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#### THE CUSTOMARY GOAT

During the past several weeks, apparently unfounded rumors have been flying about the campus, tending to prove the old saying that good deeds are never appreciated. Unfortunately, when a series of deplorable events happens to occur, they are all blamed upon the same source, and the said source is expected to assume all responsibility. In other words, it is customary to always look around for a "goat" to bear the brunt of the blame.

Apparently, the "Stick-Together Committee" at Penn State has been officially elected "goat" for all the unfortunate incidents that have been happening during the past month. This committee, which includes no less than six members of the Student Council, was appointed to carry on a campaign to retain the effects of the "Getlogether Movement," and it has been doing so by means of a series of events—one each week—which the students have been urged to attend.

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Now, lo and behold! The noble "goat" steps forward to receive its burden. The "Stick-Together Committee" is the cause of the apparent failure of the Honor System because it keeps the students out so late that they cannot study and have to "crib!" The committee is the cause of the state of unrest that seems to prevail among the students! The committee is to blame for the undue amount of revolver shooting that is going on about town! The committee is attempting to compete with the movies! These are just a few of the sins that have been land at the door of the members of the "Stick-Together Committee"

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Foolishness, you say! Of course it is. But such rumors must have some source and unfortunately they spread very rapidly. How is the committee causing the breaking of the Honor System? As has already been said, only one event is held each week, and the affair is always over by 9 30 P. M. We believe that the majority of the students do not study very much before that hour under ordinary circumstances. Far from being responsible for the shooting, the members of the committee have tried to discourage it. If there is a state of great unrest, there are far more important reasons for it than the "Stick-Together Campaign."

As for competing with the movies, the committee does not nor has it ever intended to do such a thing. The sole purpose of the campaign is to keep up the old Penn State spirit which was aroused by the former movement, and the various events have been planned with that end in view. The members of the committee have given up quite a lot of their time in order to make the campaign a success, and it does seem a little unfair to them to blame them for things over which they have absolutely no control.

#### SOPHOMORES, CHOOSE WISELY!

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At the next meeting of the Sophomore class which will probably take place some time this week, elections are to be held for officers to lead the class through its Junior year at Penn State. In last week's issue, the names of the candidates for each office were printed and without a doubt, the nominees are all good men who would do their best for their class and for Penn State.

But it is to be hoped that the Sophomores will realize the gravity of this election and will choose their officers wisely. The importance of the Junior president is penhaps only exceeded by that of the Senior executive, and in filling this office, the class should select a steady, reliable, conscientious man—one who will be forceful enough to live up to the ideals of Penn State. Moreover, the Junior president is the organizing officer of the incoming Freshman class and in this capacity, he should show the qualities of leadership that will inculcate in the hearts of the Freshmen a love of their Alma Mater. This election is indeed important, and the Sophomores should not consider it lightly.

### A PATRIOTIC ACTION

The true spirit of Penn State in the war was exemplified last week when the Senior class decided to invest the money for their class memorial in United States Government Liberty Bonds in order to help this country in its struggle for democracy. Such action is indeed commendable and it reflects honor not only on the Seniors but on Penn State.

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The class of 1917 and the present Senior class had planned to co-operate and leave a joint memorial to the college, but with the entrance of the United States into the war last spring, the former class determined to invest their shale of the memorial in Liberty Bonds. With the continuation of the war this year, it is only fitting and proper that the 1918 class should follow their example. At the conclusion of the war, the bonds can be redeemed and it will then be used to a far better purpose.

Every Penn State man should feel proud of the seven men who have represented the Blue and White on the wrestling mat during the past season. Through their efforts, Penn State stands at the pinnacle of intercollegiate wrestling for the year 1918, so far above the nearest rival that there is not the least doubt of her superiority. To the six new intercollegiate champions, to the man whom injury undoubtedly derrived of the title, and to the man who coached the successful team, we extend the sincere congratulations of the Penn State student body.

The new ruling that it is hoped to incorporate into the Freshman customs, providing that all Freshmen must speak to each other when they pass, cannot fail to be appreciated by the students of Penn State. At is almost a certainty that a habit acquired in the Freshman year will be continued during the balance of a man's course, and we believe that such a habit would go a long way toward eliminating the need of a "get-together" movement.

We suppose that when spring rolls around and the spirit of that season is in the air, that it is only natural for the Sophomores to want to initiate the Freshmen into the time-worn custom of "packing soot." Frovision has been made against indiscriminate hazing, and this form of amusement would certainly come under that head, but as it is done every year, we suppose that it must be tolerated. However, it seems a shame that men of the upper classes must belittle themselves by becoming ring-leaders in the movement!

#### Letter Box.

March 23, 1918, The COLLEGIAN,

A L Dierstein, an instructor in el enginecting, has been given leave absence in order to take a position structural engineer on the large exp sive plant which the government building at Charleston, West Wirginia

Editor. The COLLEGIAN.
Dear Sir:

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In the letter to you from "Girls' Basketball," printed in last week's paper, and the letter to you from "Girls' Rasketball," printed in last week's paper, and the letter of the lett The Extension Department of the School of Agriculture has recently established at Bustleton, Philadelphia counts, a field laboratory for the study by plant discusses and insect peets An expert plant pathologist and an ento-molegist will soon be placed in charge of this laboratory, although as yet the men for these have not been selected. The annual production of vegetables near Bustleton is enormous and the farmers of that section are welcoming the establishment of this laboratory as an institution which will aid them in combating the peets which have caused heavy losses of crops in past years.

Dr Margaret MacDonald of the Department of Agricultural Chemistry, who is away on leave of absence, is pustletted of Technology, Boston.

R. S Spray, of the Department of

### Engineering News

F. H Parke, Resident Engineer of the Westlinghouse Air Brake Co., will deliver the last of a series of engineering lectures on March 29th in Room 292, Engineering D. His subject will be "The History of Train Braking". He is an authority on the air brake and upon the development of the train control from list beginning. Mr Parke has been here on several occasions and is a particularly interesting speaker. In the evening he will speak to the local members of the A. S. M. E. on the "Flow of Air Through Pipes," after which there will be a general discussion of the subject,

The Navy Department is considering a course in marine gasoline engines, kerosene and crude oil engines, which was proposed by Dean Sackett but on account of the considerable number of emilisted men who will come here for F. H Parke, Resident Engineer of the

On Saturday, March 30, at 2 p m. in the Stock Judging Pavillon, there will be a Mock Livestock Saio under the anspices of the Strioln Club All "Age" are invited A chicken saie of unique character for actual cash is to be open to all present. All Animal Husbandry men should make a special effort to be on hand

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# training during the summer, the shops and laboratories will be so, filled that facilities for the training of men from the Naval Reserve will not be available, although the project is looked upon very favorably. The proposed instruction would be similar to that given in ground school for aviation. Present indications are that the didbate with Pitt on Friday night we prove a very interesting event. Pitt On Saturday

Present indications are that the dual debate with Pitt on Friday night will be prove a very interesting event. The question will be the one on which Penn State defeated Swarthmore recently, namely, "Resolved, That the war time scope of federal regulation (in principle) should be established for times of peace"

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A team of Penn State girls will uphold the negative of the question at Pitt, and a team of me from Pitt will defend the same side here. The debate at Pittaburgh will be carried on entirely women, even to the chairman and the judges. The Penn State team which will go to Pitt is composed of the Misses Dorothea Fackenthal '18, Lottle Peacocks' 18, and Mabel Supples '18, with Miss Rachol Roberts '21, as alternate.

Those who will defend the affirmative of the question here are L W Frazier (2), W. D. Harkins '20, and E. E. Overdorf '21 The judges of the debate here will be Dr. Layton, superintendant of the public schools of Altona, Professor Robb, principal of one of the Altona high schools, and Principal Mincemoyer of the Renova high school

SPECIAL EASTELL FEATURES
The Chaple service next Sunday wil
consist of special Easter music an
readings. Dean Robinson, of the Department of Music, has arranged a particularly ploaning musical progrm, while
Professor Marshman, of the Department of Public Speaking will read ar
Easter selection of his own choosing

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#### BOOK CAMPAIGN IS STILL IN PROGRESS

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Bocause of the large number of other college activities last week which made a complete canvass of the student body practically impossible, the time of the book campaign scheduled to end Friday, has been extended for another week. The committee appointed is still in charge and hopea to see every student personally in its efforts to secure books or our soldiers and saliors. The town and faculty campaign was completed instances, and as soon as all the students have been visited, the books will be sent to Harrisburg, and from there to the camps and ships.

GIRLS GIVE "HE-SHE" DANCE The girls gave a very successful "He She" dance in the Woman's Buildin last Friday night. There were man original costumes of every variety Misses Hahlman and Barrick wer awarded first prize as the most origina couple on the floor.

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