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## FRESHMAN SOCIETY TO INSTALL GROUP EARLY NEXT FALL

### Phi Eta Sigma Accepts Local Chapter—Sets Standard At 2.5 Average

## ORIGINAL FOUNDER PLANS INSTALLATION TRIP HERE

### 30 Students Will Join National Honorary as Members Of Local Body

Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman honorary scholastic fraternity, will install a chapter at Penn State early next fall, it was disclosed by the committee of faculty members and freshmen who received notification from the mother chapter at the University of Illinois.

Thirty of the thirty-three men eligible for the local fraternity similar to Phi Eta Sigma, which was established recently, accepted bids to the local and will become the first members of the national society next year.

After a prolonged discussion and comparison of standards in other colleges and Penn State the eligibility grade was fixed at 2.5. Faculty members who communicated with the national organization and who were influential in securing the chapter include Harry W. Seaman, Y. M. C. A. secretary, Registrar William S. Hoffman, and Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock. The committee of freshmen who were in charge of the petitioning is composed of Wilbur H. Zimmerman, chairman, Karl K. Bush, David F. Young and Benjamin J. Conrad. Freshman president Clarence F. Christian was also at the head of the movement.

Society Organized in 1923  
Thomas A. Clark, Dean of Men at the University of Illinois will accompany the installation committee. He is one of the founders of the original chapter at Illinois.

Phi Eta Sigma originated at the University of Illinois in 1923 as a society to encourage and reward high scholastic standing among students of the freshman class. Recognition of the worth of the organization came quickly, and since the founding ten universities have petitioned the mother chapter for admission. Penn State's chapter will be the eleventh.

University of Missouri was the first institution to express a desire to have a chapter of Phi Eta Sigma on its campus. University of Michigan, University of Oklahoma, University of Wisconsin, Miami University, Ohio State University, De Pauw University, George Washington University and Catholic University followed soon after.

Sponsors Smoker, Addresses  
When the fraternity becomes active at Penn State, freshmen attaining an average of 2.5 at the end of the first semester may join the society. Those who do not earn required grades at the end of the first semester may still become eligible by raising their marks during the second semester to gain an average of 2.5 for the entire first year.

It is customary at the University of Illinois to hold a smoker just before the announcement of the new members of the fraternity. All freshmen with high scholastic standing are invited to the smoker. In addition, at intervals during the school year, the chapter sponsors addresses by invited educators on subjects related to scholarship.

## REQUESTS FOR MINERS INCREASE, SAYS STEIDLE

"Requests for graduate students from the School of Mines and Metallurgy have been more than three times the number available by graduation this year," Edward Steidle, dean of the school stated in his office yesterday.

How other technical courses seem to be naturally advertised, was the substance of the dean's discussion. Boys play with electric trains and become infatuated with the prospect of becoming an engineer, while Scouts accept a vocation as a forester because of their experience in the woods, but no idea of the romance of mining is ever communicated to the impressionable youth, according to Mr. Steidle.

"It's a regrettable situation," the Dean continued, "since the science of metallurgy, especially in the branch connected with ceramics, is practically a virgin field.

"Unlimited opportunity in all parts of the industry is open to any one who finds metallurgy engaging," Dean Steidle added.

## DR. BURRAGE WILL HEAD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Leslie M. Burrage, associate professor of French, will serve as acting head of the romance language department temporarily filling the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Irving L. Foster, former head of the department.

Dr. Charles W. Stoddard, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, states that as yet no one is under consideration to fill the vacancy.

## STUDENT COUNCIL NAMES TRIBUNAL

### Elects Martin McAndrews New Head—Asks More Stringent Custom Enforcement

Student Council elected Martin S. McAndrews '30, president of Tribunal for next year and discussed plans for more stringent enforcement of freshman customs when it met Tuesday night.

The Council recommended that the Tribunal set a definite date for its meetings and if possible, meet every three weeks. It was definitely decided, however, that a session for the correction of freshmen should be held at least once a month and the date announced. Heretofore the organization has met at the will of the president. J. Neil Stahley and Joseph R. Wilson will represent the class of 1930 on the Tribunal while Frank Diederich, J. Cooper French, John Zetella and Lawrence N. Keller are the 1931 additions. 1932 members will be Wilbur H. Zimmerman, Robert G. Snyder, Crist D. Musser, Karl K. Bush, and George Lasech. This group is represented by non-fraternity, non-athletic and athletic members.

A committee was appointed to decide new rules governing the annual tug-of-war scrap between the freshmen and sophomores. The present system of having the sophomores select the freshman colors if victorious, and of retaining customs for an additional two weeks if unsuccessful, was declared inadequate by the Council.

## EDITORS PREPARE 'OLD MAIN BELL'

### Collect Material for First Issue of Literary Magazine To Appear During Freshman Week

Material is now being collected for the next issue of *Old Main Bell*, the College literary magazine, which will appear during Freshman Week in September.

The editing and composing staff will collaborate in preparing this issue. The manuscript will be given before the end of the semester and sent to Grit Publishing Company for printing during the summer.

Though financial difficulties the third issue that was to have been issued this year could not be printed. Plans are being drawn up, however, so that three issues may be distributed next year.

Editor-in-chief Llewellyn Mitchell '29, in explaining the non-appearance of the third issue, said that all subscribers this year would be given the first issue of next year free at the time of its release. He also said that persons leaving State College at the end of the year should leave their permanent address with some member of next year's staff.

## Ancient Nile Banks Call Lion Athlete From Penn State to Native Country

It is many miles from the banks of the historic Nile and the quiet streets of ancient Cairo to a little town in central Pennsylvania known as State College and a distant college to choose, but that was the choice of Mousa Seiry, athlete young Egyptian who will complete his fourth year at Penn State this week.

Mousa is now writing a story of his boyhood in Cairo. So far he has completed about half of what he expects to make a twenty-five thousand word manuscript. The book will be published by the Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co. of Boston.

Born October 13, 1903, Mousa passed his entire youth in Cairo. He passed through all the lower schools of the city. When he was ready for college, he entered the American university at Cairo. He completed the two-year course. While at the university he became acquainted with Joseph Lee, a graduate of Penn State. Under the influence of this instructor he came to Penn State.

May Return Home  
Early in life Mousa started to play soccer. In this sport as in all others

## A. S. R. E. TO HOLD SPRING CONCLAVE HERE JUNE 20-22

### 90 Prominent Engineers Signify Intention of Attending Annual Meeting

## EXHIBIT TO SHOW NEW REFRIGERATING DEVICES

### Students Plan Entertainment For Informal Dinner Friday Night

Leading refrigerating engineers of the country will attend the spring meeting of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers, June 20-22, according to Professor Arthur J. Wood, head of the department of mechanical engineering, and president of the society.

Yesterday afternoon more than ninety members had signified their intention of attending the meetings. Some of these already registered are: Mr. J. F. Nickerson, president of the American division of the International Commerce of Refrigeration; Dr. E. F. Mueller, physicist of the Bureau of Standards at Washington, Dr. L. A. Hawkins, head physiologist of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Mr. H. D. Edwards, vice-president of the A. S. R. E. and Mr. John E. Starr, the only honorary member of the society.

Among the engineers and heads of large business concerns who will be present are: Mr. E. A. Sweeley, superintendent of operations of the Fruit Growers Express Company, Mr. Glenn Muffley, president of the Copeland Products, Incorporated; Mr. George E. Hulso, chief engineer of the Safety Car Heating and Lighting Company, Mr. George Lange, vice-president of the American Ice Company, Mr. Ezra Frick, president of the Frick Company; Mr. J. Baer, sales manager of the Frick Company, Mr. J. H. H. Vosa, president of Voss, Incorporated; Dr. D. R. Harpo, J. D. of Union College; Mr. Harry Sloan, advisory engineer of the Vilter Company, and Mr. Willis H. Carrier, president of the Carrier Engineering Corporation.

Any members of the faculty or students interested in refrigeration are invited to attend the meetings of the conference, and especially the trip to the nature study camp, at J. O'Leary Thursday afternoon. Information concerning this outing may be obtained at the conference headquarters in Varsity Hall, beginning Wednesday, June 19.

Several pieces of apparatus for exhibition purposes have already been installed in the Mechanical Engineering Laboratory. They include a unit conditioner for blowing properly humidified cool air, into a room, and a new device for jacking liquid air at a temperature of minus 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

The visiting engineers will be housed in Varsity and Watts Hall, and their wives in the Woman's Building. Athletic Director Hugo Berdek has consented to place the tennis courts and the golf course at the disposal of the visitors.

At the informal dinner Friday evening, June 21, entertainment will be furnished by Penn State students. Robert G. Thraush '31, will perform a sleight of hand trick, and Matthew J. Gombert '30 will give a recital on the mamba. John R. Henszey '29 and his orchestra will furnish the music for the evening.

## CHAMBERS SPEAKS AT GRADUATION EXERCISES

Dean Will Grant Chambers of the School of Education delivered the commencement address at the graduation exercises held at West Hazleton High school last night.

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## LEHIGH SOCIETY ELECTS BONINE TO MEMBERSHIP

Professor Chesleigh A. Bonine of the School of Mines and Metallurgy, was recently elected to membership in the Lehigh University chapter of Sigma Xi, honorary scientific society. At present, there is no chapter of this fraternity located at Penn State.

Prof. Bonine was graduated from Lehigh University in 1912. On entering Penn State he assumed the position of professor of geology, the office he occupies at present.

## I. F. COUNCIL ELECTS BOARD OF CONTROL

### Chooses Kirkpatrick, Kalb and Holmes for Posts—Names 4 Faculty Nominees

Malcolm Kirkpatrick '30, president of Interfraternity Council, Archibald M. Holmes '30, Floyd W. Kalb '30, and one faculty member yet to be chosen, will compose the board of control which will have charge of rushing activities by national fraternities next fall, Interfraternity Council decided Tuesday night.

Dr. Robert E. Denslow of the department of classical languages, Prof. Russell B. Nesbitt of the civil engineering department, Mr. Harold A. Everett, professor of the thermodynamics, and Prof. Sheldon C. Tanner of the economics department were nominated for the position of faculty board member. College officials will appoint one of the four to the position.

The provision of the new rushing code which states that rushing is defined as the presence of a fraternity man in a freshman's room or the presence of a freshman in a fraternity

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## SENIORS ARRANGE CLASS EXERCISES

### Graduates Hold Annual Program in Schwab Auditorium Next Monday

President Ralph D. Hetzel will address members of the graduating class at the annual class day exercises to be held in Schwab auditorium at 9 o'clock next Monday morning.

Opening the program, Harry E. Pfeiffer will deliver the president's address followed by a history of the graduating class by Louis H. Bell Jr., class historian. Richard A. Geuder, valedictorian, will preside at the ceremony.

Reading of the class poem will follow the history. Miss Agnes E. Gealy has been chosen as poet by the graduating class. The pipe oration will be delivered by Bell while Miss Margaret E. Heiman will give the motto oration.

## To Present Honors

Honors will be presented by Miss Margaret P. Keller and William S. Turner. Miss Keller will present honors to senior women while Turner will perform the duties of class donor for the men graduates.

Dedication of the class memorial will be made by Fred H. Young while the memorial will be accepted by a representative of the College board of trustees. Money for the further development of the Winter Sports Park will be left as a memorial by the graduating class.

The address of President Hetzel will follow the acceptance of the memorial. The program will close with Geuder's valedictory address.

## Revision of Taxes Will Aid Farmers, Professor States

"Revision of taxes is necessary to relieve farmers of the excessive tax burden on farm property in general, and especially on farm real estate," Prof. Frederick P. Weaver, head of the agricultural economics department declared in an interview recently.

No problem which confronts the farmer has so much ethical and economic justification for relief by legislation as the tax problem, Professor Weaver believes. He asserted that adjustments in taxes for taxation to keep pace with changes in the types and sources of incomes of the people, are at least one of two generations behind the changes which they intended to bring about.

"The general property tax which was at one time the sole source of income to the ruling class still constitutes too large a share of the source of all taxes," Professor Weaver said, "while real estate bears an undue share of the burden."

# College Will Conduct Sixty-Ninth Annual Graduation Ceremonies in Recreation Hall Tuesday, June 18

## President Ralph D. Hetzel Notes Progress In Resume of Activities During 1928-1929

(Editor's Note: President Hetzel forthwith expresses his satisfaction with the progress of the College during the past year, and predicts even greater success next year.)

In looking back over the year 1928-1929, it is encouraging to note that progress has been made in many lines. Although we were forced through lack of facilities again to deny admission to many applicants, our enrollment has been the largest in the history of the institution. There have been indications throughout the year that the quality of work being done is steadily improving. Both in research and in co-operation with the industries of the State there have been distinct advances. The support manifested in the bond issue campaign and signified in the legislative appropriation indicates the strongest backing by the people of the Commonwealth that the College has ever received.

The prospect for the coming year is unusually inspiring. There is every reason to expect that the progress made during the year just closing will not only continue but will be accelerated. The spirit of the students, the faculty and the alumni has never been finer. The completion of several new buildings will add facilities which will make possible a further improvement in the quality of the work. If every Penn State man and woman co-operates as he has this year the College will go through the greatest year in its glorious history.

(Signed)

## I. M. C. ADOPTS NEW POLICY OF RUSHING

### Code To Delay Pledging—Group Places Limit on Dates With Rushees

A new system of rushing by local fraternities at Penn State was formally adopted by Intramural Council Wednesday night.

The new code states that rushing shall not start before Saturday noon, September 21, in order that it will not interfere with the Freshman Week program and activities. The second provision of the plan provides that pledging of freshmen shall not begin until Wednesday noon of the following week.

No local fraternity will be permitted to have more than two dates with a rushee in the period between Saturday noon, September 21, and Wednesday noon, September 25. All dates with freshmen must end at 10 p. m.

## Will Delay Pledging

No members of a fraternity may call upon a freshman when he is the guest of another fraternity, while any freshman who has broken a pledge with one group must have no relations with another house within a period of two months. A fraternity found guilty of violating any of the new rulings will be expelled from Intramural Council for three months and the expulsion announced publicly.

The purpose of delaying pledging until four days after rushing begins and the limiting of dates to a maximum of two for each house will give the freshmen opportunity to visit a larger number of houses, the council believes. This group also decided that any system of delayed rushing at Penn State would be hindered by inevitable complications resulting from freshman rooming contracts. Much confusion among freshmen will be eliminated during the first two weeks of school if a short rushing season is maintained, according to council members.

To Present Popular Numbers  
Clifford Burnett '22, will give two vocal solos including "Pilgrim's Song" by Tschukowsky and "Thee for Jack" by Squires. Miss Sarah F. Wentzel '31, will present as her opening selection two typical water songs, "Chinese Boat Song" and "Hindu Love Chant." "The Little Damozel" by Novello will conclude her offering.

A pianoforte solo, "Concert Etude" by MacDowell, will be given as a piano solo by Miss Helen Lachenmeyer of the musical department. Edna R. Roderick '31, will sing two soprano solos, "Blackbirds' Song" and "The Fairy Preps."

Popular numbers will be presented by Miss Martha J. Colbrecht '30, in a group of vocal solos with William F. Patterson '29. "Wedding of the Painted Doll" and the theme song from "Dessert Song" are the titles of the selections.

The Girls' Varsity quartet will sing "Indian Dawn" and a negro folk song, "Don't You Cry Ma Honey." The personnel of the quartet is Miss Roderick '31, Miss Wentzel, Miss Dietrich, and Miss Louise O. West '32.

Closing the program, the College Symphony orchestra will present another number. Ballet music from "Rosamunde," an opera by Schubert, will be the title of their second offering.

## MUSICAL GROUPS PREPARE CONCERT

### Advanced Students and Faculty Present Special Program Next Sunday Night

A special complimentary concert for Commencement visitors will be presented by advanced students and faculty of the department of music in Schwab auditorium at 8 o'clock next Sunday night.

Director Richard W. Grant has arranged a special program of classical and semi-classical numbers for vocal and instrumental presentation. The Girls' Varsity quartet and the Penn State Little Symphony orchestra will offer a group of selections.

As the opening offering, Mrs. Irene O. Grant will give an organ solo, "Finlandia," by Sibelius. This is a tone poem descriptive of the beauty of Finland's scenery. Several orchestral effects will be brought into play by Mrs. Grant.

## Offer Orchestral Novelty

To a haritone solos by Charles G. Brode '22, will continue the program. A selection from the opera "Scipio" by Handel entitled "Hear Me! Ye Wind and Waves" will be followed by another piece of the "Sea Fever" by Rogers, the American composer.

Miss Grace E. Dietrich '31, will offer a group of mezzo-soprano solo offerings with "Dawn" by Curran and closing with "Moonbeams" by Stackland. Miss Fidella M. Klevansky '31 will open her portion with a selection from "Pete Gint Suite" by Greig followed by a characteristic French melody, "Bon Jour, Suzon."

A theme song "In a Persian Market" will be presented by the Little Symphony orchestra. It represents a street scene in a Persian town with its gay galaxy of jugglers, snake-charmers, and magicians.

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## 638 Seniors To Receive Diplomas During Services

### OBSERVE BACCALAUREATE EXERCISES NEXT SUNDAY

### Program Lists Procession and Reception Among Events For Commencement

Penn State's sixty-ninth graduating class will officially pass from the College portals at Commencement exercises in Recreation Hall Tuesday morning, June 18.

Approximately 638 seniors will receive diplomas at that ceremony, while nearly forty advanced degrees will be awarded. Commencement activities will open for the group next Friday with the opening of spring Houseparties.

Baccalaureate services will be observed in Schwab auditorium at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning, while school receptions to parents will be held Monday afternoon. The Commencement ball Monday night will climax the week-end of activities.

Announce Procession Marshalls  
The Commencement procession will form in front of the College library at 9:15 o'clock Tuesday morning and march to Recreation Hall for the exercises. The College band will lead the line of graduates.

Following the band will march the chief marshalls and marshalls of the College. The assistant marshalls and marshalls of various schools will be next in line, while the seniors, candidates for advanced degrees, faculty members, deans, trustees, and president will follow in the order named.

Among the marshalls Lester M. Zook will represent the School of Agriculture, Edward G. Cium, the School of Chemistry and Physics, and Miss Helen I. Geir, the School of Education. Frank W. Warner will lead the engineers, Edward R. Hawkins, the liberal artists, and John Ruzicka, the miners. These persons have been selected for excellence in scholarship in their respective groups.

Bernard C. Hibler, Charles F. Kundered and John J. Bowman have been chosen as assistant marshalls. These men are appointed for excellence in military science.

Arrange Commencement Program  
Following the procession into the hall, Prof. John H. Fizzell, acting chaplain, will deliver the invocation. The Hon. John A. H. Keith, State superintendent of public instruction, will speak to the graduating class on "The Graduate versus Society."

Degrees will then be awarded by President Ralph D. Hetzel to seniors and advanced students. Captain Roy F. Rouse of the military department will present commissions to reserve officers of the class of 1929.

The benediction will be given by Prof. Fizzell, and followed by the recessional. During that time the College band will play "The Blue and White."

The School of Engineering leads with 180 graduates, and the School of Liberal Arts is second with 165. One hundred and fifteen will graduate from education, and one hundred from agriculture. The School of Mines and Metallurgy will graduate twenty-five, while sixty-three will go from the School of Chemistry and Physics.

Robbins' Band To Play  
The Rev. Edwin A. Steiner will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon, while Prof. Fizzell will pronounce the invocation and the benediction. Special music has also been arranged by Director Richard W. Grant, head of the music department.

Selections from "Tannhauser," the dramatic opera by Wagner, will be played by the Penn State Little Symphony orchestra.

In the afternoon a band concert will be presented on the front campus by the College military band. A twilight vesper service conducted by the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. will follow later in the day. A musical recital will be given by the music department Sunday night.

Senior class day exercises will be held in Schwab auditorium Monday morning, with a sports program planned for the afternoon. School receptions to alumni and parents will begin at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The alumni dinner for seniors and guests will also be served in McAllister hall at 6 o'clock that night. Previous to the Commencement reception, the Players will offer a comedy drama in Schwab auditorium.