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## WAR DEPARTMENT CALLS ARMY RESERVES

### Phone Calls Keep Collegian Office Busy

More than a score of telephone calls reached the Collegian office last night asking confirmation of radio reports that students in Army Enlisted Reserve corps have been called up for active duty beginning January 1. Some wanted additional information, while others asked about the report's accuracy.

Despite qualifying statements by the College, last night's report is certain to have an effect on next semester's registration. Students will register January 6 and 7, beginning classes at noon January 7.

Collegian publication for the semester is scheduled to stop with this morning's issue, but if more detailed reports warrant, an extra edition may be published tomorrow.

"College students in the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps will be called up for active duty in the next few weeks, the War Department said. It also indicated that basic R. O. T. C. students in all colleges and universities will be subject to call regardless of whether they are in the Reserve Corps."

Those were the words which shocked Penn State students listening to the radio last night, but which were qualified by President Ralph D. Hetzel and Prof. Robert E. Galbraith, Faculty Advisor on War Services.

President Hetzel told Collegian that the report does not conform with other information from Washington. He said it was the War Department policy to inform colleges and universities about important decisions before making public announcement.

Galbraith interpreted the report to mean that graduating seniors in the Enlisted Reserves would be called first. These will take up present officer training facilities, and after a few weeks, those in the Reserves who did not remain in college, because of scholastic rating or otherwise, would be called up next.

The War Services advisor stated that regular students could probably finish the next semester. He gave as a reason that war officials have announced a policy of keeping technical, medical, and liberal arts students in college. McNutt recently made a statement about the importance of the liberal studies in war.

A later radio broadcast said notices to appear for active duty for the Army Enlisted Reserve will not be sent until January 1 or later. That announcement would make Galbraith's statement about calling graduated seniors and withdrawn students a logical one.

In a letter to the Collegian yesterday, President Hetzel said, "It is probable that students in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and in the Advanced R. O. T. C. will not be called into active service before the end of the Spring semester."

### Alumni Ass'n Preserves Contact

"Among the finest things we remember after college days are the friendships we make here," Edward K. Hibshman, Alumni Association executive secretary, said last night, speaking of the work of the organization.

"One way to preserve these friendships, to find out where classmates are and what they are doing, is through the Alumni Association and its publications. This is particularly true at the present time, when college acquaintances are scattered all over the world.

"Signing up for a student-alumni membership is the student's first contact with the association. It is a guarantee that a complete record of him and of his friends will be kept in the alumni files," Hibshman stated, referring to the recent extension of the membership drive to sophomore students.

Alumni News, one of the organization's four publications, is sent to all Army camps and carries news of Penn State men now in the fighting forces, according to the secretary.

Carried on in former years by personal contact of sophomores by the committee, the drive is this year being conducted by mail. Letters and pledge cards were sent Saturday and the association has already received what Hibshman terms "excellent response."

In addition to publishing the Alumni News, the Penn Stater, Football Letter, and the Alumni Directory, the organization sponsors social events, most noted of which is Alumni Homecoming each fall.

Membership can be obtained for the junior and senior college years and for a five year period after graduation for the total sum of \$8. The sum is collected by placing \$2 assessments on the student's fees for each of the four semesters he will be in college. In case his education is interrupted, the student may continue payment on another plan at a later date, Hibshman said.

## 750 To Graduate Tomorrow Night Class Day Events Set For Tonight

### McAleer to Present Senior Class Memorial

Senior Class Day Exercises for the Class of 1943 will be held in Schwab Auditorium at 7 o'clock tonight. Bernard A. Plesser, chairman, stated last night.

A large program, complete with a concert by the Phi Mu Alpha Orchestra, national professional musical honorary, has been planned for the graduating seniors, who will receive their degrees at Commencement Exercises in Rec Hall at 8 p. m. tomorrow.

The program, starting promptly at 7 p. m., begins with a musical prelude by the Phi Mu Alpha Orchestra. Plesser will then introduce the program, after which the salutatory address is to be made by Margaret K. Sherman.

Presentation of men's honors follows Miss Sherman's speech. Seniors receiving honors are Jerome H. Blakeslee, Spoon Man; David J. McAleer, Barrel Man; Robert J. Perugini, Cane Man; William S. Ivans, Pipe Orator; and Plesser, Class Donor.

After the Pipe Oration by Ivans, the orchestra will present another musical selection, followed by the presentation of women's honors.

Woman students to receive honors are Miss Sherman, Bow Girl; Ann Divas, Slipper Girl; Louise M. Fuoss, Fan Girl; Pauline Crossman, Class Donor; and Edith L. Smith, Class Poet. After the presentation of these honors, Miss Smith will deliver the class poem. A third musical selection by the orchestra follows the reading of Miss Smith's poem.

David J. McAleer, senior class (Continued on Page Two)

### Seniors May Secure Caps And Gowns at AA Store

Graduating seniors may receive their caps and gowns by calling at the Athletic Store between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. on Wednesday and Thursday, it was announced last night by Thomas R. Ridge '43, Chairman of the Caps and Gowns Committee.

No cap and gown will be issued without a receipt, Ridge stated. A twenty-five cent charge will be made for replacement of a lost receipt.

All caps and gowns must be returned to the Athletic Store immediately following the Commencement exercises Thursday evening to receive the full refund of five dollars. Failure to return them on Thursday night will result in a one dollar reduction in the refund. All caps and gowns not returned on Thursday night must be returned to the Student Union Desk in Old Main not later than 5 p. m. on Friday.

### Rutgers President



Robert C. Clothier, president of Rutgers University, will journey here tomorrow from New Brunswick, N. J., to address the graduates of the Class of 1943. President Clothier will be the main speaker of the Commencement Exercises which will take place in Rec Hall at 8 p. m. tomorrow.

### 83rd Commencement To Be Held in Rec Hall

Seven-hundred and fifty strong, the eighty-third graduating class of Penn State will receive their baccalaureate degrees at Commencement exercises to be held in Rec Hall at 8 p. m. tomorrow evening.

Main speaker at the Commencement program will be President Robert C. Clothier of Rutgers University, who will journey here tomorrow to present his address to the graduates.

Having gone through a full week of specially planned programs for the seniors which included such functions as the Annual Christmas Services, Baccalaureate Services, the "Hot Dog" roast, and with the completion of their week tonight with Class Day exercises and the yearly Christmas Carol Sing, the Class of 1943 will make its last appearance at the College at the exercises.

Students who are to receive their degrees at tomorrow evening's program will have to be present in order to obtain their degrees. Attendance is required if a graduate is to be presented with his diploma.

The Commencement Exercises will be presided over by President Ralph D. Hetzel. It will start promptly at eight o'clock, at which time seniors are requested to be at their prescribed places.

Starting the program will be an organ prelude, "Minuet" from the Gothic Suite by Boellmann, played by Prof. Irene O. Grant of the music department. Next will come the Academic Procession, at which time the audience will rise.

The Invocation will be given by College Chaplain John H. Frizell and will be followed by a musical interlude presented by the Penn State Glee Club, under the direction of Professor Frank Gullo of the music department. Selections to be sung by the Glee Club are "America Calling" by Willson, "Rolling Down to Rio" by German, and Penn State's "Blue and White."

The address to the graduating class will then be presented by President Clothier.

President Hetzel will next preside at the conferring of degrees, introducing the deans of the various schools of the College, who will present the candidates for B. A. and B. S. degrees from their schools.

Col. Edward D. Ardery will present commissions to students who have completed the requirements for the advanced ROTC course following the conferring of degrees.

Concluding the exercises, the Alma Mater will be sung, the Benediction will be given, and the Recessional will end the eighty-third commencement program.

## LATE NEWS

**WASHINGTON — BULLETIN**—College students enrolled in the Enlisted Reserves will be called into active service within a few weeks, the War Department announced last night. This order will also include students enrolled in Advanced ROTC units.

**WASHINGTON —** Enlistments will be accepted from men between the ages of 18 to 37 for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard for a period of six weeks, the Selective Service Board reported last night.

**MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS**—A heavy Japanese invasion force was repulsed at Cape Ward Hunt in New Guinea, it was announced by a late communique. An earlier report stated that American forces were advancing between Buna and Gona.

### COMMENCEMENT WEEK SCHEDULE

Today, December 16  
7 p. m.—Senior Class Day exercises, Auditorium. Presentation of Honor Awards. Presentation of History of Class of 1943.  
8:30 p. m.—Christmas Sing, Front Campus.  
Tomorrow, December 17  
8 p. m.—Commencement Exercises, Recreation Hall. Seniors must attend to receive diplomas.