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"GETTING ACQUAINTED"

"As a rule, the average Freshman will know the more prominent men in the entire college, the Sophomore the same, and a few of the examinations, it appears, that the su-Freshmen, the Junior his class-mates, the prominent Seniors, and a dents are gaming, when in reality they few of the Underclassmen, while the Senior is acquainted with comparatively few men outside of his own class."

This, in brief, is the idea presented recently by a member of the with a loud "hoop-la", is the best for faculty in commenting upon the number of acquaintances that a prophe are m forbid! As a rule most prophe are m forbid! faculty in commenting upon the number of acquaintances that a people are m favor of anything that student might happen to have in college. Generally speaking, that makes life ensire for them and takes condition of affairs might be said to exist at Penn State, personal away some of the strain, regardless of opinion to the contrary. College men in leading activities naturally the consequences. In the end, things m have a wider scope of acquaintanceship in the student body and this life are worth what they cost us. faculty than the average man. Men in activities manage to take care of themselves in building friendships and in reaching out for bigger ng", etc., have been used to quality ng", etc., have been used to quality ideas through their wide circle of acquaintances. But it is for the final examinations. What are our colbenefit of Mr. Average Man that we presume will be the ultimate aim lege students" A lot of anemic, weak-of the "getting acquainted" campaign that is now under way for of the "getting acquainted" campaign that is now under way for kneed, milksops? I don't think such an assumption can be proved, yet that trial at Penn State.

There seems to be a certain spirit of comradeship lacking at Penn State this year. Today, we might pass a Freshman on the street, say "hello!" and receive in return a cold stare that seems to say---"What's the matter with you? I don't know you." Many a Senior ing into battle have the most intensive will tell you that in his Freshman year he was mighty glad to receive any recognition whatsoever from an upperclassman. They will also tell you that that spirit does not seem to prevail this year. And this tell you that that spirit does not seem to prevail this year. And this tell you that that spirit does not seem to prevail this year. And this last strenuous week. Are such epicomment is not by any means confined to the new students. It can thets as have been applied to finals be applied in proportion to the members of other classes as well. Shall we fall back on that much-used phrase and "blame it on the war?" May the gods forbid!

Surely we have been passing through a period of great unrest, but here we have an opportunity to forget, for a few days at least, all formality, throw off our worries and join in to help ourselves in what should prove to be one of the biggest assets of our college careers. A year ago a writer in these columns advocated that we better ourselves by attempting to make at least one new friend each day. While that may sound like a big proposition, it is not altogether an impossibility, and we can help some in the next few weeks while plans had as high as three or four "finals" are forming for the get-together, by at least attempting this idea.

There is undoubtedly a large number of students who will ridicule the mere idea of stopping a fellow student on the street and final examinations give the student a "getting acquainted" with him. Two days are to be set aside in the thoro grasp of the entire subject. Frecampaign for this purpose, with a big wind-up in the Armory. These quent quizzes make him master of secstudents must know that such a proposition has never before been undertaken in this manner by any other college or university of any fragmentary parts of the subject. The size, and that its success here on initial trial will hinge largely on their attitude. The chief idea is to have everyone "break over" and his studies, finals or no finals, but the cast formality to the winds. A feeling of true democracy is desired and can be secured by cooperation. This feeling is apparent in all small colleges. Everybody knows everybody else. While the size of Penn State renders this state of a fact, noticeable by a majority of inaffairs impossible here, yet our seclusion from the rest of the world makes us, after all, a small community, a condition that is most beneficial. So let us all join in the "getting acquainted" movement, and by making this one a success, hand the custom down to coming classes.

present is merely the past entered through another gate. It is as DEAN HOLMES TALKS inevitable as death. It is not, and never was, an accident. In every incidence, from the beginning of time, it was a well deserved punishrient worked up to and earned. It is the opportunity given to the Guest for the purpose of survival. It will come again with the swing of the pendulum.'

Such thoughts as these, disseminated among the people of the Such thoughts as these, disseminated among the people of the "Eugenics" given last night in the country, we fear will have a tendency to weaken the indictment the Old chepel in the series of Tuesday world has made against Germany. If Hamilton is right, then Germany is not a culprit, but the unfortunate instrument of fate made mad by Dean Holmes began his talk by giving dreams of world power in order that her enemies may he saved from a definition of eugenics, saying that the consequences of their weaknesses. If the Allies have been "res-cued from the effect of self-indulgence" by Germany then our parti-cipation in the war is not just for we are striving to defeat a soveral cipation in the war is not just, for we are striving to defeat a severe are in the utilization of the properties but righteous chastiser. If war is inevitable then we must admit that of eugenics in modern life. One side man is but the puppet of fate and never can our cherished dreams of of eugenics deals with the problems world disarmament and enforced peace be realized.

No, we cannot agree with Cosmo Hamilton. His article in the with criminal traits. He pointed out with criminal traits. He pointed out further that the tendency to crime and false teachings of their modern philosophers. Our nation has expressed itself as being unalterably opposed to such false doctrines and if we are to win the war we cannot afford to believe that war is there are between three and five huninevitable or that we and our Allies are social debauchees.

Letter Box structors that as soon as "no finals" was announced, there was a falling off in work all along the line even among the best students. The average stu-dent does not feel his responsibility keenly enough to give his best, unless ANOTHER VIEWPOINT State College, Pa. it is required of him, and then he can and does rise to the occasion. In the Jan. 21, 1918. Editor, Penn State COLLEGIAN. matter of studies, final examinations of

As a student I believe I have the privilege of using the correspondence

columns of the Collegian to express my views on problems which come up efore the student body. In your issue of Jan. 9, there ap-peared an editorial on the adivisability permanently abolishing final ex-ninations instead of temporarily. I ne to take issue with the writer or eral points which he brings forth ir vor of his position and in so doing

set forth why I believe final examina tions of the old type should not be bolished.

On the surface, by abolishing final are suffering a distinct loss. Does it go without saying that whatever a other a general one to handle the other

crowd jumps behind and gives a push sports, sium and track house. The gymnasium plans called for a 100 by 150 foot floor space and a ten foot plunge bath. The base ball cage was to have a glass roof

eems to be the viewpoint of the writer were also included in the plans, as well of the editorial. Is a thing to be avoided because it is a strain? The as an outdoor swimming pool 100 by 150 to be supplied with water from a mounrunner to win his race must sprint and tam stream sprint at the finish. Troops before go-

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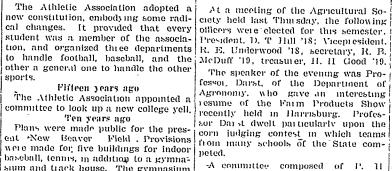
partments in Mechanical drafting has been organof cugenics has modern inc. One side in accounting that been organ-of cugenics deals with the problems ized by the Engineering Extension of criminals and criminal children and Division at Oil City One of the Freshof eugenies deals with the product. of criminals and criminal children and the cauces for such children being born into compared traits. He pointed out Engineering course and is taking wood-ing, Samuel Kranich, York, Chemistry, ing, Samuel Kranich, York, Chemistry, Kranich, York, feeble-mindedness was thought to be

almost entirely due to heredity. Along this same line, it is estimated that Department of Agriculture in its pubdied thousand feeble-minded persons licity work to prevent flour mill and in the United States who are unable elevator dust explosions. elevator dust explosions. to make their living in free competition

with their fellow men The science of eugenics was first started by Galton, an Englishman, and is now being carried on by Carl Pier-son as the head of the research in this line of work. Certain investigations revealed the fact that between 27 and

72 per cent of delinquent children are feeble-minded and that about 25 per cent or one-fourth of the recidivists, or INTERESTING ART EXHIBIT criminals who have been arrested re-There is an exhibit of water color peatedly, are said to be feeble-minded. In this connection, Dean Holmes made sketches at the Penn State Museum by the noted artist John R. Dull, of Drexel the statement that Dr Lombroso, the institute Philadelphia. In answer to queries concerning the exhibit, Pro-Italian founder of criminology, believes distinct type of criminals exist and fessor Ernesti made the statement that the men making up this class are "that, owing to her somewhat isolated unable to lead an honest life situation, Penn State should conside

OFFICERS ELECTED BY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



Sprenkle '18, H H. Good '19 G. S Watts '18, I R Evans '18, and R F Menny '19, was appointed by the chair-man to consider the question of awardand an earthen floor of the same size. The football field and running track ing medals to the several judging teams of the departments in the School of Agriculture D. R Pheasant '19, R W. Burton '19, and P. L. Koenig '19, were elected respectively manager, sec-retary and treasurer for next year's



A moving picture lecture will be given Friday, Feb 15, at The Pastime Theatre on "The Airship in Warfare" L. G. Douglas Wardrop, Editor of the Acual Age, New York, illustrated by slides and films. The lecture is one of the series arranged by the School of the series arranged by the series areaged by the series ar Following are the names of the new Following are the names of the new matriculants — Junior , class—C, -T, Pharo from South Bethlehem in the course of Industrial Engineering; for by both the War and Navy De-partments A class of twelve girls Course of mussion pagemeering; Freshman class-Miss M. W. Barnet, Philadelphia, Liberal Arts, Miss Euwer, Philadelphia, Horne Economics, P. L. Guarn, York, Mechanical Engineering, working. B. W. Dedrick, Instructor in Flour Milling, has been requested to take charge of the Chicago District for the District for th ical, R. A Snive, Fork, Chemistry, M. P. Tait, Mercer, Agriculture, and J. P. Valilice, Ulster, Agriculturc; Two-year agricultural course—M. B McPherson, Philadelphia, Unclassified—Miss Helen Professor E N. Bates was in Wash-Eno. Honesdale, Home Economics, and

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MODERN WARTIME PHILOSOPHY

Cosmo Hamilton, Lieutenant in the British Air Service and popular present day novelist, in writing for the "Daily Princetonian" of a recent date has voiced a fatalistic philosophy which, while possibly possessing many grains of truth, has neverthless made itself thoroughly distasteful to the Anglo-Saxon mind because of its similarity to the utterances of the German Kaiser and certain other well known German thinkers. His characterization of war as the inevitable cure for the degeneracy of civilized nations, is old in a German guise, but clothed in its new garb, in the organ of one of America's oldest universities, it is new and startling, deserving the most serious consideration of thinking American men and women.

A brief review of his article reveals certain radical ideals standing predominate. Britain, France, Italy and America, he depicts as nations of degeneracy and political corruption; while Russia he considers as fit only for the insane asylum. To him Germany is the strong, virile nation, in the crisis of history, unconsciously sacrificing herself that her enemies may be purified by the "iron tonic of war."

The cause of this amazing state of affairs, he attributes to overcivilization in the allied countries. Political corruption has spread a blight over the great democracies. Men seeing the gross ignorance and petty squabbles of their leaders, have become affected and have left the paths of straight thinking and honesty. The younger generations of the diseased countries have become stricken with the cancerous growth, and brain anaemia has set in. The reaction follows: pacificism, anti-vivisection and hysterical petitions against corporal punishment. Politicians attempt to blind themselves to the approach of disaster, the laboring masses become restive and all the tendencies of national ruin are evident. Men ignore their religious teachings, people live beyond their means and women dress in grotesque extravagance. Blinded by folly the nations live only for the moment and refuse to see the direful future.

This is the moment in which Hamilton finds strong Germany rising in her might, and following the inevitable law of history, performing the miracle of purifying her enemies by bringing back national health to England, France and America. Quoting Hamilton's own words we read in the closing paragraphs:

"With amazing unconsciousness Germany is at this moment performing a deed which will have its effect on the entire future of the world, and, paradoxical as it may seem, is killing herself to put new life into her opponents.

"I assert, therefore, that the war was necessary. That it came at the psychological moment. That it rescued the Allies from the weakening effects of self indulgence and brought out again every good and noble instinct, every fine and simple characteristic that went into the initial making of these nations.