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IS PENN STATE GOING BACK?

Last Thursday at one o'clock, Penn State again became an academic institution instead of a military training camp, and with the disbanding of the S. A. T. C., the college once again assumed conditions that approached the normal routine. And now, after two years or more of war conditions and excuses, the college must stand firmly on its own feet and show that it can and will survive.

The Student Army Training Corps was too short-lived to demonstrate its worth, for it had hardly been organized when the order for demobilization came. However, it was proved beyond all measure of doubt that it is an impossibility to combine academic work with the military training that was advocated.

Assuming that the peace terms will soon be settled, as they undoubtedly will, it is only natural that we should look toward the benefits that are to be derived from this great struggle for democracy—toward the greater, broader aspect of everything that is bound to follow. The COLLEGIAN believes that along with the fall of autocracy should be the fall of political intrigue and of petty politics.

All of which may seem foreign to the subject of Penn State and reader probably wonders why it is mentioned. But is it not just possible that here at our Alma Mater, we also have a form of political intrigue which is at the present time tending to undermine the foundations of the college, and to prevent the progress that Penn State should undoubtedly be making? We believe that it is not only possible but highly probable.

This is not a new development but it has been gradually growing, under the protection of that time-worn excuse "because of the war." During the past three or four years, there has been a conspicuous lack of harmony at Penn State which we believe could not be entirely blamed on the ever-ready "war." There has been more or less discord in the faculty for some time, and the COLLEGIAN believes that it is due to nothing less than petty politics.

The same thing may be said about colleges that is said about people—they cannot mark time; they must either advance or retreat. A college is in many respects like a great machine. It is composed of many parts, each of which is important in its own sphere, but which would clog the machinery if it were to be changed about or some other sphere. Smoothness is essential to good work, and smoothness in a college can only be obtained when every one is working in harmony with every one else.

The COLLEGIAN believes that it would not be living up to its trust if it did not try to point out what it believes to be the biggest obstacle to the advancement of our Alma Mater. We are always too prone to pat ourselves on the back, point out our good qualities and gloss over the evils which, unfortunately, do exist. We are for Penn State first, last and all the time, but we do want to make our college one that will approach the ideal, so let's all get busy.

LADIES FIRST

Nearly every vacation brings up the same old question of gentlemanly courtesy and consideration to the woman students of the college in so far as transportation from the trains is concerned. And every time, this courtesy is highly conspicuous—by its absence. The men make one mad rush for busses, cars, trucks or whatever may be available, and the girls, being less familiar with the gentle game of football and less versed in the art of the pushball scrap, are left to wait for the second trip.

We are glad to say that at the close of the vacation just passed, at least some of the girls were able to get seats and to make the first trip—due chiefly to the fact that there were fewer fellows than usual. Each year, the plea has been made that the old rule of "ladies first" be observed, but it never is. Of course, we understand the individual man's viewpoint. It is simply this:—"Well, what is the use of my hanging back, the rest of the fellows are going to rush ahead and the girls won't get seats anyhow." And this is probably correct.

However, the COLLEGIAN believes that the college might be able to do something in this matter. If it were possible to arrange to have at least one bus reserved especially for the girls, and to have a sign that effect placed on it, it would certainly help the situation. The chief drawback is that the bus drivers prefer to take the fellows because they can crowd more in on a single load, but the COLLEGIAN believes that if one man were given the sole privilege of transporting the girls, that it could be arranged. At least, it is worth considering.

THE COLLEGIAN REVIVED

After a lapse of three months, while the college was under the rule of the military authorities, the COLLEGIAN has once more gone to press and the publishing board hopes that it will continue to do so throughout the balance of the year. We were sorry that conditions would not permit publishing the paper sooner, but even now, we are greatly handicapped because of a much reduced staff. Every man is being overworked, but we will do our best to give our subscribers a paper that is worthy of Penn State. Unfortunately, subscriptions are necessary if the paper is to continue, and we trust that if you have not already subscribed, you will fill out the coupon on the front page. If you have, fill it out for someone else.

WHY should innocent people be made to suffer for something for which they are not responsible? That is a question which has been asked repeatedly since the raid on one of the merchants of the town last November. Thirty or forty students, actuated solely by selfish motives, got away with a large quantity of material, the bill for which was rightfully turned over to the college. And what is the result? Each class is taxed to cover the bill, and the majority of the students who were innocent, have to pay their share. How long are we going to permit a few thoughtless students to give us all a black eye?

FROTH TO RESUME

FROTH, Penn State's monthly humorous publication will be revived this month by the members of the staff who are now in college. All candidates for the art and editorial staffs are asked to report Friday at 6:45 P. M. in Room 219 Old Main.

NO FINALS

It has been decided that there will be no regular final examinations at the end of this semester but that the last class period may be used for a written quiz if the instructors or students so desire.

Juniors Plan to Publish LaVie

In spite of the many serious difficulties that have been encountered the 1920 LaVie will be published this year as scheduled. At the beginning of the present term those in charge started work on this year's issue but the organization of the S. A. T. C. brought everything to a standstill. Just before Christmas, work was resumed and the prospects are that this year's LaVie will be up to standard in every way.

Letters have been sent out to every member of the Junior class who is not in college asking for pictures and many of these are already being heard. As a large number of Juniors are expected to re-enter college at the beginning of the second semester the photographs will not be taken until that time.

In quality, the 1920 LaVie will be the same as the publications of former years but it may be necessary to reduce it slightly in size. It is hoped to have copies ready for distribution before the end of the second semester.

The staff is as follows: Editor-in-Chief, R. B. Starkey; Assistants, G. S. Wykoff, J. F. Kell; Business Manager, J. B. Maginnis; Assistants, P. N. Klatner, D. E. Keller; Art Editor, P. B. Kapp.

DEAN HOLMES NOW HEAD OF DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Since the close of college last year, three prominent members of the faculty, Dean Holmes, Dean Crane, and Track Coach "Bill" Martin, left the college and are now engaged in other fields of labor.

Dean Holmes, who has been dean of the general faculty for a number of years, resigned in August to accept the presidency of Drake University, at Des Moines, Iowa, assuming his new duties there September 1. Dean Holmes came to Penn State in 1912 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he had been head of the department of philosophy. No successor has as yet been chosen.

Dean Crane, of the school of mines, resigned last May in order to accept a position in the U. S. Bureau of Mines. Until recently he has been traveling in the southern states as a special mining engineer, inspecting manganese mines and introducing machinery for the increased production of this mineral. He is at present in Washington, D. C. until a successor is chosen, Dr. E. S. Moore is acting as dean.

"Bill" Martin left last June for Mineola, Long Island, where he was district athletic director of the Long Island Y. M. C. A. While in Mineola, he entered an aviation school and was commissioned a first lieutenant. He is now stationed at Love Field, Texas.

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STUDENTS' UNIFORMS A PERFECT (?) FIT

"A number 10 shoe and a number 9 hat." Yes, verily, the poet spoke truly, when he committed himself to these words of undying immortality. Or perhaps, Sherman was right when he said that war was what we may all sometime be destined to visit. At least that is what every State Pen S. A. C. T. student thought when Uncle Sam decided to hand out uniforms.

According to Article of War No. 108a, every C. A. S. T.—officer with an extra amount of avoirdupois received a uniform too small for even a toothpick to think of entering, while antithetically one complete outfit was issued to every 23 men of 90 pounds respectively. Hats, blouses, leggings, overcoats, shirt, etc., were given, but if any one of the various nondescript articles had been a perfect fit, that planet commonly known as Earth would now have eight, instead of seven wonders of the world. Even at that, we know of SATCeasers who are wearing shoes which before entering the army were intended for the left foot only; and 'tis said there is even one member of '22, who receiving No. 12 footgear threw them into reversible, and so perambulates over the campus. Oh yes, what did Sherman say war was?

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of the following courses; blacksmithing, woodworking, instruction in telephone and telegraph work, foundry, motor-truck driver, motor-truck mechanic, and machinist. The courses in the driving and repair of motor trucks proved to be the most popular and many of the men selected this form of training. Six Style B army trucks were at the disposal of the men selecting this training and practical work in regard to the driving and care of these trucks was given.

The men in Section B were quartered in Old Main but eventually would have been moved to the barracks which were in process of erection on Old Beaver Field. These barracks were of the style approved by the War Department for erection at all army camps and cantonments and were well on the way to completion when the S. A. T. C. was disbanded. Two large mess halls were erected directly to the rear of McAllister Hall for the purpose of providing mess for the vocational section. These buildings were of temporary construction and were built with the primary idea of speed in construction. Just what fate they will suffer has not been decided as yet by the college and military authorities.

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Plans are now being formulated whereby members of the junior and senior classes will be able to take further military training in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. These plans as yet are far from complete and full information concerning them will be given in the future.

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