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### JUNIOR PROM

Penn State upperclassmen will toss aside dull care and worry tonight in the annual observance of the Junior Prom. Members of the opposite sex will invade the Nittany Valley en masse and to these week-end guests, the COLLEGIAN bids a hearty welcome and hopes that their visit to Penn State will be a pleasant one.

While the committee has accomplished all of the mechanical necessities incident to staging the affair, its efforts alone can by no means make the Prom the success it should be. In the constant shifting of hundreds of couples, the respectable conduct of the majority can be completely obliterated by the thoughtless behavior of a few. One unpleasant occurrence may be sufficient to place social functions at Penn State in a more precarious position.

While the College is in the midst of a campaign to create "A Greater and Better Penn State," it should be the desire of every undergraduate to witness an affair that will be entirely above reproach. Guests from every part of the State will attend the Prom and it depends upon members of the student body whether or not these visitors will carry back reports that will promote the welfare of this institution.

It is to be regretted that a warning of this kind should be broadcast every year, but there still remain a few selfish students who place their own desires above a sense of love and loyalty. As long as men of this kind choose Penn State for an Alma Mater, it will be necessary to keep before them a warning "lest they forget."

Student sentiment appeals to personal pride and self esteem in an effort to make the 1926 Prom not only a decided social success but an affair that will do credit to a College of gentlemen.

### TO THE DADS

"Most cordially and earnestly do I invite you to come to the College on Father's Day, Saturday, May second." This call, extended by President Thomas in the current issue of the PARENT'S BULLETIN, should be seconded with all possible persuasion by each member of the student body. No one knows more fully the countless benefits resulting from a thorough, first-hand knowledge of Penn State on the part of the parent than does the undergraduate himself.

A second invitation is hardly necessary to these parents who have before visited the College on Father's Day, for already they know the pleasures of associating with other "Dads", seeing their sons and daughters in their every-day environment and gaining from them some share of Penn State fellowship. They will come back with little urging. It is to those parents who have never seen Penn State and therefore know the College only imperfectly that a particular appeal must be made.

On mercenary and perhaps selfish grounds, never before has it been more imperative that "Dads" come to Penn State in a body than at this time, for the successful passage of the eight million dollar bond bill next fall would be assured beyond question if several thousand fathers, with a picture of Mount Nittany and the campus still fresh in their minds, were to return to their homes throughout the State and preach the "Bigger and Better" gospel to their neighbors and friends.

For every reason, selfish and unselfish, material and unmaterial, each undergraduate should desire to greet his father in State College next Saturday. The time is short; he must give an immediate, convincing invitation if his wish is to be realized.

### SOUND IDEALS—OR NOT?

It appears that Dr. Alexander Meikeljohn, former president of Amherst college, is still firmly convinced that "America has not even the shell of an educational system at present." In an attempt to impress a democratic, free-thinking people with his idealistic beliefs, Dr. Meikeljohn is placing himself deeper in the proverbial "hot water" than ever he was before.

Speaking before the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club recently, the former Amherst president stated that "when you try to make things of high quality common to the crowd, you find them in a gutter." Not that we wish to accuse Dr. Meikeljohn of being un-American—or he decidedly is not that—but his idea of "that which is good for some should not be given to others" is a direct insult to the high ideals of democracy for which this country stands. Upon the thorough education of all classes depends the future of America.

Dr. Meikeljohn claims that "we must decide now whether to go on with our democracy, or to create two sets of schools, one for the favored few and others for the crowd." And what does he mean by "the favored few"? His statement may be interpreted to mean those who possess at birth that supreme intellectuality which promises to make of them famous personages in later years, or one may assume that Dr. Meikeljohn is thinking of those whose parents are gifted with the wealth that would be necessary for the realization of his idealistic dream.

American people are not as yet willing to give up everything in the nature of democracy—what is good enough for the favored few should be presented to the crowd, even though the former may be required to sacrifice a little in the giving. If Dr. Meikeljohn desires to attempt his little experiment and create this Utopian institution, it is advisable that he choose a country other than America for the undertaking.

## Thoughts of Others

### HE MISTAKES IDEALS FOR REALITIES

New York TIMES  
Our new Attorney General must have established great numbers of college graduates both those of recent vintage and of years remote, in what he wrote about them in his letter to the president of the senior class at Tufts. The graduate according to this document, is a remarkable person, not so much, but always.

Here is how Mr. Sargent put the matter—shall one say of his observations on his hopes and dreams?

When a student has graduated from one of the country's great colleges he possesses a diversified knowledge of practical, useful things—history, literature, art, science, philosophy, religion. College develops individuality, teaches doctrines of virtue and honor, and rugged integrity and instills in young men and young women a high self-reliance and heroic courage, that the petty of our Saxon civilization may ever be perpetuated in the interest of moral and spiritual progress.

A truly beautiful picture that! No doubt it is what the colleges would like to do for their students—what they try to do—their ideal. But between such things and results, in his case, is so often in reality, there is a sad difference. The amount of learning that a boy or girl who goes to college can engage in determined to do it, is astonishing.

### AMONG OTHER OPINIONS

(Tech)

One of the latest criticisms of the present generation was written by President Hopkins of Dartmouth college and published by the Boston GLOBE. President Hopkins is in a position to make a fair observation on the student body in general and he does so in a timely and just manner.

How can modern youth be made to think? Some can be taught into it, some have to be seduced into thinking, some can be coaxed into thinking, while in other cases it requires a process of mental blasting.

The chief fault of modern youth is its unwillingness to subject itself to a course of discipline in any form and its shrinking from the kind of hard work that used to be taken as a matter of fact. My only real question about this generation is at this point.

The chief danger of modern youth is its failure to think, its tendency to follow the machine system, to be just like the other fellow, to conform to type.

With lessons carefully watched out, laboratory work, arranged in check-work, and concluding exams belted down to stem-the-dotted-line-or-no-simplicity, there is in increasing temptation to become simply a part of the system. Progress demands and especially scientific progress, that individualism and initiative be combined with machine system.

### REGISTRAR'S STATISTICS COMPARE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS

After completing a study of the situation yesterday Registrar Hoffman issued a conclusion that college students who ranked low in high school scholastic records are the first to fail in college, and that a greater percentage of the failures are the students from town and cities.

When entrance examinations are not required most colleges have resorted to the selection of students on their reputation records. At Penn State preference is given to those applicants who stand in the upper third of their high school class. Middle and lower thirds are then considered.

That more "lowest third" freshmen, failed than any other group at the end of the first semester is the finding of the Registrar. Eighty-three per cent of those who failed were from high schools in towns of about twenty-five hundred population, the remainder coming from rural schools.

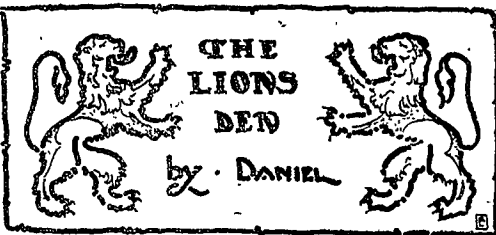
According to Professor Hoffman, objection has been made by city high school principals to the method of selection. They contend that the "lowest third" from a city high school is better prepared than the "highest third" from the rural communities. Records show the charge is not true here.

### Y. M. C. A. INSTALLS OFFICERS FOR 1925-26

Gilbert Beaver '26, son of General Beaver and one of the founders of the Penn State Y. M. C. A., presented the history and objectives of the Y. M. C. A. at the installation of officers in the favor of the Auditorium last week. This is the first time that a formal recognition of the officers has taken place. Leaders of the organization hope to make this a permanent event.

**We still have several Tuxedos to rent or sell for the Prom. Also Tux Vests**

**GERNERD, The Tailor**



APPROPRIATE  
There have been sad words in the world  
And sadder ones we know  
Put the saddest of all the sad words  
Are these "I'm sorry, I cannot go"

### CHOCOLATE-VANILLA FAVORED

For the benefit of the state it should be known that the author of the DEN since the first issue Daniel would like to explain that the VANILLA is the tasting child who mislaid her conscience, appealed to him for aid and was honored with his bid to the Prom. He found the following missive in his box last night:

Dear Daniel,  
I didn't know there was anyone like you, but there is, think's late "to be sure there's no hitch in the plan suppose I call for you at the COLLEGIAN office please collect tonight.

Yours for the Prom,  
Vanilla.  
Daniel was still feeling lost all over after accepting Vanilla's words of joy, when these saccharine syllables were poked under his door.

Dear Daniel,  
I'm awfully sorry to tell you, but I found Vanilla's conscience and though I knew you wouldn't want to know about it since you're taking her to the Prom yet I thought that the girl might really be serious about wanting to find it. And also, being a woman she may have changed her mind and decided she wants to go with the "Man who writes good poetry." So I'm sending the conscience that she dese the, unde, separate cover. It's sort of middie, because we stepped on it as we were hunting for it over up by the baseball grandstand. We found several consciences that had apparently been discarded but this was the only one that was all white. I can't decide whether she'll be glad or sorry to get it back.  
As you were,  
Chocolate.

Dan was looking forward with no little pleasure to meeting his conscience. Prom-pour and Chocolate can't spoil things this way. The missing article will STAY "unde separate cover" till one week sometime or better still—Dan isn't excited or anything—after the Amory brawl Vanilla is not what she used to be. Chocolate seems to have vomited sympathy and should be a sweet bit even though she did let her muddy "it's" on the wall of the other hallway.

### WHETHER QUATRAIN

The eight weeks of delay have come once more,  
To show all we don't know,  
The majority says a few above,  
The prof's a few below.

### LOGIC

We go to college to improve our faculties,  
Our instructors use our faculties,  
Therefore, we go to college to improve our justifications.  
—Selected

### TRUSTEE ELECTION DATE IS CHANGED IN CHARTER

The charter of the Penn State College has been amended to provide for the election of college trustees by delegates from agricultural and industrial societies of the state on Friday of Commencement Week in June instead of Tuesday of the same week.

Each county in the state is entitled to send six delegates to the meeting which will be held this year on Friday, June twelfth. These delegates from each county will represent the engineering, mining, mechanical or manufacturing societies.

Four college trustees are chosen each year by these delegates. The purpose of this provision is to secure, in the direction and government of the state institution direct representation of the agricultural and engineering industries which it is the special function of the college to serve.

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## PENN STATE LEADS IN NUMBER OF STUDENTS HOLDING SCHOLARSHIPS

(Clipped)

The Registrar recently received from Dr. C. D. Koch, director of professional education of the department of public instruction in Harrisburg, a report concerning the scholarships awarded, through examinations by the Department State scholarships are awarded annually, one to each county except in those counties which contain more than one entire senatorial district. In which case one scholarship is awarded for each district. Three counties therefore, receive more than one as follows: Allegheny six, Luzerne two and Philadelphia eight.

The number of scholarships awarded each year is eighty. These state scholarships were first awarded in 1919, at which time eighty-eight high schools reported a total of 205 candidates. In 1924, 741 high schools reported 1218 candidates and over four thousand examination papers were graded by the department. During the years 1919-1921 inclusive, 475 scholarships were awarded.

Penn State, with eighty-three scholarship holders enrolled during this period, leads the colleges of the State. The University of Pennsylvania ranks second with fifty-five and the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Tech are tied for third place with twenty-three each. Holders of the scholarships have attended thirty-six Pennsylvania colleges.

Each scholarship entitles the holder to the sum of \$100.00 annually, provided that he is a student in good standing at one of the colleges of this state. The total amount expended during the five year period was \$51,000. At the present time forty-eight Penn State students hold state scholarships, which represent thirty-three counties.

## Did YOU Know—

That three members of the present staff of cheerleaders are married men?

And that they have children, too?

That the vice-president of the Nickel Plate Railroad company is a Penn State graduate?

That a modern fourteen family apartment house is being constructed in State College?

That Penn State can boast of more students in military machine engineering than any other institution in the United States?

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