

# Christians Divided On Date of Easter

By CAROL BLAKESLEE  
 Roman Catholics and Protestants will observe Easter this Sunday, but about 206 million members of the Eastern Orthodox faith must wait until May 3 for their Easter.  
 The difference of over a month results because the Eastern Orthodox Church still follows the old Julian calendar, devised by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. The Roman Catholics and Protestants, however, follow the calendar as revised by Pope Gregory XIII in the 16th century.  
**Easter, the first holiday cele-**

brated by Christians, is always the first Sunday after the first full moon or the Paschal full moon, on or after March 21, as decreed at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.  
 This sometimes means that the date of the Passover, which is also the date of the Last Supper, comes later than Easter. This year the Feast of the Passover begins on April 23, almost a full month after the Gregorian Easter.  
 The Eastern Orthodox tradition insists that the sequence of events be the same as the Biblical accounts of the Resurrection, so their Easter is always observed on a later date.

Gregorian Easters precede Julian Easters by a week, 74 times in the present century and by five weeks, 21 times.  
 Because the date of Easter is not fixed, like that of Christmas or the Fourth of July, it can vary in the Gregorian calendar from March 22 to April 25.

The most frequent date for Easter is April 19, which comes once in 26 years on the average. The rarest date for Easter is March 22 which occurs about once every 207 years.

## Press Group Tours Capital On 3-Day Trip

Members of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalism fraternity, began the first day of a 3-day field trip in Washington, D.C., today.  
 The field trip includes attendance at the President's press conference, sitting in on a Congressional hearing, and tours of the major press facilities of the nation's capitol.

The 13 members of the Penn State Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, accompanied by the chapter adviser, John Vairo, instructor in journalism, and H. Eugene Goodwin, director of the School of Journalism, left for Washington yesterday at noon. They will return home Thursday.

Included in today's schedule for the group is attendance at a State Department press conference and at a session of a Congressional hearing.

Tomorrow morning the group will attend President Dwight D. Eisenhower's press conference at the old State Department Building.

After lunch at the National Press Club today, the group will tour the facilities of United Press International, and the new quarters of the Washington Star. Following the press conference tomorrow, the group plans to inspect the facilities of the Associated Press.

Thursday, the group plans to view the facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System, the press facilities at the Capitol building and the newly completed National Aeronautic and Space Agency Building.

## IFC Nominations--

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 tion will be voted upon in the near future.

Plans for the fraternity rushing handbook were also explained. Henry Friedman, editor, said that the new handbook will give the scholastic ranks of the individual houses. Plans also include a picture of each fraternity pin to be put beside the picture of each house. Friedman said that no list of house bills will be put in this issue since there is usually a great variation that can not be shown when making a house bill.

## Faculty Members Attend Foundry Ed Conference

Four members of the University faculty are attending the annual Foundry Educational Foundation conference in Cleveland, Ohio, this week.

They are Benjamin N. Niebel, professor and head of the Department of Industrial Engineering; Maurice S. Gjesdahl, professor of mechanical engineering; and Wesley P. Winter and Alan B. Draper, assistant professors of industrial engineering.

## Groups OK'd--

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 Theta Chi, MacAllister Hall; Phi Delta Theta, Delta Delta Delta; Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Phi; Phi Sigma Delta, Sigma Delta Tau.  
 New applications from groups rejected must be submitted by noon April 6, at the Hetzel Union desk.



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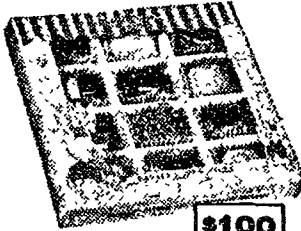
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