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### AWAITING THE RETURNS

As the painter, who has put every spark of vitality into his work, stands back to view the canvas in perspective, so, today, Penn State will take the role of observer and appraise the results of her efforts in behalf of the Bond Issue.

For there is nothing further to be done in placing the College and its needs before the people of this Commonwealth. Speakers have gone into city and hamlet, spreading the news of Penn State's accomplishments and her dire need at the present time. Newspaper articles have advertised the College and its contributions to the financial and social status of Pennsylvania. Letters, as well as postcards, have found their way to hundreds of citizens, urging their co-operation in the project. And posters are hanging today, to serve as last-minute memoranda to the voters of Pennsylvania that they should favor Amendment No. 2. The voters of Pennsylvania—today, the burden of anxiety rests upon their shoulders.

Ballot returns will indicate whether these same voters are cognizant of the extensive work being done by their state institution of higher learning. The facts of the case have been presented to them time and again. Now, their decision will show where they make their stand on that fundamental American principle of education for all. The fate of the Bond Issue will serve as a critical point in the history of Pennsylvania, for, ranking among the wealthiest of states, she must decide whether she will be guided by momentary financial standards alone. She holds in hand the future of her youth. After strenuous campaigning to impress upon the minds of the voters the importance of the situation, the College now awaits their decree.

Though it all—the months of untiring effort, and work and hope—Penn State cannot help but be strengthened. The situation is far from being one of "heads I win, tails you lose" optimism, however. For too much is at stake for that. But it is certain that in these hours of anxiety, Penn State feels herself much the stronger for the work that has been done. The administration, the faculty and the student-body have co-operated nobly in presenting Penn State and its requirement to the Commonwealth. All have displayed a loyalty that is invigorating, that makes the tower of Old Main rise above the shoulders of this valley, a true symbol of the spirit that is Penn State. That heretofore intangible something, Penn State Spirit, has been put to a test and emerges more definite and with a new-elf splendor.

Tonight, as dusk approaches, counted, as returns after returns is dispatched to Harrisburg, Penn State will await her fate. If the Bond Issue should pass, then there will be rejoicing and the satisfaction of a merited confidence. If, perchance, Amendment No. 2 fails to find favor with the voters of Pennsylvania, in State College, there will be sorrow—but not discouragement.

### DOCTOR FRED LEWIS PATTEE

The resignation of Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee strikes like a blunted arrow all Penn State men and women. It comes not altogether as a surprise to those who know the venerable, white-haired professor, that, after long years of service to knowledge-seeking youth, he desires to spend the advanced prime of his life in greater quietude than that furnished in the bustle of collegiate atmosphere. Nevertheless, it is difficult to part with a close friend.

Doctor Pattee came to Penn State in 1894, when the College was still in an early infancy. Indeed, with a campus but recently transformed from farm lands, with Old Main the nucleus of practically all academic and social activity and with a student-body unbelievably small in numbers, little promise was shown of the large institution that exists today. Penn State offered few prospects to one who might be ambitious to scale the heights of academic fame. But, Doctor Pattee took charge of his classes, coming into intimate contact with a majority of his pupils and impressing his personality and knowledge upon them in a never-to-be-forgotten way. As years went by and he devoted himself to his work, he became known to students as a most capable, as well as likeable professor. And through his endeavor in his chosen field, he gained a considerable reputation throughout the country as a foremost authority on American literature.

But the influence of a professor is not always confined to the classroom or the textbook. Such is the case with Doctor Pattee, for, his personality, his ideals impressed themselves deeply upon his pupils. During the long years of his service, he contributed immeasurably to the identity of Penn State. He will always be remembered as the author of the "Alma Mater."

Now, that his experiences at the College approach termination, Doctor Pattee plans to devote a larger proportion of his time to authorship than he has been able to in the past. He will also fill the position of special lecturer at Rollins College, Florida. As he departs from Penn State, the College realizes that it is losing a close friend and wishes Doctor Pattee the best of good fortune and success in his future endeavors.

### Collegiate Definitions

NUMBER 8—PLEDGE

"Pledge" is a word, which, in collegiate circles, functions as either a verb or a noun according to the time of year and even according to the status of the individuals in whose presence the sacred syllable is uttered.

Thus, as a verb, it is used by the Greek brethren during the un-buzzed season of fraternity rushing. It is intoned with a raised inflection of the voice and, in this interrogatory form it is used to confer the highest possible honor on a freshman. In this manner, "pledge" signifies to a freshman that he is being inducted, beseeched or merely asked to ally himself with the finest specimens of genus homo sapiens ever gathered together under one roof. It means that he may have as playmates the smoothest of upperclassmen. It signifies that he too, may live under the fraternal roof, put his feet on the new red-leather furniture (uninstallment plan) and inform the dear brothers to his heart's content of his exceptional high school feats and natural endowments.

As a noun, "pledge" begins its active service immediately after the lead-piping ceremonies and the subsequent hand felicitation are over. It denotes one who has a special leaning toward menial labor of all descriptions. The pledge is the fraternity bell-hop who gets along without tips and runs errands for the pure joy he gets out of life. He is the little boy who can be seen bound for Uncle Sam's branch office every evening about ten o'clock, carrying innumerable packets, which he slips conscientiously into the big green tanks. He is the one who carries greasy paper bags of hamburgers to hungry Greeks. Indeed, the pledge is a Good Samaritan among collegiates, for he mows lawns, washes windows, mops floors, runs errands and helps defray the German war debt—all because of brotherly love.

### The Bullosopher's Chair

Why the crutches, old man—and the bandaged knee—and where under the sun did you get that gash in your forehead?

Smithers: You mean "under the moon" Oh, I had a meeting in the Liberal Arts building the other night.

What was it, Student Council? Or is the R. O. T. C. department still conducting evening sessions for the benefit of enthusiastic cadet-officers? I wonder whether your meeting degenerated into a free-for-all encounter, or whether you were merely the participant in a friendly debate.

Smithers: No it wasn't exactly the meeting that was responsible. I had my all-out effort when I attempted to leave the building by the rear door. For one reason or another, the moon happened to be under a cloud, and as I opened the massive door, I found nothing but utter darkness before me. Although I remembered that there is a long flight of stairs, interrupted by occasional landings, I couldn't remember where the main drop began. As a result, I merely slipped down several flights of steps. But that wasn't so terrific, for it only resulted in water on the knee. It was after I reached the bottom that the main blow was delivered, for I encountered a most unpleasant iron post. Of course, the post was the victor in the combat that ensued. That's my tale and I'll stick to it.

Wouldn't you think that the department of grounds would install a couple of electric lights before some mishap of greater disaster occurs? The officials might also attend to those lights which flank the main campus walk from the Library to New Beach field. They are never lit until long after midnight and then burn during most of the day. Is someone trying to test the capacity of the power house?

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### Twenty Years Ago

(From the Collegian file of 1908)

It is expected that a permanent swimming pool and bath house will be ready for student use before the closing of the semester.

President Edwin Erie Sparks, who is recognized as a leading expert upon the subject of the history of industrial development lectured in the auditorium on October 21st upon "The Evolution of Transportation." His lecture was highly appreciated by the students of the School of Engineering.

State put up a valiant fight against Cornell at Ithaca last Saturday. The final score of 19 to 1 only goes to show that our team though defeated has made good its claim of being a much respected rival of the Ithacans. Our score against the "Big Red Team" was made by Larry Vorhis who again kicked a field goal against Cornell where he had two to his credit last year.

The petition from the juniors coming in the College dormitories for exemption from military inspection on Sunday mornings was referred by the Faculty Council of Administration to the president of the College.

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