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AN IMPORTANT VACATION

Of all the seventy or more Christmas vacations that have been observed by succeeding groups of Penn State students, the period that officially begins next Friday afternoon is by far the most important as far as the welfare of old Penn State is concerned. All because of the very important reason that within the short space of one year, the people of Pennsylvania will have voted "Yes" or "No" to the eight million dollar bond issue. The success or failure of the bond issue depends somewhat on the activities of Penn State undergraduates during the coming holidays, the greater the amount of favorable activity, the greater the chances for the successful passage of the eight million dollar "life-saver".

There are far too many citizens in this Commonwealth who are totally ignorant of the fact that Penn State exists; people who would become ardent boosters of the institution, if they only knew the true data as related from the lips of an enthusiastic undergraduate. Each student, whether he be a resident of a hamlet or metropolis has a task cut out for him during the coming holiday season. It is a task that reaps an abundance of personal satisfaction, but then any worthy cause does just that—and the worthier the task, the greater the personal satisfaction.

THE POWER OF THE DOLLAR

Just one week ago the entire staffs of the College publications, joining in one common cause, set about securing subscriptions from students and faculty members for the "Old Main Bell," Penn State's one medium of intellectual expression. Neither students nor faculty have responded to the call for a brilliant but, ill-supported project. Without monetary support of the College members, sad though it may seem, it is impossible for the magazine to exist. Excellent, exclaim the cynics, it is no good anyhow. Tough, aver the ordinary prospects sympathetically and clutch their pocketbooks the tighter.

It is well-known that education in the process of being education is not self-paying. A lamentable fact, but true. It is also a well-known fact that literature in its inception fails to earn its bread and butter. The statement that a man is never a hero in his own home is aptly fitted to the "Old Main Bell" case. Outside of Penn State the magazine has won prompt and unqualified approval. Two years ago it was ranked first among the Pi Delta Epsilon-sponsored magazines of the United States and it has not deteriorated in that time. Penn State donates to the cause of better literature nothing better than neglect, if not scorn and ridicule, which is peculiar, because the magazine is read by the majority. Perhaps it may be remembered that there was once a young lady who made delicious cookies which she offered for sale at a local grocery. Everybody ate them but nobody even thought to pay for them. The same is applicable here.

Penn State is well able to maintain herself on the athletic field, to express herself either journalistically or jokingly. It remains for her students—aided to some degree by the faculty—to attempt the pen and typewriter. The pages of the "Old Main Bell" are open to all who wish to submit their literary efforts. The tenderly nurtured Muse of Poesy is cultivated between its covers, Science uncovers her secrets to the inquiring reader; reviews of current authors are set forth; pen and ink drawings serve to relieve the possible tedium of unbroken print, short plays, one act in length, emulate the worthy

bard-subject of Queen Elizabeth, in short, a wealth of material is covered and only the best of all that is submitted is used.

One dollar is the price of two issues of the "Old Main Bell." In answer to the frequent protests that Christmas shopping looms in the offing, we might advance the suggestion that while it is true Christmas draws on apace, the recouping of lost fortunes is more than probable, in fact it is an almost certainty.

AN ALL-SPORTS BANQUET

The decision to give an "S" banquet next spring may be looked upon by sincere Penn State men with commendation and hearty approval. The first of its kind at the College, the function will replace the numerous, spasmodic dinners now sponsored by individual athletic teams at the close of each season, and, by including letter-men of all sports, will foster a spirit of co-operation and understanding among those who contend on field and floor for the glory of the Nittany Lion. As of old, it is still fitting to fete the hero and crown him with the deserving laurel of fame.

In the past, athletic banquets at Penn State have necessarily been confined in their influence to our own campus, the "S" banquet, as planned by the committee in charge, will be state-wide in scope. High School students of outstanding sports ability will be honored with invitations, and by attending will not only obtain an acquaintanceship with the College in its exterior aspects, but will find themselves gaining an insight into the dominating spirit which, we pride ourselves, exists on the campus. Contact with the institution and with student leaders cannot help but stimulate an interest which will ultimately be of no small benefit to Penn State.

It is no secret that the actuating motive of entertaining prep school stars on such an occasion is to induce a number of them to matriculate here as freshmen. Nor should it be regarded as something to be spoken of in whispers! The visitors will have the opportunity to inform themselves at first hand concerning the College and conditions here. It is altogether commendable that such an opportunity be given them and we know that Penn State will find favor in their eyes.

H P M.

The Bullosopher's Chair

Session One

"Did you attend chapel on Sunday?"
Smithers—Yes. And now I'm afraid to venture home for Christmas.

"Why?"
Smithers—Well, you know they are turning out hundreds of automobiles each day. That means, Bullosopher, that traffic jams are getting more jammed all the time.

"What of it?"
Smithers—As I said I attended chapel, but before I reached the Auditorium, I experienced all the qualms of being run over. If the traffic jam is so great in State College as to require a campus cop to be stationed at the intersection beside the Auditorium, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, I hesitate to think what dangers I'll run into at Philadelphia.

Session Two

"You touched me in a sore spot that time, old dear!"
Smithers—Where? I mean what?

"You know what a nature-lover I am. Well, early in the fall I set out as per directions, several shrubs which I have since cared for tenderly. In fact I learned to cherish them highly."

Smithers—How exotic!
"The other morning I awoke to find my little shrubs completely despoiled."

Smithers—The campus cops again, I suppose. Well, I have a few principles of conduct; myself and if there is one thing I detest it is to have anyone beat about the bush. "Especially the campus cops."

Hort Week Attracts One Hundred Visitors

With an attendance of one hundred, the largest since the institution of Horticulture Week, the fourth annual observance of this state-wide gathering was completed successfully on last Tuesday. The outstanding feature of the program was an illustrated lecture given by J. Horace McFarland of Harrisburg on "The Rose in America." Visitors from several nearby towns came to hear this discussion.

A fruit-judging contest was held for both students and visitors with the first prize for the visiting fruit-growers going to James L. Dayton from Susquehanna. High scorers in the student competition were Albert E. Cooper '28, John H. Weinberger '28 and Edward E. Eagleman '28.

POULTRY SHORT COURSE OPENS HERE ON MONDAY

With an enrollment larger than in any previous year the seventh annual Poultry Short Course opens here Monday. On the list of lecturers are Prof. Raymond A. Dutcher, Herman C. Kandel, Ralph T. Tritsler, Raymond

J. Miller, Fred F. Limmer, and Harry H. Kaufman, all of the staff of the School of Agriculture. Mr. Leon Todd of the Bureau of Markets, Harrisburg, will also talk. Poultry management, disease control, marketing and other phases of the industry will be thoroughly discussed during the span of the course.

PROF. YOUNG WILL VISIT FACTORIES OF AMERICAN TAR PRODUCTS COMPANY

With an itinerary planned to include Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Birmingham, Alabama, Steubenville, Ohio, Youngstown, Ohio, and Utica, New York, Prof. William R. Young of the engineering extension department will start a tour of the plants of the American Tar Products company today.

Professor Young is educational consultant for the company and is planning to spend the next two weeks visiting the different plants. At each place he expects to organize employees of the company into home study groups and advise them concerning the studies that they should pursue.

FOR RENT—Two communicating, double rooms, also two other double rooms, all on second floor. Apply at 428 West College avenue.

Phoenixville Farmer Gives Prize-winning Stallion to College

Manifesting interest in livestock improvement in the state, Frank B. Foster, owner of the Sycamore farms at Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, has just presented the College a venereal Percheron stallion, Lord Laet. This stallion placed third in the venereal class at the Ohio State fair and third in the same class at International Livestock exposition held recently at Chicago.

Lord Laet, bred by W. H. Butler, Columbus, Ohio, was purchased by Mr. Foster and presented to the Col-

lege with the idea of having Penn State develop an outstanding sire. The young stallion combines the blood of the two most noted strains in the Percheron world today.

LOST—A Sigma Tau Key Monday night, between Cathaum theater and Beta Lambda Sigma house. Finder please return to Wesley H. Zeigler. Reward \$1.00. 11p

Cathaum THEATRE

AND
Nittany Theatre

PLEASE NOTE—Because of the Christmas holidays, the Nittany Theatre will be open Tuesday night only this week.

TUESDAY—
Matinee Monday at 2.00
Edmund Lowe, Leola Hyams in
"THE WIZARD"

TUESDAY—Nittany—
Richard Dix in
"THE GAY DEFENDER"

WEDNESDAY—
Matinee at 2.00
Lev Cody and Aileen Pringle in
"TEA FOR THREE"

THURSDAY—
Matinee at 2.00
Thomas Meighan in
"THE CITY GONE WILD"

FRIDAY—
Aileen Pringle, Norman Kerry, Lionel Barrymore in
"BODY AND SOUL"



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