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FORMER PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS 125 MID-YEAR SENIORS

Dr. John M. Thomas To Present
Commencement Talk
January 31

RECORD GROUP EXPECTS DIPLOMAS NEXT MONTH

Executive Establishes Schools
Of Chemistry, Physics,
Education Here

Dr. John Martin Thomas, president of Rutgers University, and former president of Penn State, will address the largest mid-year graduating class in the history of the college in Schwab auditorium January 31, College officials announced yesterday.

Dr. Thomas was president here from January, 1921 until September, 1925 when he accepted the presidency of the New Jersey institution. Prior to 1921 he spent thirteen years as head of Middlebury college in Vermont, and was pastor of the Arlington Avenue Presbyterian church in East Orange, New Jersey, for fifteen years.

125 May Receive Degrees
According to Registrar William S. Hoffman 125 seniors will receive diplomas at the graduating ceremonies. Ten members of the graduate school will also receive degrees. Before this year the largest class to be graduated at mid-year was when 80 received diplomas in 1928.

During Doctor Thomas' administration at Penn State two schools were organized, the School of Education, and the School of Chemistry and Physics. Diplomas will be presented to members of these schools next month as well as to students from every other school in the College.

When Doctor Thomas came to Penn State he declared that he was induced to come to the College because of its unlimited possibilities. He felt that Penn State was a place that could be built and where constructive work could be accomplished.

Samuel S. Rumbaugh, former member of the class of 1926, who has completed a one-year law course at New York university, will return to Penn State for his diploma. Rumbaugh was a member of the wrestling team here in 1923 and 1924.

'Y' PLANS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

To Entertain Children in Armory
Saturday—Provides Program
Of Speeches, Dialogues

One hundred and fifty children from the vicinity of State College will attend the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Penn State Christian associations in the Armory from 2.30 until 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Games, followed by a short talk on the meaning of Christmas by Dr. Robert E. Densler, professor of Greek, and a dramatic dialogue by Harry Boege '30 and Kenneth Hood '30 will begin the party.

An accented solo will be given by Arthur Aluse '33 and a mambo solo by Miss Nina Jane Gebrecht '30. Ice cream, candy, oranges will be provided and Robert H. Finley '30 as Santa Claus will conclude the afternoon's entertainment by distributing gifts to each small guest.

The college administration and several local merchants are cooperating with the association to help make the party a success. Transportation will be provided by the "Y." Miss Anne G. Esler '30 and Richard L. McKee '31 will head the committee in charge.

NAVAL EXPERT INVESTIGATES COLLEGE ENGINEERING WORK

Investigating facilities of the College for research work, Captain A. T. Church, U. S. N., in charge of post-graduate work being done by naval officers, inspected the laboratories devoted to the Diesel engine in which seven naval officers are completing their advance work.

In a similar endeavor to align the work at the College with the requirements of the navy, Dean Robert L. Sackett, of the engineering school, visited the Brooklyn Navy yard. Captain Church expressed an intention of returning in the spring to make a more detailed study of the opportunities offered here.

Dr. Stoddart Favors Cuts For Limited Senior Group

Junior With 1.5 Record
Would Gain Rights
In Dean's Plan

Heartily favoring unlimited cuts but only for a limited number of seniors, Dean Charles W. Stoddart of the Liberal Arts school in an interview yesterday suggested the adoption of a plan based on scholastic standing of the last-year students.

Under the dean's plan the privileges of unlimited absences would be granted to all seniors with an average of 1.5 for their junior years. He believes that such a system would promote scholarship as well as individual responsibility.

"Unlimited cuts for seniors should be limited to good students," the speaker declared. "The unreliable students would abuse any such privilege," he added, "while on the other hand the worthy student would know how to take advantage of the right for his own benefit."

"Rate Students on Grades"
Dean Stoddart in outlining his proposal pointed out that no extra work would be needed in order to select the privileged group. All students would be rated on their grades as recorded in the Registrar's office, and no favoritism could enter into this selection.

"This year with the standard set at 1.5 nearly 200 seniors would be entitled to unlimited cutting, while if an average of 1.75 were used more than 180 would enjoy the privilege. Even at an average of 2, more than one hundred seniors would be eligible," he continued. "Likewise," he concluded, "the basis for selection would be the grades for the two semesters in the preceding year. This would be an incentive for the progressive student to make good marks in his junior year."

The dean also pointed out that in a survey of land-grant colleges it was found that ten out of the thirty-nine institutions reporting had adopted a system of unlimited cuts for seniors.

FAVORS Unlimited Cut Plan for Limited Group of Seniors



DEAN C. W. STODDART

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COACH CHOOSES 2 FOR PITT DEBATE

Brandt and Hitchcock Discuss
'Education Limitation'
Friday-Night

With preparations for the University of Pittsburgh debate reaching the intensive stage, Coach Joseph F. O'Brien named John W. Brandt '30 and Myrtle A. Hitchcock '29 to represent Penn State in upholding the affirmative side of the topic "Highest Education Should Be Limited to Those Having Special Abilities" in Schwab auditorium at 7.30 o'clock Friday night.

Brandt and Hitchcock were selected from a group of fifteen competitors who have been preparing nearly a month for the debate. Hitchcock will represent Penn State for the first time in intercollegiate competition. Brandt was a member of the College's fencing teams in his sophomore and junior years and returns after a year's absence from school.

Although no announcement has been made of the personnel of the Pittsburgh team, it is expected that Edward Crowder and Charles J. Mihoth will defend the negative side of the question. This duo is entered in a debate with the Women's Debating Association at the University of Pittsburgh tonight on the same question.

COLUMBIA PROFESSORS HOLD 'JAVA MARATHON'

36 Student Coffee-Drinkers Submit to
Psychological Tests

Conducting an experiment to determine the effects of caffeine on the mind and body thirty-six coffee-drinkers of Columbia university held a "java" marathon, lasting from 9 o'clock Saturday morning until after 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Students taking the test were sworn to absolute secrecy, and guards were placed at the doors to the psychology laboratory in the physical building where the test was held. Fifteen college girls and twenty-one men took the tests. During the test they were not permitted to talk to each other and were segregated in different rooms. Several sets of psychological questions were asked to determine the influence of caffeine.

DAIRYMAN VISITS TENNESSEE

Prof. Chester D. Dahle, of the department of dairy manufacturing, has returned from the University of Tennessee where he conducted a short course in ice cream making.

PLAYERS PRESENT DRAMA SATURDAY

'Royal Family' to Commemorate
Anniversary of Honorary
Dramatic Society

In commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of Theta Alpha Phi, honorary dramatics society, the Penn State Players will stage their second dramatic offering of the season in Schwab auditorium at 8.15 o'clock Saturday night.

Milton C. Young '30, veteran of many Players productions, will have the leading role as the romantic Tom Cavendish, lover and swordsmen extraordinary. Helen J. Buckwalter '31, will enact the part of Fanny the seventy-year-old actress and founder of the Cavendish family.

Make First Appearance
Ralph Radcliffe '31, and Miss Dorothy Ley '31 will play opposite each other as the love-sick pair who precipitate the break in the formerly peaceful life of the Cavendishes.

Edna Feibel and George Kaufman writers of the comedy, fashioned after the life of Ethel Barrymore.

Others appearing in the play are Robert W. McKane '32, who has cast the role of Major Fitz-Stanley in "The Zet Set", Miss Louise West '32, Miss Janette M. Burns '30, Miss Marion Kutz '31, Jesse M. McKnight '31, James F. Abel '31, and Frank E. Tegen '32.

COMMERCIAL GROWERS COME FOR HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

With many commercial growers in attendance, Penn State's annual horticulture week opened yesterday. The program includes discussion, inspection trips, and speeches by experts in the field of horticulture.

Prominent speakers in the program at the horticulturists are D. M. Jones of the bureau of markets, Pennsylvania department of agriculture, Homer C. Price, of Newark, S. H. Bear of Scotland, and Dean Ralph L. Watts of the School of Agriculture.

CO-EDS INSTALL PLEBE 'Y' CABINET TOMORROW NIGHT

Members of the Y. W. C. A. will hold a candlelight service in the Woman's building at 6.30 o'clock tomorrow night.

Installation of the freshman plebe will precede the recognition of new members. Short talks pertaining to the meaning of the service will be given by members and cabinet advisors.

FRESHMAN CLASS TO HOLD ANNUAL FUNCTION DEC. 20

Reese, French, Miss Faust and
Heicklen Arrange Plebe
Informal "Dance"

MAY USE ARMORY FOR
YEARLING GET-TOGETHER

Committee Hopes To Promote
Better Social Relations
Between Students

To obtain better social relations among members of the freshman class, arrangements are being made for a dance to be held December 20, probably in the Armory.

A committee composed of Isadore E. Heicklen '30, Evan C. Reese '31, J. Cooper French '31, and Miss Helen F. Faust '30, will take charge of the affair.

Only freshmen will be allowed to attend the function, according to Reese. Upperclassmen are requested to cooperate in maintaining the rule that all but freshmen are excluded.

Women will not be permitted to accompany men to or from the dance.

To Bring Freshmen Together
Although no place in which to hold the affair has been arranged for, it will probably be held in the Armory. Pending this decision, no orchestra has been selected. The dance will be informal.

"It is hoped that this dance will act to bring the freshman class together as a social group," Reese declared. "The men and women first-year students seldom have a chance to become acquainted, and if the dance can effect a closer relationship between them it will have accomplished something that has long been necessary."

This will be the only social function which the freshmen will attend as a body this year, and will consist entirely of dancing. It is not likely that there will be a subscription.

AG STOCK-JUDGERS WIN HIGH HONORS

Shuman and Smith Gain
Individual Honors

With Mark P. Shuman '30 winning first place in beef and pork judging, Penn State's meat judging team won first place in beef, third in lamb, and fourth in pork judging at the International Livestock exposition at Chicago last week.

George W. Smith '30 placed second in the individual rating. The College livestock judging team tied with Illinois for tenth place.

Among the livestock winners were reserve grand champion wether or a yearling Southdown which won the breed championship, reserve champion pen of Berkshire barrows and a first, second, and third on middle-weight burros.

MAP IN 'Y' HUT SHOWS EXPANSION OF COLLEGE

Building Plans Call for Removal of
MacAlister Hall and Armory

Showing present and future building, and their arrangement on the campus, a map of Penn State's development plan, prepared by Charles Z. Klaunder, College architect, has been framed and hung in the "Y" hut.

The architect has indicated standing buildings by shaded areas and buildings to be constructed by outline. Buildings now on the campus but not fitting into the plan and scheduled to be removed eventually are shown by shaded areas with a cross running through them. This group includes MacAlister hall and the Armory.

Domitory accommodations for 3,000 women students on East campus and for 2,000 men, exclusive of those housed in fraternities on the campus, will be available at the completion of the expansion plan according to College officials.

NAME NEW DAIRY ASSISTANT

Prof. J. C. Nagotte was appointed assistant in the dairy husbandry extension department succeeding Prof. Stanley J. Brownell December 1. Professor Nagotte will engage in city club work.

Girvan '31 Receives Soccer Managership

John W. Girvan '31 was chosen manager of soccer for the 1930 season to succeed John L. Gans '30, manager of the present championship Lion boosters, at elections held last night.

Louie G. Galliker '32, Allan W. Kenr '32, and Frank A. Simon '32 were named first assistant managers.

I. F. C. TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE HERE

Delegates Will Discuss Chapter
Problems in Meetings
February 11, 15

With nationally-known speakers lecturing on important phases of fraternity life, Interfraternity council will sponsor a two-day conference of Penn State Greek-letter organizations here February 11 and 15.

Tentative plans for the conference call for an opening banquet at Centric Hills country club Friday night attended by fraternity presidents and senior I. F. C. delegates. President Ralph D. Hetzel and Dean of Men Arthur R. Watson will represent the College at the dinner.

To Hold Discussion Groups
Separate discussions will be held at luncheon Saturday noon for fraternity presidents and secretaries, treasurers, chapter advisors, editors of chapter paper, initiation chairman, and caterers. A well-known speaker will address each of these groups.

Although a definite list of speakers has not yet been compiled, among those who will probably come to Penn State are Dr. Joseph C. Nite, former national president of Sigma Chi, E. Francis Sheppardson, past national president of Beta Theta Pi, Harold P. Flint, an executive official of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Wilbur Walden, traveling secretary of Alpha Chi Rho, George Banta, editor of Rho's Greek Exchange, and Leland F. Leonard, editor of Teta, publication of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

The conference will conclude with a general mass meeting for all fraternity men in Recreation Hall Saturday night. The meeting will be immediately following the boxing meet with Western Maryland.

MAGAZINE HONORS SCIENCE SAVANTS

Three Penn State Instructors Receive
Mention in Publication
For Contributions

Current Science magazine includes three Penn State instructors in a list of "One Hundred and One Interesting Scientists," compiled by the editor, Prof. Pauline Beery Mack, Prof. Anne B. Constock, of the School of Chemistry and Physics, and David J. Price, of the School of Mineral Industries, were named among the outstanding scientists.

The list was selected from the fourth edition of *American Men of Science* which includes 15,500 savants who became known through contributions of scientific articles printed in books and magazines.

Reports on research in fabrics, dyes, and colors made Professor Mack eligible for recognition by *Current Science*. Professor Constock is a naturalist. She was a visiting lecturer at the Botany summer session camp. Dr. Price is an expert on dust explosion. He is in the employ of the federal government.

SUMMER SESSION TO OFFER COMPOSITE DRAMA COURSE

A composite course in drama composed with plays and playrights since 1900 is being prepared by the English literature department and to be given at the next summer school session. Dr. William S. Dye, head of the department announced yesterday.

A different professor will present a different type of drama each week. Dr. Carl W. Havels, Prof. Arthur C. Mason, William L. Weiner, Cloestring, George J. Wurtl, Prof. and Dr. William S. Dye will be the six instructors.

DEAN SPEAKS TO CHEMISTS

Dean Frank C. Whitmore of the Chemistry and Physics school addressed a directors' meeting of the Philadelphia section of the American Chemical Society last Friday. He attended a directors' meeting of the entire society in New York city on Saturday.

Lion Gridmen May Engage Iowa University Next Year

Stahley To Play in East-West Grid Tilt



"SKIP" STAHLEY

Skip Stahley, right end on the Nittany Lion grid team, has accepted an invitation to play in the East-West football game in San Francisco New Year's Day.

Stahley received the invitation yesterday from Andy Keit, Colgate grid coach, who is selecting the Eastern eleven. Skip will leave Saturday, joining the other members of the squad in Chicago Monday.

STUDENT LEADERS NAME SONG BOARD

Grant, Thompson, Heicklen '30
And McAndrews '30, Serve
As Contest Judges

To judge the contributions which will best fit Penn State needs, a Board of Selection has been named by student leaders to sponsor the contest to obtain new College cheer songs. Three songs have been submitted to date in the contest.

The Board will consist of Director of Music Richard W. Grant, Bandmaster Wilfred O. Thompson, Isadore E. Heicklen '30, head cheer leader, and Martin S. McAndrews '30, president of the Athletic Association.

Offer Plans To Improve Spirit
Several suggestions have been advanced to better student cheering and singing at athletic contests. On plan proposes a band outfitted with other college bands, instead of the military uniforms worn by the Blue Band.

Another suggestion calls for formations and drills by the band which still another proposes a much slower method of leading cheers than is now used at Penn State. According to students' heads backing the contest, increased interest has been shown among students during the past week.

The contest which was suggested by the dejected stamp in student cheer at football games this fall, is open to any alumnus student, or friend of Penn State. Its purpose is to inspire numbers to the stock of college songs and cheers.

The contest will end January 15. Original contributions as well as those adapted to other college songs, are sought.

PROFESSORS DIRECT AG CONCLAVE COMMITTEES

Head Farm Engineering Groups at
Chicago Convention

Acting as committee chairman, Ralph U. Blas-ingame and Helge E. Josephson, professor and assistant professor of farm machinery, attended the convention of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in Chicago last week.

Prof. Blas-ingame served as chairman of the committee on motors and machine, while Prof. Josephson acted as head of the committee on large crop drying. Prof. Josephson also presented a paper on "The General Purpose of the Tractor in Potato Production."

Dealing with the results of research in connection with the marketing of milk, Dr. Fred F. Linniger, assistant professor of agricultural economic, addressed the National Dairy Council, meeting in Chicago at the same time.

DR. DYE ATTENDS MEETING

Dr. William S. Dye, head of the English literature department, attended the eighth annual meeting of the central Atlantic states conference on English at Atlantic city last week.

Encounter Pends With Mid-western Team November 15

COLLEGE NAMES DATES
FOR CONTESTS IN 1930

Elevens Would Stage Proposed
Inter-sectional Meeting
At Iowa City

To fill the vacancy on Penn State's 1930 gridiron schedule, tentative arrangements are being considered for a game with the University of Iowa to be played at Iowa City, November 15, according to Neil M. Turner, graduate manager of athletics.

Formal approval of the arrangements awaits action of the Penn State board of athletic control and Iowa athletic officials. The contest with Iowa would fill the date left open by Penn's withdrawal from next year's card.

If the proposed game is approved by the two athletic boards, Penn State will journey to the mid-west for the first time in football history. Although the Lions have played on the West coast in post-season encounters, no games have ever been played with conference teams away from home.

Seek Other Games
Arrangements for the game were made by Dr. Fleming during a western trip last week. Officials of the Western institution now are attempting to arrange games for 1930 with Nebraska, Pittsburgh, South Carolina and other institutions.

Iowa officials are considering November 15 for Alumni Homecoming day or Father's day. A special train to carry Penn State footers to the game is also a possibility.

Final action regarding the game probably will be taken today or tomorrow. Equally prompt action is expected from the Iowa board.

Tentative Lion Schedule

According to present arrangements, Lion gridmen will oppose Rutgers at the opening game here, September 27. Lebanon Valley will be met on October 1 with Marshall scheduled for October 11. Both games will be played on New Beaver field.

The Nittany team will meet Lafayette at Estion October 18. Colgate gridmen will play here on Monday, October 25.

Bucknell will play at Lehigh November 1 with the Lions at Syracuse at home November 3. The contest with Iowa will be played at Iowa City November 15 and the Lions will close their season with the annual Pitt game at Pittsburgh November 27.

STAFF COMPLETES RECORD SECTIONS

Editors Hope for Early Publication
As Collection of Material
Near Completion

Completing sections on women's and class activities, and completing data for the completion of the freshman section in the new issue, editors of the 1929-30 Supplement are bringing material for the copy to order into definite shape for publication.

Athletic records will be placed at the end of the playing season, a new city photograph and pictures of individual stars will be taken at intervals during the year.

At work for the Supplement is a reading completion under the direction of Art Editor Harry Maltz, '29. The style is patterned closely after the Greek theme of the 1928 Supplement.

Dedication of the 1930 Supplement, to Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee, poet, orator, and statesman, following the publication of last year's annual. No dedication page will be included in the Supplement however.

MISS VOUGHT WILL SPEAK ON CHRISTMAS BOOK TOPICS

Miss Marion S. McDowell, assistant professor of home economics, and Miss Sabina W. Vought, College librarian, will speak on "Christmas Books and Toys" before a meeting of the American Association of University Women at the Women's Building at 8 o'clock, Thursday night. New books which Miss Vought has recently brought from New York City will be on display at the time.