

'Blitzkrieg' Slated For Military Mock Battle Tomorrow

Defense Profs Hold Good Jobs

Responsible positions in industry are held by 83 per cent of the 362 instructors teaching in the part-time engineering defense training of the College extension services, according to figures released yesterday by J. Orvis Keller, assistant to the president in charge of extension. "Working in industry as they do, these men, all of whom are college graduates in engineering and other technical fields, are familiar with industrial needs and are thus particularly well equipped to teach in our program," Mr. Keller said. "Most of the remaining teaching personnel are members of the academic profession who teach the more highly theoretical subjects."

The engineering defense training classes of the College, operating in 50 towns and cities throughout the state, are part of a nation-wide program being sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education to prepare men for more responsible jobs in the defense industries. As an extension of this program, the College will offer this summer a full day-time, 10-week, tuition free course to more than 5,000 high school graduates in 100 towns in Pennsylvania.

The Chinese wall is 17 feet wide, and about 16 feet of it remains above ground. Including the spurs, curves and loops, its length is 2550 miles.



EIGHTY-THREE PER CENT of the instructors in the College's defense training program hold responsible jobs in industry, J. Orvis Keller, above, assistant to the president in charge of extension, announced yesterday.

3 Trustee Members Named For Re-election

Three alumni members of the College board of trustees have been nominated for re-election at the Alumni Day balloting here on June 7.

Those nominated are J. Franklin Shields, a trustee for 36 years and since 1929 president of the board; James Millholland, a member of the board since 1930; and James L. Mauthe, who has served on the board since 1938.

Nittany Lion Tradition Began As Brainchild Of 'Lemon' Editor

Symbolizing "dignity, courage, and magnificence—everything that our college spirit should approximate," the Nittany Lion, a 34-year-old tradition, was the brainchild of a student editor.

In 1907, back in the days when Penn State could with justification boast a humor magazine, the idea of adopting an animal emblem as a collegiate ideal was conceived by H. D. "Joe" Mason '07, editor of the Lemon, the College's first humor publication.

"Every college of any consequence has an animal emblem for an ideal except Penn State," Mason argued strenuously in the columns of the Lemon. "Our college is the best of all—then why not select for our emblem the King of Beasts,

the Lion!"

Using the Lemon as a medium, Mason kept hammering away at an apathetic student body.

"Dignified, courageous, magnificent, the Lion allegorically represents all that our college spirit should be; so why not the Nittany Mountain Lion?" he pleaded. "Why can't State have a kingly, all-conquering Lion as an eternal sentinel?"

Mason succeeded in putting his idea across, and student enthusiasm for it mounted. The 1908 La Vie was the first to give the Lion official recognition, and it was then that "Old Nittany," as he was named, began his eternal vigil over the destinies of Penn State.

'Fake War' Is First In Third Corps Area

Machine-gun fire, rifle bursts, and dive-bombers will break the calm of State College tomorrow afternoon, when Scabbard and Blade stages a mock battle.

The blitzkrieg, which will be held with the help of the Pershing Rifles and other basic students, will begin when the Red forces attempt to capture Bald Eagle Mountain. The Blue forces will try to "repel the invaders."

This is the first mock battle of this sort in the history of the Third Corps Area, Bernard Brenman '42, originator of the plan, reported.

Officials from Third Corps Headquarters will witness the "fake war," and if successful, it will be a permanent feature for all Third Corps schools with ROTC divisions.

Four airplanes will aid in the offensive, doing some "heavy bombing" with flower sacks. More than 260 rounds of ammunition have been given by the War Department for use in the sham battle.

The Red forces will be commanded by Capt. Thomas G. Towsey '41 and Lieut. Oliver G. Summerton '41. The Blues will be under the orders of Capt. John P. O'Leary '41 and Lieut. John W. MacIndoe '42.

Grandstands seating 200 have been set up to accommodate spectators at the Water Tower, about one and a half miles southwest of State College, from where most of the battle can be viewed.

Harrisburg

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maintainance appropriation.

Another bill which has a good chance is the \$300,000 aeronautical engineering bill, which, if matched by federal funds, would allow an airport to be built for the College to help defense training.

Already passed by the Senate are bills for flax and coal and oil research.

Many of these bills have been ready for action since January but political wrangling has pushed them aside. The Senate this year is Republican and the House is Democratic with the result that they are bound not to cooperate with each other even if it does waste the taxpayers' money.

About the only time the Republicans have listened to the Democrats was when the Senate okayed a bill for Connie Mack Day which the Democrats had sponsored in the House.

The reverse is equally true. Perhaps as much for the sake of stirring up political trouble as anything else, the Democratic house okayed a soil erosion investigation. The crux of the matter was that the Republican state government wasn't doing what the Democratic federal government wanted. Into his resolution demanding the investigation, Rep. Clayton E. Moul (D., York) slipped an ace—no Penn State appropriations were to be passed until his probe ended. (The agricultural extension he aimed at gets only about \$10,000 but he tied up \$7,444,666.)

Later, though Representative Moul eased the blow by sponsoring two Penn State appropriation bills of his own, one for agricultural research and one for agricultural research buildings. Wednesday his probe ended and now his bills are up for action. He is going to look silly if the Democrats defeat them so there is a good chance of their at least passing the House.

Far, Far Away

One globular star cluster is so distant from the earth that it takes light, traveling at 186,000 miles a second, 200,000 years to reach the earth.

Glen Miller Leads In Swing Poll; Dancing Listed As No. 1 Recreation

Austin, Texas, May 23—In practically every section of the nation the favorite dance orchestra of the American college student is Glen Miller's.

Student Opinion Surveys of America, leaving aside political, social, and economic questions that today bother the world and the collegian, has turned to the field of college recreation, and in a nation-wide poll finds that the favorite recreations among college students are dancing, swimming, tennis, and reading. The favorite dance bands of the swing conscious students are Glen Miller, Kay Kyser, Tommy Dorsey, and a tie between Guy Lombardo and Wayne King.

Miller's band tops all others, polling twice as many ballots as any other one orchestra. His music is sought by nearly one-fourth of all students. Kyser was a favorite in the Southern states, with Miller a close second.

While dancing is the one thing most eds and coeds would rather do when away from the classroom, swimming is not as great a favorite with women as it is with men. Second choice of the women was tennis. Bridge was among the most popular of recreations. Among the most unusual mentioned were beer drinking, writing, flying, sleeping, singing, eating, and—yes, studying.

Old Main Floors 'Cough Up' \$400 In Cigarette Butts

More than \$400 worth of cigarette tobacco is thrown away in Old Main by Penn Staters in one school year, a statistical compilation has revealed.

A great majority of the 400 butts collected in a single day's sweeping of Old Main are at least half unsmoked, janitors have estimated. Here and there, it is true, may be found a "butt definitely" less than three-fourths of an inch in length, but most of them measure fully one and three-eighths inches.

Granting, then, that 40 half-smoked cigarettes are the equivalent of one pack, 10 packs of potential coughs are wasted in Old Main in a day, 70 in a week, and 2,520 in two semesters. Wasting eight cents on each pack, extravagant smokers throw away \$403.20 worth of valuable nicotine in a year.

If all the butts collected in Old Main in one year were laid end to end in a line starting in front of the main gate and extending eastward, they would, if not molested by hard-up students, reach almost to Lemont.

Ocala national forest, Florida, contains a live oak that grows on a table of its own roots.

Drummond Honored

Professor Laura W. Drummond, chairman of the recently formed Pennsylvania Nutrition Council, has been invited to attend a national nutrition conference for defense called by President Roosevelt for May 26 to 28 in Washington. Miss Drummond is head of the department of home economics at the College.

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