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A LIVING MEMORIAL

In Penn State's enrollment this year there are between three and four hundred men who have returned from either military or naval service. Counting the number that returned at the beginning of the second semester last term, about seven hundred ex-service men have come back to resume their studies. They have returned because they fully realized during their absence what a college education means in the world at large. Some of their former comrades, however, are not so fortunate. Some of them will never return.

And these fallen comrades of Penn State, the seventy-four students and alumni who gave all they had to give, we who are now in college must keep ever in mind. They have challenged us to make the most of the advantages, which some of them received and others of them can never receive. They have challenged us in the words of Lieutenant Colonel John McCrea, who writes:

"We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders field.
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields."

So during this coming year, college will mean more than just a preparation for each to live his own life. It means that every one must prepare for the work of reconstruction and readjustment which lies ahead. It means that those who one year ago were preparing for a part in the great war will now turn their preparation into channels equally important, for this war will have been fought in vain unless the principles for which America fought are made fast and certain. And unless every ounce of good is obtained from our college work, unless the most is made of our preparation, the efforts of our fallen comrades, Penn State's dead, will tend to be nullified.

DR. SPARKS STILL ABSENT

The student body of Penn State will regret to learn that Dr. Edwin Eric Sparks, president of the college, is still unable to resume his duties as executive. Up until about three weeks ago, President Sparks had every expectation of returning for the opening of college. But upon the advice of his physician, it has been thought advisable for him not to attempt to resume his work at this time. He has greatly improved in health and was keenly disappointed not to be here to welcome the old and new students last Wednesday.

Dr. Sparks has served Penn State very efficiently for the past ten years, but the task of keeping this college on a plane of "Business as Usual" during war-time conditions was too great for one man and he succumbed to nervous exhaustion last March. He was granted a leave of absence by the Board of Trustees for one year to rest and recuperate.

Immediately after his first severe illness, he took treatment at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, and after a few weeks convalescence at Galen Hall, near Warnersville, was enabled to return to Penn State for the annual commencement exercises, when he conferred the degrees upon the graduating members of the class of 1919. He then left for Ephraim, Wisconsin with his family, where he spent the summer. His fifty-ninth birthday was celebrated on July sixteenth while on a five-day yachting trip on the Great Lakes. A recent message to Dean Pond, mailed from Little Current, Ontario, said that he was then on a little yacht trip into the wild country north of Georgian Bay, Canada. He sent all good luck for the opening and expressed the regret that he could not be here.

While every Penn State student is sorry that Dr. Sparks is not back, each one can be glad that his condition is rapidly improving, and that when he does return, he will return refreshed in body and mind, and ready to again take up his duties as "Prexy".

PENN STATE'S FUTURE

The COLLEGIAN extends a warm welcome to every member of the incoming class of 1923, to every member of the new two-year agricultural class, to each special student, to each one entering here this year with advanced standing, and last but by far not least, to every Penn State man who has returned to college after having served in the bigger and nobler task of helping Uncle Sam in the recent war.

No one can deny the fact that Penn State has returned to normal conditions. Three years of college life infringed upon by war have not passed by without leaving their mark, and yet, now that everything is over, we can well be proud of the past record of our alma mater, her alumni, faculty, and students. We can turn with clear vision and bright expectations toward the future, and face with calmness and confidence whatever it may hold in store.

Undoubtedly, this year is going to be a big one at Penn State. With a monster Freshman class, a large number of Sophomores, the shattered Senior and Junior classes again being filled up by men who have "done their bit," and the expected number of other new students, Penn State has the record-breaking enrollment of almost 3,000 men and women. It is only natural that among such a large number, there will come up problems, both general and individual, and in such cases the best results can be obtained only by every one doing what he believes to be right. Each one must live up to the unwritten principle that Penn State comes first in all things, fraternity second, and self last.

Two matters of vital interest to the student body which were mentioned at the close of the last college term and which must be solved this year are the strengthening of the Honor System and some method of arousing class spirit, especially among the two lower classes.

"Something should be done to the Honor System or it should be kicked out the back door!" "A college that really uses a system of honor has no need of an Honor System." "All acts of dishonesty should be reported." The foregoing are some of the remarks that have been made in connection with the Honor System at Penn State. As far as we can see, they all have their foundation in Article I, Section 5, which is to the effect that any student who sees another cheating in an examination shall first warn the offender and then if the latter still

persists in cheating, the attention of at least one other person shall be called to the matter and the case then carried to the Honor Committee. Experience in the past has shown that one student will rarely, if ever, report another he sees cheating, on the ground that if he does, he will be a "squealer." As long as this condition exists, the Honor System cannot be successful. It will be recalled that last year in virtually every case reported, the attention of the Honor Committee was brought to the suspected parties by members of the faculty and not by students. What is needed therefore is legislation by the Honor Committee, subject to the approval of the student body, which will remedy this weakness and which will create a method whereby every student who cheats shall be reported. Again, it certainly is not fair to the honest members of a class to warn a man who is cheating that he will be reported if he persists. For one thing, he may have secured all the information he needs to pass his examination and win a high place in the list of scholarship candidates before he is even warned; and for another thing, the man who cheats knows better than anyone else that he is cheating, and a man who has cheated certainly has forfeited all right to be warned before he is reported. The present college year, therefore, is an important one for the Honor System. Let us, to a man, get behind it, support it, and make it a success.

The second matter of importance to be given attention this year is some method of arousing class interest. While the S. A. T. C. last fall had many good points, it must be admitted that it certainly played havoc with "class spirit". The half year of customs in vogue from January on did not succeed to any appreciable degree in arousing this spirit, as may be judged from the small number participating in the "tug-of-war", the main class scrap of the year. As a few suggestions, there could be one or two new scraps introduced, which while eliminating all danger to life and limb would nevertheless fulfill the required purpose. A "field day" might also be held with the Freshmen and Sophomores as the main participants, and stunts of all kinds could be arranged. A supervised hike of the Freshmen to Mount Nittany would also be feasible, as would another exhibition show, similar to "Zarney's circus". In each of these, there are various minor details which when arranged and carried out would add much to the life and zest of the events.

THE FIFTEENTH MILESTONE

With this issue, the COLLEGIAN begins its fifteenth volume, which means that it is starting its fifteenth year of publication. We feel that since its founding, the paper has at various stages made great progress forward. It will be the policy of the present staff this year to continue to try to make the paper better with each issue, giving a live, interesting and truthful report of all college activities.

To do this, however, the staff must have the support of the students, faculty and alumni. Because of increased printing expenses this year, the subscription price has been slightly raised but we hope by the kind of paper we put out to more than make up for this. The paper is published for the benefit of the students and alumni, and those who benefit thereby should support it.

We believe that it is not asking too much for every student to subscribe. The place which the COLLEGIAN will win this year in the competition for the Public Ledger prizes in the Intercollegiate Newspaper Association will depend largely upon the number of student and alumni subscriptions. Virtually every other member of the Association has a one hundred per cent subscription list. Let Penn State have the same!

The COLLEGIAN wishes to call the attention of the students to its "The Letter Box" department. This is maintained solely for the expression of opinion on matters pertaining to general college interest and communications are at all times welcome. Bear in mind, however, that all articles must be signed. The signature will or will not be published upon the wish of the writer.

The editorial staff of the COLLEGIAN is at present working under a great handicap. Mr. C. L. White '21, one of the three associate editors, is not returning to college this year. Mr. F. H. Loeschner '21, another associate editor, will not be back until October fifteenth.

COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICE MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

The College Health Service was established in January, 1919, for the preservation of the health of the students by preventing, as far as possible, any serious outbreak of disease among them, and for the care of those who are so unfortunate as to become ill. The college has set aside two buildings for the use of the Health Service, of which one has been equipped with an eight-bed infirmary and Dispensary with the office of the college physician, and the other has been made to serve as an Isolation Hospital for contagious diseases, with room for ten patients. The Health Service Staff consists of the college physician and two registered nurses, whose services are augmented when necessary by the employment of extra nurses.

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The offices of the department are located in the health service building on the campus above the Liberal Arts Building, and are open to the students each school day during reasonable hours. Consultation is free, and it is recommended that it be sought by any student who feels the least indisposed. While it is expected that all students that are able, except when there is a possibility of a contagious disease, to come to the office, those unable to do so will be visited at their rooms. A fee will be charged for each visit.

The health service does not include major operations, the relieving of fractures, or chronic diseases.

A minimum fee of \$0.10 will be charged for all dressing or medicine taken from the office. Above this amount, materials will be furnished at as near cost as possible. Bring the change with you. Do not ask the physician to keep account of these small amounts.

The health service physician is Dr. J. P. Hiltner, hours at the college dispensary are from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.; 1:00 to 2:00 and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In telephoning call 600 and ask for the College Health Service.

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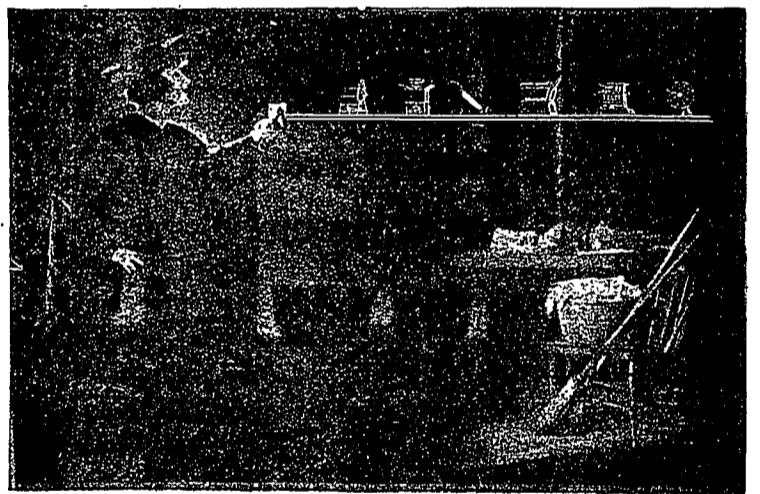
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