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NOW OR NEVER!

For months the Bond Issue has been ringing with almost maddening insistency in the ears of Penn State men. Students have been advised and are advising, administrative men have been devising, revising, planning, alumni and has been sought, farmers, business men newspapers—all have heard the plea. The issue has been presented faithfully and exhaustively and we wait anxiously, almost grimly, the result. We rest, relax, feeling that our sales talk has been presented, and that we must look forward to a purchase or a dull refusal.

But there is no reason to rest. The fight has just begun and by retreat we may lose much of the ground gained. There are postcards to be sent, letters to be written, voting to be done. And the last impression is the best and most forceful because of its timeliness. The time has come when every student may prove the worth of his college existence, when every Penn State man may justify that claim by action, work, fight, tireless effort.

Some unsympathetic political faction has spread a last-minute broadside at all bond issues, including our own, with the hope of dispersing with a single moment's effort what months of work has organized. That means fight, action, retaliation. Will we stand passively, unmoved, undisturbed, without a counter attack? If we will, it will mark the first time that any Penn State team—and we are a team—has sprawled to the ground, defeated without a return blow, without the spirited and determined effort that has characterized Penn State men in their every enterprise.

Scarcely three days remain. The thousands of new voters who will enlist in Penn State's cause must be recruited now. It is the duty of every student to work faithfully, perseveringly, until the issue is decided. Not one can be spared. Not one is exempt.

AFTER THE ELEVENTH HOUR

In recent years the phrase, "character building," has occupied a prominent place in the vocabulary of those who would guide and direct modern youth on the track-betweens highway to success in life. The book man has been deluged with "how-to-do-it" volumes which are usually ninety nine per cent inspiration and one per cent information. Basso-voiced lecturers earn their daily bread by telling the young hopefuls of the nation how they may become modern Napoleons in their chosen vocations if they will only heed their Solomonic advice. College students, for the most part, form the "public" for both the inspired lecturers and the prophetic authors.

Skeptics are wont to believe that these seeds of wisdom have fallen on hard and stony ground. Are the skeptics right? Or are they soaked to the gills with the honed juice of the tabbed piene? Think a moment. What is character building? It is the formation of mental habits and attitudes during the plastic period called "youth." What, then, are some of the habits that the undergraduates form? One is the habit of tardiness, of being just a few minutes late for everything. Any one with half an eye can see the truth of this statement at first hour classes. A blind man with a bad ear on the off side can note the prevalence of late comers at Sunday chapel.

Late comers are of two types. The first and most numerous type procrastinate because they have formed the habit and haven't enough energy to snap themselves out of it. The second group deliberately appear late in order to attract attention to themselves, to bulge their ego. The habit is difficult to uproot. If you are customarily late for chapel, you'll probably propose to the "only girl in the world" the night after she has accepted a rival Romeo; you'll probably irritate your friends and relatives by hesitating when it comes time to climb into that little black box; a little red devil will probably have to prod you out in the anal region when you're late for the first fire-feeding jamboree. So much for the personal evils of procrastination.

From another viewpoint there are strenuous objections to late comers at Sunday chapel. Every time a sleepy student walks into the Auditorium after the eleventh hour, attention is detracted from the speaker. Such comparatively mild insults as loudly masticating gum and reading the Sunday scandal sheets in the rear rows might be pardoned, but continual interruptions by late arrivals can no longer be brooked. If a "word to the wise is sufficient," no action on the part of the College will be necessary. If not, motions should be stationed at the doors of the Auditorium to take the names of the tardy students and chalk up a cut against each one.

Collegiate Definitions

NUMBER 7.—FRESHMAN

According to our humorous magazines, a freshman is something that father pays for and mother prays for. He is the lone and traditional financier, the monetary backbone of all campus publications that be. If he accept the drink, he falls under the yoke of the sophomore class; if he subscribe to the pledge button, he is slave to fraternity masters who, by some power of inherited right known only to themselves (and that, somewhat hazily), will groom him to incredible perfection, will mature any manifest spark of personality by subjecting him to seemingly ignominious scullion duties, will make him a man above mere keen, clever and suave, will make him serenely smooth (sic) and, Allah willing, a first-assistant manager—in time.

It was in a moment of unusual and sincere pity for the freshman that H. L. (Hell Loose) Mencken penned these masterful lines:

"Little freshman, don't you cry,
You'll be a sophomore by and by—
Excel!"

At Swarthmore College, where co-eds have a fair chance of becoming popular, the freshman debating team split infinitives with the sophomore representatives on the question. Resolved That Governor Smith is better fitted to serve as president of the United States than the Honorable Herbert Hoover. Matching the sophomore team quotation for quotation, statistic for statistic, the resulting verb-fingers, upholding the affirmative, won the decision. It was a great and consoling victory for Smith, even though the question is hardly debatable.

Results of a recent poll taken of freshman students at Princeton show that the first-year men have a 2 to 1 preference for Herbert Hoover. This result is surprisingly significant because it indicates that the new Princeton element do not possess the traditional uniqueness. In other matters, however, the freshmen showed their collegiate individuality, 107 declaring themselves teetotalers, 137 confessing that they had masticated to secure an education, and 215 out of 346 stating their preference for a Phi Beta Kappa key over the Varsity letter.

We're waiting to hear from Percy Marks

The Bullosopher's Chair

"Have you seen the results of the recent experiments in our new infant science?"
Smithers: Infant science? Do you mean crinology?
"No. Ties surgery."

Smithers: I'd rather call it tie butchery.
"That is certainly more appropriate. Surgey suggests some degree of skill and knowledge. George Washington did as good a job of tie surgery with his little hatchet as these axe-artists with their wooden saws. By the way, aren't these arboreal butchers technically dubbed "Shade Commission?"
Smithers: I wouldn't say for certain, but they ought to be called a commission for the gradual extermination of pleasant shade trees. But then, Bullosopher, perhaps we're too hard on them. After all the science is still in its childhood. They're only experimenting. After they burn the first hundred trees, perhaps they'll know more about it.

"Yes, you're right about that. Look at the wonders wrought by modern medical science and think of the horrors perpetrated by medieval doctors. In those days there were only two remedies for all ailments, physic and bleeding. If the local practitioner couldn't kill the sufferer with frequent bowel lubrication, he would hasten the process of mortification by drawing off the life fluid. In a century or so the tree surgeons will have arrived at perfection paralleling modern medicine. Just now if they can't kill the tree by amputating some of the largest limbs, they attack the trunk."
Smithers: But what will become of all our pretty shade trees in the meantime?
"We must sacrifice them for the sake of science!"

So that Penn State may take her rightful place among the educational institutions of the country.

Work for the Passage of AMENDMENT NO. 2 (State College Bond Issue)

KEELER'S Cathaum Theatre Building

Twenty Years Ago

(From the Collegian files of 1908)

The senior civics met the senior mechanics in a gridiron contest on Beaver Field Tuesday afternoon and won by a close score of 6-4. The features of the game were hand-passing and running, never thinking forward passes and blood-curdling line plunges.

A meeting of the Republican student voters was held in the Old Chapel Monday evening and a most great enthusiasm a Republican club was organized.

The fire in the hotel last Thursday evening did considerable damage. It originated in the attic or in the servants' closet on the fourth floor and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The prompt action of the students and the first department brought the fire under control before a hole was burnt in the roof.

By a recent vote of the Committee on Library it was decided to place copies of Sunday newspapers of both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in the library reading room, to be open to students on Sunday afternoon.

Songs and yells are being published in many collegiate newspapers to and the students in the selection of appropriate cheers. The COLLEGIAN is anxious to help in the bringing out of new songs and if anyone can write one before the Geneva game which is worth attention, it shall be published.

Marmies Will Offer Dramatic Dance Act

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The Philadelphia Symphony orchestra, and other such groups. Since they are American artists, they have chosen the subjects for their dances from American life. After visiting the Ford plant in Detroit, they created their offering "Manufacture." "Electric Lights" was inspired by the garish display of Broadway and Coney Island at night. It reservations are made at the "Y" but by Tuesday night, sections of seats will be saved for fraternity groups. Tickets will be placed on sale from 6:30 to 9 o'clock Wednesday and Thursday nights at Montgomery's Clothing store.

Players Enact Comedy On Boxing This Month

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Just the thing to start your Scrap Book Action and Still Pictures of all Games and Individuals

The PENN STATE PHOTO SHOP

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Telegraphic returns of the Penn State-Notre Dame game at Philadelphia will be announced in Schwab Auditorium at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

ENGINEERS RAISE SCHOOL STANDING

Graduates Construct Pike's Peak Railroad, Subway System and Elevated Road

INVENT SPECIAL BULLET AND DIRIGIBLE BALLOON

That the Penn State School of Engineering has taken a prominent place among the engineering schools of the country is shown by a list of the accomplishments of some of the 4,500 men who have been graduated from it.

Penn State graduates took a prominent place as engineers during the World War. A special bullet which was used during the war was invented by a Penn State graduate. The construction of the first permanent camp to receive soldiers and the organization and direction of the largest ordnance depot in the United States were accomplished at the time of the war by alumni of the college.

The construction of the Pike's Peak railroad, and the approaches to the Pennsylvania station in New York, the design, construction and operation of the automatic subway system in the Metropolis, and the reconstruction

PIANO TUNING

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Dares Fate for Favorite Pipe Tobacco

Darby, Pa., November 12, 1928.
Larus & Bro. Co. Richmond, Va. Gentlemen

I have a drama for crawling through a number of unexplored caverns between the towns of Woodstock and Mt. Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley. One cave was exceedingly dangerous with its tight passages, etc. I spent three hours in this cavity, groping blindly with a "dead" flashlight and a severed guiding string. To cut my story short, I was finally rescued by a searching party after a terrible experience. It was a wonderful feeling as I sat at the mouth of the cavern telling my friends that I would not go back in there for love nor money. I meant it—until I reached for my can of Edgeworth. It was gone, and I recalled dropping something during the excitement in the cave. It is queer what a man will do when his favorite tobacco is concerned. I realized that, without my tobacco it would be as bad as being lost in the cavity—so I crawled back. It was a grand and glorious feeling as my hand came in contact with the Aristocrat of Tobacco. Yours very truly, Joseph P. Fink, Jr.

Edgeworth Extra High Grade Smoking Tobacco

tion of the Manhattan elevated railroads are among some of the more important achievements of Penn State men in railroading. A graduate of the engineering school has also invented many of the devices used by the Union Switch and Signal company.

Aeronautics in the United States show the result of work by local graduates. The invention of the small dirigible balloon and the direction of the production and maintenance of the "round the world" aeroplanes, together with the design of the PN-9 type of naval seaplane are examples of the labor by Penn State men. The PN-9 No. 1 was piloted by a Penn State graduate on its attempted flight to Hawaii.

The operation of one of the largest factories in the world, employing 40,000 men is under the direction of a Penn State graduate. In Alaska and Panama two Penn State alumni have obtained positions as supervisors of overland trails and roads in the northern territory and director of all electrical work in the Canal Zone.

Glee Club To Present Varied Musical Show

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The Varsity Quartet will make its initial appearance and the Glee Club of 65 male voices will be heard in a

Vote YES on Amendment No. 2 CRABTREE'S

Vote "YES" AMENDMENT No. 2 PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE BOND ISSUE

The Corner unusual

Electric and Gas Welding

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Don't fail to vote "Yes" on Amendment No. 2 Did you get your TUXEDO for the House Party? Our Tuxedos, though Moderately priced, look like the best custom made productions. They are faultlessly tailored and their lines are authoritatively correct. \$25. to \$50. Dress Shirts - Ties - Vests - Black Hats FROMM'S Opposite Front Campus