

## THE LAST WORD

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We present the last issue of MSS with a mingled tinge of gladness and sadness, slightly flavored with pride. This has been a good year for the magazine. Many excellent stories, poems, essays have appeared between the covers of MSS. We feel sure that at least one or two of those young writers who have been presented by MSS will soon appear in writing between other covers of much more famous magazines.

Naturally we are glad that the school year is drawing to a close. All of the work, the studying, the meetings will be pushed aside for summer and whatever that means to each of us. But it is rather sad to be leaving Butler for good (I speak, nostalgically, for the seniors). We've had a lot of fun here. We've gained much, perhaps lost a little; but, nevertheless, we leave with that final sense of a good time in our lives brought to a close. The period has been placed at the end of the sentence.

Mary Fritsche will be your next editor. I am sure the magazine will make great strides under her guidance. The new freshman editor, Helen Carter, will act in a new capacity, as editor of a separate freshman magazine (or so the plans state right now). With more and more veterans coming into Butler, next year should produce an even larger bumper crop of short stories and poems.

We wish to congratulate the winners of the 1947 Butler Literary Contest and to wish them good luck in the future. And we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the excellent job Mr. Miller, our Butler printer, has done with MSS. He has cooperated willingly on all occasions. Thanks, Mr. Miller. We hope that people like Allyn Wood, Joseph Hopper, Ted Wade and Dottie Clarke realize how much their excellent art work has contributed to the tone of MSS. They, too, have helped willingly and generously.

We would like especially to thank Mary Fritsche (who has proved a "can't get along without" Exchange Editor), the entire senior staff and our sponsors, Dr. Allegra Stewart and Mrs. Alice B. Wesenberg, along with the members of the English department who have been sincerely interested in our attempt to put out a magazine of some literary worth.

Thank you and goodbye.

The Editor.

