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Ray For More Cuts

Seniors Gold-gets Band

PROFESSORS FORM BODY TO PETITION ALPHA KAPPA PSI

Oldest, Largest Professional Commerce Group May Place Chapter Here

PROF. TANNER STARTS INSTALLATION PROJECT

Fraternity Lists More Than 50 Organizations in Colleges And Universities

Alpha Kappa Psi, world's oldest and largest professional commerce fraternity, recently invited Prof. Sheldon C. Tanner, of the department of economics, to organize a group of Penn State men to petition the society for a chapter here.

The petitioning group includes Prof. Charles J. Rowland, Sheldon C. Tanner, Thomas I. Probert, Hugh H. Williams, and Marion T. Adams of the faculty, together with thirty students, outstanding for their work in commerce and finance.

Group Founded in 1904

Alpha Kappa Psi was founded at New York university in 1904 as the first professional fraternity in commerce. Since that time more than fifty chapters have been founded in the largest colleges and universities in the country, in which curricula in commerce and finance are offered.

Columbia, New York university, Harvard, Pittsburgh, University of Chicago, California, Wisconsin, and Illinois contains chapters of this honorary. Another phase of the fraternity is revealed in cooperative alumni chapters found in the principal cities of the United States.

Members of Alpha Kappa Psi include men prominent in the world of business, as well as leaders of American business organizations. Prominent in the society are Roswell C. McCrea, president of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business, H. Parker Willis, editor of the Journal of Commerce, Harold Stoner, educational director of the American Bankers' Institute, Stephen I. Millor, executive manager of the National Association of Credit Men, A. C. Unger, president of the American Society of Certified Public Accountants, and Waldron H. Rand, president of the American Institute of Accountants.

16 GROUPS ENTER FORENSIC TOURNEY

Interfraternity Teams Will Debate Rushing System—Professors To Select Arbiters

"Resolved, that the pledging of freshmen, by fraternities, national and local, in the Pennsylvania State College should be deferred until the beginning of the second semester," has been selected as the question to be discussed by 16 fraternities entered in the interfraternity debate.

Preliminary debates will be held on or about February 25 and the finals in the last week of February. A cup, donated by the Forensic Council, will be received by the winning team.

The debates must be held in one of the two contesting fraternity houses. Any fraternity not appearing at the appointed time forfeits the debate. The teams will be composed of two men. Seven minutes will be allowed for the speeches and four minutes for the rebuttal. Judges will be selected for each debate by Professors John H. Fizzell and Joseph F. O'Brien.

Opportunity to enter the tournament will be held open to any fraternity who submits an application in the near future.

U. S. EXPERT WILL ADDRESS MINERAL STUDENT GROUPS

Mr. A. C. Fieldner, chief chemist and chief engineer of the United States Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C., is visiting the College as the guest of Dean Edward Steidle, of the Mineral Industries school. He will speak to various groups of Mineral Industries students.

Mr. Fieldner is the director of experimental work at the 11 mineral industry experiment stations throughout the United States and Canada. He is one of the most prominent fuel-chemists of the world.

Dean Ray Proposes Trial Of Unlimited Cut System

Urges Plan's Adoption As Experiment in Education

Advocating the establishment of an unlimited cut system for seniors, Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, in a statement to the COLLEGIAN yesterday urged the adoption of the plan as an educational experiment.

In announcing her views, the dean said: "Such a system can probably be made to work very well, but its success or failure depends on the purpose and the method of operation." Miss Ray believes that the idea is worth a trial and should be tested for a reasonable period of time. The results, she believes, should then be carefully sifted so that further judgment could be passed on the project.

Factors Leading To Success—If the purpose of the system is to give more freedom to the student for the use of initiative in study and research, the dean of women thinks

DEAN RAY ADVOCATES UNLIMITED CUT PLAN

An unlimited cut system for seniors was favored as an educational experiment by Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray in a statement issued yesterday.

Dear Ray also supported the plan advanced by Dean Charles W. Steidert recently allowing unlimited cuts on a scholarship basis. Student Council has endeavored to secure the cutting privileges by requesting the faculty to give the system a reasonable trial. It is expected that the W S G A will cooperate with the men's group in petitioning for senior rights.

that the adoption of the plan would be very good.

Factors on which the success of the plan depends, she said, were: "The nature of the course, ability of individual student, and cooperation of students and instructors are necessary."

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ALUMNI PROGRESS ON POOL PROJECT

Committee Head Notes Increase In Payments—Will Appoint District Workers

Further progress towards Penn State's projected swimming pool was reported yesterday by James F. Kern, chairman of the class of 1922 committee sponsoring the move, when he announced that payments on class pledges were growing in number.

Since the renewal of the campaign early this fall, Kern states that increased interest has been aroused in alumni regarding the project. More than fifty per cent of the pledges have been paid up thus far, officials reveal.

Personal representatives will be appointed in different sections of the State to promote the interests of the campaign according to committee reports. Class officers are hoping to have all pledges paid up by July 1, 1930.

Need Other Help—A survey conducted among class members reveals that most of them do not favor the idea of having other classes contribute toward the swimming pool. Outside help, however, will be required to furnish the building and other necessities.

Officials interested in the move advance the suggestion that other classes should contribute funds for memorials connected with the pool. College architects have advanced the opinion that the type pool required will cost at least \$250,000.

Kern, in speaking of the class of '22 campaign, said: "Leaving a memorial like this is a true expression of the Penn State spirit. Such a pool is also a necessity in a growing College like this."

SPAETH PUBLISHES MUSIC DISCUSSION

Writes 'They Still Love To Sing' On Present Interest—Will Offer Artists' Series Number

Dr. Sigmund Spaeth, noted musical authority and critic who is conducting the publicity campaign in connection with the Artists' Course sponsored by the College, is the author of the recently published book, "They Still Love to Sing."

The book is a discussion of present day interest in music and is intended to interest every class of people. The book is divided into three sections for the convenience of the reading public, one for entertainment and information combined, one for pure amusement, and one for those who are seriously interested in music.

Dr. Spaeth has made several appearances at Penn State. He spoke to the visiting dads at the Dads' Day smoker and to the freshmen during Freshman Week. Dr. Spaeth in his next visit to the College will give a lecture as the fifth of the six presentations of the Artists' Course.

NAME PLEBE "STAR FARMER"—A freshman of the Arkansas State Teachers' college, Carlidon Patton, has been crowned as "star farmer of America" with a prize of \$1000. Patton has earned over \$2500 by farming work in the last three years.

GIRLS' DORMITORY QUARANTINE LIFTED

Dr. Ritenour Raises 3-Day Ban After Giving 130 Shick Test Injections

With the completion of the Shick susceptibility tests, the McAllister Hall diphtheria quarantine was lifted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, after assurance from Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician, that imminent danger of additional contagion was past.

McAllister Hall had been under strict quarantine since Thursday noon, when it was thought Dorothy Christian '33, showed symptoms of diphtheria. Dr. Ritenour closed the dormitory pending the results of tests to show the susceptibility of other students housed at the same building.

Following a personal investigation of the situation both in the College and borough, Dr. Harold B. Wood, epidemiologist of the State health department declared: "I have made a complete investigation of the situation here and I have determined that at the present time there are no known cases of diphtheria in the College or borough."

"A number of cultures were made of suspected cases," he continued, "but every result of these tests was negative. There is nobody under quarantine to diphtheria at present. The department of health highly approves everything that was done by local physicians to prevent a possible outbreak."

College physician Ritenour declared that the quarantine of McAllister Hall might be summed up as a successful experiment.

"The main purpose of this little demonstration," he said, "was to show the possible danger of laxness in personal health habits. With an average of eight hours lost by each of the 20 girls who were forced to undergo this quarantine, it is obvious that the time was not wasted and that a new attitude toward community health as related to individual safeguarding has come about."

LIEUTENANT ALBRECHT TO JOIN R. O. T. C. STAFF

West Point Graduate Will Replace Captain Nortner

Lieut. Frank M. Albrecht, of the United States engineer corps, has been commissioned by the United States department of military science and tactics to report for duty at the College to replace Capt. Sylvester B. Nortner, ill at the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant Albrecht was graduated from the United States Military academy in 1923, and the basic course of the engineering school at the Academy next year. He received the degree of Civil Engineer at Cornell university in 1926, and completed foreign service in Hawaii.

PATHOLOGY HEAD TO SPEAK

Dr. H. H. Whetzel, head of the department of plant pathology at Cornell university, will address the instructional staff of the School of Agriculture today.

PROMINENT Political Writer Who Will Speak Here Tonight



RICHARD J. BEAMISH

SOUTHERN BOXERS CANCEL LION MEET

Georgetown Drops Sport from Athletics—West Virginia May Fill Date

Withdrawal from intercollegiate boxing competition because of the resignation of Lou Little, boxing coach, has forced Georgetown to cancel the opening meet of the year here January 25, Graduate Manager of Athletics, Neil M. Fleming, announced Saturday.

Efforts have already been made by Mr. Fleming to have West Virginia fill the open date. A telegram was sent to officials of that institution Saturday afternoon but as yet no formal acceptance of the invitation has been received.

Hopec Expresses Anxiety—Boxing is in its infancy at the West Virginia institution but last year a comparatively green team sent here displayed promise of developing into a first-class organization. "Saturday afternoon were victorious in this meet by a 5-to-2 verdict."

Coach Hoek has expressed anxiety concerning the Georgetown cancellation because if no meet is held on the open date it will mean that the Lion leathers pushers will see no collegiate competition until February 15. On this date they are scheduled to meet the powerful and threatening Western Maryland mitt team.

The Lion mentor is gradually molding his squad into shape by running its members through light preliminary drills. No heavy practice is scheduled until after the Christmas holidays when the full squad will be assembled and regular duty started.

PLAYERS SET NEW PRODUCTION PLANS

'White Collars' To Replace Mystery Offering—Dramatists Present 'Kibitzer' at Graduation

Inability to select a satisfactory cast resulted in the Players postponing the "Radio Mystery" and substituting "White Collars" as the fourth production of the year.

Officers had intended to produce "White Collars" as the Commencement play, but instead "Kibitzer," a comedy of East Side life in New York, will be offered.

"White Collars" is a modern American comedy referring to the so-called downtrodden white collar class. The play had a long run in New York with Clark Silvernail playing the leading comedy part. Prof. David D. Mason, Players coach, is conducting try-outs for the cast and selections will be announced after vacation.

Former Bell Ringer Confesses Dislike To Old Main Work; Prefers Open Air

"I never did like to ring the Old Main bell," declared "Joe" Carter, for many years ringer of the Old Main bell, in contradicting the theory that all bell ringers are attached to their bells.

Joe was laboriously engaged lifting large planks of lumber from a side car to the College lumber bins in the Service building. It seemed that at times the planks would be too much for the wizened old man who walks with a halt and wears dark glasses. However, these still seemed to be a great deal of youth in his old frame as a plank after plank slipped into place.

Finally he looked up with the smile of a man who is about to reveal a secret and between deep breaths confessed that he had never liked to ring the bell. "I suppose you think I'm wanting to be back at the job of ringing the 'Old Bell,' don't you? Well, this bell ringer wasn't attached to his bell, the job was too lonesome for me." Smiling broadly now, he added, "No—this is the job for me, out in the open where I like to work."

'INQUIRER' WRITER TO DISCUSS NEWS FEATURES TONIGHT

Richard J. Beamish, Washington Correspondent, Will Talk in Engineering D

JOURNALIST SPECIALIZES ON POLITICAL ARTICLES

Plans Account of College Aims, History, Work Following Penn State Visit

Explaining "News Features How To Gather and Write Them" from his varied experiences in half a century of newspaper work, Richard J. Beamish, Washington correspondent for the Philadelphia Inquirer will speak in room 200 Engineering D at 8 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Beamish is one of the most prominent political feature writers in the field today. He is outstanding in his line and is a talented speaker with a great store of interesting and amusing episodes to draw from, according to Franklin L. Banner, assistant professor in journalism.

Coming directly from Washington, Mr. Beamish is making a special trip for the lecture. Arrangements for a dinner in his honor are being made by Donald M. Cresswell, College publicity director.

To Write Article on College—While in State College, the speaker will gather material for an article which will be published shortly after the lecture. He will outline the history, aims, and work of the College. A staff photographer will accompany him.

The journalist is making a survey of the universities, colleges, and training schools of Pennsylvania. In the past few months he visited Temple, Villanova, Swarthmore, Haverford, and addressed chapel services at Bucknell Tuesday.

He is an alumnus of the College. Mr. Beamish has an added interest in Penn State. George A. Beamish was graduated from the arts and letters curriculum in 1925 and at present also is engaged in journalism.

Wrote First Book on Lindbergh—The writer filled many responsible posts on newspaper staffs. He was managing editor of the Philadelphia Press and held an important office in the New York Sun organization.

Only two days after the epochal trans-Atlantic flight, Mr. Beamish published an eighty-thousand-word volume on Colonel Lindbergh, the first book written on the "Lone Eagle." In addition he is the author of an extensive history of the World War.

Mr. Beamish was educated at McGill university. He entered the legal profession, but an attack of tuberculosis forced him to withdraw. After fighting off the disease, the journalist won the recognition of President Roosevelt for the fight against the Hobeys Plague and later became publicity director of the Anti-Tuberculosis society.

EXPERIMENT STATION SENDS QUESTIONNAIRE TO FARMERS

A questionnaire containing 115 intricate problems, which the Agricultural Experiment station wish to solve, has been sent to 31,000 farmers. Dean Ralph E. Watts of the agricultural school announced yesterday.

Thirty-one new projects were added during the past year and 17 were completed or discontinued. Among the new problems being considered is that concerning the value of mineral matter in dairy ration. The United States department of agriculture and the Annual Nutrition institute are cooperating with the Experiment station.

Seniors Select Goldkette's Orchestra for Annual Ball

Council Will Permit Underclass Visiting

Permission to visit fraternity dances on the Saturday night following Senior Ball, which is scheduled for January 17, was granted underclassmen by Interfraternity council at its meeting Tuesday night.

Hereafter, except when the Council's permission has been granted underclassmen visiting a chapter house dance without posing as one of their persons a written invitation from the president of the house-sponsoring the dance will be subject to fine, the Council decided.

FRESHMEN OBTAIN DANCE PRIVILEGES

May Escort Girls Home After Annual Yearling Function in Armory Friday

Special customs privileges will be accorded freshmen for the second annual class frolic to be held in the Armory at 8:30 Friday night. Evan C. Reese, president of the junior class and also a member of the committee arranging for the affair, announced yesterday.

Matth S. McAndrews, president of the Student Tribunal, has granted a request by members of the committee to permit men to escort girls home after the dance, provided they proceed directly to the girls' residence.

No freshman will be permitted to escort girls to restaurants in the town, or to loiter on Co-op corner after the function. Freshmen who misuse the privilege will be dealt with by the tribunal, according to Reese.

Permit Cutting—Reese stressed the fact that upperclassmen are requested to stay from the first-year function so that freshmen may be identified before entering. They will wear customs to the dance. Matriculation cards will not be required, according to present plans of the committee.

Freshman men and women will go to the dance separately. Upon arriving, the first-year students will mingle informally, to meet class members socially and establish new friendships. Dancing will last until 12 o'clock. As a means of promoting letter fellowship cutting will be permitted during the affair.

In addition to the committee composed of Reese, Isidore E. Heckler '30, Miss Helen F. Faust '30, and J. Cooper French '31, various other upperclassmen leaders will be present to receive the freshmen.

Co-eds who attend the frolic will be allowed a free social function, by special permission of women leaders. Hobeys Botdorf's orchestra will probably furnish music for the occasion.

CO-EDS GIVE XMAS DINNER THURSDAY

Women Will Decorate MacAllister Hall Dining Room in Style of Ancient Court

An old English banquet hall will be the setting for the women's annual Christmas dinner in MacAllister hall dining room Thursday night.

The dining room will be decorated in medieval style with the table of honor placed on a dias. Impersonating the household of that time, lords, ladies, heralds, jesters, and poet have been chosen as a part of the entertainment.

Helen F. Faust '30 and Grace M. Woodrow '30, will welcome the guests as Lord and Lady MacAllister, respectively. Two representatives from the three other classes will assist the seniors in welcoming the guests.

Laurie J. Griffith '30 was appointed chairman with five assisting chairmen: Miriam Mendelsohn '31, Josephine S. LaBarr '31, Mildred M. Lyle '31, Anne E. McGuire '31, and Grace E. Dietrich '31 have been designated to assist her.

STUDENT ESSAY WINS PRIZE

Matth R. Boyer '29 has been awarded the student research prize for his paper on "Rural Refrigeration" in which he reviewed the recent work undertaken at the College in this field. The prize was offered by the American Society of Refrigeration Engineers during its annual meeting in New York city recently.

Casa Loma Musicians To Appear Here January 17

MAY DANCE IN ARMORY INSTEAD OF GYMNASIUM

Penn Prom Chairman Declares 'Music Was Popular on Quaker Campus'

Jean Goldkette has signed a contract to bring his Casa Loma orchestra here for the annual Senior Ball January 17, Paul S. Williams '30, chairman of the affair, revealed last night.

This will mark the second appearance of a Goldkette-directed band at Penn State as one of his arrangements provided music for the 1929 Junior Prom in conjunction with Jan Garber's band.

When the Casa Loma band played at the University of Pennsylvania Junior Prom the Friday of Thanksgiving week-end it was hailed as one of the peppiest bands to play at such an affair.

Milton S. Decker, chairman of the Penn Prom, personally recommended the orchestra to Williams. He said regarding the band:

"Goldkette has a great band and it went over exceptionally big at our Prom. Some claimed it the best music on the Pennsylvania campus in years. Here is an ideal band with plenty of brass and lots of novelty numbers."

May Hold Prom in Armory—Besides playing at the Penn Prom, the Goldkette musicians were the attraction at the Princeton Senior Prom earlier in the year. They have been booked for the Faney Drews Ball at Washington and Lee university Junior Week at Yale and several other college dances.

In discussing plans for the upper-class function, Williams declared it is probable that the dance may be held in the Armory because of the poor acoustics afforded by Recreation Hall.

"Unless sound reproduction can be improved in the gymnasium," Williams stated, "the dance will be shifted to the Armory. The acoustics there are satisfactory."

AGRONOMY EXPERT TO LECTURE HERE

Dr. S. A. Walsman To Speak Before Agricultural Research Staff Thursday Afternoon

Lecturing on 'Decomposition of Organic Matter,' Dr. S. A. Walsman, soil microbiologist from the New Jersey agricultural experiment station, will address members of the research staff of the local experiment station in room 100 Horticulture building at 10 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Walsman, who is noted for his investigations in the field of soil microbiology, will be the second of a series of prominent speakers to consult with members of the research staff. Dr. William H. Eyster, of Bucknell university, spoke here on November 21.

Dr. Roy Chapman, head of the department of entomology and economics zoology at the University of Minnesota, and Dr. C. H. Eckles, head of the department of dairy husbandry at the same institution, will speak here during the winter.

Other lecturers in the program will be Dr. Carl H. Felt, who is in charge of research in the United States Forest service, Dr. L. B. Hart, head of the agricultural chemistry department at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. W. W. Garner, physiologist at the United States Department of Agriculture, and Dr. J. B. Davidson, head of the department of agricultural engineering at Iowa State college.

AG SCHOOL DESIGNS SHORT COURSE FOR GREENKEEPERS

To solve problems in the care of golf courses, the School of Agriculture will offer a course in the keeping of greens for greenkeepers from February 2 to 28.

The course is designed to solve the problems concerning the obtaining of fine turf. The first three weeks will be devoted to the study of soils, fertilizers, fine turf grasses, weeds, and insects. The course will close with a discussion and greenkeepers' conference, at which diseases, machinery and landscape problems will be studied.