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MAY CONTINUE COLLEGE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Trustees Will Consider Plan to Graduate a Senior Class Next February

COLLEGE WILL CLOSE PRESENT YEAR APRIL 23--NO FINALS

A plan will be considered by the Board of Trustees of the college at its annual meeting in Harrisburg on January 21 whereby arrangements would be made to continue college classes for upper-class engineering, mining and chemistry students during the summer months with the end in view of graduating the Seniors in these courses in February, 1919, instead of June. There are no positive indications that this plan will be authorized, other than it is being considered by the trustees as a part of the request by the government that colleges aid as much as possible in getting their men out in active service for the benefit of the country. However, it is slated to receive grave consideration.

Further details of the plan might be outlined tentatively as follows: Under the present plans the college will close with commencement exercises on April 24. At that time the present Juniors will have become Seniors, and the Sophomores will be Juniors. After a short vacation their Senior and Junior years, respectively, will open, probably about the first of May. The first semester of next year would be closed about the middle of August, and then would follow a month of vacation, and the second semester would start at the same time that college would open under ordinary conditions, about the middle of September. At that time the present Seniors would come back as Sophomores, and the new Freshman class would start its year. Then during the fall and until the commencement in February the student enrollment would be at its greatest height.

World Cause Conflicts

The then Juniors would become Seniors with the ending of this semester, and if the war conditions still exist at that time, they could be kept at continuous work until August 1919, when they would be graduated, ten months ahead of the time now set. The under classes would fit into the schedule as they are moved up at the end of each semester, and as they reach their Junior year the extra time would be effective and they would be rushed to graduation. A serious conflict in Freshman and Sophomore chemistry would result that would have to be cared for.

Confining the change to only the students in engineering and chemistry would cause additional expenses all along the line, it is thought, for the agricultural and Liberal Arts students' objections to the carrying out of this course already given by certain instructors who teach all students in similar lines. Then too, there are many students who rely upon their summer vacation earnings to a great extent in defraying their college expenses, and they would without doubt hold serious objections to the carrying out of this plan. However, the scheme is by no means settled as yet, and there are great chances that the trustees will abandon it altogether.

One of the biggest factors to be considered in the adoption of such a plan would be the provision of ample funds with which to carry on the work at this State institution. No funds are available for maintenance during the extra time that college would be forced to remain open, and unless this phase of the question can be settled in a satisfactory manner, the entire scheme will have to be abandoned. It is true that only about one-half of the present student body would be here for the extra summer session, and that expenses would not be so great with that number of students on hand. But even at that, the expense would be prohibitive in view of the fact that no more than enough money was given by the last Legislature to maintain the college under ordinary circumstances for the next two years. Voluntary service on the part of the necessary instructors would solve the question, and the government is in its work, but at that sacrifice would be of great magnitude. There are many other phases of the situation that have not yet been brought out, and it is thought that no further information will be available until after the meeting of the trustees.

FRESHMEN SIGN UP

All Freshmen candidates for varsity football managers should sign up at the office of the Graduate-Manager in Main Building before February first.

FAREWELL TO THE PENN STATE UNIT

With the expected departure of the Penn State Unit of the U. S. A. C. from the campus today, we will bid farewell to a group of men of whom we students of Penn State might well be proud. We have been fortunate in having them with us for the past six weeks and not only do we feel that we have been greatly benefited by their presence, but we hope that they have been equally benefited by their visit. They have brought us a more intense military atmosphere; they have inspired us with a vision of true patriotism; they have assisted in training us in military matters, and altogether, we have been more than glad that they were able to be with us. We only regret that we have been unable to show this due appreciation in more appropriate ways. We extend our best wishes to these staunch Penn State men in their coming duties "over there." They go now to Allentown, and expect soon to be in active service.

CHEMISTS TO WORK IN POWDER PLANTS

Seniors Will Spend Second Semester in Dupont and Hercules Works—Receive College Credit

In accord with Penn State's war-time policy of releasing students for industrial and agricultural work during the summer, and following closely upon the decision of the Council of Administration to shorten the college year the Chemistry Department has taken the first actual step in this direction, by releasing the Senior Chemists for work in several of the large powder plants, which are at present working almost entirely on government orders for ammunition.

In view of the reputation which is widely held of Dean Pond's chemists, it was not very hard to secure openings for all the members of the Senior chemistry section in the DuPont and Hercules powder plants, at Wilmington, Delaware. This was especially true at the present time, when the scarcity of chemists has reached such an acute stage.

The men will be gone during the entire second semester, leaving here immediately upon the close of the present half of the college year. However, even though they miss a whole semester in the most important of their years at college, they will receive full college credit for the semester. It is thought that they will continue to work with these companies during the coming three months.

Orchestra Concert Sunday Afternoon

The first of a series of Sunday afternoon entertainments to be given by the various musical organizations of the College will take place in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The Orchestra will be the first number of the course, presenting a program of six selections. Great care was exercised in making up the program, with the hope that many will avail themselves of this opportunity and give the course a good start. An interesting feature of this week's program rests in the fact that the former composer of Characteristic Sketches was the son of the late President Atherton, former head of the College. The attraction on the 29th will be the Glee Club.

ASSISTANT APPOINTED IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Miss Helen Warner has been secured as an assistant in Physical Education, to assist Physical Director Martin. "Bill" Martin had consented to take charge of the gym work in addition to his other duties, but the work proved to be too much and it was found necessary to secure an assistant. The appointment of Miss Warner is the result. Miss Warner graduated from Oberlin in 1914, and attended summer school at the same institution during 1916, taking graduate work. She was an instructor in physical training at Glenwood, Iowa, until Christmas, starting at Penn State immediately after the holidays. She will have charge of the gym drill for the first and second year girls.

SUNDAY CHAPEL SPEAKER

The chapel speaker for next Sunday will be Dr. Ralph Hickok, who is president of Wells College for women, Aurora-on-Cayuga, New York. Mr. Hickok will speak at the Y. M. C. A. Service at 8:30 P. M.

1921 CANDIDATES REPORT

All Freshman basketball men report at the Army for practice every afternoon at 4:30.

SENIOR DANCE

The Seniors will hold their first winter dance at 8 P. M. next Saturday in the Odd Fellows' Hall. Programs will be on sale tonight, Thursday, and Friday evenings at the Co-op at \$1.18 plus the war tax.

SENIORS MAY NOW JOIN THE R. O. T. C.

Many Activities in Military Line —Large Number Apply For Engineering Exemptions

In recent rulings of the War Department, Seniors will be allowed to enter the R. O. T. C. and will also be exempted from the draft until graduation, or until after the close of the camp to which they will be sent upon graduation. For some time, efforts have been made to have the Seniors as well as the Juniors included in the R. O. T. C. but it was not definitely settled until the receipt of the recent orders from Washington. They will pursue the work of practically the same nature as that being given the Juniors, and upon graduation will be sent to a three month camp, after which time they will receive commissions, if their work is of satisfactory character.

A ruling was made in regard to exemptions for the Juniors, but the decision still rests in the hands of the local boards. However, it is definitely known that in several cases at least, men have been classified in "3D", on account of their R. O. T. C. work. All men who succeed in passing the next draft, will be able to receive the remainder of their college course as a Junior, legally becoming a Senior upon the graduation of the preceding Senior class. In view of this fact, it is probable that the local boards, which do not wish to exempt Juniors, will consent to a furlough until the time they become Seniors, when they will automatically be exempted for the rest of their college course.

It is not known as yet, what effects the shortening of the year will have upon the military life of the college, if any. The Sophomores and Freshmen will undoubtedly have a sufficient number of hours, as they are putting in five hours a week, where only three are required. However, in the case of the Juniors and Seniors, who are required to have five hours a week, the situation is somewhat indefinite. If the same number of hours are required that would be needed in normal years, the summer camp will probably have to be lengthened a few days. The present intention is to hold the summer camp of four weeks for the Juniors, although there have been some rumors circulating to the contrary. Probably other arrangements will have to be made later, as there will be no camp for college men alone; but the R. O. T. C. will have to be sent to one of the training camps in existence at present, but nothing definite has been decided upon as yet.

224 For Uniforms

During the Christmas holidays, Major Dayles was at Washington on business concerning, among other things, the R. O. T. C. and found that a new decision in regard to the uniforms had been made. In place of the fourteen dollars, which was originally announced as being allowed for the purchase of a uniform, a sum of twenty-three dollars and eighty cents will be given, provided the uniforms are secured during the first semester of the school year. If they are not secured until after the beginning of the second semester, only half of that amount will be allowed for the Sophomores and Freshmen. The allowance still remains at fourteen dollars as originally. That the present members of the Penn State R. O. T. C. will be able to avail themselves of this opportunity, seems to be almost an impossibility, as the shortening of the year leaves but a week in which to secure the uniforms.

Hard Work Next Semester

The work of all those under the jurisdiction of the military department will probably be more strenuous next semester, particularly for the R. O. T. C. men, whose camp will start in real earnest with the beginning of the second half of the college year. Considerable difficulty is still being experienced in the matter of securing class rooms in which to meet. As soon as the Stock Judging Pavilion can be secured, bayonet work will be given the Juniors, and to a greater extent the Sophomores. The Freshmen will continue at least for the next few weeks, their gym work. Along with their other work, the R. O. T. C. will receive instruction in conversational French, and considerable time will be devoted to map making and reading. The men as yet have not had an actual physical examination by Dr. Ritenour, but it will be given in a short time.

Many Apply For Engineers' Reserve

Applicants for enlistment in the Engineers' Reserve Corps have been passing in and out of the President's office in a steady stream during the past few days. It is impossible to find out as yet the number that have applied, but judging from appearances, a large number have taken advantage of the change of being exempt from the draft during the remainder of their course. The average grade of the highest third of the graduates of the last ten years is between 75 and 76 per cent, which allowed a large number of the present undergraduates to apply.

Varsity Basketball Team

The varsity basketball team plays Lehigh and the Freshman five today at the Bethlehem Prep quintet. In order to enable those who are going to the Senior Dance to also witness the games, the management has arranged to begin the Freshman game promptly at six o'clock, and the varsity game will start at seven. Special arrangements have been made concerning the tickets. Admission to the Freshman game will be fifteen cents; to the varsity game, twenty-five cents; but a ticket to both games will cost but thirty-five cents.

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exceeding strong team, and so far they have won every game played. Their victories were over Lebanon Valley, Moravian College, the Allegheny (Susques), and the Navy. The latter game was played Saturday night, and resulted in a 30 to 18 score, the Bethlehemites completely out-classing the Middlers. The Brown and White five has two veterans in the line-up. They are Captain McCarthy at forward and Wysocki at guard. Both of these men are stars in their positions, and they were both members of the football eleven last fall. Of the new men, Hess at center seems to be a real find. He was high scorer in the Navy game. Maurer is playing the other forward position and Straub has been putting up a fine game at guard.

HARLOW FOOTBALL COACH; SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED

Athletic Committee Institutes Real Penn State System Of Coaching

Cornell, Dartmouth, W. and J., Pitt and Lehigh To Be Met Next Season

HARLOW IN FULL CHARGE ON A 3-YEAR CONTRACT

Penn State's football coaching problem has been solved for the next three years. "Dick" Harlow '12, signed a contract at the request of the Alumni Advisory Athletic Committee, for that length of time just before the holidays. Through this action and the further plans of the committee, a distinctive Penn State system of coaching football will now be in effect for the first time since the gridiron sport was made one of the leading activities in this institution. It is proposed that an assistant coach be recruited from the ranks of former wearers of the Blue and White, and an attempt is now being made to secure "Bull" McCleary '10, looked upon as the best fullback that has ever played for Penn State. Other Blue and White stars of former years will be brought here from time to time during the season to give what assistance they can in the building up of a winning team.

The alumni committee considered the question at length before coming to its final decision, and every member of that body is of the firm belief that in finally reaching the absolute stage in graduation coaching, they have achieved the highest possible aims that have been in mind for several years past—the institution of a strictly Penn State system.

On of the main features of the change lies in the fact that Head Coach Harlow will be in charge of every department of the work. For the past few years, while the system has been in effect of having a well known player from another college on the coaching staff, with Harlow as Resident Coach, the responsibility has been unequally divided, and it was felt all along that the best results were not being obtained. However, with but one capable man at the helm it is thought that matters will be simplified, and with the old style of play that won big victories for Penn State half a dozen years ago being emphasized, football at this college should reach the sound basis that it has been endeavoring to gain for several years past.

As in every other line of college activity, the outlook for the football season next fall is indeed uncertain. It is possible that an almost entirely new team will have to be developed from the bench, a sum of twenty-three dollars and eighty cents will be given, provided the uniforms are secured during the first semester of the school year. If they are not secured until after the beginning of the second semester, only half of that amount will be allowed for the Sophomores and Freshmen. The allowance still remains at fourteen dollars as originally. That the present members of the Penn State R. O. T. C. will be able to avail themselves of this opportunity, seems to be almost an impossibility, as the shortening of the year leaves but a week in which to secure the uniforms.

Players Pleased
Those closely connected with football affairs at Penn State have expressed themselves as being well pleased with the step of the Advisory Committee, and look forward to the ultimate development of a strong system and smoothly working football machines despite the character of the material that might be on hand from time to time. The players themselves are in hearty accord with the decision of the committee and the chance for Harlow to assume complete charge of the team.

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PENN STATE FIVE TO TACKLE LEHIGH NEXT

Freshmen Meet Bethlehem Prep In Preliminary Game On Saturday—To Start at Six O'clock

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Little is known about the Bethlehem Prep team except that they are reported to have a fast team. The Freshmen have had so little practice thus far that it is impossible to say who will be chosen to start the game on Saturday night. However, from the material that has reported in there seems to be little doubt but that the yearlings will have a strong team.

VARSITY DOWNS AMBULANCE TEAM

Mullan and Lawyer Are Leading Scorers—Jester Makes Sensational Field Goals

Before one of the smallest crowds ever gathered in the Army for a basketball game, the Penn State varsity quintet defeated the Penn State Ambulance Unit, 40 to 25 last Saturday night. Despite the lay-off over Christmas vacation, the varsity showed considerable team-work, and outside of a few ragged moments at the start of the game they completely outplayed the "Usaacs."

The ambulance team was by no means a weak one, as can be judged from the line-up. Lieutenant Lawyer was a star while a student at Occidental College; Adam was a star on Penn State's 1916-17 team; Jester was another former "Blue and White" star; Beck played before he came to Penn State; and Reed was a member of his class team.

Lawyer, Jester and Adam showed that they had lost none of their ability to cage the ball, the former netting five double-deckers, while Adam and Jester landed three. Jester's shooting was without doubt the outstanding feature, for two of his baskets were tossed from beyond the middle of the court. He was equally effective in his four shooting however, for he only made good on two chances out of nine.

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May Apply Here For Air Service

As a result of a letter just received by President Sparks from the office of the Chief Signal Officer at Washington, Penn State has practically been made a recruiting station for men desiring to get into the flying service in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps. The customary application blanks have been received at the President's office.

These blanks are to be used by men desiring to enlist in Aviation Service. "We ask you to see that they reach the men best fitted for this branch of the service, which requires nerve, a good physique and a quick mind," is the way the communication reads. In other words, President Sparks can recommend such students as he feels are qualified for the work.

PENNSYLVANIA DAY GAME WITH RUTGERS

Resumption of football relations with Cornell after a lull of six years, the closing of agreements which bring Lehigh and Dartmouth to State College in 1919 and the customary games with Pitt and Washington and Jefferson are the features that make the 1918 football schedule, just announced by Graduate-Manager Smith, one of the most strenuous and attractive of any in recent years.

The schedule in its entirety will consist of nine games, of which five will be played away from home and four at State College. Of the home games, the Pennsylvania Day game has not yet been definitely decided but negotiations are pending with Rutgers College which, if successful, will bring to State College one of the strongest teams of last season. The other home games with Muhlenberg, Gettysburg and Lebanon Valley are the minor games of the season, but fortunately are

with those small colleges which have in the past brought good teams to Penn State, and with a hard game on Pennsylvania Day, they will give the local audience an ample opportunity to see next season's team in action. Uncertain conditions make it impossible to place more home games on the schedule.

The scheduling of the game with Cornell at Ithaca on November second is a feature of the schedule that will be particularly welcome news to the followers of Penn State football, for previous to the 1913 season, the Cornell game was a regular event, the last Cornell game was played in 1912 when State had her famous championship team of 1911 practically intact.

Big Games Here in 1919

The agreements with Lehigh and Dartmouth which bring those two teams here in 1919 will continue relations with two consistently strong teams and will also make an attractive home schedule for the following year. The holiday game with Pitt has been scheduled for two more years and this with the game with the old rivals at Washington and Jefferson completes the list of big games away from home.

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TO HAVE CLASS IN SIGNAL CORPS WORK

Applicants Will Be Enlisted But Will Be Placed On Inactive List Until Completion of Course

A conference was called by the Federal Board for Vocational Training in Washington on December 29th, which was attended by Dean R. L. Sackett. This board was formed by an act of Congress to provide trained men for various branches of army service in which special training is required. The object of this conference was to establish in the various schools and colleges, courses in Signal Corps work.

The work is open to Seniors or Juniors who have had one semester of both direct and alternating current work, and will be carried on in addition to the regular college work, though some of the latter will have to be dropped. Present plans call for twenty-four actual clock hours a week, counting recitation, laboratory, and study time, and the work is to be carried on in the summer only. All who decide to take the work will have to enlist, and pass the regular physical examination but will immediately be placed on the inactive list until completion of the course. At the end of the course, each one has the option of being transferred to active service, or of being discharged and resuming the same status in regard to the draft that the individual had, before he entered this work.

MAJOR HUGO DIEMER ILL WITH BLOOD POISONING

According to a report that has just been received, Major Hugo Diemer, head of the Industrial Engineering Department, who has been in the ordinance service of the United States since last summer, is in the hospital at Chelsea, Mass., suffering from a most severe form of blood poisoning. He has been ill since December 31st and is reported to be in a critical condition. Mrs. Diemer is now at Chilmstead in order to be near her husband. It is said that Major Diemer's case is the most severe of its kind that surgeons in that vicinity have ever been called upon to treat. The cause of the blood poisoning could not be determined.