIAN, and that they were further explained in mass meeting before the opening of the contest to secure a new yell.

These reasons might well be summarized as follows, and we feel that they are quite sufficient to cause a change: Student Councils for years past have attempted to get a new college yell; this year's council urged and sanctioned a movement on the part of the COLLEGIAN to get a new yell at once; scores of prominent alumni have given their hearty approval and support to the movement since its start; athletic coaches, captains and players have rejoiced to know that a new yell was possible; President Sparks has given his stamp of approval by contributing to the cash prize; on all sides students generally have cooperated in the movement; and moreover, this letter has been the first expression of its kind coming from any student or alumnus. If these statements are not enough to show every Penn State student that a change is desired, the mere fact that a college of Penn State's calibre should continue in these progressive times to use the "prep" school "sis boom" in its official yell is in itself sufficient reason to warrant a change.

A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS

It seems to be a deplorable state of affairs, that, in a military college like Penn State, no male student can be found to perform the daily "Lowering of the Colors," and that it has been necessary to call on the women students to perform this military custom.

This custom is a very impressive one and if it was considered proper—of which there can be no doubt—in a time of peace, it ought to be performed now as an evidence of patriotism, especially in view of the fact that our country is in a state of war and also because of the establishment of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Penn State, which tends to give more of a military atmosphere. Though it seems to be an evidence of unpatriotism, we are sure that it is merely due to thoughtlessness.

It is not that the work of the women students is not appreciated, but that it seems to us that this is more in line with the work of the Military Department, that makes us suggest that it be officially made a part of the work of this department, by having different details from the band and regiment to lower the colors, in lieu of their regular drill. Since there is so large a number to draw from, there should be no necessity of calling on one man more than once during the year.

AMERICA

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the necessity of uncovering when "America" is played by the band. This was especially evidenced at the regimental review last Saturday, when this tune appeared as part of a patriotic medley. Some of the spectators uncovered and others followed suit at intervals, presenting on the whole a very hesitant, straggling appearance.

On inquiry, the members of the Military Department stated that it is not necessary to uncover for "America" at all, but only for the "Star Spangled Banner." More particularly it is not good form to observe the former, when it is played as part of a medley (the latter not being allowed to be played in a medley or as a marching piece). However, it was also stated that there is no ruling against such action, as it may be accorded the same honor given to the national anthems of our Allies. Penn State students should have some uniform manner of observance of this custom to avoid repetitions in the future of the Pennsylvania Day instance.

LAST YEAR'S SENIORS OUT IN THE WORLD

Members of the class of 1917 who graduated last spring are not only in various fields of work, but they are also scattered over the United States as well as Canada, and some are even across the Atlantic in France. They are doing their "bit" in different ways, some at the front, and others giving their best at home.

Albus, W. R., 2nd R O T C, Chatanooga, Tenn.

Allen, R. L., Asst. Engineer, Singer Mfg Co, Elizabeth, N. J.

Allen, R. A., Asst. Engineer, Singer Steel Foundry, Chester, Pa.

Arndt, F. T., Junior Engineer, Illinois State Highway Dept., State House, Springfield, Ill.

Bailey, E. S., Asst. Operating Engineer, West Penn Power Co., Conneautville, Pa.

Bailey, J. G., part owner and manager of farm, Pottsville, Pa.

Baird, Jean K., Dean of Women, Beaver College, Beaver, Pa.

Barber, E. G., Jr., Asst. Mfg Specialist, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Pullman, Wash.

Bentham, L. C., Chemist, Hires Condensed Milk, Maple Leaf Milk Co., Cleveville, Ontario, Canada.

Berger, A. C., County Agent, Lebanon, Pa.

Beyer, C. B., Chemist, Canadian Explosives, Ltd., Beloeil Station, Quebec, Canada.

Bollinger, W. L., County Agent, Pottsville, Pa.

Boyes, W. H., Timber Inspector, Woodlawn Heights, New York City.

Bray, H. M., Travelling, Leigh Valley Coal Co., Jeannetteville, Pa.

Breth, J. T., Texting Dept., General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Bright, R. T., Second Officers' Training Camp, Pottsville, N. Y.

Busch, R. E., Foreman, General Electric Co., Erie, Pa.

Evers, Hazel L., Asst. in Home Economics Extension, The Penna State College.

Cadigan, A. M., Chemist in Bureau of Tests, International Paper Co., Glen Falls, N. Y.

Callaway, Marlow E., Teacher of Chemistry, Hazleton High School, Hazleton, Pa.

Chambers, A. R., Mayor's Office, McKeesport, Pa.

Chapman, W. S., Jr., 1st Regimental Engineer, Field Train, American Expeditionary Force, National Army.

Clarkson, C. S., Chemist, New Jersey State Experiment Station, New Brunswick, N. J.

Claxton, Charles Jr., Forester, Lincoln, Michigan, Col.

Colessner, R. Y., Trainman, J. S. Silliman & Co., Altoona, Pa.

Cannon, Martha, Asst. Librarian, Instructor in Bibliography, The Penna State College.

FRESHMAN GIRLS GET RID OF GREEN RIBBONS

On the first Wednesday of this month, the Freshman co-eds received permission from the Sophomores to dispose of their green ribbons. In view of the present agitation toward conservation, it was decided to can the emerald-hued ornaments as "canned greens for future Freshmen." There fore, after all the ribbons had been placed in a jar, the Freshies marched around the dining room, headed by their president, all singing a song composed especially for the occasion. Mixed with a few salty taunts, the green bows are expected to remain in a state of perfect preservation until next year.

DR. FULMER RESIGNS

Dr. H. D. Fulmer, assistant professor of bacteriology, has resigned his position in the Agricultural School, to take effect November 1st. He has been drafted into the National Army, and will report for service at that time.

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The Letter Box

HE SENDS A CONTRIBUTION. Camp Sherman, Ohio. November 8, 1917.

Editor of the Collegian. I was recently informed of an effort made at Penn State for the purpose of giving financial aid to the Army Y. M. C. A. Realizing that a man wants to know how his money will be used, before he gives it, I would like to volunteer a little information along that line.

At Penn State we have always boasted of our spirit and it has always been the interest of the real State men, to help maintain and strengthen it. The reason for this has been and is that a man's mental state greatly affects his fighting ability. It is my opinion that the Army Y. M. C. A. helps a great deal to keep the soldier right mentally.

The work done by the Y. M. C. A. is very acceptable to the men. The recreation and reading rooms are generally overcrowded. They afford reading matter, entertainment, games, much needed information, and a seemingly endless supply of free stationery, all of which would be decidedly lacking without them.

The significant part in the Y. M. C. A. work is that it is clean. No matter what may be said, there is a tendency for one to lower his moral standards in the army. I find that the Y. M. C. A. is doing to counteract this influence. Knowing that Penn State is doing and will do her "bit", I remain, Sincerely, F. R. Fielding '16

THE COLLEGIAN IN CAMP

American University, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir—Ever since coming to camp I have been receiving the COLLEGIAN and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the courtesy of sending it to us. I know that the other boys join me in expressing their gratitude.

An you know, there are about twenty Penn State men in this camp for Engineer Officers, and we are all hard at it with three-fourths of the training period gone. We all hope to be assigned to troops about December 1. This is a COLLEGIAN issue, and good each week we are glad to note that the college is accomplishing things in the usual manner, altho deprived of many undergraduates. All luck to you, the paper and the college.

Very truly yours, Charles G. Grove, '12

COMPANIES C AND I WIN PRIZE SABRES

At the annual Pennsylvania Day review, held last Saturday on East Beaver Field, companies "C" and "I" were presented with the General James A. Beaver and Colonel Henry V. Shoemaker Sabres. These companies were adjudged to be the ones which showed the greatest proficiency in drill during the semester. The former, composed of Sophomores, was in charge of Captain J. A. Stoopland, while the Freshman company was commanded by Captain L. S. Cressman.

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The Music Room

INTERESTING FIGURES ON FRESHMAN TEAM

Statistics have been gathered on the men who have been showing up well on the Freshman football squad, and they show some interesting "dope" on the team as a whole. The team is light, averaging 165.9 pounds, and only two of the players are more than twenty years of age, the average being 19.3 years.

FRESHMAN STATISTICS table with columns: Name, Pos., Age, Weight, Height, Prep. School. Includes Williams, Ritter, Crum, Rufmel, Baer, Fatley, Snell, Stoops, McCullom, Gehring, Dossert, Grimes, Korb, French, Garman, Hammel, Bentz, Henry, Scheidemantle.

CROSS COUNTRY ABANDONED

Cross country has been abandoned for the fall, although there is a probability of a spring schedule. Penn State will not participate in the Interstate Cross Country run this year, owing to a lack of varsity material caused by enlistments.

E. E. SOCIETY MEETING

Professor D. L. Mittle will be the principal speaker at the Electrical Engineering Society meeting tomorrow evening. A large attendance is desired at 6.30 in the Club Room.

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