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### TO THE TEAM.

On Thursday you will play your final game for the 1917 season. Some of you will be playing your final game of college football, perhaps for all time. In Pitt, you will meet one of the best football machines in the country, a team that has won twenty-six consecutive games and that expects to make it one more on Thanksgiving Day.

Your record this year is not impressive, but after all, records count for nothing. Comparative scores are little upon which to base any judgment. Theoretically, Pitt is a better machine than you of Penn State.

But do not forget that the student body is behind you. Win or lose, you are our team, and we are with you to the last. Fight for your alma mater, for the glory of old Penn State, and in fighting, you will be doing your best for the Blue and White. We know you are not over-confident of victory, nor are you oppressed with the idea of defeat. It is up to you, men, and we are counting on you on Thursday.

### THINK IT OVER.

Should the Penn State students who come within the army draft laws enlist before December 15, or should they continue their college work? This is the burning question that now confronts a majority of the upperclassmen, and Dr. Sparks gave it his best possible answer in the meeting last Friday night. At least one conclusion can be reached at this time—each man should give the question very grave consideration before thinking seriously of suddenly leaving college.

It is now definitely known that registered men who have not yet been called, will have no chance to make a selective enlistment after the middle of next month. Just why this decision has been made by the government officials, is impossible to state at this time. We can therefore only offer the suggestions of President Sparks in answer to the vital question. The final decision as to what he shall do rests entirely with the student himself.

Chances for college undergraduates getting into the next officers' training camp are very slim. Penn State has been allowed a quota of less than fifty men for this camp, and this will be filled entirely by graduates, men with more experience and business training than the average student. Ordnance and aviation seem to be the most popular branches of the service for college men to enter. It is hardly possible that room can be made for all before the middle of next month in these branches. It would therefore seem best for each man who is considering enlistment to make absolutely sure that he can be accommodated before he drops out of college. We fail to see the advantage in a student's leaving college at this time, and then sitting quietly at home, waiting for the call of the draft proceedings, and making no effort to enter any particular branch of the service. Yet many are taking this course.

Through their two years of military training under men who are now majors in the army, Penn State men are particularly well fitted to make good in the ranks when they are eventually drafted. Scores of instances where former students of this college have quickly risen to non-commissioned offices in the various camps, can be cited as proof of this statement. Some of these men are already in line for commissions. What they have done, others can do. A very small percentage of the drafted men have had any military training whatever, and when it comes to a test of military ability, Penn State men have the best of three-fourths of all other college men. Is not that worth while?

### "ON TO PITT."

Where is that old Penn State slogan that each year at this time carried scores of men to Pittsburgh to help support that football team?—"On to Pitt!"

We have not heard it once this year. Three years ago it was in the air for weeks. At that time a special train of eight or ten coaches carried an enthusiastic crowd to the "moky city" for the biggest athletic event of the year. The windows of the cars each bore an immense letter, forming a foremost thought—"Pittsburgh and Victory"—"On to Pitt!"

This year the war seems to have Penn State by the throat. Everybody seems to be "homesick" and is planning to spend the special vacation at home instead of lending needed support to the team in its greatest battle of the year. About face!—"On to Pitt!"

A vacation was asked for. Students said they must have a change—a good time while the opportunity presented itself. The vacation was granted. Now what are you going to do with it? If a special train runs east on Wednesday, we dare say that it will be the first time such an event has happened since the start of the annual Thanksgiving classic between Pitt and State.

Charge the enemy, DON'T RETREAT!  
"On to Pitt!"

### AN APPEAL FOR COOPERATION.

There can be no existing doubt that the achievements of Penn State's men in the present World War will some day be of great interest and value to the institution. What could be more fitting as a history of Penn State's work than a complete list of the names of those who have fought and died for their country, such a list to go down in the annals of the college to be revered by the coming generations of classes? Such a list is now being compiled, and there are upwards of nine hundred names already placed upon it.

But such a task as this requires cooperation on the part of all those who enter the service, especially those undergraduates who are leaving at the present time. R. H. Smith '05, secretary of the Alumni Association, has undertaken the work of gathering together the only complete record, a history of the service of Penn State alumni, students and faculty in the war. He desires information from all who enlist, with regard to the time of their enlistment, the branch of service, rank attained, regiment and company, and mailing address. This information is being published from time to time in the association publications, and such students who know the desired information concerning their enlisted classmates should give it to the Alumni Secretary at once. Your cooperation in this piece of work will assure an intensely interesting history.

### ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

There appears to have been some unnecessary misunderstanding regarding the character of the entertainment course to be presented this winter by the Department of Music and the Y. M. C. A., but it seems to us that there should be no doubt as to its quality with such numbers as the Russian Symphony Orchestra, the Elsie Baker Company, and the Adelpia Quartette, on the program, and the COLLEGIAN wishes to express itself as highly in accord with the program as arranged by the committee. The first number alone, as will be vouched for by all who heard them last year, may be said to be worth the admission price that is being charged for the entire course.

Seats are open to subscription now, and all these orders will be given first chance when the tickets are issued. The price of admission is set at as low a figure as possible, and it should be easily within the reach of all.

### SOPHS, GET BUSY

During the past two weeks, the Freshmen have received their cadet uniforms from the tailors so that we now find more than double the number of uniformed students walking about the campus. Undoubtedly the wearing of the uniform improves the appearance of the first year men at drill, and it is only too bad that they did not arrive in time for the Pennsylvania Day review.

However, we have noticed a decided inclination on the part of some of the Freshmen to try to "pull something over" under cover of the uniform. By this we refer to smoking on the street, hands in their pockets, and the failure to keep coats buttoned. The latter is a college custom applying to all students wearing uniforms and is not to be violated by Sophomores, let alone Freshmen. The other matters are class customs and there is hardly a doubt but that the guilty parties realize that they are intentionally disobeying rules.

If these men have any ability to reason at all, they must realize that eventually they will be caught and brought before the Student Tribunal. The latter organization has promised to be especially severe on these offenders. However, even if the guilty ones should not be caught, what then? Is it something to be proud of that they are doing? Is it an honor to break rules and not be caught? The best upperclassman arises from the Freshman who lives up to the rules—the man who plays fair with himself and with his college.

If most of the reports from the training camps are true, we at Penn State can be especially thankful at this Thanksgiving time that we are enjoying such privileges that we are in a position to enjoy.

What we would like to know is—Just how many Freshmen were actually at the last period of that scrap on Saturday? But it was a good, clean scrap, and enjoyed by spectators and contestants alike. Here's hoping that it will be a permanent fixture at Penn State.

### On the Corner

All Aboard for Pittsburgh!  
You'll Be Home in 3 Weeks

NOW that the editor has finished a 2-in-Six, 3400 R P M vacation, the 1916 model Remington piano is again working, even if some of the bolts are glued on. Now the big time is here—'an idea, one pack of Camels for an idea'!

WHILE we're waiting for an idea to germinate, it might be well to remark that we are most likely to have success and success-fruit for Thanksgiving this year than turkey and cranberry pudding which we had in past years.

THE dear old Seniors view the approach of Thanksgiving with especial thanks, for after that momentous Day their dignified faces will no longer adorn Chapel.

ALSO—Seniors will be as scarce as hen's teeth around this institution next Commencement, we opine.

THAT idea is slow in maturing, but then Dr. Boucke says that if a man can think up twelve, he can think up thirty. It is going good, so there's still hope.

"AFTER all, it's not a student's professors who educate him—It's his best girl who does it."

THE fair young Co-eds are now delirious of knowing if a geology trip counts as a mat. This sounds like some of that "Oh, Boy! What a Fairfax, what a girl!" stuff.

NEW ORDNANCE CLASS STARTS ON DECEMBER 8

The fifth class in Ordnance work to be conducted by the Industrial Engineering Department will start on December 12 and will continue for six weeks. Forty men only will be admitted to this class.

Upon completion of the work here the men will be sent to various assignments here after which they may be then promoted according to their ability. Some of the men in former classes have received regular commissions in the army. The War Department has detailed Ordnance Sergeant Mack to look after the military part of the work here and he is now in charge of this section of the training.

The course includes instruction in military lectures and recitations, property accountability, financial operations, company administration, correspondence and filing, military drill and callathionics, conversational French, scientific management, stores control, stores practice, machine and forges shop, foundry, and metallurgy of iron and steel.

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### SOPH-FROSH FOOTBALL SCRAP GAME DEC. 8

The annual football scrap between the Sophomores and Freshmen will take place on Saturday, December 8 on New Beaver Field. The scrap this year promises to be one of the best of recent years and should prove a fitting ending for the present football season. The outcome of the scrap for the last two years has been a scoreless tie and this year each side is determined to win.

The Freshmen have demonstrated that they have a good team and the outcome of the game is of course only a matter of conjecture. Everyone in the Sophomore class is eligible for the Sophomore class team, only those football men who have won their letters being excluded. This will probably mean Touch Hill, Black Pirching, Griffith, Wolfe and Way ineligible but even if these members are ineligible, the Sophomores still have McKelvey, Duran, Ullery, G. W. Brown, I. C. Brown, Spangler and Jones as a nucleus out of which to develop a team. These men should prove particularly strong against the Freshmen and, together with other members of the class, should form a team which will give to the Freshmen a battle worthy of being called a class scrap.

G. W. Brown, I. C. Brown, Spangler and Jones will probably be seen in the backfield.

S. W. Cohen has been elected Sophomore manager and has arranged to start Sophomore practice immediately after Thanksgiving vacation. Practice for the Sophomores would have started earlier but all the equipment is at present in use and no more is to be had. Several Varsity men will help coach the Sophomores and they may be assisted by "Bill" Wood and "Zen" Scott.

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PLAN INCREASE IN TREASURER'S SALARY

Mensure Presented To All Classes Last Week—Seniors Elect Managers and Council Members.

The introduction of the proposal approved by last year's Student Council with regard to increasing the salary of the Interclass Treasurers was made at last week's meeting of the Senior class, held Thursday night. The same proposition was placed before all classes in their meetings last week. The Treasurer is now paid \$150 by the four classes, and it was conclusively pointed out that this is not enough for the amount of time that he has to spend in the work. The proposal will be voted upon at the next meetings of the classes which are to be held before the Christmas vacation. The measure must be passed by all the classes before it can go into effect. It provides \$300 for the treasurer's salary.

Two new elections were made for Student Council, S. M. Linn was chosen to replace T. P. Nelson, from the School of Agriculture, and R. D. Blakelee was chosen to replace I. A. Puviance from the School of Liberal Arts. Nelson will enter the next Ordnance course here on December 12, and Blakelee has accepted the position as representative of a shoe manufacturing firm.

The following memberships were filled: basketball, S. A. Willis, vice-president, G. M. Arlman, boxing, L. C. Lower, R. S. Shutte was chosen as the Interclass sport representative, formerly held by Nelson.

The first of the winter series of Senior dances will be held in the morning on the evening of December 15. The following committee was appointed to take charge: J. F. Derr, chairman, S. A. Willis, H. L. Mont, W. C. Wilhelm, J. E. Deveson. The membership committee is composed of R. D. Kiser, chairman, P. C. Smith and P. V. Welch. It was announced that the assessment for the second semester will be \$2.50.

College Enters Big Stock Show

The following exhibit will be sent to the International Live Stock and Horse Fair, to be held at the Union Stock Yard, Chicago, from December 1st to 10th—10 head of steers; 36 head of sheep, some pure-bred, and others entered in the breeding contest for improvement of wool; 3 Berkshire pigs, 3 Barrows, 1 Poland-China, and 1 cross-bred. There will also be an educational exhibit in feed results which were obtained here. The following men will accompany the exhibit and have charge of it in Chicago: W. H. Tomhave, F. L. Bentley, H. H. Havner, M. F. Gilmes and L. P. McCann. Dean Watts, C. L. Goodling, and C. M. Watts will also make the trip.

The college Live Stock Judging team, which is entered in several live stock judging contests at the fair, will consist of the following seniors: S. M. Linn, J. K. Robinson, W. B. Connors, E. E. Greenwood, M. H. Smedley, and E. H. Sprinkle.

### U. S. Publications At The Library

The United States Government Printing Office in Washington is one of the largest publishing houses in the world. In 1916 a total of \$6,530,000 was expended in the maintenance of this office, with an output of 35,918,000 copies of printed matter, 8,227,000 paper-covered pamphlets, and 1,021,047 bound volumes. These publications are the result of original investigations made by experts employed by the different departments of the U. S. Government, together with annual reports and tabulated statistics.

The Carnegie Library of the Pennsylvania State College is a depository for U. S. Government publications, where you may examine any publication as soon as issued. The various departments issue monthly lists of publications which may be had for the asking. Many of the publications may be obtained free of charge by individuals by applying to the department which publishes them. After the department supply is exhausted publications must be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents by payment of nominal price.

Among these documents there is something of interest and value to everyone, for they include all fields of human activities. If you are planning a hike, the topographic sheets published by the U. S. Geological Survey will give you location of roads, rivers, lakes, mountains, towns, etc.

LACROSSE PRACTICE CONCLUDED FOR FALL

Manager Darrach, of the Lacrosse team, is still working on the spring schedule and in all probability games will be played with Lehigh, Carlisle and Susquehanna, as well as several other colleges. The eastern trip will be the principal one for the team in the spring. No further practices will be held after the Thanksgiving vacation. Work will begin early in the spring to condition the men. Only interclass scrums are being played in this spot at the present time and these are held Saturday afternoon.

NESLEY WINS PRIZE

P. G. Nesley '18, was the winner of the first prize of fifteen dollars in the subscription contest held recently by the COLLEGIAN. He had a total of about twenty-five subscriptions to his credit. The second prize of ten dollars was not awarded, as no one secured more than the minimum number required.

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