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MASS MEETING TO WELCOME GOVERNOR

DOCTOR HETZEL GREET'S STUDENT BODY TOMORROW AT CONVOCATION

College Opens With President For First Time in Three Years—Enrollment Totals 3700

CLASSES START AT NOON

H. Walton Mitchell May Not Attend Ceremony Because of Judiciary Engagements in Pittsburgh

For the first time in three years, Penn State will officially open its portals with a president Dr. R. D. Hetzel, himself appearing initially at the annual opening, will welcome thirty-seven hundred students at the exercises of the seventy-third convocation tomorrow morning at ten-thirty o'clock in the Auditorium.

After an organ prelude and the invocation, Prox Hetzel will deliver the principal address. If Judge H. Walton Mitchell, president of the Board of Trustees, finds it possible to attend, he will give a short speech of greeting to the student body. Other talks will be delivered by Deans of the Schools. Under the direction of Prof. R. W. Grant, head of the music department, a varied program of vocal and instrumental numbers has been prepared.

Freshmen To Sing
It is possible that the freshmen will sing their new class song in the presence of the upperclasses for the first time. Ceremonies will close with the singing of the Alma Mater.

During the exercises the faculty will occupy seats on the platform, the upper classes will take seats on the first floor and the new students in the balcony.

Under the new schedule of hours, classes will assemble for the first time at one-o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The athletic mass meeting tonight will conclude Freshman Week activities and will be the last get-together for the yearlings before they assume customs after convocation tomorrow morning.

BLUE BAND MEETS ON THURSDAY TO ORGANIZE

Bandmaster Thompson Expects Two Hundred Veterans To Be in Attendance

Active work on the organization of the Blue Band will be started Thursday night when all aspirants will meet W. O. Thompson, bandmaster, in the band room at seven o'clock.

It is expected that about two hundred members of last year's Blue Band and the military bands will report from which number will be chosen the new group. All applicants are asked to bring their instruments to this meeting and those who can play but do not have instruments here are to report to Bandmaster Thompson in Mac Allister Hall where the R. O. T. C. uniforms are being given out not later than Wednesday.

This should be one of the best musical organizations that Penn State has ever had. Mr. Thompson stated, because the majority of last year's band is back and both of the military bands were very good.

Memorial Fund Drive Pushed By Grangers

Several Grange projects for this year have been put under way and promise to be a direct benefit to the students and the College. A rural classification pamphlet will be published by the Grangers in the form of a playlet that will be used along educational lines.

The outstanding event for the year is the completion of the Memorial Dormitory drive. Already several plays are under preparation to raise funds for the girls' hall. A statewide drive is being launched by the Grangers in order to close the drive by next State Grange meeting in December.

INJURIES DISABLE THREE AS GRID TEAM IMPROVES

Whitmore, Reynolds, Neidel Are Lost Temporarily to Squad--Bezdek Introduces Trick Plays

PLEBES COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL WEEK

Athletic Mass Meeting Tonight In Auditorium Is Final of Evening Assemblies

FRESHMEN LEARN PENN STATE SONGS, CHEERS

Exactly one thousand and twenty-nine yearlings are now rounding out the last two days of what is considered a particularly successful Freshman Week by those in charge. With a welcome on Thursday morning by President Ralph D. Hetzel, the members of the class of nineteen thirty-one started on a program replete with activity. Addresses by the deans of the several schools and numerous school meetings provided the newcomers with a working knowledge of Penn State. Talks by student leaders acquainted them with student activities and College traditions.

Mass Meeting Tonight
An athletic mass meeting tonight will practically complete the Freshman Week program. Already having learned Penn State songs and cheers, the freshmen will be able to participate in the spirit and festivity which invariably characterizes such an affair. The occasion will acquaint the newcomers with the College teams and athletic traditions.

Already three evening assemblies have been held. The first was a combined cheering and song practice conducted under the leadership of Director R. W. Grant and the cheering staff. On Friday night the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. took charge of the meeting and presented a summary of "Y" activities as carried on among the students at Penn State. Last night the third of the evening (Continued on last page)

Luccock Stresses Broadening of Mind

Stressing that one does not attend college to become a specialist in one line and to be of a single purpose, Rev. H. E. Luccock opened the Sunday chapel season Sunday morning. John Dickson of the varsity male quartette gave a special selection "The Publican" by Van de Water. About six hundred attended the services which were not compulsory and all attending were well rewarded with a very interesting sermon.

Rev. Luccock opened his sermon by saying that too many entered college thinking that they were to specialize in one line and in that way gained little more than offered College. He said was not for that; it is to broaden one. With this in mind he went on to give several instances of college men and how they had turned out, comparing those of the narrow mind with those who got what they should have received from college.

Known the world over, Mr. Luccock was probably the best "Christian Advocate" and educational secretary of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. He is also well known in the book world having written several books among which are "Faith Please" "Five Minute Shop-Talks" and "Studies in the Parables of Jesus."

CLASS OF THIRTY-ONE FINISHES REGISTRATION

With one thousand and eight students registering Thursday and Friday the incoming class of freshmen promises to be the largest in the history of the college. Four hundred and sixty-four signed up Thursday followed by five hundred and forty-four Friday, making the total number registered late Friday night one thousand and eight. Of this number nine hundred and five were men and one hundred and three women. Electrical engineering led with eighty-two enrolled as the highest number in any single course.

Y ENTERTAINMENT COURSE CAMPAIGN STARTS TOMORROW

Committee Will Sell Season Tickets for Program of Varied Numbers

HERBERT SPRAGUE WILL STAR IN PLAY, 'LIGHTNIN'

The Revelers, Victor Artists, Will Appear Here After Return From Tour

Tomorrow a committee headed by E. J. Lockwood '29, will place on sale throughout the campus the season tickets for the Y. M. C. A. Entertainment Course. The price for the eight numbers is three, four or five dollars.

The program this year is a diversified one including jazz, drama, singing, popular lectures and a stringed quartet. The stubs that will be sold this week will later be exchanged for reserved seats tickets. Individual tickets will sell for one dollar and one dollar and fifty cents.

Secure Flonzaley Quartet
Among the course numbers is the Flonzaley Quartet which makes its appearance here after three year's absence. The quartet of chamber music consists of three, four or five dollars.

FIFTEEN EVENTS IN 1931 CINDER MEET

Freshmen Compete September Thirtieth—Cartmell Gives Advice to Entries

"OFTEN DISCOVER MUCH HIDDEN TALENT," NATE

With fifteen events open to entry by any freshman of near or real ability in track work, the annual indoor, pit and field meet held September thirtieth on New Beaver field should prove most attractive to all members of the class of 1931 who are anxious to win their numerals, a place in an organized sport and an excuse from physical education setting up exercises.

Events to be held will be the hundred yard dash, the two-hundred, four-hundred, half mile, mile, two mile, high hurdles, low hurdles, broad and high jumps, pole vault, shot put, discus, hammer and javelin throws.

Excellent Chance
Coach Nate Cartmell, while enumerating the list of events to be held, deplored the usual lack of interest in this meet which so often proves most important to the few who engage in it. Frequently, stated Nate, the boys don't come out for this free-for-all because they don't appreciate the all because they have of scoring points and placing themselves in a position to get on the team. When the regular track season opens in the spring they are so far behind in their training (Continued on third page)

Who's Dancing

Alpha Chi Sigma

NEW FRESHMAN SONG REVEALS NOVEL TYPE OF ALMA MATER

Particularly outstanding among the Freshman Week activities was the series of song and cheering practices in which the newcomers co-operated with Director of Music R. W. Grant and the cheering staff. "The freshmen are a real crowd of songsters," Director Grant was heard to remark yesterday after having led them in daily song practices in the Auditorium since the beginning of Freshman Week.

Freshman Alma Mater
The yearlings have made rapid progress in learning Penn State songs and cheers and promise to take no small part in the festivities at mass meetings and on the athletic field. In addition to their class pep song, the newcomers have been given something entirely new; the freshman "Alma Mater."

It is the idea of the department of music that through this song will be established a keen sense of class and school loyalty. The song is the sole property of the class of '31 and will be sung throughout its four years of college.

Debaters May Meet Cambridge Team Here

Although the Forensic Council has not yet decided upon a debating schedule for the coming season, several contests, including one with the University of Cambridge, England, await the action of the Council. Among the probable opponents for this year's varsity team are Bowdoin College, Boston College, New Jersey Law College, University of Pennsylvania, Washington and Jefferson, University of Pittsburgh and Lincoln University. Debates will also be scheduled for the second team.

In conducting the tryouts for the team, Prof. J. H. Frazzell announces that he will follow practically the same plan as last year. A large squad will be carried throughout the year and a new team will be selected for each debate. A freshman team will probably be chosen and a schedule arranged for it.

PATTEE REQUESTS DEPARTMENT SPLIT

English Literature, Composition and Journalism Form New Division

200 STUDENTS ENROLL FOR NEWSPAPER WORK

The opening day of the sixty-ninth year of the institution at Penn State tomorrow will witness the breaking up of the department of English into two separate divisions.

One will be the department of English literature, with Dr. W. S. Dye as head, and the other the department of English composition and journalism, with Professor A. H. Espenshade as acting head.

Dr. Patee Retires
The change marks the voluntary retirement from administrative duties of Dr. Fred Lewis Patee, well known authority on American literature, and a member of the faculty for thirty-three years. For many years he has been head of the department of English, and at his own request the changes have been made by trustee act. They also provide that Dr. Patee complete his teaching duties by Christmas of each year, allowing him time for his writing and editing.

Rapid increase in demands for instruction in journalism in recent years at Penn State has assisted in the establishment of this department combined with English composition. Upwards of two hundred students now enroll for courses in news writing. (Continued on fourth page)

Preparation of Dad's Day Program Begins

Fathers' Day, observed each fall by the students of Penn State, will come this year on Saturday, October first.

A three-day program starting with a student mass meeting on Friday evening will contain not only the meeting of the Association of Parents of Penn State, which has more than two thousand members, but a varsity football game with Gettysburg College and several other events which will prove of interest to the visiting Dad.

Preparations are now under way for the entertainment of a thousand parents.

Executive To Arrive Tomorrow Afternoon

Siren Will Announce Time for Assembly On Front Campus

OCCASION IS IMPORTANT TO INSTITUTION—HETZEL

When Governor John S. Fisher arrives tomorrow afternoon for a brief inspection tour of the College he will be confronted by the entire student body, according to plans in progress late yesterday afternoon for an informal mass meeting on the front campus.

Time of Arrival Unknown
Because the exact time of the Governor's arrival is unknown the entire community will be informed of his arrival by the prolonged blowing of fire whistle and the ringing of the Old Main bell. This will be a signal for all students and faculty members to convene immediately on the front campus where cheers and songs will be the means for an enthusiastic welcome for the chief executive of the Commonwealth. In case of inclement weather the mass meeting will be held in the Auditorium.

The importance of the presence of every member of the student body at the mass meeting was emphasized by President Hetzel when he termed the occasion as one of those of major importance to the institution. "It is one of those occasions of major importance to the institution," said the President, "a time when we need every man to the front."

If the Governor's arrival takes place during the afternoon classes as is expected, all classes will be suspended for the remainder of the afternoon. All the cheer leaders will be on hand to lead the songs and cheers. Plans are also under way to have the Blue Band on hand to add to the occasion.

At the present time it is expected that Governor Fisher will merely wave a greeting in response to the tumultuous welcome he will receive. The Governor is unaware of any plans for a mass meeting and it will come as a complete surprise to the visiting chief executive of the Commonwealth.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS ADD TO EFFICIENCY OF WPCS

Remote Controls Will Enable Broadcasting of Events From Four Points

With several improvements to the apparatus and four remote controls newly ready for operation, WPCS, the college radio station, will soon be ready to transmit features of interest from all parts of the campus.

All football games are to be broadcast from a remote control placed in the west stands and when the basketball season opens the control in the Armory will enable fans to receive the results in their respective homes.

Wives have been placed from the operating room to the front of Old Main and it is expected to broadcast the "Y" reception Friday night as well as subsequent events to be held there.

Two New Men Join Engineering Faculty

Two new additions to the faculty of the School of Engineering have been announced by Dean R. L. Sackett. E. J. Umbenhauer, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will assist in the department of civil engineering and take charge of the sewage disposal plant under the direction of Professor E. D. Walker and Superintendent of Grounds R. I. Webber.

Edward H. Lang, staff member of Swarthmore during the past year, has been appointed assistant professor in the electrical engineering department. Professor Umbenhauer succeeds I. H. Clauson, who tendered his resignation recently.

MANDOLIN CLUB USES NEW TYPES OF MUSIC

Popular Pieces and Specialties To Mark Program of Coming Season

Light music and specialties will be the forte of the Mandolin club this year instead of heavy classical pieces which prove less adaptable for a College string organization. Included in the program of the Mandolin club's activities for the year is the formation of a banjo section.

Meet Monday Night
Preparations are being made, announces P. Q. Tulenko '28, president of the Club, for a meeting Monday night in the Old Main Band Room. At this time all freshmen and upperclassmen desiring to participate in Mandolin club activities are requested to be present.

There will be openings for guitar, banjo, mandolin and violin players in the Club. Arrangements will be made for the presentation of several selections by the banjo section at the Alumni mass meeting. After its organization meeting, the club will make preliminary arrangements for out-of-town concerts.

COUNCIL CONDUCTS MASS MEETING FOR FRESHMEN

To acquaint the incoming class of freshmen with the method of student government at Penn State a mass meeting was held in the Auditorium last night with all members of the Student Council present.

C. C. Bellville '28, president of Student Council, as well as other explained in detail the functioning of student government.