

E. W. Runkle  
Box 583

# Penn State Collegian

Get On That Special Tomorrow and Go To Pitt

Now We Can Keep Track Of the Boys In France

VOL. XIII. No. 12 STATE COLLEGE, PA., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1917 PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Big Football Mass Meeting Tonight, 6:30, Then—ON TO PITT!

### PENN STATE HAS JOINED THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY UNION

#### State Men In Service May Make This Club Their Headquarters When In Paris or London

### UNION EMBRACES LEADING COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY

Following a bit of quick action last week on the part of the college authorities, all Penn State men who are now in France, or who expect to get there while the war is in progress, will be assured of the best attention and accommodations while in Paris or London. This assurance comes with the college deciding to join the "American University Union in Europe," an association which was organized during the past summer for the benefit of American college men who will be "doing their bit over there."

Not only will Penn State men now be assured of a common meeting place in the capitals of the two Allied Nations where they will be brought together from time to time, but their parents and friends will be able to receive information as to their whereabouts should they disappear, or not heard from for some time.

Ray H. Smith, secretary of the Alumni Association, will supply the headquarters of the University Union with the names of the Penn State graduates and undergraduates who are in active service during the continuation of the war, and by this means close touch can be kept with the men. To date there is a total of about 840 Penn State men enlisted in various branches of the service. Over 300 of these are undergraduates.

The fee for the college membership is based upon the size of the college, and Penn State, having less than 5,000 students, has had to pay \$100 for the service to her men in the war. Penn State men in the service are now entitled to "all reasonable use of services of the Union's staff of officers. It also entitles graduates, non-graduates, students and prospective students to the general privileges of the Union." The fee is payable annually.

The American University Union in Europe is a result of two movements in this country which have united to accomplish the same object, namely, "to meet the needs of American university and college men who are in Europe for military or other service in the cause of the Allies." However, its more specific purposes which are contained in the constitution of the Union are, "to provide at moderate cost, a home with the privileges of a simple club for American college men and their friends, to provide a headquarters for the various bureaus already established in France by representative American universities, colleges and technical schools, and to cooperate with these bureaus when established, and in their absence to aid institutions, parents, or friends in securing information about college men in all forms of war service, reporting on them, visiting the sick and wounded, and giving aid."

After many conferences with officials of the Red Cross, the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and the War Department, a meeting was called in New York City on July 15, 1917, for the purpose of establishing the Union, adopting a constitution, and electing officers. The plan of organization which was agreed upon included a Board of Trustees in America, a similar Executive Committee in Paris, and an Advisory Council in France. Honorary patrons of the Union are the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the American Ambassador to France, and the general commanding the American Forces in France.

#### Paris Headquarters

It was thought best to rent some hotel in Paris for the club house of the Union, and the Royal Palace Hotel on the Place du Theatre Francais was selected. This hotel is in an ideal location for a club, being easily accessible by all omnibuses and by the Paris subway, and it is near the Louvre and the Tuilleries Gardens. It was built in 1911 and has 80 bed rooms, reading rooms, and 40 modern bath rooms. Each bedroom has running water.

In order to fit the pocket-books of the college men, the expenses have been made as low as possible. Lunches consist of about 75 cents in American money and dinner is served for approximately 90 cents. Members who are on furlough in Paris for several days can secure position at from \$2.50 a day upward, everything included. The cost of the high cost of everything in Paris, where coal is selling at \$70 a ton, these prices are extremely moderate.

#### A London Branch

Since an unusual number of American college men is also anticipated in London, it was thought advisable to establish a London Branch of the Union, and rooms have been obtained at 16 Pall Mall East, S. W. 1. These were offered through the courtesy of the London Office of the Farmers Loan and Trust Co. of New York, the rooms being in their building. American papers and periodicals will be found there, and proper facilities will be afforded for letter writing, forwarding mail and other purposes.

#### HONOR SOCIETY ELECTIONS

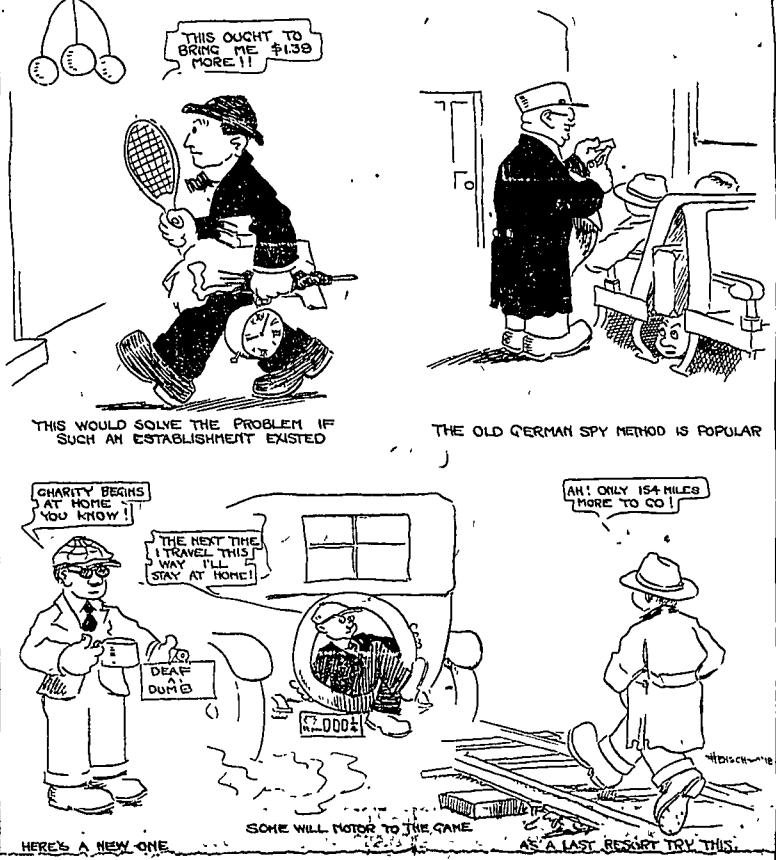
### LION'S PAW

(Senior)

R. H. Cochran R. S. Clarke  
S. M. Linn  
SKULL AND BONES  
(Upperclass)

S. M. Linn '18 J. K. Johnson '18

### How It Is Done



### STATE WILL HAVE FAST CAGE TEAM

#### Three Veterans Form Nucleus for This Year's Team—Captain Blakeslee Will Coach

Penn State will be represented by a fast aggregation of cage-men this year, if present conditions continue, as there is a wealth of material competing. The men promise to compose a team equal to that of the past season, if they do not even surpass it. Practice began last week and each day the men are gradually conditioning themselves, as they will not get down to real hard work until after the Thanksgiving vacation, when they will begin to train at the track house. The season opens on December 8 with Juniata at home.

Only three men of last year's team will be seen in uniform this year. Blakeslee, who is captain and will act as coach, will either play forward or the pivot position, and Wilson and East, who are again competing for the guard positions. Last year's Freshman team furnishes several promising players. Muschitz, Mullin and Young, who are fighting for the forward position, McAuliffe, who will make a strong fight for guard, and Kincaid, and Shoemaker, who are working hard for the pivot post. There are also many other fast men out for the team. The team will be coached by the manager, Manager Alechth, who looks forward to a team of high caliber, and he has arranged a hard schedule for the quintet.

#### To Play USAACS

The newcomers on Penn State's schedule this year are Colgate and the USAAC team from Allentown, together with a game against the Penn State ambulance unit. Two games will be played with the USAACS, one at Allentown on January 5, and the other in the Army on January 25. The Colgate game will form part of the northern trip and will be played at Hamilton, N. Y. Syracuse will also be met during this trip.

Lehigh, Pitt, Carnegie Tech and Juniata will each be played twice, one at home and the other away. The game is also pending with W. and J. for March 2. The game with the Penn State ambulance unit will be more or less of a practice match.

Continued on Last Page

### COLLEGE QUERIES WAR DEPARTMENT

#### President Sparks is Endeavoring To Learn Status of the Members of the R. O. T. C.

"The American colleges have justified themselves in the eyes of the nation, and never again will they come in for the criticism that has been theirs in the past. The college men have taken the lead in answering their country's call." Such was the message of Doctor Sparks in his talk at the Patriotic Mass Meeting held last Friday night in the Auditorium. The purpose of the talk was to give the students an insight into national conditions and what Penn State is doing in the matter.

Dr. Sparks had just returned from the meeting of the American College Presidents Association held in Washington, and he endeavored to convey the impression of the excitement at the capital. Moreover, he explained just what the college is doing in reference to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and to drafted men.

#### College seeks information

In connection with the former matter, President Sparks has composed a letter embodying the chief questions in regard to the Corps that the college and students are desirous of knowing, and this will be sent to the chairman of the Executive committee of the War Department. These questions are as follows:

1. Are members of the R. O. T. C. exempt from draft?
2. If the college accepts two years of athletic training as the equivalent of its military drill, will the Department of War accept the same?
3. Can a student enter the Corps and then resign and remain in college?
4. Are members of the Senior class eligible to membership in the R. O. T. C. provided they have had the required drill in Freshman and Sophomore years?

Due to the fact that the bill providing for the establishment of units of the R. O. T. C. was passed in time of peace, there is a great amount of uncertainty as to just what new provisions the war will necessitate, and it is for these reasons that the above mentioned questions have been asked.

Dr. Sparks also read a telegram which he had received from Provost Marshal Crowder, referring to the newspaper statement that no registered men will be allowed to enlist after December 15th. The telegram was as follows:

"No registrant will be allowed to enlist, but any registrant may be inducted voluntarily into the service at any time after December 15th by applying to his local board."

(Signed) Crowder  
Still an Uncertainty  
From this telegram it would appear that any man who is drafted but has not been called up by December 15th, may voluntarily apply for services by

Continued on Last Page

### CORNELL MATMEN MAY APPEAR HERE

#### If Pitt Basketball Date Can Be Shifted, Cornell Wrestlers Will Be Here on February 23

There is a great possibility that Cornell will be one of Penn State's home wrestling attractions during the coming winter. This statement has been given out by Manager Johnson, who is at present trying to arrange as full a schedule as possible in the great winter sport. Due to the unsettled conditions in all colleges, he is encountering a great deal of difficulty in completing arrangements for home meets.

The Blue and White matmen are due to appear at Ithaca on March 17, when they will meet the Cornell grapplers. This meet will be the final one before the Intercollegiate which will take place on March 22 and 23 at Columbia. It is hoped to have the big Red team at the Army here on either the 22 or 23 of February when they will be a part of the Washington Blith-dium attractions.

The difficulty, however, is due to the fact that Cornell cannot come here on a Friday night. A basketball game with Pitt is scheduled for Saturday night of that week and Manager Alechth is now endeavoring to change this attraction to Friday evening, in which case Cornell will wrestle here on Saturday. If this can be arranged the two contests will make a fine week-end attraction.

#### Pitt Will Not Wrestle

Contrary to the usual schedule, there will be no meets with the University of Pittsburgh this year, due to the fact that Pitt is not going to have a wrestling team. Princeton is another college that has apparently abandoned wrestling for the year, for Manager Johnson has been unable to make any arrangements with them. In an effort to increase the number of home meets, he is now corresponding with Columbia, Penn and Boston Tech, and there is a possibility that one of these three teams will appear here during the winter.

Since the season will not start before the middle of February, varsity candidates will not be called out until after Christmas, if it is figured that if they begin too early they may go stale just when the big meets are due.

#### Scrap Meet

The Freshman-Sophomore scrap meet is scheduled for Friday evening, December 14th, and trials for the Freshman will be held on the evenings of the 7th, 10th and 12th at seven o'clock in the Armory. The first-year men are in still in need of heavy men and there is lots of opportunity for such

Continued on Last Page

### PITT AND STATE READY FOR ANNUAL CONTEST

#### Pitt Is Favorite, But Blue And White Is Sure To Furnish Some Stiff Opposition

### PANTHERS HAVE WON 26 CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES

Perhaps the biggest football game that will be held on Thanksgiving Day will be the one between the Blue and White of Penn State and the Blue and Gold of Pitt, to take place on Forbes Field, Pittsburgh. No other game will have the interest centered in it that this contest will, for it will undoubtedly decide the championship of the eastern college football world.

When Pitt defeated Carnegie Tech a week or so ago, they won their 26th straight victory, a record that cannot be approached by any other eastern Penn college. By defeating Penn, while the latter downed Michigan, the Panthers also have a claim to the Western championship, providing they can defeat Penn State on Thursday. A victory for the Nittany boys, however, will mar the wonderful record.

However, on paper, the game looks like a foregone conclusion, for Penn State has already lost to W. & J., Dartmouth and Lehigh while Pitt is undefeated, with victories to their credit over both Lehigh and W. & J. Moreover, since Penn downed Dartmouth, Pitt would also appear stronger than the New England eleven.

Undoubtedly, the game on Thanksgiving will bring forth two styles of football. Pitt, endeavoring to keep her record clean will no doubt play a careful, machine-like game, while Penn State, with nothing to lose and everything to win, is sure to fight desperately at every stage of the game. Moreover, the Blue and White eleven has been improving all season and they are sure to show at their best on Thanksgiving Day.

#### A Wonderful Scoring Machine

The Pitt machine is but little inferior to the one of last year and Glenn Warner has again moulded together a wonderful scoring machine. Bill round McLaren, the powerful fullback, the Pitt attack has not been stopped in a single game this year. McLauon himself is considered by critics to be the best fullback in the game today.

Cougler at halfback is the man whom Warner has groomed to take Hinatling's place at kicking field goals, and it will be remembered that as a substitute, he starred against Penn State last year. Captain Carlson, the star end, was inured in the W. & J. game, but it is expected that he will be in shape for the Penn State game.

#### Pitt Line Is Strong

In the line Pitt is extremely strong with the four big "S's" in the line-up. Sutherland, Stahl, Sles and Seidel have all had varsity experience and they are all big, rangy men who are hard to stop. In weight, the Panthers are a little heavier than the Nittany Lions, and they also have the advantage of experience.

Moreover Pitt will be playing on her own field, before a crowd that will be friendly to them, although there are bound to be many Penn State students and alumni in the stands. A Pitt team is hard to defeat on its own field, as all records will show.

### "Doc" Lewis Wins First Lieutenantcy

In the awarding of commissions at the second officers' training camp at Fort Niagara, Penn State man have again come to the fore. W. C. Lewis, formerly coach and physical director is now a first lieutenant in the infantry, W. C. Gillespie, former assistant in experimental pathology, was given a captain's commission in field artillery, J. K. Krushank '19, was given the rank of first lieutenant in infantry.

All of the State men have been assigned to Camp Lee, Virginia, and they are due to report there after a brief furlough. Krushank will be remembered as a star tackle on last year's varsity football team. Gillespie attended the first officers' training camp but failed to obtain a commission at that time, but the added amount of training that he received was no doubt the cause of his obtaining a captaincy at the later camp.

While all Penn State men will be glad to hear of the success of "Doc" Lewis, they cannot fail to regret that he will not be on hand to coach the wrestling team this winter. For many years "Doc" has been turning out championship team, but has never had a chance to win the Intercollegiate, and it seems like the irony of fate that when Penn State is finally admitted for the first time, he cannot be on hand to coach the team to a victory. However "Chuck" Yerger will make a capable substitute.

#### DR. SPARKS IN DEMAND AT VARIOUS MEETINGS

President Sparks has a busy week ahead of him on a speaking tour. Yesterday and today, he is at the County Teachers' Institute at Evansburg. On Friday, he will speak at a Food Supply Meeting at Pittsburgh, and on Friday and Saturday, together with Dean Holmes and Dr. Anderson, he will attend the Ohio Valley Teachers' Conference at Pittsburgh. Dr. Sparks also expects to be present at Forbes Field on Thursday afternoon.

### WANTED: "COLLEGIANS" AND "FROTHS"

In order to fulfill in some degree, at least, the demand for college publications which has been made by the Penn State men who are now in various forms of military service, the Y. M. C. A. has arranged for a box for "Collegians" and "Froths" to be placed near the Old Willow. If, after reading their college publications, the students will place them in this box on Thursday and Friday, the State men in camps will be supplied with college news in the shortest possible time. Also place old copies of "Froth" in this box and any other copies of used magazines that should prove to be interesting reading matter for the Penn State men in the field.

Continued on Last Page

### Letter Awards

At a meeting of the Athletic Committee held yesterday morning, the varsity "S" for football was awarded to 15 members of this year's squad. These men were Conroy, Rauch, Griffiths, Czarnicki, Rohb, Gross, Kraft, Pond, Way, Fleischer, Hill, Brock, Taverner, Clarke and Manager Cochrane. The decision of the committee to award the letters at this time was necessitated by the fact that many of the men do not expect to return to college after Thanksgiving, but will go into military service.

All of the men but Clarke and Taverner have earned their letters in actual play this year. Clarke was awarded his because of four years of special service on the varsity squad in the case of Taverner, it was decided to award him his letter because at the time he entered military service, he was but one game short of the requirement for the varsity "S."