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COLLEGE LEADERS WILL SPEAK AT 'Y' RECEPTION TONIGHT

President Hetzel To Welcome Freshman Class on Front Campus at 7 O'clock

GLEE CLUB, BLUE BAND OFFER SPECIAL PROGRAM

Officials Install Loud Speakers As Aid in Carrying Talks To Entire Audience

President Ralph D. Hetzel with other College officials and student leaders will welcome the class of 1933 at the annual Y. M. C. A. reception to take place on front campus at 7 o'clock tonight.

Seated on the platform which has been constructed against the fence surrounding the spot where Old Main once stood will be President and Mrs. Hetzel, Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray, Dean of Men Arthur B. Warnock, Hugo Bezdek, director of athletics and Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics.

J. Theodore Wolfe '30, president of the Y. M. C. A., will introduce the speakers. Mr. Bezdek will present the captains of the various athletic teams. Martin S. McAndrews '30, president of the Athletic Association, Helen F. Faust '30, president of the W. S. G. A., Josephine T. Lees '30 head of the W. A. A., and Elizabeth Mellor '30, president of the Y. W. C. A., are included on the program.

Install Loud Speakers Interprising the program of speeches the College Glee club, under the direction of Prof. Richard W. Grant, and the Blue Band, directed by bandmaster Wilfred O. Thompson, will present musical selections. Cheerleaders will lead the assemblage in singing College songs.

Amplifiers have been installed so that the speeches and music may be heard by all present. Heretofore freshmen had the opportunity of meeting College leaders personally by the receiving line system, but feeling that this was too tedious a process, Y. M. C. A. officials decided that short speeches of welcome would be more appropriate.

Freshman Customs Off When members of the class of 1933 arrive on the campus, they will be handed blank cards on which are to be printed their names, courses and home towns. A number will be printed on each card and freshmen holding the same number will gather at spots designated for them by placards bearing the corresponding numeral.

Approximately thirty men and ten women students will congregate in each group "Marty" McAndrews, president of Tribunal, announces that all customs will be off from the moment the freshmen enter the campus until they leave. Refreshments in the form of punch and small cakes will be served following the speeches.

TRIBUNAL TO SEEK PLEBE OFFENDERS

Governing Body Will Enforce Both Freshman and Sophomore Custom Regulations

Lifting the ban of freshmen's presence in pool rooms, and permitting plebes to wear woolen caps while skating on the winter sports development pond, the Student Tribunal will enforce all other class customs rigidly, Martin S. McAndrews '30 stated yesterday.

"The purpose of forbidding first-year men to be seen in pool rooms is no longer necessary," the Tribunal president said. "Several years ago, the rule was essential to give upperclassmen a chance at the tables. Now that the indoor recreation rooms have become more plentiful and the pool less popular, the custom is obsolete."

Sophomore customs will be strictly enforced, McAndrews continued. Underclassmen who do not wear hats and coats will be subject to sentence by the tribunal as well as the freshmen. The governing body wishes upperclassmen to report all sophomore violations promptly. Sophomores will continue to turn in names of custom-breaking plebes.

New students who have taken customs at other colleges, and other underclassmen who desire to be excused from customs, will present themselves at the first meeting of the tribunal in the Varist Hall lecture room at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night.

Dr. Gerald Wendt Obtains Indefinite Absence Leave

Former Dean To Vacate Position Here on November 1

Dr. Charles L. Wendt, for five years Dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics and for the past year assistant to the President in charge of Institutional Research, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence to become effective November 1. Dr. Wendt plans to devote his time to private business interests. The former dean came to Penn State in September 1924 and held that position until July when he started his duties as assistant to the President. During that time he has been responsible for building up the chemistry school to its present high standing among American colleges. Outstanding in Dr. Wendt's record at Penn State was his bringing to the College and directing of the national Institute of Chemistry. This institute was held on the campus for four weeks in July, 1927.

Would Not Leave Penn State He also organized the College division of industrial research, which is now engaged in a score of important research problems. This department placed the research facilities of the College at the disposal of

A. A. TO DISTRIBUTE CARDS NEXT WEEK

Students Will Receive Improved Season Ticket Bearing Own Photographs

Student's athletic tickets will be distributed from the Treasurer's office on the first floor of the old Beta Theta Pi fraternity house from Wednesday until Saturday of next week, Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, announced yesterday.

Students will receive their passes upon presentation of matriculation cards. Instead of the passbook containing numbered tickets, a single cardboard pass will be distributed. The student's photograph will be placed on the pass while spaces are marked for five athletic contests where reserved seats are required.

"Improved System Adopted" Bucknell and Lafayette football games are two of the contests noted, while possibly one of the football contests and two winter events will be provided for on the passes. The cardboards will be used the entire year, but will be stamped at the outset of the second semester.

"The new system is a progressive step and one that has been adopted in other colleges," Graduate Manager Fleming states. He believes it will eliminate the confusion and untidiness present when seats were assigned in former years.

Celluloid holders may be distributed with the tickets if present plans work out, athletic officials reveal. They also announce that the same seating arrangement as last year will probably be made in the New Beaver stands.

DR. HETZEL GREET'S 3000 PEOPLE AT CONVOCATION

Urging the student body to respond to the challenge which has come with the new building program and increased appropriations, President Ralph D. Hetzel addressed an audience of more than 3000 people at convocation in Recreation Hall Wednesday morning.

"The commonwealth, indeed, the whole nation is watching Penn State with sympathy, yet, at the same time with a critical attitude," President Hetzel told his audience. "New buildings and new equipment has been placed at our disposal."

"The state has awakened to our needs and is watching for our reaction. A new era is before us, and if the College is to fulfill the trust placed in it, the student body must answer the challenge," the president added.

ENGLISH HEAD RETURNS

Mason Long, author of "A College Grammar," after completing a year of graduate work at Yale university has returned to continue his work here. Dr. William S. Dye, head of the department of English literature, announced yesterday, Mr. K. C. Wals, graduate of Cornell university, is a new member of this department.

OFFICIALS SELECT PENN VICE-DEAN AS ARCHITECTS' HEAD

Dean of Engineers R. L. Sackett Announces Appointment Of L. F. Pilcher



DR. GERALD L. WENDT

Former Chemistry Dean Obtains Indefinite Leave of Absence.

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NEW PROFESSOR DESIGNS NEW YORK STATE PRISON

Leaves Position in Camden, N.J., To Assume Duties at Penn State

D. Lewis F. Pilcher, noted architect and former vice-dean of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed head of the department of architectural design at Penn State, Dean Robert L. Sackett of the Engineering school announced yesterday.

Di Pilcher has had wide experience in architectural design and public architecture. He designed Sing Sing prison, Cornell university drill hall, and armories in New York, Gov. Albany, and Rochester, N. Y., while he served as consulting architect during the construction of the court-house in New York City and the Insular prison of Porto Rico.

He leaves his position as architect of the city of Camden, N. J., to come to Penn State. At Camden he had charge of a large program of city planning and beautification, which included work on the courthouse, city hall, police headquarters and other related structures.

Served in Graduate School Following his graduation from Columbia university, Dr. Pilcher secured the degree of doctor of law, and letters at the University of Colorado. He became instructor in the department of architecture at University of Pennsylvania but left this position to accept the professorship of art at Yassai college.

He also served as architect for the coast artillery, and the state of New York while he has acted in an advisory capacity to the national government on new prisons and veterans' hospitals. He was consulting architect on the New York and New Jersey vehicular tunnel and conducted

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MONT ALTO HOLDS OFFICIAL OPENING

President's Assistant, Director Ferguson Address State Forestry Students

Official opening of the Mont Alto branch of the new Pennsylvania State Forest school, formed by merging the State forest school at Mont Alto and that here, took place yesterday. More than fifty freshmen who have enrolled for the four-year forestry course offered by the College started their classes there, together with about twenty students in the two-year course.

That the students here are an actual part of the Penn State student body was a point stressed by Edward K. Hibshman, assistant to the President, who made the opening address. The four-year students are a part of the record Penn State freshman class of this year and entitled to all privileges as members of the 1933 class of the mother institution.

Prof. Ferguson Presides Next fall they move here to take the remaining three years of their course, Mr. Hibshman said. He stressed the advantages of the merger plan and declared the faculty at Mont Alto to be a group of very capable instructors.

Prof. John A. Ferguson, for many years head of the forestry school and now director of the merged schools presided at the opening exercises. The enrollment of freshmen and juniors at Mont Alto is about the same as the usual attendance of students in all classes before the merger.

WPSC WILL DISCONTINUE BROADCASTING FOOTBALL

Because of the limited radius of the College broadcasting station WPSC, football games will not be broadcast play-by-play this year as in former years, College operators announced yesterday.

Authorities have complained also that the broadcasting of the gridiron frays lessens attendance at the games, and it is hoped that with the discontinuance of the play-by-play account attendance at the contests will be improved.

SPECIALIST RESIGNS TO ACCEPT CORNELL POST

After six years as daily extension specialist at the College, Stanley J. Bownell has resigned to accept a similar position on the staff of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell university.

Graduating from Michigan State college in 1916, Bownell spent five years at that institution as assistant professor of dairying. For two years he was an extension worker in Michigan, then in 1923 he took charge of work in the Keystone state. Bownell has been popular as a speaker at National and various state dairy meetings, and has been a frequent contributor to farm and dairy papers.

SCHOOL OF MINES REPORTS INCREASE

Dean Steidle Reveals Growth of Metallurgy, Ceramics, and Gas, Oil Courses

Applications for admission to the School of Mines and Metallurgy increased one hundred percent this year, Dean Edward W. Steidle stated yesterday.

Dean Steidle said that this notable increase was probably due to the efforts of the department during the past year to advise high school students of the opportunities awaiting them in the mineral industries field.

Enrollment in the ceramics department shows more than one hundred percent increase and that in metallurgy is nearly as high. Courses in mining, geology, and gas and oil production also show marked increase in registration.

"One of the outstanding features of the enrollment in the School of Mines is the remarkable increase in the quality of the freshmen who compose the school," the Dean stated. "About half of the freshmen, who compose the largest group to enter this school in one year, rank in the upper two-fifths of their high school class, and more than three-fourths are in the upper three-fifths."

HAVERFORD STUDENTS DO PECULIAR SUMMER WORK

Driving a fire truck, working in the sound department of a motion picture studio, and traveling as a part of a Quaker peace caravan were only a few of the sixty different occupations occupying the attention of Haverford undergraduates last summer, a survey conducted at that institution reveals.

The canvass revealed the fact that most spent the vacation "studying" in some way, although a few admitted that loafing was their main occupation. Others did newspaper work, traveled with circuses, tested boilers, and served as councilors at camps.

Untried Lion Eleven Will Open Season Against Strong Niagara Football Aggregation Tomorrow

Lions Who Will See Action Tomorrow



KAPLAN - END, FRENCH - QUARTERBACK, SHAWLEY - TACKLE, ZORELLA - GUARD, EVANS - HALF BACK, EDWARDS - END

New York Combination Holds Conference Championship

9 VETERANS TO START ON PENN STATE TEAM

French, Diedrich, Livezey, and Lasich Compose Nittany Backfield Threat

Opposing a veteran Niagara university eleven, Coach Hugo Bezdek's potent Lion gridiron machine will open Penn State's forty-third football season on New Beaver field at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Three winners of the New York state small college conference championship, the Catskill City aggregation will offer strong resistance to the attempts of the Blue and White array to amass a winning score. The New York institution has been undefeated in conference games during the three year of the league's existence.

With but two members of the team inexperienced in variety football competition, Coach Bezdek will send a veteran Penn State team against the N'agarians. Judy Lasich at the full-back post and Hippo Gillard at guard will be the newcomers in Saturday's encounter.

Penn State Line-up The first string eleven has been displaying power both on the offensive and on the defensive during recent scrimmages and Bezdek hopes to present one of the speediest and most powerful teams which has represented Penn State for several years in tomorrow's fray.

Mike Kaplan and Emil Edwards will hold down the end posts for the Nittany team. Both wingmen are in fine shape and have been displaying mid-season form in recent scrimmages.

Ralph Rieker and Toots Panavation will receive the tackle assignments for the opening scrap with Gillard and Johnny Zorella at the guard post. Mart, McAndrews will start at the

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COLLEGE OBTAINS 6 MUSIC ARTISTS

Russian Choir To Open Series In Schwab Auditorium November 1

Presenting a College-sponsored Artist Course for the first time to a Penn State audience, the entertainment committee, headed by Director of Music Richard W. Grant, has contacted for six outstanding musical numbers to appear here this winter.

The Russian Symphonic Choir will open the course on November 1, followed by the New York Sing Quartet, with Grace Leslie, contralto, on November 20. Ethel Fox, soprano, and Allan Jones, tenor, will appear in an opera recital on December 5.

Offerings by Albert Spalding, violinist, will comprise the fourth number of the course on January 30. Dr. Sigurd Speech, musical lecturer, will conduct the entertainment February 13. Lawrence Tibbett, noted baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will close the course March 31.

Name Board of Advisors College officials have named a group of campus leaders to take charge of the Artists' course. The committee, made up of ten men selected from the faculty and student body, will be called the "Board of Advisors."

Director of Music Grant heads the group. Three faculty members chosen by the director, and the College comptroller makes up the faculty portion of the Board. Malcolm Kirkpatrick '30, president of the interfraternity council, F. Bruce Baldwin '30, president of Student Council, James H. Coogan '30, editor-in-chief of the COLLEGIAN, the president of Phi Mu Alpha and the president of Kappa Gamma Psi completes the Board.

Following a visit by a course adviser soon, tickets will be placed on sale at the treasurer's office. The ticket sale probably will be held during the week of October 13.

'Y' DISCUSSION GROUPS TO BEGIN OCTOBER 13

A division of the freshman class into discussion groups will take place in Schwab auditorium at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, October 13. 'Y' officials have decided to wait until after rushing before beginning this work.

The class will be divided into a number of groups under the leadership of an upperclassman, and after the first assembly each group will meet separately. Matters of general interest to the members of the new class will be discussed at the meetings.

ORATORS TO MEET NEW ZEALAND TRIO

Prof. Frizzell Will Issue Call For Team Candidates In Two Weeks

Opening the 1929 debating season, Penn State's forensic team will meet a team representing the University of New Zealand in a feature debate early in November. A call for candidates will be issued in about two weeks, Prof. John H. Frizzell, coach of the team, announced yesterday.

The topic to be debated with the New Zealand team will be either "Resolved, That Trial by Jury be Abolished" or "The Emergence of Woman from the Home is to be Deplored." Prof. Frizzell and assistant Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien are planning to take the team on an extended western trip to the Pacific coast sometime between semesters.

Thirty Debates Planned The forensic squad will be prepared to debate during the season upon the following questions: "Farm Relief," "Disadvantages of Modern Advertising," "League of Nations," and "Compulsory Automobile Insurance."

Prof. Frizzell has arranged the schedule for the season so that the debating squad will engage in one debate a month at home and one feature debate a semester.

Thirty debates are planned for the coming year. The results of last year show that the Nittany teams won four debates, lost six and engaged in a no-decision affair. Prof. Frizzell believes this year's material to be very good and is especially hopeful for his freshman prospects.

DEAN WATTS STRESSES FARMING OPPORTUNITY

"Opportunity for advancement in the field of scientific agriculture is greater today than has ever been in the past," said Dean Ralph L. Watts, head of the School of Agriculture in an interview yesterday. "Practically all men who graduated from the Penn State School of Agriculture in the past few years have been placed in promising positions before they received their diplomas," he stated.

The Dean continued that the field of agriculture is extensive and varied, while some find great returns in practical farming where a knowledge of scientific methods has proven profitable.

DR. SWEENEY RESIGNS

Dr. William J. Sweeney, who resigned this summer as director of the division of industrial research in the School of Chemistry and Physics, has accepted a position with the Standard Oil Development corporation of Baton Rouge, La.

STAMFORD PASTOR TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Dr. George Stewart Will Talk on Lignun University At Chapel Services in Auditorium

Dr. George Stewart, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Stamford, Conn., will address the student body at chapel exercises in Schwab Auditorium Sunday morning. He will speak about the work at Lignun university, Penn State's mission in China.

Dr. Stewart is the author of many books dealing with religious subjects. His work "The History of Religious Education in Connecticut to the Middle of the Nineteenth Century" won the John Addison Porter prize offered by Yale university. Some of his other books are "Ask me a Bible Question," "God and Man," and "The Practice of Friendship."

During the World War, Dr. Stewart served as a captain in the Army. He received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Yale and is a member of the Royal Geographical society.

After prayer the meeting will be turned over to Bruce Baldwin, president of the senior class and newly-appointed member of the committee on the mission to China, who will speak on the Chinese project. Miss Ruth Niebel, who has spent most of her life in China, and other speakers also will address the student body.

PRESIDENT R. D. HETZEL ATTENDS JOINT MEETING

As a member of the executive committee of the American Land Grant College association, President Ralph D. Hetzel attended a joint conference with members of the Federal Farm Board in Washington early this week.

The college group represented the agricultural instruction, research and extension service of the United States. They are in position to give excellent assistance to the Farm Board in its problems of farm relief, President Hetzel said upon his return yesterday.