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Off To College

So you have decided to go to college. Four years ago Joe made the same decision; but four years ago this nation was not at war and Joe was not anticipating all the major changes that were destined to invade Penn State before he would get that coveted degree.

Now he has graduated. It was a great moment for Joe when they handed him his degree; and when he turned away from the platform, Joe scanned his four years in a few thoughtful seconds. He had seen the College complete its greatest building program in history; he had watched the enrollment hit an all-time high; and finally, as a fitting climax, he had seen Penn State change over night from a normal educational institution to a booming wartime College—with accelerated learning as its by-word.

Now you're planning to take over where Joe left off. If there are as many revolutionary changes during the next four years as there were in the last four, then we may say, without hesitation, that "you're in for a whale of a big time, with plenty of work for all."

Above all, we can't overlook the draft. Hundreds of freshmen will be glad to hear that Penn State has eliminated many of the Selective Service worries by offering the Army Enlisted Reserve to 2,000 students. As No. 1 on your "must" list, get into the AER, and by meeting its qualifications, you will insure your chances of graduating before being called into Uncle Sam's Army.

And don't forget those activities. Penn State is always on the lookout for budding politicians, debaters, journalists, and musicians who are never satisfied unless they are active in something which doesn't come from textbooks. Of course, your studies are of major importance—at least that is what one helpful professor tried to preach into Joe's mind one day last Spring.

We avowed that we weren't going to say anything special about the accelerated study program, which is now in full swing at Penn State. So we'll pass over the entire subject with the brief remark, "By attending college the year around, you will assist Penn State in making its greatest contribution to America's war efforts. The College is doing vital research work in all fields, and is giving special defense training courses to hundreds of students and Naval Reserve Officers, but above all, Penn State is offering accelerated learning which enables students to graduate early and take their places in industry, business, and the armed services."

Those were only a few of the many things that Joe told me to pass on to you. He was hesitant about leaving the campus, but said it would not be so difficult to go if he knew he were leaving behind a few pointers to help the incoming frosh.

He recalled the fact that Penn State was once a typical man's college. However, the last decade has seen the growing trends of women on campus; and now that America has plunged into another world conflict, women will assume unprecedented importance at Penn State. So that the College may better insure a stable enrollment in these times of emergency, a record-breaking number of women have been enrolled for the Fall semester. Three large dormitories, originally occupied by men, have been turned over to women. As for studies, many women have enrolled in special defense courses, among which is aircraft drafting.

As Joe said, "Everything and everybody is moving in a hurry up here at Penn State. But these frosh are prepared. They know what to expect and won't get rushed off their feet."



Through The Needle's Eye

Dear Frosh:

About a week after Germany declared World War II in September, 1939, we got a copy of a special freshman newspaper from the Collegian at the Pennsylvania State College. A week later we put on our best two-button suit and hitchhiked up to The Corner at State College to fall right into the middle of the "housing situation."

In about three hours now we're going to walk up to Dr. Hetzel, Prexy of this land-grant College, and get a sheepskin which will entitle us to our hunk of the world tomorrow morning. A little later in the evening the sophomores and juniors who put out this paper, will get ready for an all-night siege with this special issue for you. About a week after you get it, you'll get on your horse to get to The Corner at State College, where you also will fall into the middle of a "housing situation."

That makes us a senior, graduated in seven semesters, as far as we can make out, into a world with a lot of jobs to be done. But, it also makes you a freshman, entering a college while your country is at war. You're pretty smart, according to your high school records and the College Examiner, and you're pretty young, too. You'll be up on campus in a couple of weeks, starting off on the Big Adventure.

Up here, people are going to tell you things—and always for your own good. Oh, always for your own good. Your mother and father will write you letters, giving you advice. Your advisor will tell you where to get off, because you're too young and green to tell him where to get off. When you start reading The Daily Collegian again, some new columnist will be filling this space each week, telling you what to do. Sorors and fraters will tell you to Join Up—for your own good, of course.

We don't want to tell you anything. We're pretty thankful at this moment for a number of things we've enjoyed. As we've said before, we're thankful for all the Penn States in the world where young people are disillusioned as gently as possible. Through our needle's eye, it looks as if there are plenty of illusions hanging around this world. Some of them are in the minds of our congressmen. Some of them are in the minds of our professors. Some of them are in our own mind.

We want to get rid of some of these illusions. Others, we're going to go to war for. You'll be studying here in a couple of weeks, after the fraternities and sororities let you go, and you'll be told that you are in a war semester, that you live

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Tribunal Sets Etiquette Pamphlets To Go To Frosh

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8 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. only. All exemptions will be designated by Tribunal.

- Freshmen shall at no time walk on the grass of the campus or other unpaved shortcuts, but shall walk on the sidewalks. Freshmen shall at no time walk on Senior Walk which extends from the Main Gate to the Pugh Street Gate.
- Freshmen are not permitted to smoke on campus, except with unvarnished corn cob pipes.
- Freshmen must keep their hands out of their pockets at all times.
- Freshmen shall remove their dinks upon entering Old Main. Freshmen must enter and leave Old Main only by the center door of the front entrance (facing College avenue).
- At the command "Button Frosh!" freshmen shall remove their dinks in the manner of tipping the hat. Freshmen shall carry on the "Hello Spirit" by speaking to faculty members and students when they meet on campus.
- Freshmen shall learn the Al-

"Social Etiquette In College," mimeographed pamphlet published by the Mass Meetings committee of the PSCA, will be distributed to members of the class of '46, it was announced last night.

Editor of the pamphlet, third in a series of five to be given to Frosh, is Phyllis R. Watkins '44.

ma Mater and all College songs and cheers in the Handbook.

- Freshmen must know the names and locations of all buildings on campus, and must know the pictures currently playing at the local theatres.
- Freshmen shall attend all class meetings, athletic contests, and mass meetings and shall not leave such affairs until they are closed by the proper authorities or a reasonable excuse is offered to Student Tribunal or a member thereof before the scheduled time of such events.
- At all football games, freshmen are to occupy only the freshman section of the East stands.
- Freshmen shall tip their dinks when passing the "Willow Tree" on either side of the Mall.

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