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## With the Editor

When President Ralph Dorn Hetzel was interred in the Centre County Memorial Cemetery yester-day the students of Penn State lost a good friend.

ay the students of Penn State lost a good friend. Leading educators in the nation mourned the loss of a great man in their field: College fac-ulty members and administrative personnel felt deeply the loss of a greatly valued and admired associate; but, the students lost one of the few men in the educational world who believed in the right and ability of students to govern themselves.

govern themselves. Not only did Dr. Hetzel believe that college students are mature enough to handle their own af-fairs, but he believed that students should be permitted a voice in the actual operation of the edu-cational plant.

It was through his encouragement that Penn State established its present form of student gov-ernment which has been admired and copied by many colleges and universities in the country.

Students at the College do not realize the free-dom enjoyed here until notes are compared with students at other schools. While at the National Student Association Convention in Wisconsin last month, the Penn State delegation was amazed to find that a great number of student bodies have no ind that a great number of student bodies have no ind that a great number of student bodies have no ind that a great number of student bodies have no ind that a great number of student bodies have no ind that a great number of student bodies have no ind that a great number of student bodies have no ind that a great number of student bodies have no ind that a great number of student bodies have no ind the government and are dominated en-vely by the administrations. The Daily Collegian is especially grateful to "Prexys" firm belief in the independence and freedom of a campus newspaper. It was through his efforts that Collegian is entirely free of censorship and direction from the administra-tion. Students at the College do not realize the free-

tion. As an example of "Prexy's" overwhelming desire to encourage student participation in the affairs of the College, two days before he went to Johns Hopkins Hospital for an operation on his spine, he called the All-College President and the Editor of the Daily Collegian to his home and discussed in great detail the forthcoming operations of the College.

### College Calendar

All calendar items must be in the Daily Collegian office by 4:30 p.m. on the day pre-ceding publication.

#### Tuesday, October 7

CWENS meeting, WSGA Room, White Hall,

6:15 p.m. FROTH EDITORIAL candidate meeting,

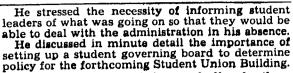
Froth Office, 7 p.m. WRA BRIDGE Club, White Hall, 7 p.m. WRA FENCING Club, White Hall, 7 p.m. TAU BETA PI meeting, 107 Main Engi-

neering, 7:30 p.m. PENN STATE GRANGE meeting, 100 Horticulture, 8 p.m

#### At the Movies

Cathaum: "The Egg and L." Claudette Col-bert, Fred MacMurray. State: "Great Expectations," John Mills,

Valerie Hobson Nittany: "Miracle on 34th Street," Maureen O'Hara, John Payne.



As an example of his intense feeling for the need of a Student Union, there has never been a campaign for this purpose that he has not been devoutly interested in. It was his ardent desire to see the Union building materialize, and he encouraged the progress of the project in every way that he could.

student rights.

Perhaps some of his own background while an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin can explain it. He edited the campus newspaper, managed

the college humor magazine, captained the freshman crew, and was president of his sophomore, junior, and senior classes. In addition he was a member of the debate team. As valedictorian of his class he delivered a speech on how the faculty should carry on with the

institution of higher learning, an occasion which he recalled as somewhat inglorious. With experience in such diversified student functions as government and publications it is no wonder that Dr. Hetzel was able to gain a keen insight into student problems. One thing that bothered him in the recent years

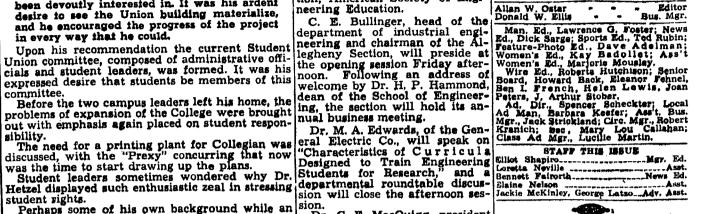
of the College's expansion was his inability to get together with the students as often as he wanted to. Still, he invariably said hello to everyone he met on campus. In 1926, while president at New Hampshire Uni

versity, he read an editorial in the Collegian which stated that although the trustees could appoint a president of the College, only the students could ever bestow upon him the title of "Prexy

He felt that his success at Penn State was dependent not only upon his academic achieve-ments, but upon his ability to win the loyalty and friendship of the student body. And so, it wasn't very long before a student delegation came to his office and escoried him to the audi-tation when the mer sizes the official stills of torium where he was given the official title of "Prexy." He has often stated that this simple honor meant more to him than all his honor ary degrees.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to know 'Prexy'' feel a deep personal loss.

But for the students of Penn State who benefited by the efforts of President Hetzel, the loss is that of a great man.



sion. Dr. C. E. MacQuigg, president of the American Society for En-gineering Education and dean of of engineering at Ohio State University of the Ord-meeting Friday evening. Speakers on Saturday morning are W. A. Koehler, head of the department of chemical engi-neering at West Virginia Uni-versity; Dr. Eric A. Walker, di-partment of electrical engineer-ing at the College; and R. H. Hussey, of the department of in-dustrial engineering at the Col-Editoriels and features in The

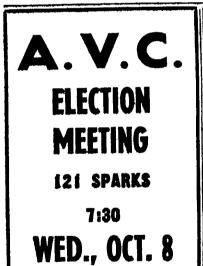
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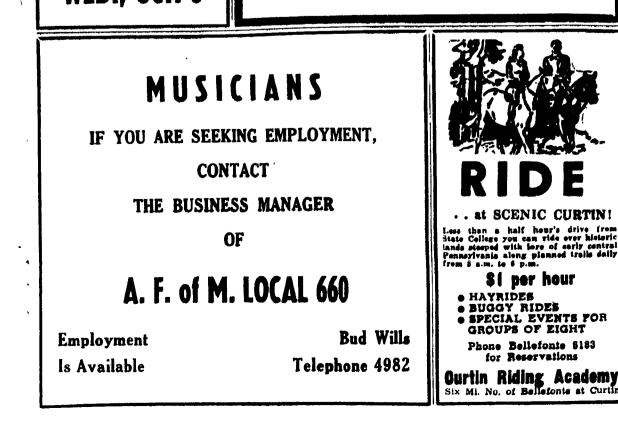
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