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STUDENT ELECTIONS

The polls open this noon, and for the next two days, members of the student body will have their opportunity of voting for the men who will represent them, both in student government and in other means, for the oncoming year. The elections this year have a touch of practicality in that the majority will be introduced, for the first time, to the use of voting machines. Undoubtedly this factor will have much to do with bringing out a greater response to the pleas of the clique henchmen who have spent the past week soliciting votes.

More than curiosity should impel the average man to vote. Stoogy as it may seem at times, the student governmental setup here is much more liberal than that at the majority of colleges. Boards, councils, and what not are refreshingly free from executive or administrative interference here. Delegates to the various conventions come home telling of the restricted rights of student officials at other institutions, where committees invariably are made up so that one more safe, sane faculty member will overbalance the num-

Only if class officers remain truly representative can the present system continue. Should the student body generally regard elections with antipathy for a period of time, it will find itself under the smooth, firm thumb of the administration. If enough interest is evidenced to insure the dignity and effectiveness of the present system, there is no reason to doubt its existence for a long period.

YOUR ATTENTION IS directed to the article reprinted in the adjacent column. It is possible that the Maniac can be accused of deviating from his usual function of dispensing humor, but such a display of intelligence from a man in President MacQuarrie's position can claim space only under a humor heading.

WE HAVE ALWAYS read one publication here with some interest, but with the current issue of TheFaculty Bulletin, journalism reaches a new high peak therein. We find there that one student has "withdrawn" from College. He "withdrew" because he could not present a vaccination certificate.

INTERFRATERNITY BALL was one of the most successful all-College social functions of recent years. It is possible that every dance could be a success, not only socially, but financially as well, if reputable bands capable of producing good music were secured.

WHY NOT A SPRING VACATION?

The middle of the semester has passed, and eight more days remain until the opening date of the Easter vacation. On April 24, the student body will return for the remaining five weeks of classes before finals. Thus the semester is split inconveniently into a ten-week and a five-week period.

The Student Welfare Committee is now considering a plan that will regulate spring vacation. The committee hopes to plan the holiday so that it falls at a more logical time than it does when governed by the date of the Easter holiday. A survey of each fraternity and dormitory group will determine student opinion on the question. The committee's plan also includes a holiday on Good Friday, in consideration of Easter, which would allow a large proportion of the students to spend Easter at home.

Because of the fact that this year the vacation week occurs so late in the spring, more and more students are making week-end trips away from the College. These excursions have the effect of disrupting the regular routine of study and activities. They are a physical strain on the student himself.

Yet they are the outgrowth of a normal restless ness which should be considered when the calendar for the year is planned. The need for these trips and excursions would be eliminated by a seven-day vacation during the first week of April. Last year everyone realized the convenience of a spring vacation which divided the semester equally.

A number of other colleges have been using the spring vacation idea successful for some time. It would be quite logical for Penn State to follow their example and adopt the plan which is to be proposed.

In addition to this plan, the Student Welfare Committee might also consider the idea that a majority of the student body would be willing to sacrifice several days from both the Christmas and summer vacation periods to extend the spring holiday to a two-week

OLD MANIA

Collector's Item

A young fellow from the Daily Spartan (San Jose, State College, San Jose, California), went in to see the President of the college the other day. He wanted to know what the great mind of Pres. T. W. MacQuarrie had to divulge about the strike. He

His paper printed the statement of this modern educational leader. The thoughts of his giant brain thundered forth onto the peaceful San Jose campus, and, via the Student Outlook, onto our desk.

As a tribute (by contrast) to the intelligent liberalism of Prexy Hetzel, we're just going to give you a look in on the workings of the medieval mind of this President MacQuarrie. May we thank what few gods there still may be that we don't have an administrative head like this baby here. Here's his well-thought-out statement. (Italics are ours):

So now they're trying to get you to put on a protest strike against war? There's something simple about that gang. Just as if the loss of a day's college work on your part would keep nations from quarreling with each other.

"We promote a few cause that everyone will accept and when we get a good bunch organized (hooked) we just raise all the hell we can."

I don't think there's any real danger from the activities of the local cabal (the fat one, the lean one, and the brains) which represents that treasonable group in New York on this campus, but I just hate to think of our fine young people being taken in by such insincere propaganda.

Don't make any mistake about it. I'm not in favor of war myself, and I don't know anyone who is. It's a silly, disturbing, wasteful and unsatisfactory method of settling disputes. I'm thoroughly in sympathy with any move which will avert wars, and I gladly pledge myself to use any influence I have to that end. However, I'm not going to take the program of a disloyal group of vicious and partly demented people and state beforehand that I will not support my country if war should be declared.

As I have said many times before, I hope you won't tie yourselves up with pledges now that will control your actions in an entirely different set of conditions. Get at the facts, come to a conclusion if you will, but reserve your right to come to another conclusion if the situation warrants it.

Just refusing to take part in war will not ston it. As a matter of fact under the United States Constitution, you could be compelled to take part, and that with little ceremony. During the recent war, conscientious objectors were kept out of the fighting units on the ground of religious freedom, but everyone knew that they could be forced_into battles if the need arose.

I had two conscientious objectors in my own company. Rather decent sorts, both of them, and it was all very hard on them. One of them would have been glad to take his part with the rest of the men, but his pastor came to see him every day to encourage him and make him stick.

I'm sure the idea was not original with the young man, but that old fanatic had him tied up somehow and the poor fellow had lost his freedom of choice. The other one just sat on his bunk all day and stared. He came down to mess, he could eat all right, but he just wouldn't obey any military order. I gave him one or two myself, but he never moved. So we just let him alone, and the rest of us carried his load. He explained to me one time that he had a farm and wished to go home and raise wheat. Would he sell his wheat to the government to feed the soldiers? Yes, he'd do that, It's so hard to be logical in our thinking and in our attitudes.

-San Jose State College Spartan Daily We'll see you down on front campus at cleven o'clock Friday morning.

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HABERDASHERS TAILORS

"Don't Let On," presented by the Thespian club under the direction o Ewing Kennedy in Schwab auditorium Saturday night.

The Thespians produced their first-nomespun musical comedy in several years Saturday night before a small years Saturday night before a small audience that came out of curiosity and left with the impression that "musical" described the show adequately, but that the appellation "comedy" called for a rather hard tug on the imagination.

Twenty musical numbers, none of "Peace on Eart which seemed to drag, provided adpount entertainment. Outstanding group with

which seemed to trag, provided and equate entertainment. Outstanding were "Mussolini Says No, No!", "Winter Wonderland," "In Name Only," and "Vino 'D'Uvra_Tyrolean Folk Song." The Theat trio, Helen Taylor, Jane Parker, and Mary Jane Thompson, were worked in Jane Thompson, were worked in every number, but their style is so good that

humber, but their style is so good that they were not tiresome. Had it not been for Bill Edwards, Gomedy would have been almost to-tally lacking. The book seemed written so that the few funny lines were divided up equally among the cast, making it hard to distinguish s that English comp. depart-humor is too subtle to be put

obvious that English comp. department humor is too subtle to be put apun the stage.

Too many of the good speeches were buried in rapid dialogue and were just a little too clever for the average sense of humor. Johnny Binns put too much effort into his dictatorship to be convincingly funny.

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One of the cleverest touches was the appearance of the three stooges. Only once, on the illuminated shirt stud, did, they overplay. Their impersonation of the Humphrey-Wiedersonation of the Humphrey-Wiedersonat

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FOOTLIGHTS

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Helen	Helen Taylo
Jack Sanford	Norm Holland
Pat	Charles Pat
Lew	Rudy Hellmune
Cyrus Twitchell	James Unance
Duke of Spumoni	
White Flash BoysJake Forney, Joh	
Nina	Per Giffe
Dictator of Bulgravia	
The Policeman	William Shaffe
The Captain of the S. S. Sciatica	
Jane	
Mary	
Weenie	
Customs Inspectors	
Mildew Melody BoysJohn Renaldo,	
W I Chaffer Webster Christman (

Letter Box

I have been patiently waiting for some campus organization to protest against the presentation here of "Peace on Earth," but since there is no group with spine enough to point out the possible consequences of this production, it remains for an individual to demand that some action be taken.

Communists are behind the Theatre Union, which first produced "Peace on Earth." The Players are proud of the fact that Penn State is the first college in the east to produce it. Certainly Penn State is first. Other college dramatic groups have enough discrimination to differentiate between propaganda and dramatic art. "Peace on Earth" is seditious propa-ganda, in which the Declaration of Independence is held up to contempt and the laws of the United States are

As if enough attention were not directed to Penn State for its part in
the malicious anti-war strike on Friday, the Players seem oblivious to the
danger of displaying Penn State,
through their play, in the light of another C.C.N.Y. Blithely they go on
rehearsing their shallow, malicious
drama, while they jeopardize the good
name of Penn State with the voters
of Pennsylvania. Aren't they satisfied to keep their Communism within
the classroom, rather than making a
vulgar, sensational display of it?
Why doesn't someone in authority As if enough attention were not di-

personation of the Humphrey-Wiedman dance company was the liveliest bit in the show. Technically, the show was excellent, as Thespian shows always are: In the show is the show was excellent, as Thespian shows always are: Only two jarring notes, the shift-sleeved stage hands visible through the doors of the Naples villa, and the scenery which once preceded the traveler, marred the efforts of the technical staff.

Library Plans On View

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Students who are sincerely con-cerned with the welfare of Penn State

will do all that they can to make "Peace on Earth" a sordid flop. Since the administration has not seen fit to recognize the situation, it is our duty to ostracize the actors, destroy

fraternities' investigations committee mental horticulture department, is in in place of John A. Brutzman '35.
For the next two or three weeks the committee will make an intensive study of the honorary situation and present their recommendations for abolishing certain ones and maintaining the others.

In mental horticulture department, is in charge of arrangements. He expects a number of flower experts to be present to lecture 'and discuss various phases of flower culture. During the opening afternoon, Professor Wilde Garden.'

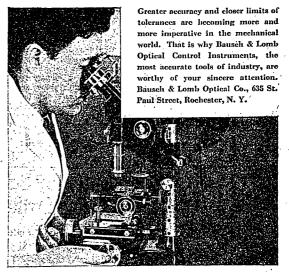
| State Horticulturists Will Hold Annual Show

duty to ostracize the actors, destroy their publicity, and refuse to pay fifty cents of "capitalist" money to see communistic drivel.

—Loyalist | Amateur flower growers will have an opportunity to display their efforts at the annual convention to be held here June 18, 19, and 20. All sestimates New Chairman Named

Elsie M. Douthett '35 has been appointed chairman of the honorary fraternities' investigations committee mental horticulture department, is in press of labra A. Brutzone '25 charge of arrangements. He ovnects

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