

MINISTER DIES AS FLAMES DEMOLISH PROFESSOR'S HOME

Rev. W. E. Baker Suffocated in Apartment House Blaze Saturday Morning

A. L. WRIGHT, DAZED BY SMOKE, SUFFERS BURNS

Fire Discovered Shortly After 1 O'clock—Property Loss Amounts to \$6000

The Rev. William E. Baker, a 59-year-old Baptist minister, was suffocated in a fire which early Saturday morning partly burned down a Duplex-apartment at 401 West Fairmount avenue owned by Prof. Arthur L. Wright of the mathematics department. Professor Wright suffered severe burns.

The blaze was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday morning and was not extinguished until after 6 o'clock. Defective wiring is believed to have caused the fire resulting in a total damage of more than \$6,000.

Professor Wright also was partly overcome by smoke while searching for the source of the fire. His hair was singed and his eyes affected by the smoke. He will be unable to resume his duties at the college for a few weeks.

The building was occupied by Professor Wright and his family, with whom the Reverend Baker resided, and Prof. Clinton O. Gomer of the agronomy department. The Gomers, occupying the first floor, were able to save their furniture, but most of Professor Wright's goods were lost in the blaze.

Minister Overcome

It is believed that the Reverend Baker returned to the house in order to save some valuables and was overcome at that time. He was found, fully dressed sitting in a chair in a front room of the apartment.

The minister is a brother-in-law to Professor Wright and was staying here until he secured another charge. In addition to the Wrights he is survived by his wife and one sister.

Funeral services for the fire victim will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the home of Mrs. Mary Johnson, at 318 South Atherton street, where Professor Wright and his family now are staying. Interment will be in Cavendish, Vt., a former pastorate of the minister.

Professor Wright came to the college about twenty years ago as a member of the mathematics department. He has remained here ever since that time.

Prom Committee SELECTS FAVORS

Chooses Bracelet With White Gold
College Seal on Background
Of Enameled Panels

Bracelets of which a centrally mounted Penn State seal of white gold contrasts colorfully with blue and black enamel panels will be the favors for Junior Prom, to be held in Recreation Hall May 2.

The center panel will contain the miniature gold seal, with panels of blue and black enamel alternating on each side of the emblem to complete the color design. Two blue matrix stones will be set in links on opposite sides of the bracelet. The favors will be distributed at the advanced ticket sale.

The programs chosen by the committee will consist of white kid paper with a raised center panel for embossed silver lettering on the cover. The Penn State seal will be embossed in silver at the top of the program, with the title, "Penn State Junior Prom Class of 1931," at the bottom of the cover.

Long silk, tassled cords attached to the program will bear the class colors, green and white. White pencils will further carry out the 1931 color scheme.

MONT ALTO PROVIDES NEW WOODCRAFT MERIT SYSTEM

Under a new merit system established at Mont Alto forestry school last semester, students must qualify in nature lore and general knowledge of woodcraft in addition to passing the regular courses offered.

Students are given a year and a half to pass the prescribed tests, which are under the supervision of members of the Freshman faculty. The novel procedure has attracted notice from foresters as an experiment never before tried in that field.

Penn State 20 Years Hence Seen as 'Great University'; Smith Visions New Campus

Old Building Plan Gives Way to Picture of Art, Beauty

By R. P. Stevenson

The Penn State of next year, of twenty years from today—what will it be like?

In physical structure, as envisioned by Comptroller Ray H. Smith, it will be a collegiate paradise instead of the present building-scarred campus with its mud, trampled sod, and helter-skelter roadways.

It is a vision of beauty and orderliness, of many new buildings, of concrete walks and roadways to every part of the campus, of landscaping art. It is a vision of a great university.

First Plan Hazy

Ten years ago the vision had its origin in a hazy building plan. Today, the most flimsy part has given way to bold relief with detail complete in every particular. In May, the College will publish an illustrated pamphlet depicting the outlined development.

A year from today, the casual visitor to the College will immediately appreciate the plan, Mr. Smith believes. A year from today all buildings now under construction, with the accompanying landscape, will be completed.

VISIONS Penn State of Tomorrow As Collegiate Paradise



COMPTROLLER SMITH

In his office yesterday, Mr. Smith brought out a stack of photographs, sketches and maps, and pressed one of the latter on his desk. It showed the present detail of the campus and (Continued on last page)

John A. Wood Named Freshman President

Following a series of trial elections John A. Wood was elected president of the Freshman class at meeting last week. John B. Taylor won the vice-presidency.

Wood received 247 votes while Taylor was the next highest nominee with 121. Other candidates were John O. Grimshaw who received 86 votes, and William Macalester with 13 ballots to his credit.

The yearling president represented the Locust Lane clique, while Taylor ran independently. Grimshaw was affiliated with the campus organization.

PLAYERS WILL VIE FOR STATE TITLE

8 Colleges Enter Sixth Annual Dramatic Competition at Bucknell April 4-5

With the "Eternal Song," a one-act play by Maurice Block, as their presentation, the Penn State Players will enter the sixth annual contest of the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Dramatic Association to be held at Bucknell university April 4 and 5.

Eight colleges already have signified their intention of competing in this year's "Cups" are given for first and second places, and a bronze plaque will be awarded to the college winning three contests by the Samuel French company. Penn State and Franklin and Marshall hold one leg on the plaque.

The colleges entered are Bucknell, Drexel, Juniata, Franklin and Marshall, Marywood, Grove City and Penn State. Gettysburg 1926 winner has not definitely decided to participate.

"The Eternal Song" is a play with a cast of only four characters. Frank S. Neumann, associate dramatic director, is coaching the production.

Arthur R. Cunningham '31 will portray the role of "David," a poor young orphan longing with an impoverished Jewish family for a "Gerson," an inferior factory worker whose inability to provide for his large family drives him to drink.

2 STUDENTS MAKE PERFECT AVERAGES

James T. Wolfe, Harry Lightstone receive Best First Semester Liberal Arts Rating

Attaining the highest scholastic level possible under the College system of grading, James T. Wolfe '30 and Harry Lightstone '31 led their respective classes in the Liberal Arts for the first semester with perfect averages, Dean Charles W. Stoddard announced yesterday.

The rating of the seniors and juniors placing second and third were higher than those of the leaders of the two lower classes. Three seniors, Miss Jannette M. Burns, Henry Thalfenfeld, and Frank H. Wei, tied for second place in their groups with a 2.8 average. Alton R. Kniestweil placed second in the junior class, his grades averaging 2.7, while Alan B. Cutting gained third place with an average of 2.8.

In the sophomore class five students were in a deadlock for leadership, William A. But, Harry Charles, Henry A. Gonscheck, Coleman Hespel, and Donald A. Shelley shared first place with an average of 2.8.

Obtaining a 2.5 grade Miss Marion F. Howell won honors in the freshman class. William V. Armstrong, Wayland F. Dunaway and Robert E. Tschank took second place with averages of 2.7.

PENN STATE ORATORS FACE W. AND J. FRIDAY

Forensic Teams To Meet Presidents
In Home-and-Home Debates

Penn State orators will meet Washington and Jefferson in two debates Friday night when a negative team faces a President duo here at 8 o'clock in Schwab auditorium and an affirmative team travels to Washington.

The College negative team is composed of David Kirsch '31 and Frank M. Saybolt '32. Kenneth Hood '30 and Orville A. Hitchcock '32 will defend the affirmative side of the argument in the meet at Washington.

Both contests will use the Wisconsin experimental college plan of undergraduate preparation as the topic for argument. The Oregon sway of opinion scoring method will be used here, but an attempt will be made to secure a critic judge for the debate at Washington.

SPONSOR NIGHT SCHOOLS

With the cooperation of the College School of Mineral Industries, six Pennsylvania coal companies are now sponsoring night mine classes in twelve cities.

More arithmetic, spelling and composition, gas testing, dynamite, and blasting explosives are the subjects taught in these classes. Colleague supervision of the classes is conducted by Professor William R. Young of the engineering department.

MISS DAVENPORT ASSUMES DUTIES AS Y. W. C. A. LEADER

With the resignation of Miss Elizabeth Mellor '30, Miss Mary T. Davenport '31, former vice-president, will serve as president of the Y. W. C. A. until the spring elections.

Miss Mellor left College to enroll in the Meritt Palmer school at Detroit, Mich. Miss Davenport takes up her duties with a record in Y. W. C. A. activities covering almost three years. Chosen to the "Y" cabinet in her freshman year, Miss Davenport was elected secretary of the association when a sophomore and this year has continued her work as chairman of the membership committee and vice-president.

APPROVE CONSTITUTION

With a provision for the election of a class sponsor at the beginning of each year, sophomore women unanimously adopted a new constitution last week.

ALUMNUS HEADS SOCIETY

Law A. Harting, graduate of the class of 1899, and prominent heating and ventilating engineer, was recently elected president of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.

As co-author of "Mechanical Equipment and Buildings," Mr. Harting advanced to the foremost ranks in his profession.

I.F.C. HEAD FAVORS UNION OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL GROUPS

States 2 Councils Already Act As Single Unit Owing to Identical Interests

INTRAMURAL MEMBERS APPROVE PROPOSED PLAN

Kirkpatrick Predicts Ultimate Combination—Rushing Code May Prove Difficult

Because both national and local fraternities enjoy the same rights and privileges and have almost identical interests, Malcolm Kirkpatrick, president of Interscholastic Council, stated last night that he could see no reason why the Interscholastic and Intramural councils should not unite.

"These two groups are cooperating almost as a unit at present and it will be merely a matter of time before they do combine," Kirkpatrick declared. "On occasions such as the Interscholastic Conference and the coming Interscholastic Ball the two councils work almost as a single organization."

Requires Two-thirds Vote

To accomplish this, the head of the Interscholastic Council pointed out that a two-thirds vote by the national groups would be necessary before the local body could be admitted. It is his belief that the group he represents will move to amend the constitution to permit the consolidation.

Kirkpatrick foresees difficulty in that the differences between the rushing codes of the two Greek organizations may cause a split, but he believes it possible for the Intramural group to be admitted with a separate code. He is firm in his stand, however, that the better plan would be to have one set code for both divisions.

A canvass conducted by the Constitution last night reveals that a two-thirds majority of the locals favor the proposed union. Seven of the ten houses voted approval while the remaining three were as yet undecided concerning their stand. Four secretaries are willing to accept a uniform rushing code for both groups and three the separate rushing rule policy.

Another point brought out by Kirkpatrick is the controversy that may ensue over the apportionment of Council offices. In this regard he stated:

"If the plan is adopted it will be only natural for both groups to desire representatives in Council offices. The nationals with their overwhelming majority of representatives will be able to secure all the offices while the locals will have none. This may cause trouble but I am confident that it will be smoothed out."

College Accepts Dormitory Proposal of Fraternities For 1930 Summer Session

TO DISCUSS 25-Years' Newspaper Experience



HOWARD R. DAVIS

EDITOR OF 'GRIT' TO TALK TONIGHT

Will Reveal Journalistic Record Progress of Newspaper In 25 Liberal Arts

Twenty-five years of journalistic experience will be revealed by Howard R. Davis, managing editor of the Williamsport *Grit* in a talk on "The Importance of a Good Reporter" to be given in room 27, Liberal Arts building, at 7 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Davis will speak to some extent on the growth and reasons for success of the *Grit*, which has a circulation larger than the *New York Times*. He will explain the development of the paper into the largest family weekly in America.

The speaker will attempt to bring out the qualifications of a good reporter and weave them in with his own experience on the Williamsport paper. In an open forum at the close of his speech, Mr. Davis will answer any questions asked by the audience.

Stayed on *Grit* for 25 Years

Beginning as an errand boy in 1905, the editor has been on the staff of the *Grit* for twenty-five years. For the past few years he has served as managing editor.

Arriving in State College the afternoon of the proposal, stated:

"The College is anxious to meet the fraternities hall-war in the matter and is ready to agree on any plan which will protect the interests of the Summer Session students and the name of the College. The plan submitted by the fraternities, with these certain minor provisions, seemed worthy of trial for at least one year. It fulfilled, in the whole, the requirements which we demanded."

GLEEMEN FAIL TO PLACE IN NATIONAL CONTEST

George Washington, Yale, Ohio State Receive High Honors

With George Washington university winning first honors, the Penn State glee club failed to place among the first three in the national intercollegiate competition at New York city Saturday night.

Yale and Ohio State placed second and third, respectively. Although the ranking of the other competing clubs has not been announced, it is believed that Penn State's score will be up among the leading. The gleemen earned the right to represent eastern Pennsylvania in the national sing by winning the contest held at Philadelphia last month.

Victors in the Mid-Atlantic sectional contest, George Washington competed in the New York city competition for the first time. Eleven clubs sang in the national contest representing all sections of the country.

JOURNALISTS INSTITUTE

Dean Charles W. Stoddard, head of the Liberal Arts school, Prof. Fred J. Gates, acting-head of the English composition department, and Quenton E. Beauge '30, sports editor of the *Collegian*, were initiated into Phi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalistic fraternity at a meeting Sunday night.

Abandons Original Plan To Run Women's Lodgings

OFFICIALS MAY INSPECT HOUSES AT ANY TIME

Will Select Chaperones, Reserve Privilege of Closing All Mismanaged Dorms

Abandoning its plan for operation of fraternity houses during the Summer Session, College officials accepted with provisions the substitute dormitory proposal of the Interscholastic Council committee Friday.

General acceptance of the plan returned to the committee by Administration officials was made Friday night by representatives of fraternities interested in occupation of their houses by women during the summer.

Under the accepted plan board will be paid in advance for the first two weeks, and for one week in advance thereafter. Those disinclined with meals may thus eat elsewhere without the loss of the entire board payment as in former years, the committee believes.

To Inspect Houses

In sanctioning the proposal, the Administration reserved the privilege of requiring a budget of expenses and a statement of expected profit from each house manager before the opening of the session. A report of the actual expenses and actual profit also may be demanded at the close of the six weeks, the College stipulates.

The reservations include the right to inspect houses at any time during the term and to close any considered mismanaged. Administration officials will allow only authorized houses to operate and will require a statement of rent paid by the individual managers.

Appoint Chaperones

Chaperones will be appointed by College officials and will be required to report to the College when dissatisfaction becomes noticeable in the houses. Any fraternities found unsatisfactory during the coming term may not only be closed this year but may be disqualified from operating during subsequent summer sessions.

Discussing reasons for acceptance of the plan, Adm. in O. Morse, chairman of the College committee in charge of the proposal, stated:

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MAGAZINE DENIES PLAGIARISM CLAIM

Old Man Bell' Editor States that
Wertheimer Wrote Original
Captain O'Reilly'

Charges of plagiarism against an *Old Man Bell* contributor were declared unfounded by Robert P. Stevenson '30, editor-in-chief of the literary magazine, last night.

The statement was made to refute the rumor that Harold R. Wertheimer '32, author of the short story, Captain O'Reilly, printed in the last issue, had lifted the story in question from a copyrighted University of Pittsburgh publication.

In 1926, the story was printed in a collection of those published by the department of English at the University of Pittsburgh, but Wertheimer has proved to the satisfaction of the *Old Man Bell* staff that he wrote the original.

RELIGIOUS POSES UNWORTHY OF CHRISTIANS' SAYS ROMIG

"There is much in life posing as Christianity hardly worthy of the name," charged the Rev. Edgar F. Romig, pastor of the Middle Collegiate Reformed church of New York City, in his message to the chapel audience Sunday.

"There are many things which are reluctant to call themselves Christian that are really deserving of the name," the Reverend Romig declared. "We must get inside of religion to appreciate it to the full extent."