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### THOUGHTS—AND QUESTIONS

The close of a semester. Inventory taking time. What have I accomplished? What have I gained? Am I doing anything worthwhile? Is my college education paying for itself? And hundreds of similar thoughts float through the undergraduate's brain as he looks back upon the results of the past five months.

It is the questioner asking himself. He questions everything and everybody. He questions the advisability of a college education, and blames his presence at an institution of higher learning to the existing social order. He discovers that he has not obtained a thing from college, that his time has been wasted. But his is a false discovery, and he who questions is lost.

It is a common failing of youth to question everything. Youth has often been referred to as the pessimistic age, and rightly so. Old age comes soon enough, and that is the time for reflection and perhaps pessimism. Fed up on the eccentricities and philosophies of human nature, youth looks aghast at the world, and maturity is at hand before youth is aware of the fact.

Hundreds of years ago, there was a questioner who was dissatisfied with the order of things. He was old but wanted youth, and questioned the power that had provided for old age. He left his native land to search for renewed youth and found death instead.

Everything was provided for a definite purpose. To question existence and the products of existence is to find yourself in a muddled entanglement. Instead of questioning life and its motives, concentrate on the thing at hand and resolve to do a good job.

### WHAT PRICE EDUCATION

Every year or so some bald headed statistician goes off into solitude and computes the per capita cost of educating college students. Several months later the interested public learns, to its dismay, that it is contributing many thousands of dollars annually to the cause of higher education. The taxpayer wonders if the student's are paying their share or if they are willing away their time and the taxpayers money being "collegiate."

But as the saying goes, "they don't know the half of it." Only a week and a day of college has passed and the bank balance in most cases has shrunk to one or two unhealthy figures. As each day goes along each professor tries to outdo the last in assigning costly texts. It seems as though the merit of the course rises with the price of the books. Professors who are cruel by nature read the list of three or four dollar volumes in cool, unemotional tones. The more kindly ones hold up a sample text and vow that no student's library will be complete without it.

The craze for assigning books hot off the presses has taken all the fun out of the second hand book traffic. There is no use recommending the course you took last semester because the book has probably been rewritten during the vacation. Every college graduate is bound to have a library by the time that four years have rolled by because last semester's text goes into discard with last semester's hat and its market value is nil. Being up to date is a fine thing but the last word in every branch of learning comes high.—The Daily Commonwealth

### VARSLITY SOCCER TEAM INVITED TO JOIN LEAGUE

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A new body has formed.

Although following the rules and regulations of the former league to a certain extent, the new one differs from the old in that as many college soccer teams as care to join may provide that they meet the requirements of qualification decided upon by the controlling body. Invitations were sent to Lehigh Army, Lafayette, Navy, Colgate, Dartmouth, Penn State, Williams, Amherst and West.

Under the constitution of the Intercollegiate Soccer Football Association, the idea of attempting to choose a championship combination has been greatly curbed. In the future, each team in the association will be free to play any team it wishes, provided that sometime during the season it meets at least four institutions within the Association. The underlying purpose of this move is to subordinate the present goal of a soccer eleven, that of winning the league championship. The standards are expected to be raised thereby, says The Pennsylvanian of the University of Pennsylvania.

At the last meeting of the old league

the resolution was passed which gave Pennsylvania permanent possession of the League championship trophy, having won the cup six times.

### OUTING CLUB WALKS TO CHARTER OAK TOMORROW

Leaving Co-op tomorrow afternoon the Penn State Outing Club will conduct its first overnight hike of the season when the members set out for Charter Oak at one-fifteen o'clock. Charter Oak is a village five miles from State College south of Pine Grove Mills in the heart of the mountains. Provisions have been made to take care of the walkers overnight, for a nominal cost.

On the return trip it is planned to hike along the mountains and back through Mussel's Gap. It is estimated that this route will take the greater part of Sunday.

It was made known by those in charge that the trip is open to anyone who cares to become affiliated with this organization. Speaking to the members of the Outing Club at their last meeting, G. R. Greene took as his subject "Conservation," showing how it is futile to practice conservation in one field and be wasteful in another. His lecture was illustrated by the use of slides.

### J. E. and R. G. Kennedy Contract Tour on Liner

J. E. Kennedy '26 and R. G. Kennedy '28, dancing brothers and stars of this year's Thespian show "The Kid Himself," have been offered places in the Inter-university Orchestra which leaves for a Mediterranean cruise on the S. S. California July 11. The Kennedy brothers were highly recommended by Maurice Datus, representative of the Ned Wadsworth studios, which produced "The Kid Himself." An immediate acceptance was wired.

The elder Kennedy has starred in three successive Thespian vehicles "The Magazine Cover Girl," "Wooden Shoes" and "The Kid Himself." In both "Wooden Shoes" and "The Kid Himself," R. G. Kennedy, co-starred with his brother. Leading critics in several cities in which the Thespians played during the recent Christmas tour claimed the dancing of the Kennedy brothers the best ever seen on an amateur stage.

It is possible that both boys will be featured in similar dance numbers during the summer cruise. J. E. Kennedy is an expert trap and drum player while his younger brother specializes in the piano.

### Dean Watts Speaks on Vocation Schools

Spending at the Annual Parents' Week exercises Tuesday which were held the first four days of this week by the Martinsburg Vocational high school, Dean Watts delivered addresses on the subject, "Successful Farming in Pennsylvania," and "The Farmer's Home Garden."

Two Penn State graduates, Mr. Bechtel and Miss Smythe, are teachers in the high school. Mr. Bechtel teaches Vocational Agriculture, and Miss Smythe teaches Economics.

Dean Watts commented on the rapid growth of the Vocational high schools in Pennsylvania, there having been forty-four of these established in the past twelve years.

### TWO ADDRESSES CARDED FOR NEXT E. E. MEETING

Speakers at the next meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society February tenth are Prof. E. B. Staley and Mr. E. A. Smith.

Professor Staley has chosen for his topic "Spectroscopic Illumination for the Semi-Centennial." The talk will be illustrated and will endeavor to demonstrate the possibilities of colored lights.

Mr. A. Smith will speak on "Rate Making." He has been employed by the Westinghouse company in developing meter and making preparations for changing more scientific rates for electrical power.

### FLORAL SOCIETY LISTS MEETING FOR TUESDAY

The Floral Club will meet Tuesday evening, February ninth, at seven-thirty in Room 100, Hort.

The program will consist of a number of ten minute talks on the different phases of gardening and home ornamentation. Each speaker will give touch hints and suggestions which tend toward successful gardening.

After the short talks, the meeting will be thrown open for discussion. The promoters of the meeting hope to form a garden club to stimulate interest in gardens and more attractive homes.

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Where they won't get suspicious, If a hard-boiled Sophomore sinks, On the gorgeous gleaming Cases, A couple dozen Dinks

Oh if some *wiseacre* Co-ed, Who through her Hudnut grins, Opens up her Rollins chiffon, And hooks some Frater's Pins

It's got to be all college Stuff, And Men of Brains and Brawn, Will have to be selected, To run this Den of Pawn

Legal Counsel will be needed, To wave these magic Wands, We wonder if some C. & F. Could float a couple Bonds

Exam time is with us And through the falling snow Plows the blue-coated mailman Bringing that dreaded below This is the time we cram and cram All on account of the cursed exam (Signed) Joe Economy alias Save the Eggs

### TWENTY POULTRY SHORT COURSE STUDENTS MEET

Stage Meeting in Order To Get Better Acquainted—Noted Speakers Secured

In order to get acquainted with each other, the students of the Poultry Short Course held a get-together in the Hort building Monday night. Up to the present time, about twenty students have enrolled in the course, but it is expected that next week will bring from twenty to twenty-five new members for the class.

Many prominent men in poultry circles have been engaged to speak to the class next week. On Tuesday, the following men will speak: G. M. Klakau, on "Forty-One Years' Experience in Handling Live Poultry in New York City," G. M. Dallas on "Losses which Occur in Shipping Man At Shop," and "Eggs by Express," Rob R. Sloum, on poultry—adv.

### FORMER STUDENT SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF SIRE PRODUCTION

W. E. Wintermever '11 now affiliated with the United States department of Agriculture returned for a short visit to the College in behalf of the Better Sires Introductory work.

According to Wintermever, Pennsylvania leads all other states in the matter of advancing Better Sires work. He also declared that over twenty per cent of the Bull associations organized in 1924 were established in the Keystone state. It was to view the progress of Pennsylvania Bull associations that the former Penn State man made the trip.

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