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NITTANY STUDENTS URGED TO HELP IN CHARTER PURCHASE

Campus Organizations Push Drive for Sum To Aid in Securing Historic Document

TOTAL IN STATE PASSES $12,000 MARK LAST WEEK

Senator Reed Praises Move To Buy Famous Relic as Stimulus to Patriotism

In the hope of making the Penn State contribution to the William Penn Charter Fund a worthy one, a committee of the faculty the Blue Key Society, Student Council and the Penn State COLLEGIAN is conducting on the Nittany campus a campaign for voluntary subscriptions to the Fund The drive here opened on last Friday and, according to present plans, it will close tomorrow

At a meeting of the Blue Key Society held last Sunday afternoon a program was outlined for an active campaign among the students Boxes for contributions have been placed in classrooms and instructors have been asked to discuss the matter before their classes and to urge the giving of at least a small contribution by each student The desire of the workers at Penn State, as well as that of the State committee, is not so much for large contributions as for a contribution from each interested citizen of the State

Visit Fraternities

Members of the Blue Key plan to visit fraternities or to get in touch with all fraternity presidents and in this manner to urge contribution before the fund is closed tomorrow Through the talks by instructors in the classrooms it is planned to reach all non-fraternity men and with the above plan of the Blue Key to reach the fraternity men, the committee in charge hopes to get in touch with all Nittany students before tomorrow evening

Professor A H Espenshade and Dr A E Martin are in charge of this work at Penn State and Professor Espenshade has organized the campaign among the faculty Of three-fourths of the members of the faculty of the Liberal Arts school who attended a faculty meeting thirty-one have already subscribed to the Charter Fund The committee hopes to reach all members of the faculty yesterday and today and to be able to send in the PUBLIC LEDGER a substantial contribution from the Penn State teaching staff

Should anyone who desires to contribute not be approached, he may go to Room 228 Old Main and leave the donation with Professor Espenshade, or it may be turned in at the COLLEGIAN Office

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According to a statement made recently in the PUBLIC LEDGER

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SPANISH CLUB PRESENTS LAST PROGRAM OF YEAR

A. C. Miller's Mandolin Quartet Is One of Novel Features of Entertainment

With A C Miller's special quartette of mandolinists added to the long list of vocal and instrumental selections, the Circulo de los Amigos de la Lengua Espanola which has been coached and directed by Professor J Martinez will present a varied and entertaining program in Old Chapel tomorrow evening at seven-thirty o'clock

The South American Troubadours under the supervision of F W Smith '27 is composed of twenty-five men who will sing and dance to the music of their own string orchestra The pieces to be rendered are "Las Vacaciones" and "Al Pie de La Ventana" L L Linders '27 M H Janvitz '27, H H Brainerd '27, J E Kennedy '26 and Margaret and Catherine Campbell will give Spanish dances as part of the performance

The "Nueva Sinfonia Espanola" of which J J Michlin '25 is director will furnish music for a number of dances and also for two songs of the Estudiantina Espanola These popular selections are "Charlie My Boy" and "Red Nosed Pete and will be sung in Spanish. H L. Schimpff has been coaching this group of forty men consistently for the past three weeks in preparation for their first appearance

Professor Martinez comments on the work of the students as follows, "The program is usual, will be varied with a force of students who have shown shown ability in the terpsichorean, vocal and instrumental arts. The new group of South American troubadours, provided with an authentic background, a string orchestra and a team of dancers is the most spirited representation of South American life'

COLLEGE FIRE APPARATUS TO BE USED BY TOWN COMPANY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ORDERS TRANSFER OF STUDENT PUMPER TO ASSURE CONTINUOUS PROTECTION OF INSTITUTION'S PROPERTY

Rumors that the fire truck used by the student fire company would be transferred to the town organization were confirmed last Saturday by R I Webber, Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings The apparatus will be turned over to the Alpha company late this week

Mr Webber's action came at the request of the Board of Trustees of the College and is explained by the following statement issued from his office

"For the past three years the protection of the college property from fire has given the Trustees and College officials occasion for much serious thought This situation has been so serious that the first object to be attained was to get more equipment in the borough for fighting fires should they occur The problem to be first solved was where to get the money necessary for the purchase of an apparatus at least equal to that owned by the Alpha Fire Department Although the fire truck now owned by the College has been a very great asset and gives a little more peace of mind, still the College lacks proper facilities both in equipment and otherwise to meet the responsibility of fire protection as it should be met

Student Work Praised

"The College realizes that good work and earnest efforts have been made by its students who have been interested in the Volunteer Fire Department and has weighed this fact along with all others in coming to a decision as to what would be best until such time as it is possible to get the equipment necessary, and have a twenty-four hour, three hundred and sixty-five day department on the campus Steps are on foot to effect such an arrangement and funds only have prevented its consummation before this time The College does not feel that the present arrangements whereby a group of students and a group of employees formed into a Volunteer department meets the requirements of the situation The student's presence is not continuous nor is the college fully justified in asking him to constantly take the risks incident to this work

Is Not Permanent

"As a temporary expedient which seemed to afford the best continuous protection, the Trustees directed that efforts should be made to place the college fire pumper in the hou e of the Alpha Fire Company providing that company would agree to certain conditions These conditions were accepted, and the expedient will be adopted Employees of the College who desire may join the Alpha Company under its rules and such members as are competent will handle the pumper as heretofore The College pumper will be maintained by the College and remain its property subject to return to the campus when better conditions warrant

"The College Trustees have a fixed responsibility which they must face and which they cannot delegate to persons who can not be held responsible This responsibility is real in so far as it affects College property but it is only assumed or moral in so far as properties in the borough are concerned No act of the Student Volunteers within the past three years has jeopardized this change in plans In fact, the student fire fighters have been commended by both College officials and members of the town company for their work at recent fires The question is larger however than can be considered only in the light of present arrangements—it must be given a consideration which involves the whole scope of the problem Although this

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CLUB DANCES WILL FEATURE VACATION

More Than Twenty County Groups Plan Social Functions for Christmas Recess

With the coming Christmas recess the greater majority of the county club organizations have practically completed plans for various social functions throughout the vacation period most of which will be annual dances

The alumni associations of the districts have been cooperating with the undergraduates in arranging for these social events in the greater number of cases Over twenty clubs have been organized at Penn State and their activities for the Christmas recess are as follows

On December twenty-third the Columbia County Club will stage a dance at West Side Park, Berwick On the twenty-sixth dances will be held by the Carbon County Club in the Hose House, Lehighton, with "Danny" Dean's Orchestra furnishing the music, by the Lycoming group in the Park Hotel Williamsport, by the Beaver County Club at Junction Park, Beaver Falls and by the Lancaster County Club in the Stevens House, Lancaster

The Berks dance will be held December twenty-seventh at Reading, in the Berkshire Hotel On the same night the Luzerne County Club will stage a dance at Wilkes-Barre in the Elks Hall

On December twenty-ninth dances will be held by the Lebanon County Club in the Armory, Lebanon, by the Wayne County Club in the Lark Ballroom Honesdale, and by the Blair County organization in the Penn Alto Hotel, Altoona

The night of the thirtieth the Delaware County Club will give a dance at the White Apron Club Highland Park At the same time the Pottstown dance will be held in the Odd Fellows Hall Pottstown, the York County Club dance in Colseum Hall York the Bradford Club dance in Melvin Hall Towanda, and the Lehigh-Northampton Club dance in Colonial Dance Hall, Bethlehem

The Chester County Club dance will be held on the thirty-first in the Elks Hall, Coatesville, while the Johnstown-Cambria County Club affair will be held on January first in Capitol Hall Johnstown No date has been set for the Butler County dance

SUNBURY SPECIAL WILL LEAVE LEMONT FRIDAY

Arrangements have been made with the railroad authorities for a special train to leave Lemont at six o'clock on Friday evening for Sunbury, Pa This will help take care of the large number of students leaving for the holidays and the train will accommodate from four to five hundred people

This train will arrive at Sunbury in time to connect with trains for Wilkes-Barre and Harrisburg If heavy traffic should warrant it, this extra train will be split at Sunbury and continued in one section by an extra train from Sunbury to Wilkes-Barre, and another section from Sunbury to Harrisburg, making all stops in either case for which there may be passengers

The train from Lemont will be made up at five o'clock in order that shelter may be furnished for the large number of passengers

The following message comes from the Pennsylvania Railroad concerning westward traffic

"We are advised that train 27 will stop at Tyrone, Friday, December 19 to take on students from State College returning to their homes for points west of Altoona on account of Christmas vacation"

This refers to train leaving Tyrone at 5 00 p.m.

"Penn State Is On A Starvation Diet" Says "Prexy" Upon Endorsing Budget

"Penn State has been on a starvation diet for years and must establish an adequate support for factors which have been seriously under-financed in the past," declared President John M Thomas yesterday morning when speaking of the college legislative budget for 1925-27 which calls for a sum of $6,323,220, including $2,000 000 for new buildings "We must provide for the normal development of those projects in which the economic demand for Penn State's services is urgently pressing' added the 'Prexy"

This proposed Budget, drawn up by a committee consisting of H Walton Mitchell, President of the Board of Trustees Dr Thomas and Comptroller R H Smith will be presented to the 1925 session of the Legislature for consideration The appropriation received by the college for the current biennium failed to relieve any existing conditions and even necessitated an increase in student fees to prevent a serious curtailment of the institution's services

No New Departures

The budget request contemplates no new departures, according to the report, but desires sufficient funds to correct old deficiencies which have existed for years These conditions which hold sway at Penn State at the present time include an inadequate academic salary scale, an excessive teaching load, a costly rate of depreciation in physical plant and an insufficient demonstrational equipment for effective and up-to-date instruction

"As a State institution, the college can not successfully appeal to private benevolence for funds for maintenance or to make up deficits—its only recourse is to the Commonwealth," further continued President Thomas He explained that the salary scale was insufficient, stating that the committee's report shows where in an institution like Penn State at least fifty per cent of the staff in most departments should hold the rank of associate-professor or higher However it is impossible to carry this out at Penn State on account of the small amount allowed salaries in the college budget

Comparative Appropriations

The appropriation proposed for the biennium 1925-27 compares with the last appropriation as follows General Maintenance in the new budget calls for $1 200 932 as compared with the $1 013,600 allowed for 1923-25 $455 716 is asked to carry on the agricultural research while but fifty-five thousand dollars was permitted for this item in the current appropriation For agricultural extension $606,512 is necessary as against the $500 000 given in 1923-25 Two million dollars is desired for new buildings in the proposed appropriation

Restoration of the Main Engineering Building is included in the new construction schedule, which will be carried out if the Legislature acts favorably on the budget This new building schedule which covers only those immediately needed for relief of congestion and improper housing includes the Botany Unit Home Economics Laboratory Mining Laboratory Unit, Chemistry Laboratory Unit Greenhouses Horse, Sheep and Hog Barns, Granary and Farm Service Units, General Storeroom and Repair Shops, Grounds and Buildings maintenance equipment sheds and barns Dumping Station, Water Lines and Refuse Incinerator.

Commonwealth Must Help

"As stated before the Commonwealth is our only recourse," concluded Dr Thomas Penn State has rendered conspicuous service to the people of the State and it has a right to expect the means with which to continue and enlarge its usefulness'

Gray Re-elected Football Captain

What is believed to have set up a precedent in Penn State football history occurred last week when "Bill" Gray Nittany center, was selected to lead the Blue and White gridiron for the second successive year "Bill" captained the lion eleven during the past season and his selection as leader for next year has met with hearty approval

Gray holds the distinction of captaining four gridiron teams when the past five years and another chapter will be added to this great record upon the close of next season's schedule In 1920 while a junior at Kiski he was elected captain of the prep school eleven and once again, in 1921 the popular snapper-back received the same honor

Entering Penn State in the fall of 22 "Bill" held down the center position on the yearling team and was elected to captain the 1924 eleven after the first game His great work on the 1923 varsity team ranked him as one of the best centers in the East and when the annual elections came around Gray only a sophomore was selected to lead the Penn State eleven in his junior year, receiving the distinction again this season

DRAMATIC CLASS PREPARES PLAYS

Students Taking Play Production Will Present Four One-Act Sketches Friday

GENERAL DIRECTION IS UNDER A. C. CLOETINGH

Under the general direction of A C Cloetingh, assistant professor of English the class in Play Production will present a program of four one-act plays in the Auditorium on Friday evening January sixteenth The plays are coached and directed by members of the class while the scenery and lighting effects are also designed by the students in Play Production

"Sweet and Twenty" a comedy of youth by Floyd Dell will feature Miss Dorothy Musser '25 as the young woman and F Neusbaum '26 as the young man T F Lane '26 and A Fachnich '25, also take part in the production

Mrs Dorothy Lenberger '25 as Miss Pringle, Miss Marian Kitchin '25 as Alice and B Ricker '27 in the part of Dunham make up the cast of "Fourteen" a social tragedy by Alice Gustenberg

"A Night at an Inn"

The third play, "A Night at an Inn" is a tragedy of the mysterious by Lord Dunsany The cast for this is I O'Donnell '25 A Bachrach D Kingston '25 W Tumm '27, G Dunbar '26 T Lane B Ricker and Miss Kitchin W B Morgan '25 is the author of Two Pairs of Spectacles' which won first prize in the playwriting contest

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I. F. C. TO VOTE ON SENIOR WEEK PROGRAM TONIGHT

Organization May Petition Senate for Commencement House Party Proposal

FACULTY SENTIMENT IS REPORTED AS DIVIDED

Juniors and Seniors Would Have Five-day Affair, Underclassmen Three Days

Whether the Interfraternity Conference will petition the College Senate for a modified Commencement House Party to allow the Senior Week program to be carried out unchallenged will be decided at a meeting of the fraternity representatives tonight at the Pi Kappa Alpha House

Fraternity men at their chapter meetings last night and Sunday, were called upon to choose between the two possible plans the Commencement House Party beginning on Friday and ending on Sunday for the underclassmen, and ending on Tuesday for upperclassmen and the Senior Week plan providing for a three-day house party period in May for all classes with another in Commencement time for juniors and seniors only The latter program was approved by both the Interfraternity and Inter-mural Councils, and their discussions must be reversed before a plea can be made for the Commencement Party

Senate Is Undecided

According to an influential member of the College Senate the student petition will receive careful attention if it is approved at the fraternity meeting tonight and submitted to the Senate on Thursday "Faculty opinion," he stress "is divided by regard to the choice between the two plans although I think the general sentiment to be in favor of trying out the Senior Week idea for this year at least'

Comes of the report of a Committee on the Status of Inter-House Party sponsored from the Interfraternity and Intermural Councils were circulated among the various houses over the week-end to acquaint the fraternity men with the question It states in part "You committee finds that Senior Week is not feasible in many respects As to the student it comes at a time when scholastic work demands the attention of every student It is toward the end of the semester and is a period of intense study Then too it means an added expense to underclassmen as well as juniors and seniors and tends to be an important

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DISCUSSION GROUPS TO BE ORGANIZED BY "Y"

Talk Sessions Among Students Will Be Capitalized With Aid of Dr. Pattee

In order to capitalize the 'session' held nightly by Penn State students the Y M C A will foster discussion groups for fraternity and non-fraternity men on College problems from the viewpoint of the Christian way of life

Arrangements in the various groups will be under the supervision of members of the faculty who will first be trained at a meeting for discussion to be held at the University Club January eighth under the direction of Dr F L Pattee

The various discussions will be held in regular order and will proceed from the analysis of the problem to the proposed solution, the Christian solution being duly considered As soon as a final result has been reached definite steps will be taken toward its inauguration

Although the subjects for the sessions will in many cases be chosen by the groups it is likely that such issues as college honor, the relationships between men and women, the attitude toward campus attainments, and the Christian way of life in college activities will afford opportunities for profitable discussion

According to the present plans of the committee in charge and the Y M C A, the same topic will be brought forth in all groups during the same week The results will be reported back to the leaders' training group headed by Dr Pattee and it is hoped that concerted campus opinion reached in this manner will be utilized for definite action toward steps higher up

The student discussions will start the week of January eleventh and continue for four consecutive weeks The time of meeting and the particular faculty member to be in charge, will be arranged by the group and approved by a member of the student committee which consists of W H Flory, W C Calhoun '25 H E Foulkrod '25, W G Wicand '25 and C H. Gough '25

LION TOSSERS MEET JUNIATA TOMORROW

Coach Hermann Announces Line-up For Season's First Game---Visiting Aggregation Experienced

When the Penn State five takes the floor against the Blue and Gold tossers from Juniata College in the Armory tomorrow night at seven o'clock the 1924-25 basketball season will be officially opened for the Blue and White With two games already checked off its schedule, the Huntingdon team promises some snappy opposition to Coach Hermann's aggregation

In preparation for the contest the Nittany mentor has been doling his protégés some stiff work-outs twice and long scrimmage last Saturday afternoon being followed by the final scrimmage last night Passing and signal drill will be in order this evening together with instruction along the lines of field and foul goal shooting

Nittany Line-up

When the Lions line up tomorrow night Hood and Hamis will fill the forward posts and Captain Gerhardt will occupy the central circle McVicker and Shaner will open the fray at guard Neff, considered as a probable choice for the guard position opposite McVicker during earlier scrimmage has been ill with a severe attack of grippe for the past week and will be unable to start in the first game tomorrow night

In the forward positions Hood and Hamis have been playing a clever brand of basketball The South Hills lad shows a marked improvement in shooting ability over his work of last year, while the former Passaic High star is playing a better game than he did last season with the scrubs segregation At center Hermann is expecting a good exhibition from "Pete" Gerhardt While the lanky Nittany center has been showing no especial flash during preliminary sessions, he is not noted as a practice player, actual games showing the real quality of his work

At running guard, 'Dutch' has a fast passer and a good shot in 'Nort' McVicker, a forward from last year's five "Norm has been given the privilege to roam the floor at will and in spite of his previous training lapses of the advanced berths he has already taken hold of his new position in commendable style While but little difference exists in the comparative abilities of Neff and Shaner the latter will claim the other guard position during the illness of Neff On the recovery of the latter, however it is probable that either man may fill the defense position in succeeding games

Juniata Veterans

With two games already to his credit the Blue and Gold five from Juniata comes to Penn State confident of giving the Lion a hard chase for the honors Last Saturday the down-state team defeated the Hollidaysburg College team to the tune of 27 to 18, and on Friday night the took on the fast Tyrone Y M C A five on their home floor For Huntingdon rosters seemed to hit their stride in the Hollidaysburg game and Coach Rote hopes to build up a record-breaking five this year that will surpass any team previously representing Blue and Gold

For the visitors Captain Grove will start the same lineup that the Blue pivot has thus far been facing and snappy game "Lefty" Vansel the tall forward who scored sixteen points against Hollidaysburg will join in on the advantage position while "Mike" Snyder one of the old reliables from last season will fill the opposite post

Dyer one of Juniata's guards is

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SIXTEEN YEARLINGS ARE AWARDED GRID NUMERALS

Sixteen members of the 1928 football team were awarded class numerals at a meeting of the Athletic Council held last week The following men received numerals Captain Greenshields Stamp Hartman, Hastings, Laird, Mahoney, Krall, Paulie, Dingerfield, Lunzien, Lasko Scott, McGrath Lewis Roepke and Hewitt

Following the announcement of awards the honored men met Saturday afternoon at the Photo Shop where the freshman football picture was taken George Cook '26 was manager of the yearling team this fall

WAYBURN PRAISES THESPIAN COMEDY

Noted Director Commends Players Upon Initial Showing of "Wooden Shoes"

EASTERN CITIES WILL BE PLAYED DURING VACATION

'Much better than last year's production' was the comment of Neil Wayburn to the cast and chorus of "Wooden Shoes," directly after the curtain was rung down on this season's Thespian comedy last Saturday evening in the Auditorium Both Mr Wayburn and Mr Duey, the studio coach, were well pleased with the initial performance and they complimented the club upon its showing.

The Auditorium was well-filled with an appreciative audience, one that applauded every song and jest in the production The singing of certain numbers was not it seemed quite up to the standard set by "The Magazine Cover Girl" but in view of the fact that the songs were not practiced until two weeks before the performance, the Thespians should be commended for their laudable attempts

Brainerd and McLean Star

"Jimmy," portrayed by I D McLean '25 was the first comedy role of 'Wooden Shoes,' and judging by the manner in which the house took McLean's efforts "Jimmy" was played very effectively "Grab me, kid, grab me!" drew a burst of applause each time it was spoken, and, "The Crossword Puzzle Blues,' sung by McLean and S C Brackle '27 was one of the high lights of the second act

H H Brainerd '27, as "Hilda" an accommodating Dutch maiden, followed McLean in the comedy line His every word was a "laugh," and 'Old Dutch Clumsy,' Brainerd's musical number, was well-received

Elaborate Costumes

Attired as is the wont of Dutch peasants the chorus appeared in the first act for three interpretive Netherland dances The ensemble's first dance in the second part was done in white sailor togs and the second number, a Spanish dance, was given in brilliant velvet garb

Gaudy red and blue "bell-hop" uniforms opened the third act and sporting clothes, with tour-plus knickers and colored sweaters, were used when the company sang 'The International Game" Canes frock coats and silk toppers appeared timely for the pre-finale soft shoe dance and these were worn again for the final musical number

Mr H E Dickson and Miss Helen Savard, designers and costumers for "Wooden Shoes," were complimented by Mr Wayburn in a novel and exceptional way "Ned" offered Miss Savard and Mr Dickson these same positions for next year's "Follies" and made the offer entirely upon the work exhibited in the Thespian comedy,

Cast of Characters

The principals, picked by Mr Lee

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LION MARKSMEN DEFEAT STRONG SYRACUSE TEAM

The Penn State rifle team, coached by Lt. H T Miller and managed by C F Montague '25 defeated the Syracuse team in a recent match by the score of 981 to 980 out of a possible one thousand

F H Walters '25 was the high center for the home team with a perfect score of two hundred. The next highest man was James K Vessey '25 who had a total of 198 points Fred Attols '25 L Beck '26 and Don E Frear each procured 195 counts.

Students To Sing Carols Tomorrow

Under the auspices of the Y M C A and Professor Grant of the Music Department the annual Christmas tree and carol singing will be conducted on the front campus tomorrow night, immediately after the basketball game.

The program will include a number of community songs and a short talk by "Prexy" Thomas The singing will be added by the band and will close with "Holy Night" sung with the accompaniment of a saxophone conducted by Bandmaster Thompson The Glee Club also has been asked to participate in the affair and student Council and other societies are backing the project to the fullest extent

The late Dr E E Sparks set this precedent in 1911 During the war it underwent a slight slump but the custom has been rejuvenated and is back in full swing according to C H Gough '25 who has charge of its organization this year C W Taylor '25 will be present with his corps of cheerleaders to aid in its success