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The Russian Orchestra Should Afford A Good Treat

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## ENGINEERING STUDENTS EXEMPT FROM THE DRAFT

### War Department Looks Upon Such Students As Military Assets Of The Future

## TO BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE COURSE BEFORE BEING CALLED

As a result of strenuous efforts on the part of various engineering societies in this country, Secretary of War Baker has announced that engineering students in good standing in schools recognized by the War Department will be granted virtual exemption from the selective draft under certain prescribed conditions. Penn State is recognized by the War Department as one of the institutions which are taking engineering courses here.

No definite information is available at present the only basis for the report being a telegram received by President Spaulk from M. S. Ketchum, dean of the University of Colorado, and president of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, which was received on Sunday and newspaper accounts which have appeared since the telegram was received. The telegram was as follows:

"The War Department today issued a ruling governing engineering students and draft which is satisfactory. This will be published in Sunday papers and copies mailed to you in due time."

(Signed) M. S. Ketchum

Military Assets

According to the newspaper account, engineering students are viewed as military assets of the future, and are granted preferred classification as military students in certain cases, so that they may complete their courses. They will revert automatically to their former classification upon graduation and may be called out immediately if enlisted men of the engineer reserve. This will at least enable them to get into the kind of work for which they are best fitted.

Dean Sackett of the Engineering School has been at the meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education in New York, and has been one of the hardest workers for the exemption of engineering students in the draft was presented by Dean Ketchum and C. Mann, dean of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They filed with Secretary of War Baker copies of resolutions adopted by various engineering societies giving special consideration for engineering students because of the value of such men when trained. About six thousand students in 17 recognized engineering colleges and schools are affected.

Provisions Still Uncertain

It is not definitely known whether the provisions of the measure will apply to all engineering students, or only to members of the two upper classes. It is figured that it will be applicable to about 600 students at Penn State who are enrolled in engineering courses. A number of engineering students have already left college to get into service before December 15th, but it is hoped that some of these may return and that those who still here will remain.

After the conference in Washington, Provost Marshall General Crowder issued an amendment to the selective draft regulations, giving such students the same classification as military students. Where they can present certificates showing that they are enrolled in the engineer reserve, they will be placed in class five by local boards. This means that they will be among those who are to be exempted.

These certificates must come from the presidents of the institutions they attend, stating that they have shown ability that places them among the highest third of the graduates of such schools during the last two years. While these provisions apply only to engineering students at present, it is the opinion of President Spaulk that similar provisions will eventually be made for technical students in other schools such as chemists and botanists.

## WAR-TIME ELEVEN HAS POOR SEASON

### Green Team Loses Important Games Although Fighting Hard—Great Game At Pitt

With a record of five victories and four defeats, the season of 1917 on the gridiron must go down into history as an unsuccessfull one. The four big games of the year, against Washington and Jefferson, Dartmouth, Lehigh and Pitt, all proved disastrous for the Blue and White, and while the defeats were by comparatively close scores, they were defeats none the less.

However, when it is considered that the 1917 "war-time eleven" was truly a war-time eleven, the record hardly falls from a dishonorable one. Striving the season with but three letter men, when under normal conditions there would have been ten here, the coaches were forced to depend upon substitutes and members of the previous year's Freshman team to fill the many vacancies. That this green team was weeded into a fairly powerful aggregation is shown by the fact that in the total number of points scored this year, Penn State stood fourth among the colleges.

Early last practice was abolished this year, with the result that football did not start until college opened. Resident Coach Harlow was on hand to take charge of the freshmen, Field Coach Scott coached the sophomores and assistant coach Martin was delegated to coach the Freshmen. These men were assisted from time to time by "Bill" Wood and "Chuck" Yeager and also by "Peter" Maathe and several other alumni.

Only three veterans, Conover, Bobb and Casper, were the only veterans to report, the coaches faced a difficult task in building a team. Conover, who was later elected captain, was placed at one end, Casper, neck-shifter to guard and Bobb, a great a half-back berth. The other eleven positions had to be filled from the small squad of candidates who reported.

Conover, a substitute for three years, was the logical man for fullback and his work during the entire season was remarkable, particularly in the Pitt game. As a defensive back, he is one of the best men Penn State has ever had, although handicapped by lack of weight. Kraft, another substitute, filled the vacant guard position in a very acceptable manner. Rauch, from the Freshmen, was selected as Conover's running mate at end, and these two men continued to improve all year.

Field center the coaches decided to trust Gillich, another Freshman half-back, and while he was new at the position, he fought hard all the time and was particularly good on the defense. Tavenner, a sub, and Hills, from the Freshmen, were chosen for tackles, but the former was drafted just after Pennsylvania Day, and Black and Fleisheng alternated in filling the position for the balance of the season.

Backfield a Problem

With the line in fairly good shape, the coaches turned their efforts to the completion of the backfield. The problem of the backfield was the problem of the first four games were spent in experimenting Wolfe and Way from the Freshman team were the first selections, the former at quarterback and the latter at halfback. This combination was fairly well, until Wolfe hurt his leg and was forced to remain on the sidelines.

It was then that the coaches decided

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## JUNIATA DEFEATED IN OPENING GAME

### Captain Blankeslee Tallies Nine Field Goals And Registers A Total Of 26 Points

The Penn State basketball team opened its 1917 season with a well-earned victory over Juniata last Saturday night in the Army. The final score of 41 to 28 just about indicates the relative ability of the two teams and while the game was not particularly well-played, the work of Captain Blankeslee's team gave promise of another successful cage season for the Blue and White.

Blankeslee, who is both captain and coach of this year's team, was the outstanding performer of the evening. During the course of the game the Blue and White leader scored nine goals from the floor and he also added six hit more points from the foul line. In the latter department of the game, however, he was somewhat off form, as his record of eight out of 17 attempts will show. Even so, he was better than other visitors' captains for the latter made but five baskets out of 15 attempts.

Blankeslee, Wilson and East were the three veterans who started the game for Penn State. The two guards played a fine game on the defensive, and the majority of the Juniata goals were scored on long tosses from the side of the floor. Wilson in particular played the regular guard position in the form. Although East played very well as the floor guard, the wonderful floor-work of Walton, last year's captain, was missed.

Shortly after the start of the second half, Young, who had replaced Mullin at forward for Penn State, and Wright who played a star game at guard for the visitors, came together in a head-on collision and both men received severe cuts about the head. However, after being patched up, they resumed play. Wright, was the leading field goal scorer for his team netting five two-pointers. Other also played a good game, while Gillich was very acceptable in the majority of the toss-ups.

Juniata Scores First

The game started with a rush and Wright scored a field goal within a minute. Blankeslee was given three

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## RED CROSS CAMPAIGN CLOSING THIS EVENING

### Senior Co-Eds Will Preside At Tables In Various College Buildings All Day—Will Take Fees

By the close of the last class this afternoon, it is hoped to have State's campaign for ten million Christmas members successfully completed. It is this same time the campaign will have been thoroughly canvassed. Even the public school have become "Red Cross" schools beyond the expectations of the committee.

Penn State's campaign necessarily had to come before the start of the nation-wide campaign, which will be started on Monday, Christmas, on account of the vacation which is scheduled to start next Wednesday at noon. At this early date, it is impossible to obtain any figures as to the outcome of the drive at Penn State, but it may safely be said that the committee's expectations will doubtless be realized. The student campaign was considerably changed in its character after the meeting of the student leaders last Monday evening. Previously it had been proposed to have canvassers visit all the fraternities and boarding clubs in the town and secure Penn State's quota in this manner but it was felt at the meeting that a far better plan would be to leave it to the individual student's initiative to join as there can be no doubt of the worthiness of the cause. Therefore, starting immediately after the mass-meeting this morning, tables were opened in the Agricultural Building, Old Main, the Engineering Building, the Library, and the Liberal Arts Building. These tables are being presided over by thirty Senior co-eds who will be on duty until 5:20 this afternoon. At these different stations, membership fees are being received.

The International headquarters has sent out a plea to all present members to let their membership lapse and become "Charismatic Members," which plan was followed by many of the canvassers as brought out in their

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## RUSSIAN ORCHESTRA TO BE HERE ON SATURDAY

### Famous Organization Will Appear In Auditorium At 8:30 As First In Entertainment Course

## TICKETS ON SALE AT CO-OP EVERY EVENING FROM 7 TO 8

## ARMY OFFICERS TO BE SENT HERE

### Will Take Charge Of Ordnance Classes In Future—Athletes To Drill—Other Military Activities

Military activities at Penn State have apparently taken on a new lease of life during the past week. Together with news of the exemption of engineering students from the selective draft, came a telegram from Washington to J. O. Keller, who has been in charge of the Ordnance classes, saying that the class in the future is to be put upon a real military basis, and as a result, Keller has gone to Washington to receive full particulars.

Unofficially, the new plans seem to be to enhance the Ordnance work in the future. The provisions will not affect the class which is scheduled to start today, but will pertain to future classes. The number of applicants who will be received has been increased to 100 and they are to be uniformed and instructed by regular army officers who will be detailed here.

Athletes to Drill

At a meeting held on Monday evening, plans were perfected for the drilling of all athletes who have been excused from drill for football and other sports. This is because of the provisions of the act establishing this college as a unit of the R. O. T. C. which year of actual military training. Members of the Allentown Ammunition Unit have offered their services as drill masters for the athletes and it is proposed to drill them two hours on Saturdays afternoon and one hour on Thursdays during the week. It will be possible until the back hours of drill are made up.

It is probable that a great amount of this training will take place in the Army, due to the fact that they are divisions outside and the men will be given as much of the latest military training as possible, such as wall-scaling, hand-stenard throwing and other of the latest developments in modern warfare. The week will be as busy as much time as he can to training these men.

Applicants for Camp Here

For the past two days, the Com-

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## INTERCLASS MATCH FOR NEXT FRIDAY

### Sophs and Freshmen Will Fight For Mat Supremacy—Many Good Matches in Class Scrap

The Freshmen will meet the Sophomores on the mat next Friday evening in the Army in the first interclass wrestling match of the season. What the outcome will be is only a matter of speculation, but the Sophomores seem to have an advantage over the Freshmen, or the other hand, the Freshmen may have the advantage in the game.

The Sophomores, arranged fighting for the various bouts, and the present time finds the following men in the competitions: 125 pound class—Newton and Gann; 135 pound class—Deton and Papp; 145 pound class—Dale and Hamilton; 155 pound class—Hillbill, Hills and McNeil; 165 pound class—Brown, 175 pound class—Spangler and Hart, heavy weight class, Riebe.

The Freshman line-up at present stands as follows: 115 pound class—Maves and Wainwright; 125 pound class—Williams; 145 pound class—Moore and Vinkov; 165 pound class—Shaulis and J.V.; 175 pound class—Stubbs, heavy weight class—Fennice.

The Sophomores look good in the 125 pound class, as Dugan, who proved such a sensation during the past season, will in all probability be the opponent for Williams. Brown in the 165 pound class, also looks good for a few additional points for the Sophomores, but Shaulis, who will in all probability be his opponent, has shown up well and this should prove an interesting match.

## SOPHS AND FRESH IN NO-SCORE TIE

### Game Closely Resembles Snow Fight—Teams Battle Gmely Despite Conditions

The Freshman and Sophomore football teams met on Saturday afternoon on New Beaver in their annual scrap. The game was a no-score tie. The field was covered with snow, about eight or ten inches deep and all the players soon became accustomed to snow baths. The condition of the field made all attempts for quick motions impossible, and the players found themselves at a great disadvantage in trying to cover ground. The ball remained in the center of the field for the greater part of the game. The Sophomores had a slight advantage during the entire fray, although it was at no time very marked. They proved their mettle by keeping the study Yearlings to a no-score tie and also prevented a game made by the Freshmen. At no time during the game was there any possibility of score and punting proved a valuable resort to drive the ball to safety. The ball soon became heavy, and many had passes were made which resulted in a great many fumbles, and in almost every instance the Sophomores profited by these blunders.

The game was slow due to the condition of the field and the large crowd present was kept constantly amused by the tackling of the opposing teams, and when a man arose from the field it was very difficult to tell whether he was a Freshman or a Soph. After a few minutes of play both eleven were covered with snow, but despite this difficulty, the game might have been a very even one if the snow had not been so deep. The entire Sophomore team put up

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## WEARING OF UNIFORMS AT HOME IS OBJECTIONABLE

Following a lengthy discussion on the matter of members of the cadet regiment wearing their uniforms on nights out of town and during vacations, Student Council in its meeting last week took a decided stand against this practice. It was pointed out that a number of the students have been doing this, with more or less objectionable results so far as the student body in general is concerned.

During the discussion it was pointed out that several instances could be cited where students wore their uniforms out of town and during vacations, one man even receiving notices from men in the regular army, being mistaken for an officer. This was claimed, gives no credit to the State.

A motion was finally passed by Council, that members of the regiment, and Major Hayler to advise the undergraduates against taking their uniforms home and wearing them on the streets during their vacation. It is pointed out that students who may be called for on this matter before the Christmas vacation begin.

## NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO BOARD AND TRIBUNAL

At last week's meeting of Student Council, H. A. Billing '18 was elected to the Student Board to take the place of T. P. Nolan '18, who has left college to take up the ordnance work.

At the same time W. H. Ganzemuller '19, and Frank Wolfe '20 were elected to membership on the Student Tribunal to replace C. M. Marshall '19, and R. H. Rauch '20, who have dropped their studies.

The matter of attendance of members at Council meetings was brought up by President Wiedling. It was pointed out that any member who is absent from two consecutive meetings without being excused by the president, shall be automatically dropped from Council, according to its constitution, and the class which he represents shall elect a new representative in his place. Regular meetings of Council are held at 6:30 on alternate Wednesday evenings, usually in room 12, Main Building.

## ATTENTION! LaVie Honors and Pictures.

Juniors and Seniors may procure LaVie honor cards through the Co-op. These cards should be filled out and dropped in the box in Old Main before December 15. All groups contemplating having pictures inserted in the LaVie should make arrangements for such pictures with the LaVie photographers—Kidd and Leonard, or the Smith Studio—by December 15 in order to insure insertion in the LaVie.

## CLUMBA COUNTY CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Clumbla County Club in 121 Old Main on Friday evening. Arrangements will be made at that time for the annual banquet, to be held during the Christmas vacation.

## Penn State Unit Next in Basketball

That Penn State's cage team includes some good material this year was conclusively shown in the Juniata game last Saturday, but a harder game seems to be in store for them when they go up against the Penn State Amblulance Unit on Saturday. A possible advantage may be accorded to the Penn State "varsity" in that the Amblulance boys have not been playing together very much. Nevertheless, they have a team that employs team work to a great extent, which is one of the main essentials of a good basketball team.

With Lieutenant Lawyer and T. M. Reed '18 as forwards, H. W. Adam '19 at center and H. C. Jester '15 and C. R. Berk '19 holding down the guard positions, an excellent playing combination has been evolved. Berk who was a member of last year's football team, is the only one of the quintet who had experience in basketball while in college. Lieutenant Lawyer was captain of the "varsity" basketball team at Occidental College during his last two years there, and "Dutch" Adam will be remembered as one of the bright lights of Penn State's "varsity" last season, while a member of a fraction over three field goals to his credit for every game during the season. Jester is credited with playing four solid years of the game, while in college, and Reed was a member of his class team.

The game will be started for Penn State by practically the same team as last week as they seemed to work together pretty well. The game will be started promptly on schedule time, so that the spectators will be enabled to attend the Russian Symphony Orchestra concert after the game.

## HONOR SOCIETY ELECTIONS

Parul Nouns  
S. J. Czuchra '18  
M. H. Clark '19  
P. F. Allison '18  
H. D. Roth '19

Skull and Bones  
O. Q. Ayner '18  
W. A. Depp '19  
M. Y. Claffelter '19  
J. H. Lucas '19

## SENIOR DANCE WILL BE HELD JANUARY 12

The first dance of the winter season of this college will be held in the Old Fellows Hall on Saturday evening, January 12. One had been announced for this coming Saturday evening in the Army, but has been postponed because of the Russian Symphony Orchestra concert in the Auditorium at that time. Due to the fact that there will be a basketball game with Lehigh in the Army on the evening of the 12th, and the Army will be used for similar purposes on the following day, the committee has found it necessary to hold the dance in the Old Fellows Hall. No increase in the price of admission will be made.

## NO "COLLEGIAN" NEXT WEEK

According to the custom followed in past years, there will be no issue of the "COLLEGIAN" next Wednesday, December 19, as it is the first day of the Christmas vacation. It is doubtful if the paper would reach all of our subscribers if issued that morning. The next issue will appear on January 9.

## Student Directory Expected Daily

The Student and Faculty Directory, published this year by the COLLEGIAN for free distribution to its subscribers, is expected to arrive any day. Notices will be posted immediately upon its arrival stating where and when it can be secured. Such notices will appear on the campus bulletin boards and on the bulletin board in the business office of the COLLEGIAN. All subscribers who submit their subscription receipts will receive a free copy of this valuable booklet.

It is with regret that we have been forced to delay the publication of the directory for so long a period. While the directory was being prepared, the material was gathered together after hours of night work by a capable staff of assistants and was in the hands of the printers for putting into type. An account of labor troubles, and finally demanded more money for it than in the bid offered last spring. Another publisher had to be found at a late date, and the work is finally ready. The directory will be sold to non-subscribers at the lowest possible figure.

## State to Enter Intercollegiate

J. K. Johnson, varsity wrestling manager, returned last Monday from Brooklyn, N. Y., where he attended the meeting of delegates from the various colleges, who usually have entries in the intercollegiate wrestling bouts. It was decided definitely at this meeting to hold the championship meet on March 22 and 23 in Brooklyn. This makes the schedule for Penn State practically complete for this year, with the single exception of the conflict existing at present on February 23, when a basketball game is scheduled with Pitt.

The management is trying to have Cornell come here on February 22nd, but to date has received no definite information from Cornell in regard to the matter. Efforts are being made to schedule a meet with Princeton, and it seems altogether likely that the "Big Five" will appear at Penn State sometime during the season. The schedule in what will probably be its final form follows.

February 22 or 23—Cornell at home  
March 2—Navy at Annapolis  
March 9—Lehigh at home  
March 17—Cornell at Ithaca  
March 22, 23—Intercollegiate at Brooklyn, N. Y.

REGISTRATION DAYS

Registration days for the second semester have been announced by the Registrar's office as Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 7, 8 and 9.

## Owes Commission To Ag. Training

The question has often been asked whether agricultural students are not handicapped in their efforts to gain commissions in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps because of their lack of technical training on engineering lines. This question was undoubtedly answered at the last camp recently completed at Plattsburgh.

J. T. Bonner '18, who received a commission as first lieutenant at Plattsburgh passed through State College on his way to Camp Dix last Monday. Bonner graduated in the Agricultural School, having completed the course in Agronomy. Stating to say, he feels that it was due to his agricultural training that he received such a high commission.

When the student officers were set to digging new trenches at the camp, Bonner was the only one among the few who knew anything about soil structure. Obtaining a soil auger, he tested the ground where it was proposed to dig the trenches and this was enough to tell whether it was suitable or not. As a result, he was made chief tender of the soil in the laying out of all the new trenches that were dug, and was finally given his commission.

When You Have Read This Paper Drop It In the Box at Old Willow — The Boys in Camp Wa