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FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH

Eat, drink (nothing stronger than the legal one-half of one per cent) and be merry for today you may die. Is not today Friday, the thirteenth, the unluckiest day of the leap year?

In the savage state man was rich in superstitions. His religion consisted mainly of medicine men, taboo charms and queer rituals based upon fear and fallacious reasoning. If an individual should unknowingly partake of a forbidden food, he upon being informed of his evil deed, would immediately curl up and die. We laugh, especially when a lecturer tells us that the Zulu, counting his dusky fair, crows a piece of wood in the expectation that as the wood is reduced to pulp, her heart, too, will be softened (modern sheiks, please take note!) The poor fellows knew no better.

We laugh. But when someone suggests that many of the faithful still carry Saint Peter's Tooth, a piece of the robe worn by Saint Mary, a crucifix on the left hind foot of a rabbit to ward off forthcoming disaster, the laugh fades. We have not discarded all our superstitions. With us today are those who refuse to light a third cigarette from one match and who carefully avoid walking under ladders and mistletoe. Of course, the space immediately beneath a ladder might be dangerous ground, especially when a workman carrying a hod of bricks is mounting it, and tarrying under mistletoe might lead to a well-known heart and lip disease.

In the present age the medicine men of the savages and the seers of the Hellenes are replaced by palmists, mediums, phrenologists, astrologists and psychoanalysts. After communing with the stars, a certain Laurel Miller was bold enough to reveal the startling fact that during 1928, "a new President will be chosen to sit in the White House" and that there will be "labor troubles," and was probably royally remunerated for her boldness. While this group of parasites does not control national affairs, it does fleece a sufficient number of susceptible and unthinking people to live handsomely. Among its victims are many wealthy individuals who, instead of being troubled with an evil spirit are afflicted, with a complex of the Freudian variety. The patent-medicine man, the physical culturist, and the snake oil vendor comes in for their share of the loot from this believing generation.

Unshaken belief in any of obviously false and ridiculous superstitions is an index of a dull mind. College students, as a group, are supposedly the most critical and intelligent of all classes of society. Probably one half of those who believe do so because of mental laziness and the other half because of lack of mentality. Most of the aforementioned pseudo-sciences serve admirably as parlor pastimes, and as such, they should be cultivated.

L. M.

A POPULARITY CONTEST

Recently at Ohio State university, a painting was unveiled depicting the two winners, (a cow and a girl) of a "homecoming queen" popularity contest conducted there last year. The cow, Maudine Armsby by name, gained official election to the title while the girl, acclaimed as a campus favorite, had to be content with second place. According to the Ohio State University Monthly, the election results rocked the campus.

It is inconceivable that the affair could have been much more than a practical joke depending upon the utter incongruity of the situation for its humor. Nevertheless it may, in a more unobtrusive manner, have been an indication of predominating sentiment on the part of the student body. If such a state of affairs were to take place at Penn State, it would provide copious material for laughter all over the campus. But what would be still more important it might also serve a more serious purpose, remedy certain unsatisfactory conditions.

Here at Penn State there is an enrollment of more than five hundred women students. The registrar's figures prove it, the office of the Dean of Women will affirm it. Notwithstanding, few in the outside world realize it and Penn State is generally accepted as being a male institution. For reasons not easily comprehended, Penn State's women students remain inconsequential, self-confined and self-centered. A group of several hundred human beings does not usually limit the scope of its influence so markedly.

How much better it would be if, for a change, the co-eds would refuse to occupy the back seat and would wholeheartedly enter into the spirit of some enterprise of their own, aside from that of retailing the latest bit of gossip or recounting the number of telephone calls received per evening or fondly perusing their engagement books! How much better it would be for the co-eds themselves! To what an extent it would benefit the College!

Penn State athletic teams bring honor, even glory to the institution, Penn State faculty members oftentimes reflect due credit on the College, student organizations contribute their share. We would hesitate to recommend a popularity contest such as was held at the Ohio institution and would even deplore a like result. However, we feel that in spite of handicaps, the women students would do well to enthusiastically support activities of their own. This would contribute to a greater Penn State.

H. P. M.

The Bullosopher's Chair

Session One

Smuthers: You're acting mighty queer lately, Bullosopher, from what I hear.

"Well, who wouldn't be acting queer these days with lengthy reports, final exams and whatnot playing pranks with one's anticipation?"

Smuthers: I know, but exams, reports and the like are not things to chuckle about. That's what I have reference to—your spasmodic chuckling outbursts that come entirely without provocation.

"Who said so? Hasn't a man's reflections something to do with the way he acts?" Probably when I acted queer, my mind was rehearsing a pathetic face which occurred the other night. It seems that an upperclassman, one of the unerring formal type—there are a few remaining—wished to send a frosh on an errand and so dispatched him to the Schwab Auditorium. Whereupon the lovely plebe laughed out, right in his commander's face. He had never heard of Schwab Auditorium and actually thought the upperclassman was trying to tease him. Imagine!"

Smuthers: Pity the poor plebe. It's not entirely his fault. Just how often do you hear that structure described as the Schwab Auditorium? Why even the campus publications fail to honor the donor of the building, McAlister Hall, Watts Hall and the Carnegie Library are all advertised in full so that the memory of the men whose names they bear is preserved. Why not Schwab Auditorium likewise?

"Right you are, Smuthers. Maybe then, even some of the sophomores and juniors will learn the full name of that Auditorium that bears the death monument of darty chapel."

Session Two

"I've been reflecting over our troublesome railroad situation, Smuthers, ever since I returned from Christmas vacation. Coming from near Philadelphia, I had to travel, as usual, in a most roundabout way so that it seemed I was coming via Canada."

Smuthers: Well, you have no luck coming there.

"Now, be serious for once. I've reviewed the difficulty and find that, unless one travels when bus-owners feel it is profitable to station their vehicles at Lewistown, he must ride sixty miles further to Trevone at the expense of additional time and money."

Smuthers: That, my brilliant friend, has always been obvious.

"It's not only obvious, it's criminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad to take advantage of our helplessness. Besides it is hypocritical, are these true and faithful servants of the public to practically force us to ride sixty additional miles when we might have regular bus service from Lewistown if the Pennsylvania company stopped its fast trains at that station. I hear from reliable source that our own will never be secured unless a little pressure is applied."

Smuthers: And your conclusion?

"Well, how about a little pressure?"

Frothy Perpetrates Weekly News Sheet

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Frothy's efforts which soars toward the empyrean and helms all previous endeavors of the Foolish Gentleman. How Foolish, the College waits with bated breath and anxious mien to see.

Al Capone Is Indignant
"Letters" next engages the reader's attention and may be noted with interest that the w. k. Clarence the Capone receives his share of attention along with a protest letter from Chicago's Wandering Jew, Sea-Face Al Capone and also one from the Military Ball's guest of honor, Col Charles A. Lindbergh, the youth who flunked math in college—he is the Harbinger of Hope in more ways than one.

"Campus Affairs," a section devoted to several items, ushers in "Foghorn News," which is titled by "Education," "Religion," "Science" and "Medicine." Our Dr. Riteour receives a gentle little tribute from an admirer in this section, in fact, reference to him occurs and recurs throughout the magazine thus proving his popularity and place in Penn State's heart. "Business & Finance" in neatly preceded "Milestones" which is the section given over to neurological notes, births and other marital items.

Constitutional Ailments

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"Books," embodying reviews by such well-known authorities as Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee and Prof. A. Howland Espenshade, the Man Who Circumnavigated England, is bound to succeed among the literati while the de-

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Fraternities Meet for Three-Day Conference

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The house presidents, one for all of the caterers, one for treasurers, one for social chairmen and one for scholarship chairmen. Freshmen pledges will meet Sunday night February fourth, at a place to be announced later where they will be addressed by a prominent fraternity man, Dr. Joseph C. Nite, executive secretary of Sigma Chi. Other events included in the three days are a smoken to which all fraternity men are invited, a mass meeting in the Auditorium and a formal banquet as well as the pledge meeting and luncheons.

partments on "Aeronautics," "Art" and "Theater" sort of tassel off and drop the Gentle Reader back to Earth. However, he is caught on the bounce upon turning the page and discovering that Hope Springs Eternal and Youth is Optimism and that the Editors expect to publish a Junior Prom number—Cum Nots Variorum. All of which means, dear reader, "Let us look to our Exchanges."

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Novelties Mark Annual Military Ball Tonight

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the receiving line at the entrance to the Armory.

Novel Orchestra Booth
In an attempt to change from the usual type of decorations, the orchestra booth will be made solid and placed on the present stage in the Armory. The booth will be the same width as the present stage but only about half as deep and will be trimmed in the army colors, red, white and blue. The sides of the building, in back of the fraternity booths, will be covered with blue and white.

"Dancing will begin at nine o'clock and continue until two. Tickets were sold Tuesday and Wednesday at Stark Brothers and Co. so that a large number of ball-goers might take advantage of early buying.

Enjoys Can of Tobacco 16 Years Old
Wavahue, Texas
May 18, 1926

Larus & Bro Co
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The agent while going through his plunder stored in our baggage room came across a can of your tobacco, and account of his not using a pipe he made me a present of this tobacco.

You will note the revenue stamp and your memo which was inclosed. The tobacco was put up in 1910, sixteen years ago. But it was in good shape, of remarkable flavor, and was greatly enjoyed by me. Thought you would be interested in knowing how your tobacco held out in these days of fast living.

Yours very truly,
(signed) Gordon McDonald

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led out Tuesday night as aspirants in tomorrow's matches. Peete took the heavy-weight match from two other aspirants, while Davenport succeeded in securing the twenty-five pound berth. Further eliminations were made necessary because of the large number of candidates for each weight.



Nittany Theatre
(Matinee Daily at 2:00)

Notes—Nittany open every night except Monday

FRIDAY—Cathaum—
William Haines, Joan Crawford in "WEST POINT"
Stan Laurel Comedy

FRIDAY—Nittany—
Wallace Beery, Raymond Hatton in "WIFE SAVERS"

SATURDAY—Cathaum—
Judge Bellamy, James Hall in "SILK LEGS"
Fox News and Fable

SATURDAY—Nittany—
"WEST POINT"

MONDAY and TUESDAY—
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