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### COMMENCEMENT

Graduation days are happy days—and sad ones, especially for the graduate, within whose bosom surges conflicting emotions of joy and sorrow. There is the joy of achievement, self-satisfaction for having completed a four-year course in college. There is the sorrow which comes to those who have loved Penn State and who leave it, despite their anxiety to seek their lot in the world, with a half reluctant step, slow to depart, quick to return.

Beyond, the world awaits with everything that man desires—and some things that he despises. On the one hand there is fame, success, happiness, prosperity; on the other there is failure, misfortune, calamity, poverty. It may be that both the kind and unkind hand will bring alternate joy and sorrow, fortune and misfortune.

Graduation is not the ending, it is the commencement, the beginning of a new life with new enterprise, new interests, new friends, new surroundings. Once more the first year dawns and once more graduates will meet it as freshmen—willing, ambitious or perhaps indifferent, unspringing and careless. The lofty senior pinnacle must be vacated for a more lowly post where a new beginning will be made. Privilege vanishes; seniority disappears; gold keys, certificates, diplomas are preserved—but only as memories of college life.

Seniors, farewell. May fortune be your eternal lot and success the due reward for your ability, ambition and perseverance. May your college experience serve you in good stead. May the spirit of old Penn State abide as an unending inspiration and lifelong comfort. Once more we bid you—not farewell, but adieu.

### A TYPEWRITING COURSE?

Just about this time of year when final themes are due and stenographers, public or private, have no scruples about charging exorbitant rates the college student who has not learned, artlessly or otherwise, to tap the keys in swift and regular order is blaspheming his indiscretion in not having learned the art of typing when the opportunity presented itself (if it did) during his high school career. At least, he is parting reluctantly with shakels which might have been saved and spent more advantageously.

Those who would regard the matter of typewriting as a petty, trivial one, should know that the student who has mastered the touch system has a decided advantage over his brother who toils at the 'pick and push' method or, better, over the student who has not any practical knowledge of the art of impression. For in almost every course some writing is required. Themes written in long hand are accepted, of course, but with less credit than those typewritten. Instructors stand ready to admit their preference and consequent higher grade for the latter and invariably encourage students to use the typewriter.

Yet, there is not even the semblance of a course at Penn State which would prepare students for four years of typewriting. It may not be needed for the select few who availed themselves of the opportunity (seldom presented) to learn the typing science, but it would be practical and valuable to those, in the vast majority, whose ignorance of typing has actuated a craving, an earnest desire to acquire proficiency at it. Typewriting ability will be an asset not only during a college career but also after graduation in the early period of business training.

Just how many more classes will endure the decided disadvantage because of the obvious need for such a course depends entirely upon the discretion of the powers that be. With their good graces we may yet have our first course in typewriting.

### PENN STATE SPIRIT CHALLENGED

Penn State spirit, that magical, omnipresent quality which has been the greatest inspiration to students of this institution during their various undertakings, is destined to undergo a severe test, if the prophecy President Hetzel ventured in his Bond Issue mass meeting speech is fulfilled.

There is no doubting the forthcoming trial. The allegiance of every Penn State student will be tested to its fullest capacity and will survive triumphantly if it is real instead of artificial, if it is actual instead of imaginary.

For many years Penn State spirit has existed without a really serious challenge to measure its worth. Generation after generation of graduates have acclaimed its individual character, praised its sterling quality and recited instances when its dependability was evident. But no event occurring in the past three years has tested the fibre of this spiritual material with so much strain as will the coming eight million dollar Bond Issue.

It is within the power of students to insure the

passage of the issue and thus render this College the greatest possible service. It is in execution of this invaluable service that Penn State spirit, if it is a willing aide, will be called into play. A general optimistic spirit, supplemented by a vigorous, sincere effort on the part of every individual to secure the greatest number of votes humanly possible, an interested concern over the success of the amendment combined with a willingness to sacrifice time and service for the sake of the College will all be evident if the true Penn State spirit is to prove its worth—as we believe it will. Indifference, lack of interest and unwillingness to serve during the crisis will arouse suspicion over the existence of that real, inspirational, traditional institution—Penn State spirit.

### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED—

Impressions gathered at the last meeting of Student Council would lead us to believe that certain attitudes must be altered and fancy illusions dispersed if this year's administrative group is to expect the success experienced by the 1927-28 organization. Co-operation must prevail. There must be no division of purpose, of that purpose which exists for the advancement of student and College interests.

There are in the ranks of the Council many new men, some of whom have not yet realized the purpose or significance of the body which they help constitute. There are, apparently, even those who are unaware of the non-partisan complex of preceding Student Councils, those who have not yet learned that Student Council is not an instrument for the advancement of the prestige of their individual fraternities but an organism performing its duties with an unselfish sense of right, of service to the general student body and, consequently, the College itself.

Furthermore, there are those whose actions would seem to betray a light regard for their position on the Council when that body is one of high importance on the campus, one with serious business to conduct, one which is an essential part of the College and student administration. It is not with malice intent, but with a view to correcting illusions and false conceptions that these few impressions are recorded.

### The Bullosopher's Chair

Smithers: Ho, Bullosopher, why the sorry countenance? Flunk you just exam, double-crossed in love or peevish at the photographer because he won't snap you (for your public) as you wish?

"Nothing like that Smithers. I was merely concentrating and when I concentrate on some of the foolish, inconsiderate methods used in this college merely because they are custom—practical or not—I certainly must control my facial features to sorry proportions." Smithers: The trouble is—?

"The elements of time, progress, appropriateness aren't duly considered, if you ask me. Take the system of awarding letters, for example. It's an old one and an inconsiderate one, to boot. Letters for athletic and managerial achievement are awarded at the end of each season, aren't they?"

Smithers: Of course, there's no other possible way. Who could expect a coach to award the letter to the players first and then wonder if the men will play long enough to deserve them?

"Granted, old chappie, but what about the manager? It's true that the fall and winter managers receive their sweaters in plenty of time to sport them with pardonable pride. But what about the managers of spring sports; they don't collect their knitted reward until days, or even weeks, after the season and college is ended.

"For four years, they have slaved, neglecting study and often health in order to fulfill the numerous requirements of their position. And for what? For nothing—lest it be the honor associated with the name 'manager.' Of course, they receive letters eventually, but then they are useless for they are seldom worn by these men after the undergraduate days. I tell you, it's unjust that they should be slighted so just because they happened to select a spring sport. Besides, there must be some men to serve as managers during that period.

Smithers: After all, Bullosopher, of what earthly good or significance is a letter or a sweater for that matter. One letter is as meaningless as another, be it great or small. They aren't necessary. Without them an athlete or manager wouldn't be handicapped."

"Smithers, they are significant—significant, in the case of the manager, of four years of hard labor, labor that deserves monetary rewards, I feel, in many respects. Letters are inspiring and serve as a meager reward for punishment under the hot sun, in the mud and rain. They are acknowledgments of service received and honor bestowed."

### Courses We Like...

What course has been the most valuable to you in your four years of study here?

Philip A. McWilliams '28  
Senior Class Secretary

A reply to a question of this sort must, of necessity, be hinged upon the inclinations of one individual and because of this is apt to contain little that is applicable to others. However, English subjects cannot fail to have a vital interest for any course adopted.

Modern times find the world exalting material gains at the expense of those cultural. The benefit of such a tendency may be doubted by some, but, at least, it has created a competition among personalities, so that he who is wise appreciates the advantages in speaking, in writing, and in mental discipline which may be derived from a study of English.

For those who question materialism and money values English holds opportunity for cultural growth and holds unbounded delights for the literary minded. Each semester has found as many English subjects on my schedule as could be placed there partly because I believe in its worth to me and in my chosen profession and partly because of contacts it has enabled me to make with truly classic minds. A good knowledge of English is the higher road to riches, either of the mind or in the pocket.

Joseph A. Schavone '28  
I. F. C. Secretary

When prejudice and bigotry enter the windows of a school room, intelligence and enjoyment go out through the door. My preference for History 21 under Mr. Heaman could not be founded on a mere solid foundation.

As a freshman the atrocities of the English were, during our fight for freedom, repulsive and hateful. Unmindful of the two sides of every question, my antipathy, flamed by the bias of former high school teachers, continued. I awoke with a shock in History 21. The English were about all human; and as likeable as the average human being; their flagrant actions were merely the imagery of Americanism running wild. What a shock to the placid freshman's mind!

It was my first lesson in tolerance for the views of others, and consequently priceless. It made a class that I have often wished for again, a class that was the essence of enjoyment.

### Prexy Seeks Student Aid in Bond Campaign

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getting all their friends, their parents and neighbors "sold" on the Bond Issue. In this Dr. Hetzel was especially successful in giving information to the students. The appeal of the issue is great, he pointed out, and the facts supplied in the student workers' handbook, if carefully mastered by the student, will supply the best information. He stressed the point that relatively few people actually know that the College is a wholly dependent state institution, without any endowment, and few voters are aware of the fact that the Bond Issue proposal has been made and is to be voted upon in November.

When State Secretary of Labor and Industry Charles A. Waters was on the campus on Memorial Day he toured the College buildings and ventured the remark that "if our department were to be as strict with building inspection on this campus as it is with industrial and other buildings over the State, we could close probably one-third of the buildings on this campus," according to a statement of Dr. Hetzel. Old Main, the Old Mining buildings and several other structures have been condemned for years, he continued, but the College is forced to use them to care for the demands made by the public.

"If Pennsylvania supported its Land Grant College as does little New Hampshire," continued President Hetzel, "Penn State would get nine million every year, and if on the same basis as Oregon, comparing taxable wealth and population, Penn State would get twenty-five million dollars every year."

Students were impressed with the comparison of Pennsylvania state appropriations to Penn State and the appropriations made by other states for higher education buildings between 1916 and 1927. In those years Michigan gave eighteen millions, Ohio, twelve millions, Iowa ten millions, Illinois \$9,250,000, Minnesota seven millions, and so on, while Pennsylvania gave but \$491,500 for buildings. Twelve states averaged over six millions.

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One of the strongest talking points that students and other Bond Issue workers can have, was described by President Hetzel, as the relative growth of the student body and the campus buildings since 1905. Since that time the student body has increased 546 per cent and the building capacity has increased 129 per cent, making the present student body approximately five times the size it should be for the physical plant available.

### Hunts 2 Years for the Right Tobacco

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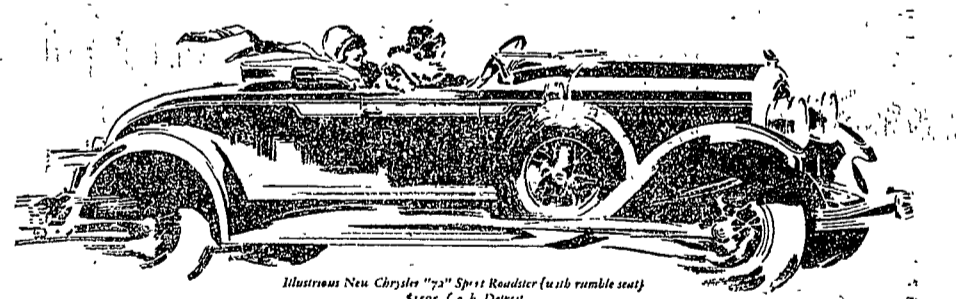
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