

Note for Members of the Faculty on the
Procedure of the Degree Conferring Ceremony

Please be in the seats reserved for faculty members ten or fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock on Saturday, the 6th. The members of the faculty other than the representatives participate actively in the ceremony immediately after the representatives have submitted all of their recommendations to the President. The President will address the faculty in part as follows: "Do you now formally nominate these candidates for award of the bachelor of arts degree from Bennington College? If so, please signify your approval by rising." The members of the faculty will rise at this point and remain standing through the rest of the ceremony.

After the Chairman of the Board has officially awarded the degrees to the graduating class, the string orchestra will play the song, playing an introductory chord before the singing begins. All the people assembled for the ceremony are urged to join in the singing of the song. At its conclusion the seniors will form a procession and proceed to the front of the barn quadrangle. When they have disappeared from in front of the quadrangle, the music will stop. Immediately after the music has ended the Chairman and the President will give the signal for the end of the ceremony by their exit through the door at the back of the silo base. No special academic costume will be worn by members of the faculty.

Memorandum to the Seniors on the Degree Conferring Ceremony

Please be in the classroom next to the science laboratory in the barn at 11:40. You will there put on your robes and hoods and form the procession which will enter the barn quadrangle at twelve sharp. You will march by twos and you will divide in the aisle beside the seats reserved for you. The seniors marching first will fill the seats farthest toward the front and farthest from the aisle. You will stand in front of your seat until the music stops. Immediately after it stops, the President will give the signal for you to be seated by seating himself. You will remain seated during the ceremony until the Chairman of the Board of Trustees turns to you and addresses you as follows: "Members of the Graduating Class." At the end of this phrase you will rise and remain standing during the rest of the ceremony. When he has finished his remarks the orchestra will play through the song. An introductory phrase, while the audience rises, will be played. The song will be sung through once, after which the bells will join the orchestra in repeating the music of the song, and you will resume the procession two by two. Those last on entering will be the first in the procession as it forms and proceeds back along the path which you entered. You will cross the front of the quadrangle and enter the barn by the north door.

There will be a demand for photographs. Please be patient and allow these to be taken outside the President's office before or after the diplomas are handed out.

The \$10 deposit for the Cooperative Store will be available at the Comptroller's office immediately after you have received the diplomas.

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Memorandum for the Students as to the Procedure for the
Degree Conferring Ceremony, June 6th, at Twelve Noon,
at the Silo Base

Please be in the seats reserved for you by 11:50. You will remain seated during the ceremony and will not participate actively until the Chairman of the Board has officially conferred the degrees upon the graduates. When he has done this, the orchestra will play through the song. You are asked to rise when the orchestra begins to play (an introductory phrase will be played before the singing begins) and you, of course, are urged to join in the singing of the song.

At its end the seniors will form their procession and march out of the quadrangle. When the music has stopped and the seniors have marched from the quadrangle the President and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees will give the signal for the ending of the ceremony by their leaving the silo platform at the door in back of it.