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GET THAT FRESHMAN!

When Doctor Sparks made his plea for new men at the mass meeting last week, he struck what should be the keynote of a campaign in which every loyal Penn State man is expected to take a part. The "Get-a-Freshman" idea was introduced in the COLLEGIAN some weeks ago and the movement has been growing in force ever since. It crystallized in the words of Doctor Sparks last week.

The present year has been a crucial one for Penn State, next year promises to be even more so. Many of the upperclassmen are sure not to return and it is also probable that a large percentage of the Sophomores will fail to register next September. In this connection, we would like to urge every man who can do so to return, for Penn State will need a full quota in the fall.

But particular emphasis must be laid upon increasing the numbers of the incoming class and it is in this connection that every Penn State man can help. A large Freshman class last fall served to keep up the enrollment of the college, and a similar class next fall cannot fail to have the same effect. So, it is up to every student and Alumnus to get busy—take a few minutes and devote them to the interests of your Alma Mater.

The best method to pursue is to make a thorough canvass of the high and preparatory schools of Pennsylvania. We believe that nearly every school is represented at Penn State and we are under the impression that these representatives can carry considerable weight among the members of the various Senior classes in these schools. The only requisite is a little time and perhaps, still less trouble.

Lantern slides are available for those who can arrange to exhibit them in the schools. But even this is not essential. It is very easy to gain permission to address the Senior Class at your school and they will be only too glad to listen to you. Many of them are debating the question of going to college and your first task will be to convince them of the advisability of such a step. After that, it is not hard for a Penn State man to talk Penn State.

We are convinced that this institution "neath the vale of old Mount Nittany" is the best college in the country. What other argument can offset that conviction? And in order to maintain the high standard of this college, we should have, yes, we must have, a large Freshman class next fall. So let's get busy, men of Penn State, and spread the gospel throughout the state. "Every man to get a Freshman" is the motto, and let us add, "Stuck Together, Penn State!"

JUST A GLANCE BACKWARD

The end of another college year has rolled around—a much shortened year, in truth, but one that has been overcrowded with its problems and tremendous responsibilities. Within a few short days now, another Senior Class will have crossed the threshold of life and will have gone forth to take its place in the world—a world torn and battered by the great struggle that is raging across the water.

And while we are sorry to see these men take their departure from our halls and campus, nevertheless, we are not downhearted as we see them go, for we are confident that wherever they may be, whatever they may be doing, they will always be Penn State men. And so we bid them Godspeed on their journey.

Now, it remains for those of us who are remaining behind to carry on the work which has been left to us. It is up to us who will return next fall to carry Penn State through another year, if possible a more successful one than the one just concluded. This college has practically completed its first war-time college year, and it is only proper that at this time, we take a glance backward and review what the year has brought forth.

Last fall, the question was repeatedly asked, "Can Penn State Come Back?" And at that time, we must admit that indications pointed strongly to a negative reply. True, the enrollment was not so far below the standard of former years, but then, consider this enrollment. Approximately one half of the four year students were enrolled in the incoming Freshman class, while the Seniors and Juniors—the men who are so necessary to maintain stability—were, to a great degree, in the service of the United States!

Naturally, under these conditions, it was to be expected that the student government and student organization would be disorganized, and to a certain extent, this was true. Many of the class officers and a large percentage of the members of Student Council failed to return to college and new men had to be elected to their positions. Fortunately for Penn State, the bulk of the men chosen proved worthy successors to those whose places they filled.

But the burden of responsibility was placed squarely upon the shoulders of the Freshmen and it may be said in favor of the class of 1921 that as a class, it has proven itself worthy of Penn State. Given more leeway than ever before, there were very few instances where Freshmen abused the confidence that was placed in them, and needless to say, the guilty ones are those who will never again be placed in positions of trust.

As is befitting the times, the year has been a military one and great strides have been made along military lines. While these are discussed in detail elsewhere, we would call attention to the special student classes and also to the training of men from outside the college. The shortening of the college year has been a military measure and the releasing of men for agricultural and industrial work is a distinct service to the government.

Another outstanding feature of the present year has undoubtedly been the strengthening of friendship and fellowship among the students. In this connection, the "Get-Together" and "Stuck-Together" campaigns have been highly successful and the year has shown a return of that old Penn State spirit which has animated the student body in former years.

Legislatively, the year has been devoid of features. Minor changes have been made to the interclass constitution and to the budget system and amendments to the Honor System have been proposed, but the latter have not been adopted. One of the most important features has been the adoption of a new system of selecting cheer leaders and song leaders. This is by popular choice of the student body and it received its initial tryout at the Athletic Association elections held last week.

Unfortunately, the year has not been free from disturbing events and these have tended to bring out the need of new legislation next year. The Honor System has come in for considerable criticism and it is apparent that some changes must be made in its provisions next

fall. The interclass constitution has also come in for its share of criticism and several changes in that document should be considered by the new Student Council.

But regardless of these problems, who can gainsay the fact that Penn State has "come back?" The college has retained athletics and the majority of its annual events have been held as in the past. Education has been continued despite the great state of unrest caused by the war, and now, at a war-time Commencement, the smallest Senior Class in several years is to go forth to represent Penn State in the world. Penn State has "stuck together" and let each and everyone of us vow, that with God's help, she will continue to stick together in the future!

Agricultural Notes

The Department of Horticulture is sending out several students to take charge of war garden work in various cities throughout the state. Three men will be placed in Pittsburgh, one in Du Bois and one in Sharon, while two others will take up similar work in New Jersey.

A general get-together of the horticultural students and faculty members was held in Room 100 of the Horticultural Building last Friday night, at the final meeting of the Crabapple Club. The chief speaker of the evening was Dean Watts who told some interesting things about the early days of the club of which he was the founder.

The new Trak tractor which was recently acquired for use on the college farms is proving very satisfactory. It pulls three fourteen inch plows on three narrow and is able to do the work of four teams of horses. Another tractor, a Cleveland Caterpillar, is on the way and should be here soon. This is a smaller machine, drawing only two fourteen inch plows or two harrows.

The Home Economics Extension Department of this college is conducting in Pittsburgh this week a systematic campaign among the housewives of that city for the promotion of the use of substitutes for wheat flour.

The following men were recently appointed extension representatives of this college and will take up their work immediately in county farm agents' W. S. Ingar '18, Mercer county; C. W. Klapp '19, Northampton county; T. J. Nolan '18, Juniata county.

Professor W. S. Taylor was in Harrisburg last week conferring with H. H. Dennis of the State Committee of Public Safety on the vocational agricultural work to be taken up in this college next year.

S. I. Bechler of the Department of Dairy Husbandry recently spent a few days in Monroe county in an effort to induce the farmers of that part of the state to build more silos.

1920 GIRLS ELECT
The girls of the 1920 class elected the following as their officers for the coming year: President, E. M. Haberman, vice-president, Mary Bartholomew, secretary, treasurer, Esther Franck, student council representative, F. J. Wilson.

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The third annual convention of the engineering extension division is being held today and tomorrow at the college. The first session convened this morning in Room 202 of the Engineering Building and was presided over by Dean Sackett. There will also be another session this afternoon at the same place, one tonight at the University Club, and one tomorrow morning. There is quite a large attendance at the meetings, especially of those who are interested in industrial education as it is carried out on the extension plan.

Many excellent speakers have been secured, both from that of town and from the faculty, and these, in their phases of this work. Among these speakers are E. L. Bowman, Director of Vocational Education, Erie Public Schools, E. J. Jenkins, Secretary, Pittsburgh Y. M. C., Robert H. Spahr, Massachusetts Department of University Extension, N. C. Miller, Education Department, Chester Shipbuilding Company; Dr. E. E. Sparke; Dean R. L. Sackett; Major Bayless, Prof. C. L. Kinloch; and Lieutenant J. O. Keller.

FRESHMAN GIRLS DEFEAT SOPHS IN FAST GAME

The Freshman girls' basketball team defeated the Sophomore girls' team in the Armory last Thursday evening by the close score of 10 to 7. The game was fast from start to finish, and Louise Still '21, proved the individual star, with Sarah Powers '21, a close second. The former caged three from the floor, while the latter played a fine guarding game. The Sophomores failed to produce any individual star in the contest.

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LANDSCAPE GARDENING DEPARTMENT ACTIVE

The department of landscape gardening has been busy the past several weeks designing a number of improvements for certain towns in the state. Plans have been drawn up for a group of farm buildings, driveways and the landscape development of the new Beaver County Home at Beaver where Prof. Cowell spent a day of last week with the commissioner. The department is also in charge of the planting of a number of trees supplied to the Bellefonte Cemetery by the forestry department.

A. A. Farnham, instructor in landscape art, gave an illustrated lecture to the Civic Club of Canton, Pa., recently upon the subject, "Shade Trees." While Prof. Cowell also spent a day at Midland in the interest of the same subject. While there, he mapped out the planting of all the streets of that town and recommended the development of the school grounds, playgrounds, library and a large park.

PENN STATE MAN IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Harry Michell, a former Penn State student in the Two-Year Agricultural Course, is reported to have died "Somewhere in France" on April 9th. He enlisted in the 10th Railway Engineers last July and was at first assigned to the University of Pennsylvania for instruction in this work. He had been in France a few months and during this time was engaged in bridge construction work. It is believed that he was drowned in the vicinity of Noyon while in pursuit of his work.

Michell completed his course here in 1911 and was well-known and popular with the Penn State students of that time. He was twenty-two years of age and a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. The many friends of Michell at State regret to hear of his sad fate.

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Y. M. C. A. CABINET FOR NEXT YEAR IS ELECTED

The new cabinet of the Y. M. C. A. held its annual "Get Together" meeting at Center Hall last Sunday. President Sparks and Professor Marshman, W. A. Dean, Gilbert Watts, and P. H. Sprenkle, (senior members of this year's cabinet), were the guests of the occasion. Plans for next year's work were taken up and discussed. The biggest problem that will confront the cabinet next year is the taking over of Old Main and converting it into a Y. M. C. A. dormitory, and the success of this plan depends upon the student body of Penn State and their earnest co-operation with the cabinet in this work.

The officers and committee chairman of the Association for next year are as follows.—V. J. Kitchen '19, President; George Smith '19, Vice-President; P. L. Koenig '19, Secretary; W. L. Elmer '19, Treasurer; W. J. Jones '20, Bible Study; H. W. Hale '19, New Students; W. L. Funkhouser '19, Church Relations; R. B. Starkey '20, Entertainment; H. D. Hayward '21, Boy's Work; J. L. Hillman '19, Sick Visitation; C. G. Farrar '19, Publicity; R. D. Clark '19, Hand-book; P. C. Torrey '19, Missionary; F. G. Bumer '19, Community; W. B. Steele '20, Financial; H. B. Keller '19, Music; A. D. Kincaid '20, Social; and A. L. James '20, I. P. A. Representative.

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