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Facing The Army Facts

Penn State has recently enjoyed the opportunity of seeing what the draft can do to the prospects of a football team. The inroads made by Uncle Sam's selective service were so gaping that Nittany grid followers are beginning to find plenty of reasons for questioning the success of Penn State's football season this Fall.

By this time you are probably asking yourself why The Daily Collegian is suddenly undertaking the policy of commenting on sports problems in the editorial column. In explanation, may we say that we are only trying to draw a comparison between the football team and the College as a whole, as far as each is concerned with the draft.

In the first place, it is much easier to perceive the effects that the draft has had on football, because the game and its players are much closer to the public eye. On the other hand, it is difficult for most students to understand the influence of the draft on the College as a whole.

Thus far, the College enrollment has not been so seriously threatened by the draft, but the situation does not appear as bright in the near future. Every draft board throughout the state has been notified to put special emphasis on "mopping up" all available 1-A men in their district, so that the drafting of married men can begin simultaneously in all parts of the Commonwealth. This recent move was made when it became increasingly evident that a number of boards had exhausted their entire supply of 1-A men, and had begun to induct married men. At the same time, there were other boards which still had a large pool of 1-A's that would probably remain untouched for quite some time.

Present trends indicate that the state quotas will be altered so that the scattered pools of 1-A men may be depleted before the drafting of married men begins in any part of Pennsylvania. When the respective draft boards begin this wholesale mopping up of the reserve supply of 1-A men, then it is high time for the Colleges to do some extra worrying about the enrollment situation.

Don't get any mistaken ideas about our intentions. We are not suggesting that college men should be considered as immune from this proposed clean up of all 1-A's. But we are suggesting that college men take advantage of the deferment opportunities that have been so graciously provided them by the federal government. If you are one of the hundreds who want to graduate before being called into the armed services, then why not sign up with some reserve corps that is stationed here on the campus.

The most recently established and most extensive one is the Army Enlisted Reserve, which is open to 2,000 Penn State students. By meeting all qualifications of this army reserve, you will be able to complete your college education before entering the army. However, if you pass up these deferment opportunities, there is no reason under the sun why you may not find yourself in the same predicament as half of Penn State's football team did.

In contrast, it may be interesting to glance at the records which come from the University of Pennsylvania. Penn's administrators made certain that they would keep their boys in college, and so they hiked everyone off to the nearest reserve recruiting center, where they could sign up to enter the services after graduation.

Such a system does not only benefit the college concerned, but also the armed services of the U. S. By allowing students to enlist in the reserve and complete four years of college, the Army realizes that it will fall heir to a vast group of well-trained men who are qualified for officer's training.

A Worm's Eye View . . .



Today is our day to drool. This is our last column, and nostalgia should be dripping from our typewriter. We are leaving Penn State, you see, and this is very sad. Very sad. We should look back on all the years and get soggy with sentiment. We should ooze paragraphs of goo about the columns holding up the front of Old Main and about the stench in Pond Lab. We've reached the end of all things.

But as we start out into the cruel world to seek our fortune, we don't feel a bit sad or sentimental. We've been going to school for fifteen years now, and we're a little tired of it. And besides, we never did like the architecture of the buildings around here.

We don't feel that we've completed anything by attending college. We think we've just prepared to start something more important. We're not leaving Penn State. We're taking it with us, at least part of it anyway.

We're taking all the usual things away with us that other people have taken. Some of them are a few isolated facts that we got from a geography course, a little hunk of Browning, a couple of dates we learned in history, and the name of the stuff that makes grass look green, "chlorophyll," they call it.

And with your permission, we think we'll take along some of the sunlight in Hort Woods, a piece of bark from the Willow Tree, the chimes in Old Main, an ice cream cone from the Creamery, and a blade of grass from the campus mall.

That doesn't seem like much equipment to start out into the world with, but we're satisfied. And by the way, before we go, we'd like to give the freshmen a bit of advice. It's evidently the custom for seniors to do so. We want to tell them to slacken their pace a little between classes, to talk five minutes longer to their roommates in the evenings, and to pick out all the blue spots in Henry's mural.

Another thing we think they should do is go up to the fourth floor of the Library sometime and look out the window that faces the campus. Then, too, they might walk down the mall between those two rows of trees instead of sticking close to the pavement. (This will make them feel either celestial or conspicuous.) In addition, we'd like to tell them that they won't be ready to be graduated until they've climbed Mount Nittany, examined the Lion Shrine carefully, seen Co-op Corner at 4 a. m., and visited the Mineral Industries Building.

These are all the things we particularly measured from our worm's eye view. Try 'em for size.

—KATEY POPP

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Passage To Europe \$85, Offer Of Ship Line In '24

By SEYMOUR ROSENBERG

Would you like to go to Europe for only \$85?

You could have done so without joining the armed forces back in the year 1924 A. D. In that year a steamship company advertised in the Penn State Collegian, now The Daily Collegian, "See Europe—Only \$85."

Many other interesting ads may also be found in the same volume of the Collegian. Among them are:

"Get your meat at Joe's Shop. Let her have a treat over Soph Hop," a phrase used in a butcher's advertisement at the time of that big week-end of the "Roaring Twenties."

The Pastime Theatre, now only a memory, was showing the "Hunchback of Notre Dame," starring the great character actor, Lon Chaney.

Students were called "Ye Studes" in a billiard parlor ad which requested them to forget their "blue book" worries and come and enjoy themselves. Ah, if ye studes had something like that now!

A downtown music establishment was selling "the incomparable Edison phonograph" and Victor recordings of the great tenor, Reinald Werrenrath.

"It's the cut of clothes that counts" read a town haberdasher's ad in which round collars and spats were also offered for sale.

The new Essex was the car of the year and Melchrino was being advertised as "the ONE cigarette sold the world over."

Time Marched On!



"SHHH! THERE ARE LADIES PRESENT—I THINK!"

Bosley New

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Book Exchange opens, Signal Corps Room in the Armory, 9 a. m.

Locks, towels, and baskets must be turned in by Thursday at 4 p. m. Elective cards are also due now.

Portfolio on sale today, Student Union and down town.

Compulsory meeting for Collegian freshmen and sophomore business and editorial boards in news room, 4 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Grades for students not graduating Thursday due not later than September 2 at 5 p. m. in the office of the registrar.

Time tables now available in the office of the registrar.

Senior caps and gowns at the Athletic Store until Thursday, 4 p. m.

McWilliams Resigns

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mitted last night to survey the possibility of making minor extractions, with consent of organizations concerned, from the Fall semester social calendar. The move is a part of the plan for cutting down extra-curricular activity during the accelerated program.

Approved at the meeting was a proposal to send to the parents of David B. Alston '45, a scroll expressing the student body's sympathy through cabinet and signed by All-College president and presidents of the four classes.

Robert H. P. J. Jordan '43's appointment to student tribunal to fill the vacancy left by Samuel G. Fredman '43 when he graduates Thursday was approved by Cabinet.

All Human race, from China to Peru, pleasure, how'er disguised by art, pursue,—Thomas Warton.

Important Meeting

for

FRESHMAN CANDIDATES COLLEGIAN STAFF MEMBERS TODAY

Room 8, Carnegie Hall

4:00 P. M.

New Candidates Are Invited To Attend