THE PETITION

To the Members of the College Senate

As a committee representing the various student organizations we do petition your body to reconsider recommendation number seven of the list of recommendations which were adopted on May 15, 1924, and which reads as follows:

"That participation by undergraduates in the Commencement Program including house parties, be limited to Seniors and Juniors except those Sophomores and Freshmen who are connected with organizations on the Commencement Program, that Commencement House Parties begin on Friday and end Sunday, and that there be established in the Spring a Senior Week, which may be a three day house party period, open to all undergraduates, one feature of which shall be the present Junior Prom." After carefully examining this recommendation, we are all of one opinion that the adopted plan is not a feasible one. The findings of our committee which led to this conclusion are as follows:

In reviewing the statements of several members of the committee of Fifteen appointed by Prexy Thomas to obtain some definite and concerted action we have been able to accumulate all the objections raised against the former type of June House Party, and which were intended to be removed under the adopted plan. These objections can be stated as:

1. June House Parties are too expensive
2. June House Parties are too long
3. June House Parties are too much a fraternity affair and not a college affair
4. The non-fraternity man is placed in the background
5. Commencement events are for Seniors, Faculty, parents and immediate friends of the graduating class and the Alumni and not for underclassmen
6. Alumni do not return

Let us now examine the first objection which contends that June House Parties of the old type are too expensive. The purpose of the adopted plan would be to minimize this expense. But instead, the student will be burdened with additional expenses. The fraternities and student social organizations would make the Senior Week a substitute house party which would entail financial expenditures equal to or even larger than those of the former type of June House Party. The Seniors and Juniors would have an assessment for Junior Prom, and also a house party assessment. Then in June the Seniors and Juniors would have to assume the entire financial burden of keeping open their fraternity house. It is evident that to the Seniors and Juniors, the financial obligations under the adopted plan would be double that of the former plan.

As to the objection relative to the length of the June House Parties of the past, we can only defend that fact from the standpoint that, as long as guests were in town for the Commencement Exercises, it was necessary to provide entertainment for them at the fraternity houses. Had the Commencement Exercises been held at an earlier date, it is probable that the June House Parties would have terminated sooner.

The third objection, that of fraternity activities receiving too much emphasis, appeared to be the most discussed issue. It was held by several members of the Committee of Fifteen that fraternity participation in the Commencement Week Program was detrimental to the success of the Program, that fraternity affairs were stressed rather than college affairs. The only time that fraternity affairs officially take place is in the evenings when the College Program for the day is over. Only in the evening when all of the College functions are over do the groups within the fraternity come together, and only then does the fraternity officially perform its part of the program. Then too our committee is of the opinion that we are proud of the caliber of fraternities we have here at State, and want to display them to the outside public as an integral part of the College. The only possible way to impress them with the class of fraternities we have is not to bring them into an empty house, but to be able to have them make the acquaintance of the men who make up the chapter. This we believe should be an important feature of the Commencement Program. Under the adopted plan the College Senate realizes that the fraternities at Commencement time are the principal places for entertaining College visitors.

The fourth objection was that the non-fraternity man does not receive any benefits under the former type of June House Party. This was one of the reasons for Senior Week being placed in the recommendations of the Committee of Fifteen. The fraternity groups have always welcomed non-fraternity men at their social functions. Penn State fraternity men not only extend their hand of welcome to the outsider who is visiting the College but also to the non-fraternity man who is a part of the College. We are all Penn State men regardless of our affiliations or non-affiliations with a fraternal organization.

Another objection is that Commencement events are for members of the graduating class, faculty, parents and immediate friends of the graduating class and Alumni and not for underclassmen. Our committee fails to see wherein the underclassmen interfere in any way with the commencement events. In the past the only active participation the undergraduates took in the commencement program was in assisting to entertain the guests of the College. Otherwise they had no place on the Commencement Program. We consider their presence is desirable because of the fact that we must have underclassmen to entertain the guests at the College, as the Seniors are overburdened as it is. Then too, there is the financial question. If underclassmen must leave College before June House Party commences it will necessitate the Seniors and Juniors financing it. Few fraternities would be capable of keeping an open house with only Seniors and Juniors present. Concerning these it may be questioned if the fraternities with an obviously reduced number of eligible participants can afford to keep an open house. The result of this would be that many of the fraternities would not keep their houses open, and parents and guests, Seniors, also Alumni, would have no means of entertainment. This, in the opinion of the Committee would not be a desirable state of affairs.

The final objection was that the former type of June House Party appealed to only a certain group of Alumni, and that in order to get a greater number back a new plan should be adopted. Upon inquiry at the Alumni Headquarters we find that the only time that Alumni return in noticeable numbers is on Alumni Day in the fall of the year, when a football game is to be played. Because of this fact the Alumni Organization anticipates establishing Alumni Day as a permanent feature of the Fall, and also as the sole occasion for the return of Alumni.

After carefully considering the objections just enumerated, the student organizations have each unanimously concluded that the College Senate be petitioned to grant the fraternities a Commencement Party which shall commence on Friday and terminate Tuesday noon, and in which all students shall participate.

Following the controversy over this matter last Spring the fraternities were left with the impression that the June House Party of last year would be a probation period, and should it be favorable to the College authorities, it would be retained in the future. At the same time the Senate advised three reasons why they did not deem our house parties favorable which were:

1. Fraternity men are below the College average in Scholarship
2. The disproportionate financial expenditures
3. Immoral parties

The fraternity conference wishing to cooperate with the College authorities adopted the following recommendations:

1. That a standing committee composed of Inter-fraternity and Intra-Mural Council members be appointed to study the scholastic conditions of the fraternity man here and elsewhere and ways and means of improving their scholarship. It will be the policy of this committee to work with and solicit the help of the Deans of the various schools and other faculty members in solving these problems.
2. That a similar committee be appointed to study ways and means of bettering the economic conditions in all phases of college life.
3. That a similar committee be appointed to collaborate with the Dean of Men and the Chairman of the Senate welfare committee for the purpose of bettering the moral and social conditions of student life.

These committees are functioning and have proven their worth. As a result of our stand on scholastic standing fraternities have been deprived of half their social functions for the year. The moral question also has been alleviated and this fact is borne out by statements of a number of prominent members of the faculty and Senate also by the absence of any criticism of last June House Party to the heads of this council.

Serious consideration was given the alternate plan provided in the recommendations of the Committee of Fifteen. It has been found impracticable because of the following facts:

1. Commencement Parties cannot be conducted without the maximum strength of the fraternity.
2. Impracticability of sending underclassmen home on account of the fact that the Alumni Organization anticipates establishing Alumni Day as a permanent feature of the Fall, and also as the sole occasion for the return of Alumni.

There is a general opinion among all the student organizations that on Monday night of the Commencement Program there should be a social function with only upper classmen guests, alumni, and faculty in attendance. But what facilities do we have here in the college for such a function? The Armory is the only possible place for such a function, and here the accommodations are not of such a nature as would make those who will attend this function comfortable. The dancing space is inadequate for a Junior Prom when only Juniors and Seniors are in attendance. Add to this group two hundred and fifty or more couples of alumni and guests and what sort of a dance will we have? The season of the year is another hindrance in conducting a large social function like this in the Armory. With this as the main objection, the Armory could not be considered for an All-College function. The only other recourse would be to conduct dances at the various fraternities, and make all these affairs an open-house to all the guests of the college officials and faculty, alumni, and all upperclassmen non-fraternity and fraternity men. The underclassmen under the rules of the Fraternity Conferences would not be permitted to visit. We would then give this night an All-College aspect by inter-visiting. The fraternities have always welcomed visiting by the parties mentioned above but for this one occasion a special invitation would be sent by the fraternity conferences announcing that Monday night would be the officially recognized night for all to meet at the various fraternity houses.

This plan seems practical only in as much as an All-College function cannot be held due to the lack of facilities. But under the alternate plan underclassmen could not participate. In order to conduct a function on Monday night the presence of the underclassmen is necessary. Commencement parties cannot be conducted without the maximum strength of the fraternity.

Many points arise when we discuss the impracticability of sending underclassmen home before the party is over. The fraternity can only exclude an underclassman from participation in a fraternity function and make him remain outside the fraternity house. The fraternity's jurisdiction over the matter ceases as long as he remains outside of the fraternity house. Should the man keep his guest in town because of the fact that social functions are over and remain outside the house he is not under our control, and we could not feel responsible for any of his actions. With such a state of affairs it is our opinion that instead of bettering moral conditions, we are providing fertile ground for a great deal of uncontrolled, and immoral affairs to come up. Would it not be better to keep the underclassman under our direct supervision until the party is over, when he would have no other recourse but to return to his home?

In conclusion we find that Senior Week is not feasible and therefore not desired by the student body. The Senior Week plan provides for a three day house party without underclassmen. Our petition asks for the same plan including the underclassmen, and in which we will have no Senior Week. The alternate clause provides for an All-College function which cannot be held because of the lack of facilities. But we offer a substitute plan for a social function with an All-College aspect. In order to conduct this affair it is imperative and practical that underclassmen participate, imperative in that a social function in a fraternity cannot be conducted without the maximum strength of the fraternity, practical, in that the underclassmen will be under our direct control.

Members of the College Senate none of our conclusions have been the results of hasty and prejudiced deliberations. We have examined the situation from all angles. Each point at issue has been thoroughly discussed. No one has taken an antagonistic view point. We all realize that Faculty and Students should work toward one common goal, this being for "Bigger Things at the Pennsylvania State College." In the past, we have been willing to cooperate with the College authorities in doing our share towards getting this goal and we will always continue to do so. We hope that you will accept this petition in the same spirit in which it is presented and that is, to make the Commencement Party a better one for all concerned. It is not an attempt to take off without giving something in return.

Very respectfully submitted
INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL
INTRA-MURAL COUNCIL
STUDENT COUNCIL

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SUGGESTED COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, June 12, 1925

Evening—
6 00-7 00—Annual Meeting Alumni Association—Auditorium
7 15-9 00—Alumni Dinner—McAllister Hall
9 00-12 00—Alumni Dance—McAllister Hall
7 00-8 30—All College good-fellowship mixer—Front Campus—Band Concert Singing Big Ever-ready out Soph Show Frosh Stunt
9 00-1 30—Informal Fraternity Dancing Suggested house set of dances

Saturday—June 13

Morning—
9 30—Military Review
11 00—Alumni-Senior Baseball Game

Noon—
12 30—Alumni, Faculty, Seniors and Friends, Fraternity Luncheon Big Tent—Front Campus

Afternoon—
1 30—Senior Class welcomed into Alumni Body by Alumni Association President Front Campus—Speech by Prexy Thomas followed by parade by Classes to New Beaver Field for Athletic Events
2 00—Varsity Track Meet with Pitt
2 30 Varsity Baseball Game

Evening—
6 00—Class Banquets and Reunions
7 00—Thespian Show—Auditorium
9 00-12 00 — Informal Fraternity Dance—General Intermingling—

Everybody Welcome

Sunday—June 14

Morning—
10 30—Baccalaureate Sermon by Dr Thomas—Auditorium

Afternoon—
3 00—Band Concert—Front Campus Afternoon Picnics, Steak parties Penn's Cave etc

Evening—
6 30—Vesper Service—Open Air Theatre
8 00—Musical Clubs Concert—Auditorium (Moderate Admission Charge)

Monday—June 15

(Seniors and Faculty wear gowns all day until after graduation ceremonies)

Morning—
10 00—Senior Class Day Exercises—Open Air Theatre

Noon—
12 00—Senate Luncheon to Trustees President and Speaker of Day

Afternoon—
2 00—Receptions to Alumni Seniors and Parents by Schools and Departments
3 45 — Commencement Processional Form on Front Campus Led by Band to Auditorium
4 00 — Commencement Exercises Prominent out of town Speaker Diplomas given on mass (Revise former Program) Recessional to close of exercises to Front Gates
Singing of Alma Mater Auld Lang Syne Benediction and Taps

Evening—
7 00 Penn State Players—Auditorium
9 00—Presidents Formal Reception to Alumni Seniors Faculty and Guests—Armory
10 00-12 00 — Commencement Dance for Alumni Seniors Faculty Armory Admission by Card Reception and Dance limited to College
10 00-2 00—Formal Fraternity Dances

Tuesday—June 16

2 00—Election of Trustees—Old Chapel

Approximate Cost to College

Decorations	$ 200 00
Senior Luncheon	150 00
School Receptions	150 00
Commencement Speaker	150 00
Reception Dance—	
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Refreshments and chaperons 125 00—	300 00
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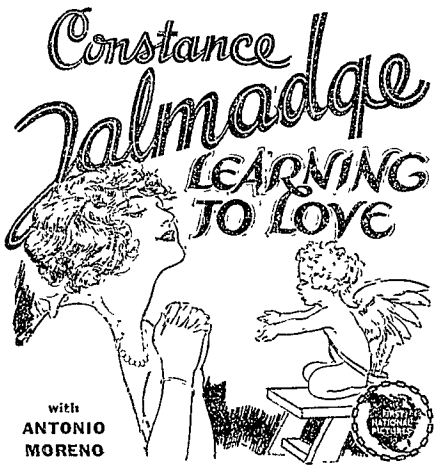

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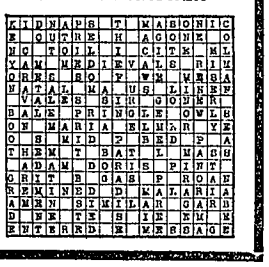
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