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### A FINE OPPORTUNITY

Among the majority of the people of the United States there is a great misconception as to the value of a college to a man and as to the value of a college man to the community. This is due largely to the fact that the college men form such a small fraction of the total population of this country, and also to the fact that only a few people really get to know and understand college men. The average citizen of this country believes that a college man is more or less of a nuisance and that a college is a substantial place to spend both time and money and to go the "pace that kills."

Of course, those of us who really know realize that this impression is entirely false—that colleges are one of the essential elements of the nation and that college men are the selected individuals who are to become leaders in the world. We believe that those who have come in contact with a college are also aware of the value of such an institution and we may be sure that they will vouch for college men. But it is with those who know nothing of the real ideals and purposes of a college—by far the larger number—that we have to deal.

And the men from the National Army who are coming here this week to take a course in training for airplane work belong almost entirely to this latter class. They are men who for the most part have never learned to know a college or have never seen it in its working clothes. Their advent furnishes us with an excellent opportunity to strike a decisive blow for Penn State and for the sake of all the colleges in the United States. The impression that these men form here is bound to be transmitted by them, whether good or bad.

It is up to us, men of Penn State! We have here a golden opportunity to show these visitors what a college really is doing and to prove to them that we, as students, are in reality preparing ourselves for the great work that is lying before us. By a steady application to our work, we can show them that we have a purpose as sincere as their own; by courteous treatment, we can prove that above all else, the college man is a gentleman; and by maintaining the democratic spirit of Penn State, we can disprove the theory that all college men are snobs. It's up to us, Penn State. Let's make good!

### MOVING-UP DAY

During the past week, since the announcement was made that Moving-Up Day would be held on April 13, there has been considerable comment as to the advisability of such a day being held more than a week before the closing of college. We believe that such comment has been made by those who have taken the plan at its face value and have not investigated into the merits of the case, rather than through any desire to "knock" the idea just on general principles.

The idea of a Moving-Up Day was not originated at State College but it merely follows a custom that has already been worked out in other colleges. The purpose of the day is evidenced by its name—a day when each class shall move up a rung on the ladder of education and shall assume the duties and dignity of the preceding class. Instead of each class waiting until the following fall to automatically assume the succeeding title, Moving-Up Day is the official time when the title is assumed.

Apparently, the main objection is to the releasing of the Freshmen from their customs, or at least this is the only objection that we have yet heard. However, if we consider this matter carefully it will readily be seen that there is really no objection even on that score. In former years, Penn State has been almost the only college that retained Freshman customs until the final day of college. At many of the colleges, the first-year men are permitted to shed their "dinks" and other customs at least a month before the closing of college. Yet Moving-up Day will only come about a week before commencement.

Moreover, although a Freshman may shed his customs on Moving-Up Day, nevertheless, he is still subordinate to the other three classes and any abusing of his privileges may still be punished by the Tribunal. But the chief argument in favor of the day is that a Freshman who undergoes a week of Sophomore privileges cannot help but feel a closer bond of union between himself and the college; and having had a taste of the sweetness of liberty, he will be ready, yes, even anxious, to return to Penn State in the fall. The same may also be said for the members of the Junior and Sophomore classes. And finally, a week as a Sophomore this spring will go a long way toward making that Sophomore far more tolerable when he returns next fall.

### YES, THEY'RE BEHIND US!

No better answer to the question as to whether the alumni are behind the college could have been found than the following telegram which was received by Graduate Manager R. H. Smith about a week ago:

"Congratulations to the whole wrestling squad and coaches that made possible the wonderful showing of the wrestling team at the Intercollegiate matches on Saturday."

(Signed) Pittsburgh Alumni  
Tom Harman, Sec'y

This merely goes to show that even though the Alumni are not able to always support the teams in person, their thoughts are with the wearers of the Blue and White and they anxiously await the results of the games. Moral support plays a large part in every victory, and the incident mentioned above is only further proof that the Penn State Alumni are all behind the student body.

### Agricultural Notes

Immediately upon the close of the college year the Senior Hortus will start on a one week's auto trip through the northern part of this state and the fruit growing sections of New York. They are scheduled to leave here April twenty-fourth and will go directly to the great fruit belt of western New York. Some time will be spent in the orchards, truck gardens and greenhouses near Rochester, after which the grape grow-

ing section near Chautauque, New York, will be visited. The trip will end with the inspection of the truck gardens and greenhouses of Erie county, Pennsylvania. The enrollment of young men from the high schools throughout the state for the farm training course to be given here after the close of this semester, began March eighteenth and enlistments are still being reported. The results of the enrollment are very satisfactory and many more have signed up than were expected to do so.

### On the Corner

Is it hard to write columns? Well, rather. It isn't all smiles and bliss. The quatrains especially bother. They are seldom as easy as this. —Buffalo News

Which accounts in a way for the habit, (And it surely is nothing amiss) When we see a four-liner, we grab it, And tuck on another like this. —Youngstown Telegram

We're tickled to death when we strike 'em. As ovals exchanges we pore, And gosh! how our readers, all like 'em. They eat 'em and holler for more. —Springfield Union

We thank you, dear colymbing brother, For saving us labor and fret. Behold, we have written another— And happily the end is not yet! —Cleveland Plain Dealer

Let me get in the game while it's going, I can tuck on a verse and I will, Just look at the way it is growing, And notice the space it can fill. —Detroit Free Press

It pays one to be a good writer, For instance, in this sort of case By holding ours off until later We make it fill three times the space. —Akron Times

We're sure there is more to come after To doubt it would be most absurd, Although not a cause for loud laughter, It's seldom we get the last word. —Yonkers Statesman

Let's send it along on its travels, A column at least it should take, Unlike some war knitting that ravel, This fabric is easy to make. —Judge

There was more of this column of fillers, Made lazy conductors to serve, We had clipped all the rest of the thriller, But to print more we hadn't the nerve. —Harrisburg Patriot

The last columnist was too hasty In clipping the dope from the sheet, For we're sure to the student it is tasty, And our aims it helps us to meet.

### LACROSSE TEAMS TIE

The Freshman lacrosse team clashed with the Sophomores in their first game of the season on Saturday afternoon, on Holmes field, and the result was a 1 to 1 tie. An extra period of five minutes failed to prove the superiority of either team. The Freshman team is showing up exceptionally well this year, and a very interesting scrap is expected on April 23rd when the Sophomores and Freshmen clash in their annual scrap game.

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### SOCCER MEN RECEIVE THEIR LETTER AWARDS

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Committee it was decided to award the minor sports "S" for soccer to the members of the team, despite the fact that only two games were played. The men receiving this distinction were: Arner '18, (captain), Balley '18 (manager), Cupit, '19, Catunach '19, Fogol '19, Lucas '19, and McFadden '19. The soccer prospects for next season are better than ever before in the history of the sport at Penn State. Manager Rumberger is arranging an eastern trip on which he hopes to have games with the University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore, Haverford, Lafayette, Lehigh and possibly some others. All indications point to a team which will uphold the record of three seasons without a defeat.

### SOCCER MEETING TOMORROW

An important meeting of all Soccer men will be held at 6:30 Thursday evening in Engineering A.

### Engineering News

At a meeting of the local members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers last Friday night, the subject of the "Flow of Air Through Pipes" was discussed. Mr. Parke, of the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., Mr. L. H. Fry, of the Standard Steel Co., and other guests took part in the discussion.

The first material for the new unit, to be called Engineering B, has been received. There will be about 50 carloads of brick, steel, lumber, slate, and other materials. Active work will begin as soon as order of large drain tile is received to provide for proper drainage.

Mr. F. H. Parke, Resident Engineer of the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., gave the concluding lecture in the annual series arranged for upperclassmen in Engineering. His subject was "The Development of Train Control." With slides, he illustrated various types of

hand brakes used and the development of the air brake to its present perfection.

Lieutenant J. O. Keller, who has been away on account of illness, has returned from his furlough to take charge of the Ordnance class which began April 1st.

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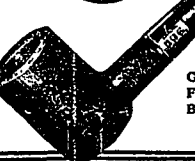
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