

## NITTANY TRIO WILL SPEAK OVER WCAU

Forensic Team Opposes Temple University Debaters On Friday Afternoon

ORATORS TO MAKE THEIR FIRST RADIO APPEARANCE

Speaking over WCAU, Philadelphia broadcasting station, Penn State's orators will take part in their first radio debate when they oppose the forensic trio of the Conwell Foundation of Temple University at 2.30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The question to be discussed will be, "Resolved, That the United States Should Enter the League of Nations." Penn State will defend the proposition. The decision for this debate will be given by the radio audience.

The team, composed of Albert J. Gares '29, Jack R. Richards '30, and David Kirsh '31, will defend the same proposition on the following night in Philadelphia against Lincoln University.

Will Debate Rutgers  
In the final home match of the season, Rutgers University will oppose Penn State on the jury question in Schuylkill auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday night. The Nittany team is composed of Robert W. Haley '29, Kenneth Hood '30, and Lawrence N. Keller '31. An open forum discussion will be held after the debate, which is to be decided by an audience vote.

Northwestern University, member of the Big Ten Western Debating League, will engage the Lion forensic trio in an extension debate to be held in Altoona Tuesday under the auspices of the Altoona high school.

On April 19, Penn State will meet Holy Cross in another extension debate on the jury question. The Nittany debaters will oppose the resolution "That the Present Jury System Should be Abolished." The speakers will meet in Bellefonte.

## PENN STATE SETS NEW MARK IN REGISTRATION

Official's Report Shows Record Enrollment of 21,087 For 1928-1929

A new record for the largest number of resident and extension students enrolled at the College in a single year has been established for the College year 1928-1929, according to a report just released by William S. Hoffman, College registrar. The report shows that 21,087 students received college instruction during 1928-1929 as compared with 20,099 last year.

Student enrollment in four year resident courses leading to a bachelor degree numbered 3837. This represents an increase of almost 200 over last year. The total for resident instruction including graduate students, Summer Session students, and two-year and winter course students, was 6705.

A new record enrollment of 2774 was established for the Summer Session of 1928. This is the largest number session enrollment figure for any college in the State.

Four year course enrollments by schools for the present college year are Agriculture, 565; Chemistry and Physics, 368; Education, 624; Engineering, 1184; Liberal Arts, 873; and Mines and Metallurgy, 189. Thirty-four students are listed as on probation.

### RECEIVE AG POSITIONS

Prof. Arthur E. Cook '22, and Mr. Charles W. Wild, Carnegie Tech alumnus, were recently appointed to the School of Agriculture faculty. Professor Cook will instruct in floriculture, while Mr. Wild is serving as an assistant to the landscape architecture staff.

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## FRATERNITIES CLASH FOR BOXING TROPHY TONIGHT

The Interfraternity boxing tournament will come to an end tonight, when Alpha Chi Rho and Pi Kappa Alpha fight for the possession of the coveted cup. Both teams have won the right to the finals by their victories over Phi Kappa Sigma and Theta Kappa Phi, respectively, in the semi-finals last week.

## SCIENCE ACADEMY WILL HOLD CONVENTION HERE

State Organization To Meet In Schuylkill Auditorium Next Friday, Saturday

Meeting here for the first time, the Pennsylvania Academy of Science will hold its fifth annual Spring convocation in Schuylkill auditorium next Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Frank D. Kern, dean of the Academy, will preside at all meetings, and will be assisted by Drs. H. W. Thurston and J. P. Kelly. The purpose of the convention is to discuss questions of scientific interest. Thirty-four papers on botany, zoology, geology, physics, and chemistry will be read.

The group is made up of members of college, normal school, and high school faculties, in addition to individuals interested in scientific work in Pennsylvania.

The Academy will give a dinner for the delegates at the University club 6.30 o'clock Friday night. A smoker sponsored by the Penn State Science club, will follow at 9 o'clock.

## Engineering Magazine Elects 1929-30 Staff

Election of the staff of the Penn State Engineer for 1929-1930 resulted in the choice of Eugene A. Reichard '30, as editor-in-chief and Frederick H. Lilly '30, as business manager. Raymond L. Laus '30, was elected assistant editor, while Claude E. Engle '30 and Samuel C. Dally '30, were selected as associate editors.

To complete the business staff, Edward A. Weymouth '30, received the circulation managership, and Alfred S. Buggs and Raymond R. Hoffman '30, were chosen as foreign and local advertising managers, respectively.

Harry E. Markle Jr. '30, will be head of the art staff, while Lewis L. Raymer '30, was elected to the honorary board of the publication.

## Women's Rifle Team Makes Record Score

The Girls' Rifle team fired the highest score on record, which was 492 points, during last week's match against Oklahoma University. The winner, however, is not determined as the reports from Oklahoma have not come through as yet.

Gertrude Toewe '29 again added a perfect score to the list of three that have already been shot. The other scores were Jeannette Ritter '30 and Muriel Bowman '32, 99, and Josephine Lees '30 and Annette Kryder '30, 98.

This week the team shoots two matches, one against George Washington University, last year's champions; and the other against the University of Cincinnati.

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## NATIONAL GROUPS WILL MEET HERE

Heads of 16 Organizations and Societies Select College For Conventions

### SCIENTISTS' CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK HEADS LIST

Sixteen organizations and societies, including several prominent national groups, will hold conventions or meetings on the campus this year. This will be the largest number of conventions or meetings ever held at Penn State in a single year, and will bring thousands of visitors to the College.

The number of national organizations that have selected Penn State as their convention site has shown a large increase in the past few years.

For the second consecutive time State College has been selected as the meeting place for the National Oil and Gas Power conference which will be held here this year from June 24 to 27. The American Society of Refrigerating Engineers will also meet here from June 19 to 22.

A convention of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science will be held at the College this month from the 29th to the 31st. Other meetings scheduled to be held here are the Fourteenth Annual Engineering Extension convention, May 16 and 17; Industrial Conference of the School of Engineering, May 17 and 18; Young Club Leaders, June 17 to 22; Young Farmers' Day, June 18 to 20; Young Peoples Branch of the W. C. T. U., June 24 to 29; State Conference of School Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, and Supervising Principals, August 8 to 10; Grange Lecturers, August 12 to 15.

## Students To Hold Pep Rally Thursday Night

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The committee will inspect the Huntingdon Reformatory on Wednesday. They will leave Penn State Friday morning for Rockview Penitentiary.

Two years ago a similar visit was made by members of the same committee. A mass meeting was held at the time similar to the one which will be held here Thursday night. Members of the group will confer with President Hetzel after the conclusion of the mass meeting.

## COW TESTING WORK IN PENNSYLVANIA EXPANDS

Cow testing association work in Pennsylvania has expanded 250 percent since 1924. Mr. L. O. Sidelmann of the dairy extension service said yesterday. In the year 1924 cows were tested, while last year the number was 20,212.

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## COLLEGE A. A. AWARDS 11 BASKETBALL LETTERS

Ten members and the student manager of Penn State's 1928-29 basketball team were awarded major letters by the Athletic Association yesterday. Six of those receiving the straight "S" are seniors whose services will be lost to the Nittany quintet through graduation.

Captain Lou Reilly, Dick Reinhold, Jack Mazess, Steve Hannas, Skip Stahley, Jack Browne, Art Koch, Joe Wilson, Paul Krumrine, Bernie Jacobson, and Manager Benjamin F. Campbell were the men who received letters. Reilly, Reinhold, Hannas, Browne, Koch, and Jacobson will be absent from next year's Lion court squad.

## STATE GEOLOGIST WILL GIVE LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Charles H. Ashley To Speak Here April 22, May 13 And Next Fall

Dr. Charles H. Ashley, State geologist, will serve as professional lecturer in geology here, beginning with the subject "Practical Application of Geology in Industry" April 22.

Dr. Ashley will deliver his second address May 13. His subject on that date will be "Geological Explanation of Pennsylvania." In addition, he will deliver a series of lectures next fall, the dates for which have not yet been arranged. After each lecture he will meet advanced students and faculty members of the geology department for a short discussion.

The lecturer will also serve as a member of two advisory boards for the School of Mines and Metallurgy. The advisory groups, in natural gas and petroleum, have been formed to assist the College in working out various problems of the department so that it may better serve the oil and gas industries of the State. The State Geology Department is cooperating with Penn State in geological research work.

## AG PROFESSORS ATTEND CONFERENCE AT ITHACA

Profs. Sheldon W. Fletcher, Andrew A. Borland, and Ernest L. Nixon of the School of Agriculture, attended a meeting of delegates from leading Eastern institutions at Cornell University Saturday. The convocation was held for discussing organizational plans for an agricultural mission and foundation.

The foundation is to support farming missionary work in foreign lands. It is an extension of the work "Daddy" Groff has been carrying on in China with College support.

## FORMER RUSSIAN ACE SEEKS DEGREES IN GRADUATE SCHOOL

Just like any other Penn State student, Theodore Victor Letonoff, a former Russian Count and holder of six decorations for bravery against the Germans and Russian Communists, paces along the campus paths and listens to his instructors every day. He will receive his master's degree next year.

On the afternoon of September 23, 1916, Ted crashed to the ground in his plane back of the Austrian front, a Boche bullet wound in his arm making it impossible for him to control the machine. In another fight some time later, he watched helplessly as his brother went down in a mass of flames. Ted was sixteen years old at the time.

In 1914, as the sparks of human warfare were slowly kindling into a flame that was to throw the entire world into chaos, the Letonoff family was living serenely in a palatial home near Petrograd. Four young men, the father, and a girl, just blossoming into beautiful young womanhood, comprised the household.

"But they are all dead now," Ted said softly, "all except me." He bowed his head, momentarily interrupted, his narrative to pay mute tribute to the dead ones he will see no more. The walls of his room said nothing. Darkness reigned outside, and silence within.

Brothers Killed  
"One brother was killed in aviation," he continued, meeting the gaze of his listeners once more. "Another was killed in the cavalry. The third—well, even today he is among the missing, although I am certain that if he lived we would have met before this."

He spoke with a slight foreign accent. Although knowing little of the English language before coming to America he now speaks the tongue fluently.

"This third brother, the oldest of the three, was an officer in the Navy. He, like my father and sister, was doubtless a victim of the cruelty of the Communists. I inquired both in Paris and London for him but there was no trace."

Throughout his life Ted's father, Count Letonoff, was a friend of the peasants tilling the soil of the surrounding countryside. To him they came when in trouble, always sure of a friendly welcome.

"When the horrors of the revolution descended upon Russia," the young man went on, "and the drunken

peasants were destroying property and pillaging everywhere, they did not forget my father's former kindness. The last time that I visited home the fact that my home was not touched, although situated in the midst of ruin, struck me as significant.

"But the good luck did not last. A senseless mob, crazed by vodka, wrecked my home, killing my father and sister. My mother had died before the war."

Ted fumbled for a moment in the drawer of his study table. Then he withdrew a snapshot of a young girl, beautiful and smiling in the happiness of youth.

"This is the only picture I have of any of my family," he whispered. He sighed as he said it. "I had others, but they were stolen from me in Constantinople. It is my sister at about the age of eighteen."

"Her death hurt me more than any of the others. Just as soon as the revolution broke out, she obtained a bottle of poison and started wearing it on a string around her neck. It was enough to cause instant death. I hope she went that way, rather than by the brutality of the Communists," he said yearningly.

When the World War began, the young Letonoff was attending the Military Academy at Moscow. He had previously graduated from the Cadet Corps at Petrograd.

"Although I was only sixteen years old," he said, "I felt that I just had to go. I applied for a commission in the aviation corps and my request was granted. I became a second lieutenant in the aviation unit accompanying the 7th Russian Army."

He was wounded over the Austrian front September 23, 1916, remained in the hospital until the following January, and then returned to his former post with the rank of first lieutenant. He continued to fly until

the army was disorganized by the Communists in December, 1917.

From that time until May, 1919, he served as a first lieutenant in the White Army of South Russia. He was wounded twice during this time. He was one of the original members of the group of 250 from which the White army grew.

After returning to aviation, a captain was bestowed upon him. Then in March, 1923, he became operative adjutant to General Slaschoff, a leader of the White army. When his army was disbanded, threw his energies to the Red cause. Just recently he was assassinated.

When the White army was demobilized Letonoff went to Constantinople, from there to Germany, Austria, Serbia, and finally Bulgaria, where he labored for some time. All this time he had been filled with the desire to reach America. From Constantinople he came to America. In February, 1924, he entered Penn State.

"Why did I choose Penn State?" he answered. "I did not do so myself, but a friend whom I met in Philadelphia advised me to come here because of the high rating of the department of biological chemistry."

A picture of Ted in his uniform of the Petrograd Cadet Corps, and another depicting him wearing his Military Academy uniform, gazed down upon the two talking there in Ted's room. The visitor replaced a tip of a propeller, souvenir of the air fight, on the study table and walked slowly to the door.

"Good night," Ted replied. "Come again."

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