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A good name is earned by fair play, square dealing, and good sportsmanship in the classroom, on the athletic field and in all other College relations. We earnestly desire that this spirit become a tradition at Penn State.

### TO THE TRACKMEN

Penn State's track team meets Pittsburgh on New Beaver Field tomorrow. The occasion means more than battle with an old rival; it means the home-coming of the greatest track team that the Blue and White has ever had. Since Nate Cartmell has assumed the coach's position, Penn State track athletics have gone forward at a rapid pace. Last Saturday came the climax. Penn State finished second only to Stanford in the Intercollegiate championships at Philadelphia.

It is no more than justice to congratulate the men that have made Penn State's track team the most formidable in the east, and to Coach Cartmell, to the three champions, Al Bates, Marian Ide, and Bill Cox, to Bartholomew, Mathias and Filkins, to Captain Stewart and his athletes, the entire student body extends its congratulations. We will cheer and honor them tomorrow and forever.

### THE JUNIOR MARSHALS

When proud fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, relatives and friends gather at the Commencement exercises on the front campus on Tuesday, June fourteenth, they will be conducted to their seats by any one of ten men chosen from the Junior class who have been honored with appointments as Junior marshals.

The ten marshals, selected by the president of Student Council as men who will be prominent in campus affairs next year, will be the inaugurators of a new precedent. At many colleges and universities throughout the country where the system is now in vogue, it is annually proving its merits. The custom is simply a tribute to the graduating class; ten Juniors who have been recognized for some form of campus activity. At the coming Commencement ceremonies, the ten men of the class of 1928 will blaze the way for the inauguration of the brand new custom of Junior marshals. With each passing year, the new custom will grow, becoming more and more enriched in tradition.

### "SEE! HERE THEY COME!"

See! Here they come!  
More proud than pursuivants, sly as confessors,  
With steps scholastic and with time worn gowns,  
The andropud, sweet, spectacula professor.

There have been indications of late that many of the more daring professors at Penn State have realized the follies of their craft and have endeavored to rid themselves of them. Already the alert students have discovered tendencies, significant and disturbing, among professors whom they have grown accustomed to regard as irreproachably staid, that make one revise original opinions. Most disquieting among the new movements of the professors is the undercurrent of hatred (toward final examinations) that daily becomes more perceptible. The professors are no longer enthusiastic about final examinations. In fact some of them have even gone so far as to give a quiz, sometimes two quizzes, the week before the finals, and then benevolently dispense with the final examination. Obviously this is unfair. It places the other professors in a bad light. It spoils the show. It kills that lively interest which students have been led to expect from the climax of the term's work. Even among the underclassmen it is spoken of as a dirty trick.

The worst of it is that if it keeps up final examinations will disappear, quietly and without suspicion of a ripple. But we are afraid it won't keep up. Sooner or later finals will be restored to their former position, and then Heaven help us! For we believe that the present system of final examinations has, with its originators, become outgrown.

For years the COLLEGIAN has assumed, as far as circumstances have permitted, an aggressive and antagonistic attitude toward all that is as poisonous and useless as are the systems of gradings now in use. For years the COLLEGIAN has argued bitterly

for a new testament of education: if we must have finals, let us have stricter entrance requirements. And what has happened is history: nothing has ever happened.

The situation is indeed a sad one, calling as it does for copious tears, gnashing of teeth, and at times various and rather violent exorcisms. Verily, it is lamentable to admit, to murder. And who gets the blame for it? The professors. This is an even sadder case, but often, unfortunately, the facts bear it out. What student among us has escaped from the clutch of those tremendous individuals who under the pretext of instruction, stuff up the channels of youth with their pedantic sewage and close forever the stream of youth's romantic gallantry? Some young men rebel, but the majority are lost, irrevocably, and are doomed to continue into life with that listless philosophy which only a petrified, professoric mind is capable of producing.

And at the end of four years we are released with a good natured smile and diploma and all the blessings that infallible final examinations can give; we are released—from what? From a brewery of education, from an institute where learning is a keg of beer, where the professor is the spigot, and where the student is the stein. Bottoms up!

### WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

It is somewhat of a disappointment to be about to strike anything seemingly caught where escape is impossible and then to have that object slip from one's grasp. But that's just what happened last week—the object was tarva-filled roads and the weapon was no other than the typewriter that aids in the placing of thoughts in this column.

When our nose and eyes informed us that irregularly-surfaced roads were bathed in a covering of fresh, pungent tar, we were about to proclaim that the "tar-babies" were slightly tardy in the matter of repairing the roads. Because more visitors, in the next ten days, will journey over the highways that run around and through the campus than has been the case since Alumni Homecoming last fall, it seemed slightly foolish to apply the tarva at this late date. Timely rains, however, served to wash away all elements of the oil that had combined to become a nuisance and the greatness of the "blunder" diminished.

Later on it was learned that last year the roads were oiled exactly three days before Commencement. This fact changed what had been thought to be a blunder into a sane move. Even at that, however, the ideal time would seem to be about the first part of May for the repairing and oiling of campus roads.

### The Bullosopher's Chair

"I got a genuine thrill yesterday, Smithers, when I saw a two-cent stamped envelope addressed in this manner: 'To The Editors of the Collegian and the Editor of the Bullosopher's Chair.' I almost shouted with pleasure, I thought, would contain the ramblings of an able reader or someone trying to pull me out of this clean chair of Bullosopher."

Smithers.—Did you open the letter?  
"Certainly. And I read it. Sarcasm; I thought. Then I read it again. SARCASM. The communication was all type-written, even the ending which was, 'Congratulations from several readers.'"

Smithers.—Wasn't the letter signed?  
"No, and for that reason it cannot be printed. Do you know that at the top of the editorial column there is a paragraph specifically stating that 'all communications must bear the name of the sender.' And it is always understood that the writer may also sign a nom de plume in addition to his regular name if he does not wish his rightful name to be connected with the communication. In spite of that fact, the few people who do take the trouble to send in a communication are always hesitant to sign their name even though they know that it will not accompany the article if they do not so desire."

"Well, I went up to the New Beaver courts to play tennis again today for the love of the game, you know."

Smithers.—What's remarkable about that, Bullosopher?  
"I merely went up there. I found that all the courts were in use but several of them were not populated by Penn State students. Instead, many of the children from the town were bathing the ball back and forth in great glee while a number of College students twiddled their thumbs as the sidelines waiting for playing space on their own courts."

Smithers.—Something certainly should be done to permit those for whom the courts are intended to get the full benefits from them.

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## PROFESSOR SAILS ON EUROPEAN TRIP

### W. L. Henning Will Make Study Of Livestock Methods Of Old World

### GOVERNMENT MAY USE INVESTIGATION RESULTS

Prof. W. L. Henning, sheep specialist of the animal husbandry department, sailed for Europe from New York City Sunday to make a special livestock study in Great Britain during the summer.

Professor Henning will be accompanied by Prof. Charles S. Plumb, former head of the animal husbandry department of Ohio State university and now president of the American-Southdown Breeders' association. Professor Henning is secretary-treasurer of the organization and a former pupil of Professor Plumb.

These two specialists in sheep husbandry will spend most of their time and attention on sheep and wool production and marketing in the native home of the mutton breeds in England. Some time will be devoted to Scotland and Ireland, and it is probable that they will include a short trip to the Continent for a visit to leading Rambouillet breeders in France and Germany. They are not specializing in any one breed, but will visit leading breeders of all the mutton groups, and a special report on the study will be made available for the use of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Professors Plumb and Henning will also attend the leading livestock shows of Great Britain. Among them are the Three Counties fair at Worcester, the Royal Show at Newport, the Kent Show at Sevenoaks and the annual Southdown Show and Sale at Chichester.

At the Royal Show they will meet Dr. H. H. Havner and Prof. H. G. Nisles, Penn State extension specialists who are making a special study of livestock methods and agricultural co-operative movements on the Continent at the present time.

## Thespians Will Stage Commencement Show

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good seats. The same Thespian orchestra that has played during the other performances will render several numbers during each act. Next week there will be a final rehearsal of the comedy to insure a good interpretation.

This will be the last undergraduate appearance of S. C. Runkle, J. L. Nelson, W. C. Ament, G. B. Cramp, J. E. Keehan, C. W. Kile and M. H. Janavitz, president of the club.

The Thespian organization has been highly successful this year, financially and otherwise. One of the stage managers of the Penn Athletic club said that, of the several college plays that he saw this year, "Gull Wentad" was the best.

## Commencement Events Cover Five-day Period

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Monday, June thirteenth, will be the busiest day for the witnesses of the graduation exercises, ten events being on schedule for that day. The Monday proceedings will begin early with seven Class Day exercises in the open-air theatre nine o'clock in the morning. The annual meeting of the Alumni association is scheduled for the Auditorium a half hour later, while activities will meet a brief halt at noon when the Alumni group holds its luncheon on the front campus.

Class stunts will initiate the event program of the afternoon after the class parade to New Beaver Field

## Professor Battenhouse Writes Book on Bible

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This is Professor Battenhouse's seventh year at Penn State teaching classes in Biblical literature. His courses are entirely elective, and during the past several years have shown a marked increase in enrollment.

### Cathaum THEATRE AND Nittany Theatre

FRIDAY—First Penna. Showing of Marion Davies in "TILLIE THE TOILER" "Big Boy" Comedy

FRIDAY—Nittany—Mary Astor, William Collier, Jr., in "THE SUNSET DERBY"

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