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A SUCCESSFUL DEFEAT

Running a hectic but seemingly losing race for passage, Penn State's \$8,000,000 bond issue seems destined to defeat by the margin of a few thousand votes. At this writing, a negative majority of more than eighteen thousand votes looms like an menacing spectre forecasting certain ill fortune for the issue. Even though ten counties, including three fairly populous sectors, remain unreported, it is doubtful whether the amendment finally will pass—unless a miracle happens and enemy territory swerves its allegiance to the Blue and White standards.

Defeat may come, or at this hour of reading will probably be a reality. Strangely, however, it will be a victorious reverse because the tenacity of the race, the narrow margin will be an emphatic signification that the bond issue was not one to be regarded with levity as were others which were so overwhelmingly defeated. More than that, it will command the respect of nearly all voters, convert many political foes into friends for our project and may finally secure the Legislature's recognition which for years has been so coveted.

There may be much discouragement in the ranks of Penn State friends and well-wishers who feel that after the Legislature has been so disgustingly unresponsive and even the majority of Pennsylvania voters fail to support their State college, there is nothing further to be done but to close our doors, to deny education to many thousands, instead of many hundreds, to remove the source of benefits which farmers and peoples of many other trades have profited by for so many years, to sever from thousands of correspondents possibly the cheapest and only means of education they have ever had, or even hope to have. Such an exasperating move, of course, is an impossible one conceived by despairing minds. There is always a future hope for Penn State, a hope which now seems more real since (we take it for granted) the close defeat and surprising support accorded by those who know the dire needs of the College. There is always hope that the Legislature will some day awake to the fact that Pennsylvania, one of the nation's wealthiest states, has a State college which ranks among the greatest and which is deserving of more than one-thirtieth of the financial support which other thriving states appropriate for their educational institutions.

Let us pray

QUEENS OF THE DAY

To the "Queens of the Day" we extend a hale and hearty welcome. The students dedicated the week-end to you, and because House Party is a very, very important affair. It alleviates the monotony of "book-worming" and lifts to Philadelphia. But tonight the Queens, House Party would be a sad and dismal week-end. It may be a dank and gloomy time for some of those who trusted in "blind" fate, anyway, but he who spins the capricious wheel of chance once too often must pay for his diversion in the coin of disillusionment and regret. The large majority however, mean to have the time of their youthful lives and they'll have it, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

The program of divertment for today and tomorrow comprises a variety both of outdoor and indoor sports. Out-of-door, one may watch the brawny pigskin performers, or one may imbibe the scenic grandeur of the countryside from the seat of a sport roadster or from the saddle of Shank's mate. Indoors, one may dance or watch the dancing Marmelins and one may sit in silent enjoyment at the movies or the Glee Club vaudeville show. And there are also a number of amusing and pleasant little games, invented on the spur of the moment, that may be played either under man-made roof or nature's canopy of stars.

It often proves homesome to follow a set schedule of classes day after day. It will also be nerve-rending and tiresome to follow a cut-and-dried program during House Party week-end. The ingredients for the cocktail of mirth and jollity are mixed and shaken according to a stated formula. If you want to have the best time possible, mix the drinks to suit yourself, figuratively speaking, of course.

Before signing off, we repeat that we welcome the House Party Queens with open arms, figuratively and individually.

AN OLD, OLD STORY

There comes a time in the social life of every college student when he arrives at the astounding conclusion that House Parties are a bore. The exact mental process by which this radical discovery is reached is not known, and never will be. After this rare individual has voiced his

now-found convictions before a group of unbelieving companions, he immediately assumes the air of a martyr and his associates advise him to take entrance exams for the bughouse. The fatal day arrives and our martyr sallies forth with a vivacious blond bit of femininity clinging to his arm. Ho-hum—it's an old, old story.

There comes a time in the heart-breaking life of every ambitious week-end girl when she suddenly realizes that the dance-and-party existence does not satisfy her real self. She decides to pass up fox-trot and moonlight love in favor of a career in business or art. Does the older generation applaud her ambitions? Perhaps—not. But, like the heroes of Optic and Alger, she surmounts all difficulties and makes a beginning. And what is our aspiring artist creating when the fatal day arrives? A masterpiece with pen or brush? Nay, nay, she is creating a sensation. Don't you see her out there in the middle of the dance floor, flinging hoof and elbow about in a most eccentric fashion to the rhythmic moans and squeals of a "hot" band? And who is sharing the joys and sorrows of House Party with her? None other than our old friend who considered House Parties a bore. Ho-hum—it's an old, old story.

The election of Herbert Hoover as president of these United States seems to have a different significance with every party, faction and class of people. To the Republicans it reveals the superiority and inherited goodness of G. O. P. standards. After the landslide, Democrats are sorely convinced that Republican standards are as faulty as ever, but that Republican organization is so nationally potent and unswervingly faithful that the party could put a monkey in office, if it so chose. The philosophical intelligentsia can already see prosperity knitted in skeins of red, white and blue. The working class supporter of Smith forecasts hard times, meals of bread and water, hard labor at one dollar and some cents a day and American subservience to the King of England. The college student—oh, well, what difference does it make? House-party's here.

Penn State students are at last relieved to know that their actions over this week-end will have no effect on the passage of the Bond Issue, so that what was once over-emphasized as precaution will now be regarded as half-hokum. So it goes.

That candidate Al Smith failed to carry his state or even his precinct is only a mild surprise compared to the upset caused when 10 State College voters cast their ballot against the \$8,000,000 bond issue.

Collegiate Definitions

NUMBER 9—HOUSE PARTY QUEEN

Of all royalty the House Party Queen is the nearest, and dearest, to college undergraduates. The expression, House Party Queen, may be used to refer to a variety of types and figures, sex being the only point of distinction. The H. P. Q. begins her activity as such as soon as mother says "yes" and ends at voting age, or whenever matrimony claims her. An H. P. Q. never admits more than twenty-one summers.

The typical Queen is sentimentalized in the once-popular song, "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," but the parody on this same synecopation comes next to painting the true picture. There are two and only two kinds of H. P. Q's. There are blonds and there are brunettes. Each type has its advantages and disadvantages. Figuratively speaking, the shade of the Queen's crowning glory makes little difference. If gentlemen prefer sun-kissed maidens, then at least half of the undergraduates are no gentlemen.

In order to qualify an H. P. Q. must be proficient along two different lines. She must know how to tip the latest measures of that terpsichorean triumph, the fox trot, and she must be able and willing to react properly to the stimulus of a romantic moon. Other things such as "lines" and "lines," are also important. In short, House Party Queens, with their sophisticated and peacockish tendencies they may have, are more essential to a House Party than the house.

Synonyms—"Yes-girl," sweetheart, "pion-trotter"

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80-Year Old Professor November 6, 1928
Editor, COLLEGIAN, State College, Pa.
Dear Sir:

Yesterday when I was talking to Professor Garver of the Physics Department he remarked, "If I live through next week, I will be an old man." I said, "How is that?" And he said "I will be eighty years old and that will make me an old man. I remarked that it could hardly make him an old man, one so young in spirit and so full of energy could hardly be called old."

This conversation has made me wonder why it would not be a good thing for the students and faculty of Penn State to show some honor to the veteran of the Penn State faculty, the oldest man on the faculty. Would it not be fitting for some special mark of honor to be given to this eightieth birthday?

Sincerely yours,
D. F. McFarland,
Head, Dept. of Metallurgy

Thoughts of Others

School Confusion
"Confusion and maladjustment are prevalent in American schools," declared Dr. Alexander McKeleghin in an address at the University of Wisconsin. "The teacher of liberal arts today might be compared to the tutor in the house of a man who has suddenly acquired wealth. The tutor is well paid but the man who pays him does not know what he wants done."

"The rich man is eager for his son's welfare but he is better satisfied with a superficial training than with a liberal one. The tutor may choose between two things. He may be influenced by the wishes of the father and give the son a superficial education, or he may go about his own way of teaching."—*Cornell Daily Sun*

Twenty Years Ago

(From the Collegian files of 1908)
An independent water supply has been provided by erecting a reservoir in Musser's Gap which lies between Shingleton and Pine Grove Mills, and laying pipe lines thence to the College. As soon as means can be found to erect a stand pipe on the highest portion of the campus, the old reservoir which now marks the appearance of the new athletic field can be removed.

A meeting was held in the engineering building on Monday evening to consider the prospects for direct telegraphic service for State College. The matter has been taken up with the state department, and it is believed

Leaves Tobacco Tin as All-time Calling Card

Larus & Bro Co., Richmond, Va., U. S. A. Gentlemen—While in Banff, Alberta, in 1909, I climbed Tunnel Mountain. On top of this mountain there is a cairn of stones where guides leave their cards with remarks about the scenery, etc. Not having a card with me, I left a tin of Edgeworth's Shreds, scribbled my name and address on a piece of paper, and said, "I'll have a fill on me." I have kept up a haphazard correspondence with one of three who wrote me thanking me for the tinful of Edgeworth. What makes me write you is that today from Australia I received two shreds of Edgeworth with the words, "I'll have a fill on me," so you see Edgeworth keeps friends friendly.

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that something definite may result.

The postal inspector was in town last week reviewing the recently completed work of numbering the houses and naming the streets. Nothing definite will be known about the matter until his report has been noted upon.

At a recent meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs held at Pittsburgh, it was voted to raise \$15,000, the interest of which will be granted as scholarships in the home economics department. The scholarships will be in memory of Mrs. Kate Cassatt McKnight, the late president of the federation, who was instrumental in the creation of the economics department at State.

Side Lines

Dez may start the second team against George Washington tomorrow. If he does the Colonials will be battling seven sophomores and four juniors. Seven-year men comprise the entire backfield.

True to their sobriquet "Colonial," the George Washington freshmen go to extremes in doing things. Last year they invaded the Lion Inn with many a defeat recorded against them. Tomorrow they will walk on the field with many a victory recorded for them. Moreover, the Washington athletes have not scored a single point this year.

All of which goes to show that Coach Crum needs a few breadwinners.

The invading griders boast a strong tackle in Gates. Penn State also has a fine one in Duvall. But history tells us that on many occasions gates do fall.

McGrew, singer and, is another stellar performer for the Capital City.

Maybe his name's Dan.

Carey, at center, is the only letterman on George Washington's team. But even at that he's in a precarious position.

Dean Watts Adds New Short Course Studies

Dean Ralph L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, has added several new subjects to the list in the annual short course catalog which now is ready for distribution.

The regular eight weeks general agriculture course will be held from January 3 to March 1. Three two-week courses in dairy manufacturing will be offered during the winter. Teaching dairy products and the manufacture of butter and cheese will be taught January 3 to 19. This will be followed by ice cream making January 21 to February 2. Market milk and milk control from February 1 to 16 concludes the course.

DR. KRUSE OF CORNELL TO ADDRESS EDUCATORS

Dr. Paul J. Kruse of Cornell University will address Kappa Delta Psi, honorary educational society, on the subject of "Some Contributions from Psychology to Education" at 8:15

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