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## COMMENCEMENT

The seniors are bid adieu. For four years they have worked to attain the much coveted sheepskin and now their work as students is done. Commencement draws near to convert them into alumni. But they can not leave off serving Penn State, for they are to be of a loyal breed which grows larger year by year. They have been prepared to carry the name of Penn State out into old and new fields and the same sense of responsibility rests upon them as it has upon those who have gone before. In their new roles they will be expected to produce even as they produced while at college. No excuses will be granted the Penn State alumnus for failing in the task given him in the business world and none are expected. Every confidence is placed in his ability to carry the gospel of Penn State with him wherever he may go. It is for him to present the all-important issues that are current in the minds of the undergraduates today. The members of the Class of 1924 well understand the new problems; they have the new phases of the old questions firmly fixed in mind. As they depart from their Alma Mater they take with them every good wish of the student body for success in their chosen tasks, adieu, and may they serve their missions well.

The word COMMENCEMENT implies an idea of the beginning or origin of something. In truth it is the annual festival when degrees are conferred at the colleges. Commencement means that one phase of life is over and done and that another is about to begin. To the senior it means that his college days have become history. The world awaits him with open arms; ready to take him unto itself for examination—an examination far more important than any he might have survived while in college. Will he pass the test? He alone knows his fitness and abilities.

To the undergraduate commencement probably means a time to put aside books and forget college for three whole months. It should mean more than that. Commencement signifies another choice year of the college man's life gone by, never to return. It is a time for retrospection, an occasion to sum up and take a personal inventory. The work accomplished, have you shown an advancement, has the year been a profitable one? How far behind are you in the accounts left to your keeping? These and other questions should be included in every undergraduate's commencement-time questionnaire. If the student can view the results of his scholastic endeavor during the past year without quaking, having that feeling that he has truly developed to the best of his ability, his is the full achievement. But to take a personal inventory and find that he has failed to return more talents than were entrusted him at this time a year ago, is a deplorable situation. Such a condition should warrant a resolution to produce the missing quantity before next commencement.

No student need go further than any member of the present Senior Class to determine the value of a college education. Ask any senior if he thinks that he worked hard enough, if he thinks he has accomplished all that was capable of him. His answer will invariably be NO! Look back then you worldly-wise juniors, you hard-headed sophomores, you none-too-meek freshmen—look back and see wherein you have failed, wherein lie your chances to improve your status as students.

### A LAST WORD

What will be the feeling toward house parties on the Penn State campus at this time next year? Will they be viewed with favor by the College and if not, who will be to blame? These are the questions that are uppermost in the minds of the undergraduates today. After all the preparation and agitation, the house party will soon be in full swing, the student will revel in festivities that will mark the close of another collegiate year. Much depends upon the sane conduct of this June party if the function is to survive. Too great an emphasis can not be laid upon the importance of a satisfactory observance of the affair over this week-end. The position in which house parties have been placed is a precarious one; the reputation of the function is at stake and their favor lies in the balance. If there should be the least undue strain placed upon the thin thread which holds them from absolute abolition, they will fall into the discard. Unwholesome practices are not to be tolerated by the College Administration, nor is there to be any prolongation of the session. The use of alcoholic beverages is a serious menace to the continuance of the house party and above all is a practice to be disapproved and stamped out when and where found.

The undergraduates are opposed to drunkenness at social functions and, left to themselves, will conduct their affairs without this undesirable practice creeping in. Outside influences are the despots that break up the harmony of student life at such times. It is the duty of every undergraduate to quell and disperse such importations of questionable character during the house party period. The alumni are welcomed at this time, for it is fitting that they pay respect to their college and that they meet and make merry with the undergraduates. They are welcome with a reminder as to what is expected of every visitor at this institution. A new code of ethics bids fair to be established at Penn State. Disrespect for the rights of the student or the Administration will not be tolerated during the house party session. All are expected to observe and maintain every desire of the students to abolish anything that may jeopardize the attitude toward house parties in the future. Let this be a time for merriment; let there be fun galore, but keep the undesirable practices out. To the house party then, and let joy be unconfined.

### WHO IS GUILTY?

What smart man or men are responsible for the appearance of the numerals on the Old Man tower and on the roof of the power plant on College Avenue? The painting of class numerals on any other building except the Armory is entirely against student law at Penn State and the guilty parties, when found, should be punished to the full extent of that law. There is nothing but obscenity attending the white '27 as it adorns the roof of the building that stands so prominently for all to view. There is a sense of deep desecration accompanying the gilt '28 on Old Man. Whether the members of these two classes in particular are guilty of these misdemeanors has not been determined. Let the numerals be erased and the guilty parties brought to light.

### Thoughts of Others

#### AN UNFORTUNATE DESIGNATION

(Daily Princetonian)  
Perhaps the most unfortunate designation which is attached to certain activities on the campus is that of "minor sport." Our athletic world is divided into two hemispheres, the major and the minor, and strangely enough more men are engaged in the minor than in the major. The history of this distinction perhaps is that the oldest sports are known as the major—that around them cluster the tradition and lore of the past endeavoring to tie to the heart of every lover of sport. There can no longer be any excuse for their unfair designation. On what basis are crew, baseball, football and track to be elevated in the eyes of the collegiate world above tennis, basketball, water polo, swimming, hockey, soccer and many others? If the basis is one of energy expended, basketball cannot compare with hockey or basketball. If the question of intellectual value is to be considered, both hockey and swimming are more to the Athletic Association than crew. It sports are to be designated as more important because of the interest aroused by the outside world certainly basketball and swimming should be numbered among the leaders. No sport requires more courage, endurance, or stamina than because swimming is a strenuous exercise exacting the most rigorous training rules. For pure skill and accuracy tennis and golf stand out in a marked degree. Upon consideration it is quite evident that the term "minor sport" is no longer a fitting one to be applied to these activities. No one sport should be labeled as most important. Rather let the prominence of any institution be attached to that sport in which the members of that institution are most adept. This unfortunate and unique distinction between various branches of athletics should be done away with.

#### THIRTEEN OIL PAINTINGS BY LANDSCAPE ARTISTS EXHIBITED IN OLD MAIN

An unparalleled exhibit of thirteen oil paintings the work of well-known American artists, will be shown in the Fine Arts Museum, Room 184 Old Main, from June 5th to 12th. The art works range in value from one hundred and fifty to two thousand dollars and are typical examples of the Modern School of Landscape Painting. The following well-known paintings will be shown:  
Maurice Braun—Along the Connecticut River  
E. Connors—Grey Rocks  
C. H. Davis—The Little Wood  
Paul Dougherty—The Incoming Wave  
C. W. Eaton—Deepening Twilight  
John Foster—Autumn in the Hill  
Francis C. Truesdale—In the Library  
C. W. Hawthorne—The School Girl  
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### FINAL MEETINGS OF YEAR HELD BY UNDERCLASSMEN

The final meeting of the Class of 1927 in the Bull Pen on Tuesday night May twenty-seventh, was conducted under the leadership of its new officers, H. A. Kittle, president and A. A. Dutz, Secretary. "Doc" Wiscand, president of the senior class gave an interesting talk on "Penn State Customs," emphasizing the importance of carrying the Freshman through the remaining years of the college life.

President Kittle appointed a Finance Committee for the coming year which is composed of J. Fogle, H. McCubie, D. K. Reitz, W. F. Sterling, E. Timmer, and K. S. Wilson. Delegates for members of the 1924-1925 Student Council took place and the following men constitute the representatives of the various schools: L. Roebertus—Ag School; H. A. Kittle—Liberal Arts; R. Dundon—Engineering; J. Reed—Mining; and E. Grant—Natural Science. The sophomore class held its final meeting just before that of the freshmen. The necessary amount for staging the Annual Sophomore Plus in Commencement Week was voted. The Foster Committee reported a walk of over three hundred posters to the freshmen.

### INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS PLAN TRAINING COURSE

Sessions Open June Sixteenth and Include Plant Executive and Engineer Work

For the ninth consecutive season, the Penn State Industrial Engineering Department, in cooperation with the Engineering Extension Department, offers a two-weeks extensive training course in Industrial Organization and Management for plant executives and engineers. The course will be given from June sixteenth to twenty-eighth, inclusive.

The primary object of the training will be to bring out the relationship between the various departments of modern management and to present some of the latest developments in the specialized fields. The course will be given under the direct supervision of J. O. Keller, head of the Industrial Engineering Department at Penn State.

Professor Keller has had wide experience in the industrial field and has made an enviable reputation in the teaching of courses for plant executives. C. W. Beese will handle the work in time study and manufacturing methods while instruction in industrial accounting will be given by G. F. Mellon. C. E. Ballinger has been selected to give work in factory planning and employee's service.

Some of the courses that will be taken up are Organization and Administration, The Industrial Plant, Purchasing and Stores, Manufacturing Methods, Planning and Production Control, Industrial Accounting and Personnel Administration. Not only

will these topics be treated by the lecture method but they will be made more attractive by means of laboratory and practical illustrations. Group conferences on selected topics are also a feature of the instruction. Registration for the course will take place Monday morning, June sixteenth at the Industrial Engineering Department office in room 203, Engineering C. The fee for the entire course covering tuition and all living expenses will be seventy-five dollars. The fee is payable in advance and all checks should be made payable to the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State College.

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