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**Progress Platform**

Student participation in government.  
Undergraduate scholarships.  
Spring vacation during K. E. A.  
Extension of fields for specialization.  
Inauguration of active journalism department.  
An active Alumni Association.

**The Commanders**

The Commanders, recently organized dance orchestra composed mostly of Eastern students, deserve commendation for the program of music which they rendered at the Alpha Zeta Kappa dance Saturday night, March 7, in the small gymnasium. The boys realized the need for a student dance orchestra about a month ago and proceeded to organize one, although they were forced to enroll a few other musicians than students in order to fill out their organization. It may justifiably be said that this orchestra has the prospects of being creditable for all student dances at Eastern. The Alpha Zeta dance was their first engagement, and the boys are truly in line for compliments from all who attended the dance. After the boys have had a few more practices, the social organizations on the campus need not feel at a loss in securing a good orchestra for their dances.

**Spring Vacation Impractical**

Perhaps there are a number of students who have been here all year who have desires for a spring vacation during the annual meeting of the Kentucky Education Association this spring, as stated in one of the planks of the Progress platform.

The Eastern Progress has investigated the matter recently and has endeavored to determine the possibilities for such a vacation. However, we find that a spring holiday either during the K. E. A. or at Easter would be impractical for Eastern. Many students who are such strong advocates for a holiday do not realize that we have a nine weeks spring term here which makes such a holiday at the present out of the question for a college of Eastern's caliber. The spring term, opening when it does, leaves but two weeks before the meeting of K. E. A., which would mean that if we declared a vacation at that time, there would be about 450 students who had just enrolled returning home for no reason at all. On the other hand, if we were to declare an Easter vacation, it would fall at the time of mid-term examinations, which cannot be re-scheduled because that would throw the entire year's program out of balance.

Of course many of us may feel that it is unjust to hold a larger number of students here from the first of January until the first of June with no break in the program just for a few who enroll in April. We do not consider that it is more than unjust to force those who have just arrived to return home after they get here and have hardly had time to get settled properly. It is unjust and inconsiderate if we would have them go to the extra expense of another round-trip fare in order that we might enjoy a holiday.

Looking at the problem purely from an economical angle, we must realize that it costs approximately \$1,500 for the student body of Eastern to go home at any time. We should consider the money saved in transportation fares. The school itself does not realize much of a saving during a holiday. The buildings and campus must be kept up, teachers must be paid, and it would not profit by a spring va-

cation this year under the present conditions which arise during a time such as this is.

The attitude which those who are identified with the boosters for Eastern are taking is that we are maintaining the proper Eastern spirit by denying ourselves a little pleasure in the interest of the school and our fellow-students who would not be benefited by a holiday. The faculty is striving to do its best for the interests of the students, and students who are of the right type appreciate and reciprocate such measures.

Students who wish will be excused from classes to attend the K. E. A. Others who do not wish to go should consider it a privilege to carry on the affairs of the campus in the absence of some of the major administrators. Thru sportsmanship and cooperation we can morally aid Eastern to reach the heights set by those who are ambitious boosters.

**A Move for Peace**

Recent polls taken in a number of our larger colleges and universities to determine student attitude toward war and possible intervention of the United States in the present Sino-Japanese conflict have revealed that students are strictly opposed to any re-enactment of scenes such as those in Europe in 1918, when World War cost us over eight million lives, the majority of which might have been far more useful on this side of the Atlantic had such a futile struggle been diplomatically prevented.

H. G. Wells says that in order for us to have disarmament and world peace we must first educate the world to the realization of the merits of the two. The results of the polls taken in our colleges are encouraging to say the least, and they help to show that our young people are alert to the needs of a civilized world—a world truly safe for democracy.

**Cutting the Line**

There seems to be a practice in the line that goes into the cafeteria that we hardly believe is in keeping with the school spirit of which Eastern is so justly proud. This practice is "cutting line."

A person rushes in, walks down the line, and slips into the column by some friend, who is "saving" the person a place. Only the other day we counted eleven students who rushed down the line and grabbed a place by some friend. We believe that conduct of this sort should not be tolerated. People who have waited in line do not at all appreciate having others go by them and grab a nearer place. We believe that people who do this sort of thing have not caught a vision of the true Eastern spirit; certainly this sort of thing is not compatible with the spirit of cooperation we hear so much about in chapel.

We suppose that these "place-snatchers" think that they are doing a "cute" thing when they are able to pull off their act. We are not sure, but it is our opinion, that these people who are in such a hurry to get to class are the ones who do the least when they do get there. People who haven't time to wait their proper place in line probably can't find time to study. We believe that if these students realized just how this looks they would be glad to wait their proper turn.

**GLEANINGS**

Hats off! Hurrah for Eastern! Now we will get equalization, budgets, appropriations, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness. Josh Cosby has received one vote for President of the United States in the straw poll which is being conducted by The Register. It is a recognized fact that the first vote is the hardest, for without it the others are impossible. Josh as president of the junior class is well trained in leadership. He has already received petitions for high offices of state from the local masses. Boost Josh!

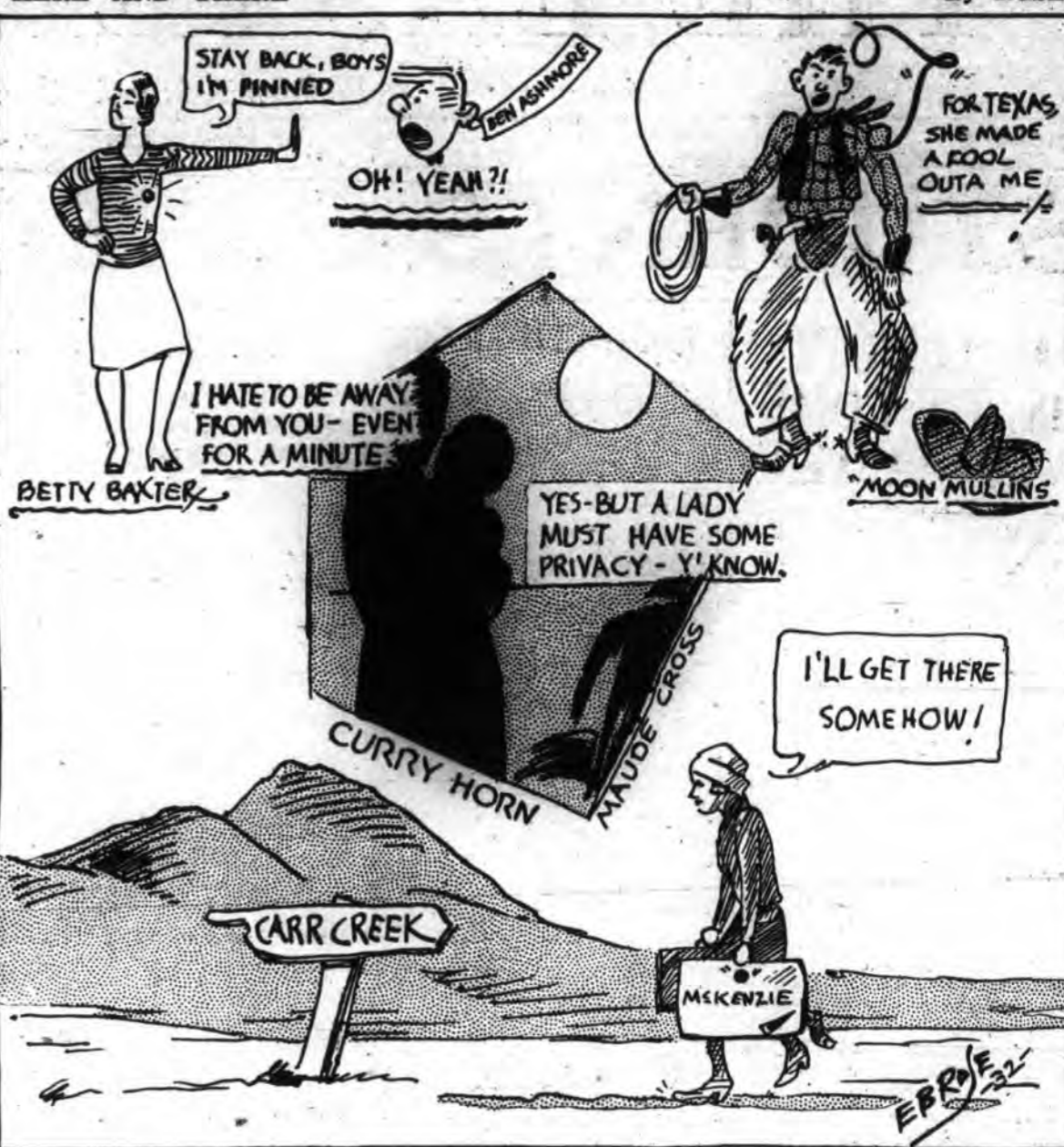
The designer of the poster which supported Mildred Mayes in the Milestone contest is to be congratulated on the escape of his production from the vandalism which destroyed posters placed upon the bulletin boards earlier in the campaign.

Yesterday was St. Patrick's Day, yet the predominantly Irish percentage of Eastern's population did not stage a revolution or declare a holiday. Too many "sham rocks" on hand, perhaps.

We thought that "Old Man Winter" had descended on us with more than usual fury last week until we saw one of our leading students strolling across the campus in shirt sleeves and an open collar. There is nothing like having an optimistic outlook for spring weather.

**HERE AND THERE**

By ROSE



but that a horn should be used only as an absolute necessity.

It is perfectly true that a man on foot is entitled to one-third of the roadway where there is no sidewalk adjoining the road. I think that the president of this institution will verify my statement that there are plenty of walks provided for the students to use without crowding the roads. I think it would be a very rare sight to see a car coming down the sidewalk and waiting for some person to yell at it before it moved over to give them sufficient room to pass safely, don't you? It should be just as rare a sight on Eastern's Campus for a person to be taking up one-half to three-fourths of the roadway which was in the beginning built specifically for cars, trucks, and wagons.

Editors, I hope that this letter will offend no one, but still I hope it is sufficient answer to the letter which was printed in your last issue. Sincerely yours, Theodore Keith.

**PROGRESS POSTOFFICE**

Dear Editors: It seems to me that President Donovan is doing everything in his power to help the student body realize one of their desires. He stated in his address to the students that upon the return to his office of the three young gentlemen, who were so desirous of seeing the removal of all barbed wire entanglements, they sought the promise of the cooperation of the student body the wire would go.

It seems that we should be able to walk the straight and narrow path here on this campus if it is possible on other campuses.

We have been informed that we are to be visited by some of the educational celebrities of the United States, and the fact that we are to receive them behooves us to delay no longer, but immediately promise this cooperation, because we should want to be compared more than favorable with the other schools which appear on the itinerary of our expected guests.

We have every reason to believe that if the student body of Eastern wants a thing, and if they really want it, they will get what they want. W. G. K.

**Marjory Mix**

Dear Miss Mix: This is not to be a letter asking for advice, but to give some. All the boys in the hall think I'm terrible because I don't take advantage of my popularity as a basketball player to go with some of the cute girls here at Eastern. It's a shame that they're so dense that I have to write to you so you can get over to them my real reason.

Why, what would you say if you knew I went home every week-end without giving any special reason? Wouldn't you look for the woman in the case? Well, that's the correct solution to my many visits home. I have the cutest little girl, but I just couldn't come out and tell the boys that, could I? I hope they'll all read this and understand me from now on. Joe Carter.

Dear Joe: I am publishing your letter in hopes of helping you thru your great difficulty of being so misunderstood. You know it would have been best if you had told the boys that it's everyone's business and privilege to have a girl back home if one so desires. I admire your brave stand against the slurs and questions you must withstand because you do not court any of Eastern's cute girls. I wish you more success in the future.

Dear Marjorie: I want to know if it would be possible to meet anyone thru your column. What I mean is, will you publish a letter I write to a girl? I want to impress. You know a lot of times I did almost speak to this

girl, but then something else always happened. I do so want to meet her, but don't know how to go about it. Please say that you will publish this love letter to her if I write it. Clifton Dowell

Dear Ernest Raymond: I am sorry but this column is restricted against carrying on such correspondences. I am here to answer all questions of love, hate, fear, etc., but the editor put his foot down on my making acquaintances thru the mail for anyone. If you come to see me personally, and tell me all your troubles, and the girl isn't lia-

ble to break your heart, I'll go half way and see that you at least get an introduction. How's that?

Dear Iva: What's the most common impediment in the speech of the American students? Miss McKinney

Dear Miss McKinney: Chewing gum.

George Washington has got more lines in the newspapers this year than Capone has in all the years of his activity.



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**TO THE PROGRESS POSTOFFICE**

Dear Editors: It seems to me that the pedestrians on the campus are taking too much upon themselves to try to dictate on how cars are to be driven on the roadway. To the best knowledge of my (so termed deficient brain) the sidewalks were made

for the pedestrians and the roadways were made for cars. Am I not right? The only place that pedestrians have any right to be on the street is when they are crossing at a legal crossing, or entering or alighting from cars. At all other times they are guilty of "jaywalking". As for giving proper

warning to these law-violators it is an accepted fact that the motor vehicle has the right of way over the pedestrian and therefore the pedestrian should look before he steps into the path of a car. I do not mean by that statement that the driver of the car should never blow his horn for people on foot,

blow his horn for people on foot,



