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The accelerated, three-semester program is Penn State's major contribution to America's war efforts. For the duration, it is to be regarded as a normal and not a special program of study.

Wings On A Lion

For the first time in the history of the College there will be an armed service unit composed exclusively of men from Penn State. To prove that naturalists can be wrong, a prize group of Lions of the Nittany brand will soon be leaving "en masse" to sprout Navy wings.

Headed by Wing Leader Thomas W. Allison '42, who has been largely responsible for the formation of the unit, a group of 30 Penn State men are scheduled to report at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on June 4 to begin flight training.

Although the College has always been well represented in past classes receiving Navy flight training, this will be the first time a service unit has been exclusively made up of Penn State men. Symbolizing their College background, they will train and fly under the name, "Flying Nittany Lions"; and since succeeding groups are in the process of formation, the first unit will be designated as "Wing 1."

Immediately after they arrive at the Philadelphia air base, they will begin preliminary training, and as soon as they have successfully completed the basic work and have soloed, they will be advanced to Pensacola for advanced training that will lead to graduation as Naval Officers and seasoned Navy fliers.

So, it's thumbs up to Penn State's future "Flying Nittany Lions" who will eventually carry America's fight against the Axis. It will be up to these 30 men to begin a tradition that will be comparable to the distinguished service of men who brought honor and glory to Penn State in the first World War.

Daily Notes Of Interest

The plight of 44,000 automobile dealers in the United States—one of which is your corner garageman—is scheduled for early consideration by Congress. Representative Patman of Texas, chairman of a House committee to study the problems of the small businessman, has introduced two bills for the relief of automobile dealers who have thousands of dollars tied up by the order of January 1, which froze the stock of new cars on hand at that time.

The Patman bill is designed to provide relief and to prevent distress among the automobile dealers of the nation.

Pennsylvania leads all other states in the number of airports authorized to operate under wartime restrictions. The Keystone state has 80 while the nearest rival, Texas, has only 54.

On the patriotic front . . . Pittsburgh citizens have already purchased more than \$55,000,000 worth of War Saving Bonds. At the opposite end of the state, the Philadelphia area has set a new weekly record for blood donors with a total of 1,550 contributors.

Nice Going, Gene

Related compliments to "Penn State's Revue of 1942," by far the best show we've seen Wettstone and Co. come forth with. The hand balancing act put on by Ray Sorenson, Hal Zimmerman, and Lila Whoolery came very close to the professional. Also tops were the adagio dancers and the clowning of Wettstone himself. With complete charge of the show he still had time to take one of the highlight parts. Nice going Gene. The crowd seemed to think Barney Howell was a swell choice for the Outstanding Senior award. We think so, too!

—D. W. D.



What's Cookin'?

Yesterday we crawled onto a sight-seeing bus and grabbed a sneak preview, or what amounted to a postview, of the campus—of all things! The old All-College Cabinet just disbanded composed the group of interested sight-seers.

Mr. E. K. Hibshman, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, not only acted as chief guide for us, but also described many of the traditions that overshadowed buildings and popular campus spots. Many of the things were new and interesting to us, so we pass some of them on.

One of the outstanding stories of campus history is the Infirmary. In the College's building program of 1921-22, the potato-growers of the state wanted to show their appreciation for the education the College gave them through teaching, research, and extension. Few people know that they alone donated \$75,000 to start the Infirmary.

In a similar manner the state grangers collected \$100,000 to start Grange Dorm and the College supplied the remainder of the money.

Fame? . . . What's That?

Fame and notoriety has not evaded Penn State either. But again few students know or seem to care about it. The soil fertility plots laid out in 1881, for instance, are the oldest in America and the second oldest in the world.

The new poultry plant is one of the finest research plants in America, the Agriculture Station is one of the most active in the nation, and the beef cattle barns are the best this side of the Allegheny Mountains. These are but a few of the secrets of the campus which hardly anyone, not even those on the retired All-College Cabinet, knew.

During the first weeks that the new freshman class will be getting acquainted with the campus, many of these trips will be planned, but it doesn't seem to matter. No one cares about them.

Now that we have a whole Summer in which to become acquainted with Penn State, let's look beyond the ends of our noses.

Even experiments to benefit the golfer are being carried on now. Back of Ag Hill attendants are growing various kinds of greens and individual grass plants experiment are exclusive of their kind in the nation.

Fruit farms, our own grape vineyards, cherry-blossomed lanes, and peach and apple orchards are among the less-frequented places on the campus map.

—THE CHEF

CAMPUS CALENDAR

for Prom booths, Student Union, 12 noon.

TODAY

Tickets for the second Thespian presentation of "Hide 'n' Peek" to be given this weekend, may now be obtained at Student Union.

Hillel governing board meeting, Hillel Foundation, 8:30 p. m.
 Meeting of Big Sisters, Mac Hall lobby, 6:30 p. m.

Interfraternity council meeting, Delta Chi, 7:30 p. m.

Riding Club instruction meeting at the Paddock, 6:30 p. m., weather permitting.

Reservation deadline for Jun-

TOMORROW

Applications for deferred enlistment in the Army Air Force Reserve are available at 243 Sparks from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p. m.

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