

EDITOR PROPOSES COMPETITIVE BASIS ON 'LA VIE' STAFF

Senior Supplement Head Gives Reasons for Revision of Yearbook Elections

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS NEW PLANS AT NEXT MEETING

'Change Will Cut Out Fraternity Politics, Improve Board,' Schwerer States

That the election of La Vie officials be placed on a competitive basis was the proposal of Fred C. Schwerer '30, editor of 1930 La Vie supplement...

'The need for placing the same element of competition in La Vie elections as in other college publications has been evident for some time.'

Discuss Two Plans

Two methods of choosing La Vie officials were discussed briefly at a recent Student Board meeting...

One of the proposed plans requires that a candidate for the La Vie of 1930 serve for two years on some other college publication before becoming eligible for work on the annual.

'Opposition to this proposal is based on the assumption that students working for two years on one publication would hesitate to transfer to the La Vie staff,' Schwerer stated.

Another plan to be discussed before the Council involves a turn-out of candidates in their freshman year to compete for higher positions on the publications. Editorial candidates will be assigned work covering campus activities, and aspirants for the business staff will gain experience soliciting advertising.

'Although it will probably require several years before one of these plans operates successfully,' Schwerer concluded, 'the idea is at least progressive in that its motive is to secure experienced and capable La Vie officials.'

PLEBES DISPLACE VETERAN PLAYERS

Freshmen Obtain More Than Half of Roles Cast for 'Good Hope'

Members of the freshman class will enact more than half of the roles in the cast of Penn State Players next production, 'The Good Hope,' a drama of Dutch sea life...

The major feminine roles of 'Knierje' and 'Jo' are to be held by Miss Edith E. Jones '30, who has done no previous dramatic work here but has completed a record of amateur acting in Philadelphia, and by Miss Phyllis G. Beidler '33, who will also act before her first Penn State audience.

Others appearing in the various roles are Miss Anne E. Mellinger '31 as Clementine, Sidney N. Benjamin '33 as Cobus, John J. Voorhees '33 as Baantje, Ernest B. Zauckas '33 as Jelt, and James B. Gross '33 as Bar-end. Ralph D. Hetsel, Jr. '33 as Clemens Bos, Miss Florence I. Roycroft '31 as Marilette, Winfield A. Warnock '30 as Simon, Miss Olive E. Osterhout '30 as Saart, Retta A. Bostwick as Truus, Maurice J. Snyder '33 as Kaps, and Deborah L. Harvey '31 as Mathilde complete the cast.

SOVIET AGENT ASKS COLLEGE FOR EXTENSION INFORMATION

A request from the Amtorg Trading Corporation, which represents the Soviet Russia in the United States, for information on its extension work, has been received by the Engineering Extension department.

After a survey of American institutions to obtain methods of training the greatest number of people in the most efficient manner, the corporation turned to the College extension department for detailed information on the outlines of the courses offered, their programs, administration and relation to the industries.

SAYS Department Heads Should Decide on Unlimited Cuts



DEAN EDWARD STEIDLE

DEPARTMENT HEADS TO DECIDE ON CUTS

Dean Steidle Feels That Faculty Leaders Should Vote on Senior Privileges

The stand of the School of Mineral Industries on the question of unlimited cuts for seniors would have to be decided by department heads, stated Dean Edward Steidle, head of the School of Mineral Industries, yesterday afternoon.

Stating the position of the Mineral Industries school on the matter, he declared that if the proposed plan is better than the present plan for developing self-responsibility among students he felt the faculty would be in favor of it.

With college as a testing ground for later life, the Dean believes that all innovations should be made with a view to building character, responsibility and industry among students.

In voicing his opinion, the speaker said: 'The question should be decided by the heads of departments as, in the last analysis, they are the key men of the institution. Any final word from this school will be based on a joint statement of these heads.'

Develop Responsibility

The mineral industries head pointed out that all courses in the school require close contact with the faculty. He added that the curriculum is formed not only to give fundamental and applied training, but also to teach a student to stand on his own responsibility.

He continued by saying: 'We are not only concerned that a graduate makes a good scholastic record, but that he will go out into the industries with a feeling of confidence that will give him poise, initiative, a gentlemanly attitude, and a keen sense of personal responsibility.'

The Dean stated that anything that will help a college to achieve these ends is worthy of consideration. He stated, however, that no snap judgment would be passed by him as to whether or not the proposed system would be justified. He implied that a statement would later be forthcoming from the executive council of the school.

FRESHMAN CO-EDS HOLD TEA DANCE TOMORROW

Sponsor First Yearling Function at 2 O'clock in Women's Building

Sponsoring a dance for the first time this year, the freshman girls will hold a tea-dance in the Women's building tomorrow afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock. Miss Nelle D. MacCracken '32, social chairman of the class is completing the arrangements for the affair.

The Blue and White orchestra will furnish music for the dance. Dean Charlotte E. Ray, Miss Edith P. Chace, director of home economics, Mrs. Susan A. Porterfield, instructor of Spanish, Miss Helen Cleaver, assistant to the Dean of Women, Mrs. E. J. Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seaman will be the chaperones.

ALUMNUS RECEIVES POSITION AS HEAD OF STEEL CONCERN

Elmer T. McCleary '01, heads the third largest steel company in the United States as a result of the combination of four steel companies and their subsidiaries.

McCleary has been president of the Republic Iron and Steel company and vice-president of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company.

IPANA TROBADORS PLAY AT MILITARY BALL FEBRUARY 21

Broadcast Over Coast-to-Coast Hook-up Weekly—Harvard, Yale Engage Group

BAND TO OFFER NOVELTY NUMBERS, DANCE TEAM

Program Includes Comedy Skits And Vocal Solos—Men May Dress as Toreadors

Ipana Troubadors, veterans of radio broadcasting and college formal dances, have been selected as the orchestra for Penn State's annual Military Ball to be held in the Recreation Hall February 21.

Nationally famous as a radio orchestra, the Troubadors broadcast every Monday night over WJZ, with a coast-to-coast hook-up of forty-five stations. Beginning their radio performances five years ago, they have, been on the air every week since that time. They rank as the oldest broadcasting dance orchestra in existence.

The troubadors have also played for many social functions at Yale, Harvard, Cornell, and other eastern colleges, as well as at prominent social affairs in New York City.

To Offer Novelty A comedy-dance team which accompanies the orchestra will appear in several skits during the dance. In addition, each member of the band will present a comedy sketch at some time in the program as a specialty feature of the entertainment.

The regular orchestra soloist will also perform. Following their usual custom, the Troubadors will add color to the dance by appearing in costume at the affair. It is anticipated that they will be dressed as toreadors.

Experiment With Acoustics The orchestra has received favorable comment at the college's social functions where it appeared. Articles appearing in magazines which deal with broadcasting and radio programs also recommend it.

Experiments will be conducted with amplifiers and draperies before the dance, in an effort to improve the acoustics of the hall. The committee plans a serious effort to counteract the defects of former occasions. Admission to the function will be \$5.

OFFICIALS OBTAIN HEAD FOR FRENCH INSTITUTE

Frederick Ernst To Direct Course in 1930 Summer Session

Frederick Ernst, professor of French at New York university, has been secured by college officials to direct the Institute of French Education during the 1930 Summer Session.

Plans are under way to secure either a visiting professor from France or several lecturers to appear here in the interests of the session. As in former years, Varsity Hall will be devoted to the needs of the Institute.

The basic principle of the Institute is the exclusive use of French by students and instructors both in and out of classrooms, according to Dean Will G. Chambers, in charge of the arrangements.

Ernst was head of the Institute of French Education here during the past summer session. He has served as a journalist in Paris and was an interpreter of French in the World War. In addition to his work as a professor, he has also written several French books.

Dean A. R. Warnock Advises Voluntary Student Plan for Hospital Financing

A voluntary student agreement to some mutual aid plan to make hospital service for all Penn State students free was advised by Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock yesterday.

'In my opinion, the question involved,' Dean Warnock stated, 'is whether the student body wish to tax themselves to pay for the hospital fees of their fellow students who become sick, or whether they believe that every student should finance his own misfortune.'

'I would like to see the students agree to some sort of mutual aid or mutual assistance policy in which they would all contribute a fee to pay the hospital expenses of their fellow students. This fee would pay the hospital expenses only to a certain maximum on the student's themselves should...

Glee Club Schedules Eastern State Sing

Cancelling their annual trip to the Western State contest in Pittsburgh, the Glee Club has entered the Eastern State Intercollegiate Glee Club contest in Philadelphia to be held in Witherspoon Hall either February 15 or 22.

Arrangements have been made for concerts at Coatesville, Radnor and Cheltenham, if the contest is held February 15. Lafayette, Moravian college, Haverford, Bucknell and Juniata are competing this year, and Marshall Bartholomew, author, composer, and director of the Yale Glee Club, will act as judge.

KIRKPATRICK RAPS 'HELL WEEK' RITES

I. F. C. Head Deplores Lack of Progressive Fraternity Initiation Policy

That "Hell Week" practices at Penn State compare unfavorably with the progressive policy of its fraternities is the opinion of Malcolm Kirkpatrick '30, president of Interfraternity Council. He voiced opposition to "rough-house" initiation tactics employed here in a statement to the COLLEGIAN last night.

'The fraternity system at Penn State is representative of advanced undergraduate life,' Kirkpatrick said, "and as such should not sanction rough periods of pledge probation."

Declaring that the "Hell Week" problem is the most vital subject before national fraternities today, Kirkpatrick stated:

'Delegates at the undergraduate interfraternity conference last fall agreed that this phase of fraternity life was most open to criticism and I believe that it will be the principal point of discussion at the conference of Penn State fraternities in February.'

'Hell Week' Purposes

'Any fraternity man who has followed the controversy on initiation methods during the past three years will realize that the tendency is to revolutionize this side of fraternity procedure,' the Council head pointed out. 'If Penn State fraternities give this the proper consideration they will see fit to discard the purposes "Hell Week" practices," he said.

He believes that abolishment of "Hell Week" is essential to continued advancement and that by discarding the practice of their own volition Penn State fraternities will mark themselves as progressive in this phase of fraternity life.

INDIAN COLLEGE HEAD TO SPEAK AT CHAPEL

Dr. Clark Will Discuss Importance of Christianity Abroad

Dr. Alden H. Clark, head of the divinity college at Ahmednagar, India, will address chapelgoers on the importance of Christianity in meeting the complex problems of India, in Schwab auditorium Sunday morning.

Born in Minneapolis, Minn., Dr. Clark is of an old New England family and a direct descendant of John Alden. He is a graduate of Amherst college, receiving his B. A. degree in 1900 and a D. D. in 1925. He earned his B. D. degree at Union seminary in 1903.

During twenty-five years as a missionary in India he held many prominent positions. He has been chairman of the Marathi Mission, senior missionary of the Ahmednagar station, chairman of the council of West India, and Moderator of the council of Indian churches of West India. He is the founder of the Nagpada Social Welfare center in Bombay.

EXECUTIVE GROUP APPROVES MUSIC EDUCATION PLANS

To Offer Course in Vocational Training for Secondary Schools, Colleges

THEORY, PRACTICE WORK WILL COMPRISE STUDIES

Curriculum Adequate To Foster Leadership in Special Field Says Director Grant

With triple the number of courses offered last year, the new curriculum in music education which was approved by the executive committee of the College Board of Trustees, is now incorporated in the School of Education, Director of Music Richard W. Grant reported yesterday.

The course has been organized for students who plan to devote their entire time to music after graduation from college, and offers a thorough training in the direction of music in secondary schools and colleges, Dean Grant states.

Courses in the present music department will include theory, harmony, sightreading, dictation, music appreciation, methods of teaching, conducting, orchestration, and private and class instruction in all instruments of the band and orchestra.

So that the Department of Music might function as a complete unit, the College administration authorized the appointment of Bandmaster Wilfred O. Thompson as assistant professor of music. This transfer added to the department both the Blue Band and the College Orchestra.

In addition to Mr. Thompson, the present music faculty includes Mr. Hummel Fishburn, teacher of theoretical subjects and director of the orchestra and women's glee club, Miss Marion Kerr, teacher of pianoforte, Mrs. Irene O. Grant, teacher of organ, and Mr. H. C. Smith, teacher of woodwind instruments.

Director Grant stated that the increasing demand for skilled musicians and trained teachers who are college graduates has made this new course necessary, and that with the new curriculum Penn State is now prepared to develop leadership in this special field.

COACH WILL NAME WOMEN DEBATERS

Prof. Frizzell To Select Teams for Mid-year Contests—Manager Arranges 5 Meets

Two women's debating teams for the mid-semester trials will be named by Coach John H. Frizzell at a meeting in his home at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The three co-eds for each team will be selected by Professor Frizzell on the basis of competitive speeches given during the semester. Miss Janette M. Burns '30, women's manager, has arranged five meets, with one more under consideration.

One team will meet George Washington university February 5 and possibly Bucknell if arrangements can be made with that college, debating the question, "Resolved, That the Present Tendency To Educate the Masses Should Be Discouraged."

"Resolved, That the Benefits of the Machine Age Outweighs Its Defects," will be the question on which the second team will oppose Waynesboro college, Seton Hill, Pennsylvania college for Women, and probably Pitt in a trip beginning February 12.

HEADS OF SOCIAL BENEFIT INSTITUTIONS CONVENE HERE

Attended by superintendents, managers, and farm operators of charitable, penal, and educational institutions throughout the state, an Institutional Farmers' Week was brought to a close yesterday.

Soil fertility was the main topic for discussion on the program, with dairying, production, farm buildings, potato growing, poultry, and vegetable gardening also engaging the attention of the institutional representatives.

Faculty members of the School of Agriculture, prominent farmers of the state, and institutional faculty members participated as leaders of discussion groups.

Who's Dancing

Tonight Blue Key at Delta Sigma Chi (Closed) Tomorrow Chi Upsilon Phi Kappa Tau Phi Epsilon Xi

National Science Honorary Will Install Chapter Here

HEADS Local Organization That Petitioned Science Honorary



DEAN R. L. SACKETT

SENIORS COMPLETE DECORATING PLANS

Employ Purple, Black, and Gold Color Scheme for Ball in Armory Next Friday

Black fan-shaped drapes superimposed on purple wall panels, contrasting with a gold, black-and-white-checked striped canopy overhead, will decorate the Armory for the Senior Ball next Friday night, Chairman Paul S. Williams announced yesterday.

The hall will be decorated completely, the walls and ceiling to be covered entirely by the purple, gold, and black bunting. Wisteria, holly spray, and similar will add a touch of green to the color scheme.

Adorning the ceiling, the canopy will have gold and black-and-white check stripes running lengthwise. Five chandeliers, covered with gold bunting, will hang along the center of the roof, while rows of lighted Japanese lanterns will be suspended crosswise.

Hold Booth Drawings Tuesday

The black drapes will be arranged around the Armory at intervals of six feet. Between the contrasting purple panels are to be placed, with green decorations throughout. Jean Goldkette's Casa Loma orchestra will play from a platform at the end of the room facing the entrance. The band shell is black, in keeping with the color scheme.

As at previous functions, the fraternity booths will be arranged in single rows along the walls. Booth drawings will be held from 9 to 11 o'clock in the morning and from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon Tuesday and Wednesday at Stark Brothers and Harper.

CITY RESIDENTS ENROLL AS 1931 TWO-YEAR AGS

Dean Watts Reports Nearly Half of 38 Students Metropolitan

Nearly half of the thirty-eight students enrolled in the first year of the two-year agriculture course offered here are city residents, Dean Ralph L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, reports.

Twenty of the students live on farms and their fathers are engaged in some branch of farming. Three students report that their fathers are merchants while other occupations listed are banking, business man, civil engineer, college teacher, executive secretary, laborer, lawyer, lumberman, manufacturer, minister, and truck service man.

Dean Watts reports that regardless of the occupation of their fathers, the members of the class are enthusiastic over the opportunities in agriculture. Ten expect to return to their home farms upon completion of their studies.

MINERAL INDUSTRIES SCHOOL ORGANIZES TRAINING COURSE

Organization of a foreman training course for the Pittsburgh Coal company by the School of Mineral Industries and the department of engineering extension was announced by William R. Young, assistant professor of engineering extension, yesterday.

The course will be given weekly for a period of five months in Blythdale, Crescent, Liberty, Van Meter, and Houston, all in western Pennsylvania.

Sigma Xi Accepts Local Petition from 82 Members

GROUP AWAITS SPRING ADMITTANCE CEREMONY

Prominent Research Fraternity Approves College Work On Enlargement

Sigma Xi, national honorary science research fraternity, unanimously approved the petition of the local members of Sigma Xi for a Penn State chapter at its annual meeting, in Des Moines last week, Dr. David F. McFarland, secretary of the local organization announced yesterday.

Installation by the national officers will take place in March or early April. The favorable attitude of College executives toward the enlargement of research programs and the improvement of research equipment here was given as the principal reason for acceptance.

Eighty-two members, representing twenty-two different chapters of the society, either are on the faculty or reside in the town. Dean Robert L. Sackett, of the School of Engineering, is president of the local club, while Doctor McFarland is secretary.

One of Oldest Science Fraternities Full membership is not granted to undergraduate students. Many chapters elect only graduate students and faculty members who have proved their qualification by research work completed and published.

Chapters are permitted to elect seniors and graduate students as associate members if they have shown promise of ability to do original research. Qualification to full membership may be obtained only after research publication.

Sigma Xi is one of the oldest and largest science fraternities in existence, and is the most influential honorary society for the promotion of research in scientific fields. There are fifty-three chapters in existence. Among eastern colleges which contain chapters are Yale, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Syracuse, Rutgers and Brown.

The fraternity was founded at Cornell in 1887, in an effort to found a fellowship of research scientists. It grew rapidly to its present position as the most important honorary fraternity in the field of science.

HEADS SET DATES FOR ANNIVERSARY

Tentatively Arrange October 16-18 To Mark Seventy-fifth Year Of Penn State Work

Tentative dates for the celebration of Penn State's seventy-fifth anniversary and expansion program have been set for October 16 to 18 inclusive, Adrian O. Morse, assistant to the President, announced yesterday.

This decision was reached last week by the anniversary committee appointed by President Hetzel. Members of the faculty and others concerned are being consulted by committee members to determine whether this date will be more satisfactory than any other which might be suggested.

Definite plans for the celebration are being delayed for final decision on the matter. Sub-committees on announcements and invitations are likewise being detained in their work. Weather has permitted an unexpected advance in the construction work and has furthered the probability that the buildings now being erected will be ready for the celebration next fall.

DEAN STODDART TO ATTEND LIBERAL ARTS CONFERENCE

Dean Charles W. Stoddart of the Liberal Arts school will attend a meeting of the association of American colleges at Washington, D. C., January 14 to 16.

Penn State will be officially admitted into the association at this meeting. The organization was formed for the purpose of advancing education in Liberal Arts schools of the country.

PUBLISH ALUMNUS' POEMS

'Gleanings,' a volume of poetry written by Hugh G. Miller '21, has been published by Dorrance and Company. The book contains thirty-four poems, partially in dialect of country folk. Six pen and ink illustrations sketched by the author are included in the volume.