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A HAPPY EASTER—FOREVER?

So much has been written and spoken about Penn State's bond issue situation that the average student must be weary from having his ears so frequently assaulted. Yet the constant reminder is necessary, especially if the project, and it is a stupendously important one, is to be carried out successfully. The student must be educated to know that he is a vital instrument whose work it is to boost the bond issue at every occasion, great or small, in the interest and for the betterment of Penn State.

Throughout the various districts of Pennsylvania are thousands of votes which could just as happily as not be mustered to the College's cause. In every student home there is an average of two or three votes which, converted to aid the project, will serve as potential determining power when the final count is made. Friends, relatives, business men and all others of franchise rights should be persuaded to add their impetus and should be convinced of Penn State's worthiness and of her real need.

If the student instrument cannot extract the vote, it can at least, distribute helpful information concerning the College, her situation, her inadequate equipment, her dire need, her real and spiritual accomplishments and her gratitude for anything that might aid her rapid growth.

During the coming Easter vacation, the student will have more than one opportunity to make use of the persuasive powers that a liberal education develops so naturally. He should feel it his duty to become a staunch booster of Penn State. Should he consider his preachings only a petty contribution, and so a fruitless one, to the whole project, he should know that his share, combined with those of the remaining thousands, will combine to shape the greatest Easter gift ever presented to Penn State.

THE MISSING LINK

Inhabitants of State College and the surrounding farming communities are looking forward with more than ordinary interest to the raging legal battle which will doubtless be waged in the Bellefonte courthouse tomorrow morning when the Pennsylvania Railroad company opposes the action of the Bellefonte Central in issuing bonds to finance the completion of a railway line from Fairbrook to State College.

While local townspeople are agog over the trial, students who, after all are vitally concerned and affected, continue their indifferent ways without the least particle of interest. Yet, they have often uttered lamentations for the lack of a direct connecting link of transportation to State College. They have wept about inconvenience, isolation from the world outside and unnecessary railroad fare. But at a time when a sympathetic company is making an endeavor to favor them, students assume an unconcern that would dishearten even their benefactors. They do not even seek to learn the facts and details of the trial.

If the defending company, the Bellefonte Central, wins the decision, the disputed line will be completed and State College will at last have a depot all her own. Furthermore, students might be pleased to learn that in event of such a verdict, they will be able to board a sleeper at Philadelphia shortly before midnight and secure through service, arriving at the site of their Alma Mater in time for breakfast. Likewise, the students from Pittsburgh and surrounding points will be benefited. To avoid vacation congestion, additional cars will be utilized. An increased number of cars will serve to handle crowds returning for football and special events.

Interested students, if there are any, will doubtless view the trial with non-partisan interest, hoping only that the outcome will mean greater convenience and accommodation and closer communication with the world outside.

THE EASTER DATE

Easter, as observed today, is popularly supposed to date from the Resurrection of Christ, but as a spring religious festival, it developed from ancient customs. For ages the coming of spring has been celebrated with festivals of some sort.

With the passing of winter, the fires of the Temple of Vesta were lighted anew on the first of March, the beginning of the New Year according to the ancient Romans. In parts of Europe the priests

to this day light the fires on Easter Eve and the peasantry believe that the rays from these beacons shining on their fields would insure fertility. The carrying of candles in Easter processions is regarded as a link with ancient observances.

In northern Europe before the Christian era there were feasts in honor of the goddess of dawn, Eostre, who in the Teutonic mythology ranks with the Aurora of the Romans. The Anglo-Saxons, or early Britons, knew of Eostre, or Ostera, goddess of the spring or dawn, long before the missionaries brought the Christian faith to their remote island.

It was several centuries after the death of Christ that his followers began the observance of the day of the Resurrection. There soon rose a difference of opinion as to the date of the ceremonies. The first converts as Jews considered Jesus as the Paschal Lamb—as being a sacrifice connected with the Passover which preceded the escape of the children of Israel from Egypt. The crucifixion took place about the time the Jewish Passover was being held in Jerusalem.

Christians who were not of the Hebrew race did not accept the same date. The western Christians insisted that the Resurrection be commemorated on the first day of the week, after the Passover. A sect called "Fourteen-Day Heretics" used the date of the Passover.

After centuries of dispute the date of Easter was fixed as the first Sunday after the new moon, after the vernal equinox, or March twenty-first. Due to the variations of the passages of the moon, this "fixed" date falls anywhere between March twenty-second and April twenty-fifth.

Since a number of other holidays are fixed by the date of Easter, a bill was introduced in the British House of Commons, providing that this festival of the Christian faith be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first Saturday in April.

The whims of the weather give rise to another argument in favor of the proposed change. In late years Easter has become more and more of an occasion on which people of all faiths array themselves in new garments and go forth to see and be seen. Whether they attend houses of worship or not, this is the same blowing to fashion.

If Easter always came in the sunny part of April instead of falling, as it sometimes does, in blustering March or in the chilly part of April, there would be less doubt as to whether it is best for one to venture out with the new, and sometimes fragile, spring regalia.

The Vatican opposes the change, the English are conservative, in America the state does not interfere with the church, and the bill remains a bill. We must still pay tribute to the whimsical weather man and hope that he will not weep upon our new "duds."

The Bullosopher's Chair

(The Bullosopher leaps from his chair with a howl of pain. He utters something vehemently that might be, or with, caresses his injured dignity and turns to see Smithers "haw-hawing" most indignely.)

"What's the big idea?"

Smithers: Didn't you get the point?"

"I'll give you the point of my shoe if you don't stop laughing, you jackass."

Smithers: I'm sorry. Ha-ha. Really I'm terribly sorry. Ha-ha.

"It sounds like it. Well, if you must have a session, sit down and make yourself uncomfortable."

Smithers: Have you heard this one. Once there . . .

"Oh! Can't you be serious for a moment? We should be discussing something of great moment—companionate marriage, for example. We owe it to our readers."

Smithers: Our readers be hanged. I don't wanna think.

I wanna play, skip over the fields, pick daisies.

"Really, Smithers, you aren't feeling well today, are you?"

Smithers: I'd better give you an aspirin or something?"

Smithers: I've never felt better in my life, not less ambitious. Let's go out and loll in the bright sunshine.

"I'd like to, but I've got to prepare for a quiz."

Smithers: Both the quiz. Don't be a bore all your life.

You're only young once, and it's spring—spring.

"It is spring."

Smithers: Then why not enjoy it. Tomorrow it may rain.

"You tempt me."

Smithers: Yield then. It is glorious to yield.

"Sometimes you're a pest, Smithers, but you've infected me with your abominable disease. Lead on, I follow. Work be damned!"

(The Bullosopher throws his textbook in the waste basket and the two skip gaily into the open air. Both have succumbed to Spring Fever.)

We wish you

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Happy Easter

Burt Hackett Ed Mitchell

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Thoughts of Others

New Fraternity Members

Fraternity initiations which have been conducted lately have transformed many lowly men and women from pledges into active fraternity members. The hardships of the pledge period were sometimes difficult to surmount but the reward has come when the privilege of full membership in a Greek letter fraternity is finally attained.

Criticisms of the fraternity system are frequent and many disadvantages are cited by those who regard fraternities as superficial and consisting of nothing but ceremony which signifies little. The heights to which fraternal feeling may ascend are great if the right attitude is taken by the members entering out their customs and usages.

Of course, many Greek letter groups degenerate into nothing more than an excuse which will provide a house for its members. But despite the phrases of fraternities which make them as rather of the "rah-rah" stuff of college life, it must be admitted that there are many good points which will probably be valuable to those members who sincerely attempt to live up to their fraternity ideals.

The new members who have been initiated during the last few weeks may easily adopt an attitude of rational feeling which may be exercised throughout their life if they will not let themselves be influenced by those fraternity members who take membership and responsibility lightly and see no deeper significance in the organization than the mere name and perhaps the present residence and members.

All the new initiates are to be congratulated and it is hoped that their entrance into the "rah-rah" side of the fraternity will aid them in developing a true fraternal spirit which will be a source of satisfaction and happiness among after they have finished their term of active membership as well as in the present time.

—Syracuse Daily Orange

Orators Win Two of New England Meets

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eam were the guests of Boston college.

The team which left State College Tuesday afternoon was composed of Seth L. Burr '28, Gilbert Kurck '28 and Wallace R. Brewster '29. They were accompanied by Professor Harold F. Graves of the English department who took the place of Coach Pruzzell.

"Resolved, That the United States should cease to protect, by force of arms, American investments in foreign countries," was the question which the contesting colleges used during the tour.

The same subject has been employed by the Penn State team throughout the year.

As a post-season debate the Nittany orators will oppose Juniata college.

—Syracuse Daily Orange

Committee Completes Plans for Junior Prom

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tirely different from anything that has ever been attempted before. The Arroyo will be renovated into an alluring dance pavilion by the Jacob Silverstein company of Wilkes-Barre.

A large crystal ball, revolved by an electric motor, will be suspended from the ceiling and high-powered lights

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Hoover and Smith Retain Lead In College Ballots

Herbert Hoover and Governor Smith of New York together polled more than three-quarters of the total number of votes in the county-wide college and university straw vote, final results of which were announced yesterday by *The Independent*, a nationally weekly magazine.

The Secretary of Commerce along with 22,085 votes, received almost half the undergraduate and faculty total, the results of thirty-nine colleges and universities showed Smith came in second with 14,531 while Reed was runner-up to the Democratic leader. Daves and Lowden trailed Hoover in that order in the Republican party.

A vote of 46,879 was received by the five Democrats and five Republicans, appearing on the ballots, but the total count for all the names listed, including a score of names not generally listed, approached 60,000. Among the also-rans were Will Rogers, Ames Sample McPherson, "Big Bill" Thompson, Lindbergh and President Butler of Columbia.

Block and Bridle Club Prepares for Exhibits

Preparations for the twelfth annual "Little International" Stock Show, which is sponsored by the Block and Bridle Club, are being started according to a recent announcement made by Robert K. Hamilton '28, president of the organization.

The show will take place in the Stock-judging Pavilion on April twenty-first at which time twenty different classes of cattle, horses, sheep and swine will be displayed by more than forty men. This is a larger number than has ever entered this contest in previous years, according to club officials.

A catalog containing the entries, club news and faculty notes will be a new feature of this year's show. Class winners will be given cash prizes, medals and other suitable awards. The Purina Feed company is offering a loving cup to the best showman this year. J. M. Robinson '28, will officiate as judge.

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COLLEGE SENDS DELEGATION

State Colleges' delegation to Railroad hearing at Bellefonte tomorrow will leave at eight-thirty from the campus side of College avenue. Transportation will be provided free.

Cathaum Theatre

NOTE:—No matinees after Tuesday. Cathaum closed starting on Thursday Nittany open every night during vacation. Opening time 6.00 o'clock.

TUESDAY—Cathaum—Sammy Cohen and Ted McManara in "WHY SAULOS GO WRONG"

TUESDAY—Nittany—John Gilbert and Greta Garbo in "LOVE"

WEDNESDAY—Ricardo Cortez in "BY WHOSE HAND"

THURSDAY—Nittany—Monte Blue in "ACROSS THE ATLANTIC"

FRIDAY—Nittany—Rin-Tin-Tin in "A DOG OF THE REGIMENT"

SATURDAY—Nittany—Ken Maynard in "THE CANYON OF ADVENTURE"

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