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PENN STATE ACTIVE IN MILITARY WORK

Many New Lines Of Activity Added To War Program Of College—Regular Work Continued

That Penn State has reason to be proud of the work which she has accomplished along military lines the past year is a statement which needs no proof. Much has been done, even in the face of the most adverse circumstances. Confronted with its first war-time opening, the college was looked upon by the government to carry on its usual military work, as well as to complete a number of plans which had been drawn up, and which had been necessary on account of war-time conditions.

When college opened last fall, it was absolutely necessary that some reorganization should take place, and this was particularly true of the military department. These plans were practically all to take charge. The commandant of last year, Captain Ahrends, had been compelled to rejoin his regiment, and Sergeant M. C. Allen, second in command, had also been called into the service.

Sophis and Fresh. The compulsory two years of drill, required of all Sophomores and Freshmen was entered upon this year with a magnitude which was unprecedented in the history of the college. While it was necessary to do a number of extra hours weekly, in order to make up the required credits, military work for the first time was continued during the winter months. For the Freshmen, the work was of the usual nature, consisting mainly of marching, drill, and drill, together with calisthenics and the manual of arms. For the second year men, however, in addition to the above, practice was given with the bayonet and with hand grenades. Company drill was also held and a number of practical field maneuvers were worked out.

Ordnance. Five ordnance classes, varying in enrollment from seventy-five to a hundred, have been turned out by the college during the past term. Starting with the third and fourth classes, courses have been given every six weeks, until the first is now under way. Most of the men have been volunteers, some of whom were previously students, but under a new arrangement, the men now sent here to take the work will be those who have been drafted. The classes have been under the charge of Lieutenant J. O. Keller, who was formerly an instructor in industrial engineering.

Army Men. Probably the most important of the military activities of the college has been the training of the 189 enlisted men who are at present being inducted along electrical and mechanical lines. The need for such men was recognized shortly after America's entrance into the war, and as a result, the government put it up to the technical colleges to decide whether they could train the men. Penn State was naturally willing to "do her bit," with the result that the first quota of men arrived here last week. This, however, has only been the beginning, as it is planned to have a number of such men here taking instruction throughout the summer.

Other Lines of Activities. While the above are the most important of Penn State's military doings, there are several other events, which have been of considerable aid to the government, as well as to those concerned. Chief of these have been the forming of both a naval and an engineering reserve. The former has twenty-two students enrolled, while the latter has a somewhat larger number. A signal corps has also been organized from students in the electrical engineering department, and there are about twenty-five Seniors taking this work. The college was also successful in getting eight weeks to the Penn State ambulance unit, while physical and military examinations were also given to about one hundred alumni for admission to the Third Officers' Training Camp.

GIRLS ELECT STUDENT COUNCIL FOR NEXT YEAR. The girls elected officers for the student government at a house-meeting last week. They are as follows: Betty Kenley '19, president; vice-president, Adelaide Mitchell '20, treasurer, Alice Heilman '19. The Freshman class elected Alma Cotton as secretary for the Council. Katherine Grumble '19 and Jennie Davis '20, were chosen for class representatives on the Girls' Honor Committee.

COMMENCEMENT EVENTS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

Carnival And All-College Play To Open Program—Baseball With Carnegie Tech Tuesday

GRADUATING EXERCISES ON WEDNESDAY MORNING

The annual commencement exercises at Penn State give promise of being but slightly inferior to those of last year, even though the war and the shortening of college have created a very unsettled state of affairs. The events are scheduled to begin with the all-college play tomorrow evening, and will continue until the middle of next week, ending on Wednesday afternoon.

This is Penn State's second graduation in war-time, and a number of alumni and former undergraduates will likely be back from the front. The program is being held at the Carnegie Tech building, and the campus is a decidedly militaristic appearance. But even that is to be expected, for it all goes to show that the college is giving its best to the nation in time of war, just as it did in time of peace.

Because of the inclement weather last Saturday, it was found necessary to postpone the commencement exercises for that day until tomorrow, and as a result it is very likely that the commencement program will be slightly changed in order to have the events open with the barbecue. As a part of this festival and in conjunction with the Senior class stunt, the class day exercises of the class of 1918 will also be held. There will be a baseball game at three o'clock between the Varsity nine and a team picked from the district most mentioned in this year's yearbook.

At 10:30 on Sunday morning, the commencement sermon will be preached to the graduating classes by Rev. Dr. Vandewater, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, New York City. The college was indeed fortunate to secure Dr. Vandewater at this particularly appropriate time, as he served as chaplain of the American war and was with the 5th Army Corps throughout its campaign in Cuba. Because of his valiant service during this time he earned for himself the name of "The Fighting Parson."

Beginning at half past eight in the morning and lasting until half past five in the afternoon, Monday will constitute a day of visiting. All of the college classes will be open for visitors during these hours and the alumni especially are invited to attend. In order to get a close-up view of what is being accomplished, the big wrestling meet between the former Varsity nine and the present intercollegiate champions will be held in the Armory at four and this will be the annual business meeting of the Board of Trustees in Carnegie Library, followed at eight by the Junior Oratorical contest in the Auditorium.

Tuesday's events will begin at 9:30 a. m. with the annual business meeting of the Board of Trustees. The college work of the second semester will close at eleven o'clock, after which the college cadets will be reviewed on New Beaver field by Major J. H. M. Andrews, of the 103rd Engineers, who is a trustee of the college. The afternoon will be given over to the Interclass.

PENN STATE PLACES ENTRIES IN RELAYS

Penn State will send a fast combination of track stars to the Penn Relays at Philadelphia next Friday and Saturday. Coach "Bill" Martin has been spending considerable time with the men and they are in fine condition for the events and are sure to be strong contenders in every event in which they are entered. Although the team has suffered many handicaps this year because of the loss of such men as Shields, Kuntz, Shuman and Orr, Coach Martin has developed some new material that may spring some surprises.

The entries for the relay are: Championship medals: Ganzwiller, Wiley, Kral, Morrill, sub—Thomas, Hecker. Two-mile championship—Kral, Morrill, Thomas, Wiley, sub—Ulrey. Two-mile championship—Rustay, Thomas, Morrill, Kral, sub—Ulrey. Freshman Relay—Schollin, Parent, Wiley, Demming, sub—Ulrey. Pentathlon—Gentig, Demming, Wolfe, Dewees. The following will be entered in special events: High Jump: Jefferson, bond jump; Jefferys, Wiley, Demming, Wolfe, Dewees, sub—Ulrey. Shot put: Fitching, Kral, sub—Ulrey. 100-yard dash: Ganzwiller, Wiley, Hecker; 120-yard high hurdles: Wolfe, Hecker.

ALUMNI ATHLETIC CONTESTS TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—EXPENSES CURTAILED

One of the outstanding features of the commencement celebration this year will be the alumni activities. In fact, this is to be essentially an "old grads" year. The college has been making a great effort to give a hearty reception to every alumnus and alumna who returns and the festive spirit is being kept up by the alumni. Even the program has been arranged in order that they may receive the greatest entertainment and benefit therefrom.

FIFTY YEAR REUNION IS AGAIN POSTPONED

There will be the usual reunions this year—the fifty year reunion of the twenty-fourth members of the classes of 1911, 1908, 1903, 1908 respectively—while a number of members of other classes will also be back. It is altogether likely that there will also be a twenty-five year reunion of the classes of 1893 and '15 and '17 may also return in force. Conditions at present, however, are very abnormal due both to the war, and to the shortening of college, so that there are many who will be unable to come back, even for a few days.

The usual class reunions will this year have a decided different appearance from those of former years. The usual reunion frolics, such as the class Alumni Day "stunt" the fancy costumes, the customary band and orchestra, and the usual luncheon and dinner are being omitted for economy's sake but the spirit of the get-together will be just the same and just as strong as ever.

"The Big Tent" The scene of many reunions in the past, will be put up on the front campus again and will be the general alumni headquarters. However, should weather conditions, such as another unexpected snowstorm, cause the tent to be eliminated, convenient headquarters will be established indoors, with the usual facilities and services for holding alumni sessions. Provision has also been made for housing and lodging the old graduates, and everything has been done to give an appearance to the affair of "business as usual." Practically every fraternal organization will be invited to hold their annual meetings and devote their efforts to the reception and entertainment of its alumni.

"Alumni Day" While most of the commencement celebration this year is for the alumni, a special day has been set aside for those who return in order that there may be a better opportunity for the re-seeing of old acquaintances and the forming of reunions. This will be known especially as "Alumni Day" and will fall on next Tuesday, April 23rd. The annual business meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at 10:30 a. m. in the Auditorium, at which time the topic "Alumni Service to the College and the Nation in the War Emergency" will be considered. There will be a luncheon, and plans can be discussed. Members of the Board of Trustees, the Deans of the various schools, and certain members of the alumni in this manner, the old grads will learn something of conditions on the campus at this time, and plans can be formulated whereby a greater and more effective service can be rendered to the college and to the nation.

The election by the alumni of their representatives to the board of trustees will take place at 10 o'clock, and at (Continued on Fourth Page)

Next College Year To Open Sept. 11

The first semester of the 1918-1919 college year is scheduled to open on Wednesday, September 11, 1918. This decision was reached by the college officials after much consideration, when it was decided that the "business as usual" slogan should again be adopted in the war-time conditions, as it was felt that education must go on to supply the ever-increasing demand for men trained in agricultural and engineering lines. While nothing is known regarding the number of students who will be entering the next year, the Registrar has estimated the number at 1925 as a basis on which to work out the schedules. He estimates the number of Seniors at 250, Juniors at 350, Sophomores at 425. It is reasonably certain that these figures will very nearly approximate the size of these classes, but the class of 1922 is the uncertain factor. The number of Freshmen next year will depend to a large extent on the outcome of the "Get-a-Freshman" campaign that was inaugurated by Dr. Spitzer last week. He has set 800 as the minimum number of first year men that should be here, although he stated 1000 would be accommodated. Should the latter number materialize, it will be possible to form a regiment of Freshmen, something that will be entirely new. However, the latter is merely one of the secondary results that may be achieved, as the prime object is to have a good-sized class in order to continue the work of the college in the future.

LT. GIVEN OFFERS FRIENDLY CRITICISM

Inspecting Officer Tells Of Defects In Military System—Urges More Student Interest

The following letter received by Dr. Spitzer from Lieutenant W. N. Given, formerly of the class of 1918, who was at Penn State recently to inspect the cadet regiment, contains an excellent criticism of the military affairs at Penn State, which should be of interest to the student body. As will be noted from the tenor of the communication, he writes not an angry officer, but as a former graduate of Penn State, with the hope of helping the college to have a better showing next year.

Gettysburg, Pa. April 9, 1918. Dr. Edwin D. Spitzer, State College, Pa. My dear Dr. Spitzer: In my capacity as Inspector of the Military Department of the College, I have had the honor to suggest anything in the nature of a change in the military policy of the college. At the same time as Penn State, I am a former graduate of Penn State, with the hope of helping the college to have a better showing next year.

That however, I would like to state that from the standpoint of the student I do not believe that different sections are doing the best possible job of their college work, a phase which at this time is of such vital importance to every American. "State spirit" has always meant in the past efficient and thorough accomplishment of whatever we set our hands to. In the past the "State Spirit" has been shown in the past in the fact that the average student at college today realizes that the military is the life which is to be the life of the future. In the past the Cadet Corps at State was a requirement of the college of course and was given only such importance as the necessities of the use presented. Now we are in a position where the military of the college stands no longer as a side issue but if I may put it as strongly as that, the military is still in the student's mind, it is an hour to be "cut" if he can "get away with it." The military is the life which is to be the life of the future. Other colleges set in their military infancy far outdistance my own college in their efficient cooperation and enthusiasm, and when I see such a condition, I want to tell you that I am not at all satisfied with the present state of affairs. It is not as a continuation of the old idea, but as something new, something for every State man to get behind and push. Other big things have been done in the past, but the military should be permanently established for the sake of peace. New York University was the only institution that produced a team which was able to win a decision over the Blue and White outfit. The military is the life which is to be the life of the future. The number of good debaters which this college has as scarcely any two of this year's debates were carried on by the same team.

Carnegie Nine Here On Tuesday

The Penn State baseball fans who received a great set-back last Saturday when it was impossible to see the Varsity nine in action against Dickinson because of the heavy snow, will be glad to hear that the Carnegie Nine of the season will take place tomorrow afternoon. It has been found impossible to secure a college team for that date, and a team composed of the members of the draft contingent stationed here will be played at this time.

Tuesday afternoon, Carnegie Tech will face the Penn State team in their only inter-college game of the season. Little is known of the strength of the Carnegie aggregation, but they have many stars in their line-up and promise to give the Blue and White a hard fight. The Carnegie Nine will also be seen in action on the diamond when these two teams meet. The following team will represent the Carnegie Institution in the contest: Brumbaugh, catcher; Johnson, pitcher; Elroy, first base; Abinger, second base; Metcalf, shortstop; Wheeling, third base; Lee, left-field; Scobee, right-field; and Mullan, center-field. This outfit should prove a fast combination on Penn State. The team has been re-organized after a delay because of the snow and it will be in top-notch condition for the contest. It is impossible to predict what kind of a team the draft contingent will place upon the field, but they have many former college and semi-professional players in their outfit and should be able to put in a good game against Wheeling men. Their greatest handicap will be the lack of practice, but they seem to be determined to take the scalp of the State College boys.

FRENCH SOCIETY PRESENTS TWO INTERESTING PLAYS. The French Society, the French society, gave two plays in that language in Room 25 of the Liberal Arts building last evening. "Une Affaire Compromisee" and "Donna Chiotone" were the titles of the plays. The Misses Crawford, Foster, Fougere, Lauffer, Rankin, and Swain and the Messrs. Bostock, Carver, Puzell, Owens, Riley, Salmon and Smith played the roles in the production and gave the audience a good idea of true French humor.

PENN STATE ATHLETICS HAVE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Basketball And Wrestling Teams Make Wonderful Records—Football Team Does Good Work

DEBATERS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Victory Over Gettysburg In Final Debates Of Year—Six Victories For Penn State

The Blue and White debaters won another victory last Friday night when both Penn State teams were successful in the dual debate with Gettysburg, this being the last debate of the season and one of the most interesting. The home team won by a unanimous decision, while the team which went to Gettysburg was voted the winner by a two to one decision of the judges. It is a fact that has been the subject for the inter-collegiate debaters this year, namely that of federal regulation after the war, was used in this debate. The Penn State team which upheld the affirmative of the question here was made up of R. O. Keim '21, J. E. Buehler '20, and W. D. Buehler '20. Gettysburg was represented by A. W. Rank '20, K. Stock and C. C. Hilder '20. The debaters were supervised by the Hon. J. H. Miller, State Senator, and the Hon. J. H. Miller, State Senator, and the Hon. J. H. Miller, State Senator.

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Robb Is Chosen Senior President

At their final class meeting of the year held last Thursday evening in Old Chapel, the Junior Class elected "Harry" Robb as their Senior President for the year. Robb who is also captain of the football team won out over R. E. Clark, editor of the 1918 Larkie. The latter being chosen vice-president. C. P. Moore was also elected secretary and W. G. ...

COLLEGE PLAY AND MUSICAL CLUBS WILL ENTERTAIN

The all-college play "The Truth" under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., will be presented tomorrow evening in the Concert Hall. The play will be the first of the opening exercises of the commencement exercises. The play will be under the direction of Miss Mary Dunning, of the public speaking department, who has been coaching the actors in their various parts. Due to the fact that Senator Hagan Johnson who was scheduled to speak here as the sixth and final number of the entertainment course, offered by the Y. M. C. A. and the department of Music has been unable to come, the management decided to replace Johnson with a new speaker. The management decided to replace Johnson with a new speaker. The management decided to replace Johnson with a new speaker.

The College Orchestra will take part in one of the program and the Glee Club will be the attraction for part two. This part of the program, however, will depart somewhat from the usual order and several new features will be introduced. The first of these is "The Glee Club" which will be the attraction for part two. This part of the program, however, will depart somewhat from the usual order and several new features will be introduced. The first of these is "The Glee Club" which will be the attraction for part two.

CARNIVAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Event Postponed From Last Week Because Of Snow—Little Change In Original Program

The much-anticipated carnival and barbecue which was scheduled to be held last Saturday, but which was called off because of the severe snow storm last week, will be held on the Armory field tomorrow afternoon. Arrangements will be exactly the same as those announced for last week, and while postponement always has a dampening effect upon an affair of this kind, the committee in charge is planning to carry it out in its original intention.

Unfortunately, one of the leading attractions, the speech by Major Walter of the British Army, must be foregone, since Major Walter was at the college last Sunday and then continued on his tour of the state. Letters are still being made to obtain a good speaker for the occasion, but it is quite probable that one will be obtained.

The various sporting events and stunts to be pulled off as originally planned at the carnival are just a little more festive than they were last Saturday. Instead of the baseball game with Dickinson which was part of the attraction last year, a game has been arranged with a team from the draft contingent, and it promises to be an interesting contest. In the evening, All-College play will hold the center of attraction instead of the musical meeting arranged for last week.

Another War-Time Commencement

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