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POST-ELECTION PRAYER

TUESDAY was Election Day in Pennsylvania

Voters throughout the entire state marched to polling booths and elected a Republican administration headed by Superior Court Judge Arthur H James

With the election of Judge James and the restoration of the Republican regime in this state, th Dmocratic Party which catapulted to power in the Democratic Party which catapulted to power in of office Defeated, among others, were Democratic Governor George H Earle and Centre County's Democratic Senator Edward Jackson Thompson—two men who have done more for this College and for education in the state as a whole in the last four years than anyone has done during the past seventy years

For, not since Governor Andrew Gregg Curtin accepted the Morrill Land-Grant College Act on April 1, 1863, has there been a state administration more cognizant of the educational needs of this state, more willing to drive ahead and improve the educational facilities regardless of the handicaps that befell them

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FOR TWENTY-FIVE years after the acceptance of the Morrill Act, this College foundered on the brink of oblivion—mauled by conflicting political interests throughout the state, desperately pressed to hold on to its land grant

As the nineteenth century ebbed to its close, the College remained housed in a single building—Old Main—a massive, forbidding structure with a prison-like interior The student body was so depleted it scarcely outnumbered the faculty Thus, forsaken by state administrations that came and went with the wind, the College stood—unjustly branded as an educational failure

Then, the Dark Ages began to clear away as private funds came to the rescue. While conservative Republicans sat in the State House, a private donor built Carnegie Library at this state institution While conservative Republicans sat in the State House, a private donor built Schwab Auditorium at this state institution While conservative Republicans sat in the State House, the Allied Agricultural Societies launched the modern development of agriculture here with a vast building program and consequent expansion of existing facilities

Not until the second administration of Republican Governor Pattison did the state turn its eyes upon this College Foreseeing the vast potentialities of this institution, Governor Pattison set off the spark which led to a phenomenal boost in student enrollment, to a great increase in popularizing and extension activities, to the establishment of the Summer School

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THEN ONCE AGAIN came the Dark Ages, snapped finally by the singular success of President Ralph D Hetzel in convincing the state administration of the needs of this institution, needs which had to be answered before the College could hope to answer the increasing demands that were being made upon it

Under enlightened Republican administrations, the College surged forward. Within a comparatively short time, it had added to its facilities Recreation Hall, Engineering Building, Mineral Industries, Frear and Grange Dormitories, Liberal Arts and Chemistry units, Power Plant, Botany Building

But again as the pendulum swept the other way, the state administration tightened its purse strings, balked at continuing this progressive expansion, prompted the College to go on a financial diet—a diet that saw the College's facilities lag farther and farther behind student demands

Yet, because inaction leads only to reaction, this, too, was destined to end and in 1934—while a liberal reawakening was sweeping the nation—the Democratic Party rode into office with Governor Earle

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CHECKED AT FIRST by a Republican Senate, the Earle administration was unable to whip through its program as easily and as effectively as it had hoped to do Two years later, however, the break came as the Democrats moved into full control of the State Legislature

In the two years that have followed, this College has on the whole received adequate maintenance appropriations It has under construction now the greatest building program in its history with chances of getting an additional 2½ to five million dollars for still greater expansion of facilities It has in sight the increase of student enrollment by some 3,000 within the next three years It has had a long-range program of expansion, involving approximately 15 millions of dollars, definitely outlined It has seen a drive started by the Governor himself to change the College's ranking to university Yet the champion of most of this has been Senator Thompson.

Whatever else may be said about the Earle administration and about Senator Thompson in particular—about their good points and bad, about their political theories and political beliefs—the Collegian believes that one of the greatest contributions they have made in the past four years is the fact that they have served to bring to the people of this state a more clear picture of its woeful lack of educational facilities. And once having done so, they not only devised a constructive program to remedy these ills but went out and did something about them.

It is in view of these facts, therefore, that the Collegian hopes fervently that in January—and in the four years to follow—Governor James and Senator A. H. Letzler will see their way clear to follow this progressive path, not to turn back from it, to continue this improvement and expansion of educational facilities, not to curtail it.

For in the future of our educational system rests the future of our democracy.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Biggest Heels

Penn State undergrads, 5,984 of them, have nominated the calendar committee as the biggest heels to hit the campus since the Maniac We found one engineering student who didn't want a holiday—which explains why he is an engineer The students cannot reconcile either, earlier return to classes this year and later dismissal Campy propose that the College re-appoint that committee with a few progressives who know a little of the psychology of fatigue and the effect upon the work of the students Recesses cannot be computed with a slide rule and the committee hasn't found that out yet

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Places To See In Philly

If you're strong of arm Seven Seas, Chester
If you're full of dough Arcadia
If you want some fun Ubangi

Where to Sleep: Should you have no relatives, can't stand Philly jails, know no frat brothers with a house, and the chapter is full—try the Blue Band, they are very hospitable and probably won't be in their rooms anyway Free beer at the alumni smoker for them from 7 to 9

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Vat On Tap

Norristown, Friday night, will be full of phikappasigs on their way to brother Joe Rambo's brewery where a vat will be on tap for the boys and their dates Portends to be the best party during the weekend

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How Much Am I Offered?

Jake Kovalich and Mike Cooper were picked up Monday by a Republican wardman, driven 120 miles to their home town to cast votes for victorious Davis and James Kovalich returned yesterday with the following bacon

1 new suit
1 new tie
1 pair of shoes
3 pairs of socks
$20

Mike Cooper got nothing and today thinks that he got royally "screwed, blued and tattooed" as Sammy Wyand would say Personally, I'll settle for $20 although I haven't bought a suit in ten years

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Bats, Rats, Cats

The thetas have gone in for nature in a big way For the past few years there have always been cats but what really puts them on the map this year is the addition of rats and bats Added to their recent importation of rats is a bat, killed by none other than the stellar varsity end, Grover Cleveland Washabaugh with a tennis racket.

First there were cats,
Then came *big* rats,
Followed by bats,
What is next?, brats?

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Oh Mr. Munger!

In case your scouts didn't notice it, Harry Harrison has a bad case of impetago which should bother your players a little when they begin to tackle him It's all a part of the "bag of tricks" to beat Penn and Harry should be given due credit for being a martyr Think of his love life, Bob!

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Last Warning

All the passengers in your car are either "fraternity brothers" or "fiancees" should the motor police stop you today

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Useless Chatter

Best insomnia fighters on the faculty, I'm told, are Donald Duck Davis and DOCTOR Hilgert, Wednesday's class in advertising found three-fourths of the incumbents fast asleep Dickson, art prof and ardent democrat punctuated his Wednesday's lectures with "Damn the election!" Maniac must have still had a hangover when he wrote Tuesday's column, it stank Campy you are not so hot, who do you think you are?

—CAMPY

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3 States Now Hold Key To 1940 Election

Merit System Must Precede Attempts to Better Gov't In Pennsylvania

By DR JOHN H FERGUSON

The Scriptures say that a prophet is without honor in his own country, but nothing is said about a bad guesser A month ago, I guessed and guessed badly, but Tuesday's election did verify some of my observations although the Republicans made more gains than were expected

Here is the present line-up as compared with a month ago (slight changes may be necessary when complete returns are in).

Before Election

	Dem	Rep
Senate	76	15
House	330	89
State Governors	39	7

At Present

	Dem	Rep
Senate	68	23
House	252	166
State Governors	30	18

The Democrats still retain control of both houses of Congress and they could even sustain a similar loss in 1940 and still retain control of the Senate Moreover, they still control the governorships of 30 states

If in 1940 the Democrats could win the electoral votes of all of the 30 states in which there is now a Democratic governor in office or elected, they would poll 345 electoral votes to 187 for the Republicans

3 States Can Swing Vote

Since 266 are necessary to elect a President, the Republicans would need to pick up only 79 electoral votes to elect their presidential candidate They could do it by capturing the electoral votes of New York and Illinois (a total of 76) and one other small state The meager Democratic pluralities in New York, Illinois, and elsewhere suggests that to capture the necessary electoral votes would not be an impossibility

Moreover, the Republicans have come into possession of some new leaders Dewey, of New York, Bricker, of Ohio; James, of Pennsylvania, and Taft, of Ohio, to mention only a few As things now stand, almost any one of them would make a better candidate than did Alf Landon in 1936 These men, while conservative, do not carry the Hoover-Wall Street stigma and may prove to be capable vote getters in a presidential contest

Why the Shift?

Why this shift to the Republican party when only two years ago the Democrats rolled up unprecedented majorities?

Taking the votes at their face value (which is most unscientific), one must conclude

1—That voters are disappointed with federal spending as a method of recovery They are beginning to believe, apparently, that there is enough inherent recovery strength in our capitalist economy for it to rise up and absorb the 12 million unemployed, or a large portion of them, if confidence is restored by balancing the budget and curtailing expenditures

2—That farmers were disillusioned when the bottom fell out of grain prices last summer in spite of the price control policies of the New Deal

3—That voters object to the methods used by the Democrats in enacting and administering an admittedly desirable program of social legislation Among other things, they appear to believe there is politics in the administration of relief, WPA, etc ; and they believe Mr Roosevelt has used dictatorial methods in dealing with Congress, the Supreme Court, and conservatives within his party

4—That the voters believe that the Democrats have been too tolerant and generous toward labor in general and the CIO in particular This sentiment is especially strong in the midwest where the stolid conservative farmer saw in the sit down strike a challenge to his traditional concepts of property and management

Switch Is Unbelievable

That a 665,000 majority in Pennsylvania for the Democrats in 1936 could so quickly be turned into a defeat of nearly 200,000 votes is almost unbelievable For the next two years, Pennsylvanians are to witness a spectacle which is peculiar to our American system of government—a Republican Governor, a Republican lower house in the Assembly, and a Democratic controlled Senate For two years, at least, Judge James will find his hands tied as did Governor Earle during the first two years of his administration

At this date one can only wonder what will transpire at Harrisburg What will happen to the present Democratic office holders? Will they be replaced by equally incompetent party workers or by persons chosen solely because of merit? Will we have bread lines, hunger marches, and sales taxes? What will happen to the Public Utilities Commission? The Labor Relations Act? The new Workmens' Compensation Act? Will a realistic attempt be made to deal with the anthracite problem?

These and many other questions arise out of the election Only time can answer

Should Adopt Merit System

Of one thing I am sure No progress can be made toward good government in Pennsylvania until a thorough going merit civil service system is adopted and efficiently administered for all state administrative officers and employees

Let this reform be adopted and much will be achieved let it be omitted and the new administration will be just another Republican administration satisfactory only to those who prefer to be corrupt and contented

Pitt Game Ticket Sale To Begin On Monday; Price Placed At $2.75

Tickets for the Penn State-Pitt grid game next Saturday will go on sale at the Athletic Office ticket window, 107 Old Main, on Monday morning The sale will continue until Thursday afternoon, with the price set at $2 75

A smoker will be held in the Schenley hotel, Pittsburgh, next Friday night, followed on Saturday night by a dance at the same place for Penn State football fans

Library Features Works Of British

The exhibit of The British Fifty Books of 1937, which opened in the Library Monday, will continue until Saturday, November 19

Selected by the First Edition Club of London on the basis of the suitability of their typography to the subject material, the books represent a collection of typical British low-cost works Especially striking is the use of collotype for reproduction

The College is among the first exhibitors of this collection in the United States

Show Heads Named

Herman J Carew, Jr, '40 was elected manager of the 1939 Horticulture Show at a recent meeting of the Horticulture Club Others on the committee will be Harold Jones '41, assistant manager, Hilliard C Gottlieb '40, premium manager, and Kermit Shantz '40, materials manager

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