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STUDENTS REVERSE MILITARY SURVEY IN CAMPUS QUERY

Poll Reveals Only 30 Percent Would Schedule R.O.T.C. If Allowed Choice

MAJORITY THINK CREDIT FOR COURSE INADEQUATE

Consider Disciplinary Practices Satisfactory—Favor More Distinctive Uniform

Contrary to a survey completed by the department of military science and tactics last week, only 30 percent of the students enrolled in the basic courses would take R.O.T.C. if the course were optional, it was revealed in a poll conducted by the COLLEGIAN this week.

This survey, which included freshmen and sophomores in three College dormitories, and eleven fraternity houses picked at random, shows that of the 365 basic students questioned 225 oppose military training, while 110 would have taken R.O.T.C. if it were optional at the beginning of their freshman year.

Credit Proves Insufficient

When asked by reporters conducting this poll why they reversed the vote cast in the military department survey, numerous students expressed that they deemed discretion the better part of valor. The R.O.T.C. poll was conducted in class by a rising vote while the Army officers looked on. It was for this reason that the students did not voice their true feelings, several underclassmen disclosed.

A noticeable departure was also noted in the specific question concerning credit when 236 basic students answered that insufficient credit was being given in the basic course while 78 were satisfied with the present system. The former poll showed a

Favor Present Discipline

That credit should be given for work in the National Guard, G.M.T.C. and regular Army was the opinion of 229 students while 75 opposed the plan. If the basic course is non-compulsory, 187 underclassmen would favor the course as an elective and 138 believe R.O.T.C. should be catalogued as a choice between military training and some other course.

Percentages comparable to those polled in the department survey last week were recorded in the COLLEGIAN questionnaire concerning the uniform. One hundred sixty-seven students believe that the new basic uniform is satisfactory, while 146 are dissatisfied. A distinctive garb is preferred by 231 and 82 students are not in favor of a change.

One hundred sixty-three underclassmen believe discipline in the basic course is too lax, while 151 disagree. Discipline is too strict in the opinion of 84 basic course students and 230 favor the present disciplinary methods.

SOIL CONFERENCE TO MEET IN JUNE

Representatives Will Commemorate Fifteenth Year of Continuous Experimental Work

A soil fertility congress to be held at the College in June, to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the old soil fertility plots was announced by the School of Agriculture and the agricultural experiment station yesterday. The plots represent the oldest continuous experiments of that type in the United States.

It is proposed to invite representatives from the forty-eight land grant colleges and experiment stations, and the United States Department of Agriculture, the Soil Improvement committee of the National Fertilizer association, and prominent foreign research institutions.

An effort will be made to secure director of the New York Agricultural Experiment station, who laid out the plots in 1881 while a chemist on the College faculty.

Headquarters for the congress will be at the Nittany Lion Inn. A reception will be held in Old Main on the opening night of the program.

CO-EDS TO ELECT OFFICER

Election of a new senior women's class secretary will be held in McAllister Hall lobby from 8 until 6 o'clock Monday. Nominees are Miss Elizabeth K. Schwabbe and Miss Dorothy L. Shaner. The new secretary will replace Miss Miriam Mendelsohn, who will graduate in February after completing her practice teaching in Altoona.

McLaughlin Urges Choice Of Scholarship Nominees By Student Committees

Senior Class President Terms Present Meeting Where 60 Select 25 'Farce,' Scoring Incomplete Representation

Characterizing the nomination of scholarship men at class meetings as "a pitiable farce," David C. McLaughlin, president of the senior class, last night urged that selection of candidates be made by a student committee.

Appointment of such a nominating group, replacing the balloting system now in use would be in the hands of the class president, according to McLaughlin's plan. Lack of interest has rendered present selections far from representatives of student opinion, the student government head contended.

In commenting upon this year's meetings, the senior president declared "That prizes for scholarship mean little to an overwhelming majority in the senior class was evidenced when sixty out of 805 members attended the recent meeting to select nominees for John W. White and Louise Carnegie awards."

"Selection of scholarship candidates cannot be called representative when the highest vote cast for a single student amounted to but sixteen ballots," he said.

Lacks Student Interest Under such conditions, McLaughlin believes, a few ambitious students may secure positions on a list of twenty-five candidates with little reference to their merits or needs.

"Discriminating in naming those who will represent the class in scholarship cannot be attained," he pointed out, "when so few students are interested that \$600 in awards does not stir them from lethargy long enough to consider the selection of men to receive these prizes."

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DAVIS SPEAKS ON NEWSPAPER WORK

Williamsport Grit Managing Editor Lauds Small Town Journals For Training Value

That experience is seventy-five percent of the newspaper man's equipment was asserted by Mr. Howard R. Davis, managing editor of the Williamsport Grit in his talk to journalism students in Room 14 Liberal Arts building Monday night.

With "The Importance of a Small Town Newspaper" as his topic, Mr. Davis claimed that many young journalists are overlooking fine chances much nearer home. As training for the profession and as an institution in the community, the small town newspaper offers the best source of experience, he continued.

"The best experience is meeting other people, absorbing their ideas, and fusing them into one workable whole. Give the other fellow what he wants and tell it the way he wants, for the newspaperman is a servant to the people, Mr. Davis declared.

Following Mr. Davis' talk, Prof. Franklin C. Banner of the journalism department introduced Robert P. Stevenson '30, former member of the COLLEGIAN staff, and present Grit reporter, who stressed the importance of securing a liberal education while in college.

JUNIOR CLASS WILL SELECT 25 SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES

Members of the junior class will meet to nominate twenty-five students for scholarship awards at a meeting in the Chemistry amphitheatre at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday night.

The selections for one John W. White prize and four Louise Carnegie scholarships will be made at this meeting. The candidates chosen by class members will be supplemented by a list of ten nominees submitted by the deans of the College.

MOST CONVENTIONS AT PENN STATE IN 1930 PLAN RETURN

Pennsylvania City Councilors Select State College As Site of Conclave

14 ORGANIZATIONS LIST COLLEGE FOR MEETINGS

Industrialists, Soil Congress Will Conduct Assemblies Here During 1931

That most of the organizations meeting here last year have selected Penn State for the place of their 1931 conventions, is shown on an calendar compiled by Adrian O. Morse, executive secretary to the president.

Dates have not been set definitely for a majority of the meetings and further additions will be made to the list during the next few months.

Selecting Penn State as a convention site for the first time, the Pennsylvania Association of City Planning Commissioners will meet here in April. The annual "Hort Week" has been scheduled for March 5 and 6.

The Industrial Conference of the School of Engineering will be held in May. Representatives of the industries will gather at that time to discuss college preparation for entering industry and to promote cooperation of the industries with the school.

Plan Soil Congress On June 23 and 24 the Pennsylvania Waterworks Operators' association will convene and on the following two days members of the Pennsylvania Sewage Works association will meet in their yearly convention.

The Soil Fertility congress will be held in June and will be a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the agriculture fertility plot at Penn State, reputed to be the oldest in the country.

In addition to this celebration technical discussions will be held. Also scheduled for the May and June period are the Livestock and Meat conference and Farmers' Week.

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Military Ball Head Chooses Committee

Appointment of the committee which will be in charge of the Military Ball was made yesterday by William Pursell '31, student colonel. Those selected will arrange plans for the dance which is to be held February 20 in Recreation Hall.

Pursell, as student colonel of the R O T C, automatically becomes chairman of the committee. He has chosen to assist him Richard J. Detwiler '31, W. Fred Fleckinger '31, Harry V. Girard '31, Joseph A. King '31, Jesse M. MacKnight '31, William H. McCreary '31, Samuel E. McKibben '31, Richard J. Thomas '31, John D. Widwig '31.

WARNOCK ADVISES STUDENT EXERCISE

Urges Undergrads Who Want Winning Teams To Enter Outdoor Athletics

By Arthur R. Warnock, Dean of Men

When members of the student body are considering what they can do to better the records of our athletic teams, they should bear in mind one fact which may or may not be significant. The big athletic teams of the past were developed out of a student body which had a much greater interest in personal participation in athletic sports and in outdoor sports, like hiking and camping in the mountains hereabouts, hunting and fishing, than is present in the student body now.

Eight and ten years ago Penn State students in large numbers went out for all sorts of athletic teams—Varsity, inter-class, interfraternity and cetera, and literally swarmed into the mountains over week-ends. They were a vigorous lot and they thoroughly enjoyed physical activity out of doors. Local sportsmen still recall members of the famous 1919 football team as excellent fishermen and hunters.

The students on the bleachers—well as the athletes whom they watched on the playing field—knew what it was to exercise their muscles and try their physical stamina in a vigorous physical combat. There was not the gap between spectator and player that is marked today—in a student body in which a majority exercise their muscles only so much as is actually demanded of them.

Unless a student body buys a team to compete for its own pleasure in looking on,—just as a baseball magnate buys a team to play baseball for the pleasure of Philadelphia residents, for instance,—it must provide a large reserve of available material from which the coaches can draw material for the team.

This is the explanation of Zoepke's success at Notre Dame and Rockne's success at Illinois. Neither has to worry about recruiting high school stars. In each case they know that

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GIFT ESTABLISHES DRAMATIC AWARDS

Freedman Trust Memorial Provides Prizes for 2 Seniors Giving Most to Historians

Prizes will be given to the senior man and woman who contributed most to the dramatic work at the College through a gift presented by Mrs. Lillian Freedman, of Sunbury, in memory of her son, Lester H. Freedman '26, Prof. Arthur C. Cloetungh, director of the Penn State Players, announced yesterday.

To be awarded each June, the prizes will be taken from a trust fund. The board of directors of the dramatic organization will choose the winners each year.

Freedman was drowned in the summer of 1924 following his sophomore year here. The prize was given as a token of the interest Freedman showed in the production of the Player, in three of which he played, Professor Cloetungh explained.

Arrangements for the fund were made with Professor Cloetungh in August by Mrs. Freedman. The prizes will be awarded for the first time in June. Seniors are not required to be members of the Players to be eligible for the prizes.

ADD LAPPAN TO AWARD LIST

The name of Sidney Lappan '31 is an addition to the list of twenty-five nominees for scholarship awards from the senior class. Lappan's name was omitted from the original list published in Tuesday's COLLEGIAN.

Bezdek Favors New Recreation Program

Advocates Abolition of Last Afternoon Class To Permit 2-Hour Period for All Undergraduate Sports

'BETTER PHYSICAL CONDITION WILL INCREASE ZEST IN STUDIES,' DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS PREDICTS

Cutting the 4 o'clock hour from the daily scholastic schedule to provide for a two-hour recreation period was enthusiastically advocated by Hugo Bezdek, director of the School of Physical Education, in an interview to the COLLEGIAN Wednesday.

"Such a period would give the man who plays for the fun of the game ample opportunity to get out and enjoy himself in a beneficial way," declared the Director. "At the same time I do not believe it would interfere seriously with class schedule."

Swinging about in his swivel chair he pointed out the window to the arc lights on New Beaver practice field. "Those light won't be necessary next year, I hope. And those men," indicating two fraternity football teams flashing in the dusk by means of the artificial illumination, "may be able to play the game under natural conditions."

Later Dinner Hour Rich dividends in the way of keener zest in study resulting from better physical condition and an increased reserve of energy would more than compensate for the hour taken from the scholastic day, the Director predicted confidently. He believes the College staff will share in the benefits as well as the students.

To allow two hours for recreation, dinner would have to be set back until 6 o'clock, not an uncommon hour in the Director's opinion. Samuel K. Hostetter, manager of dormitories and dining commons, already has declared his willingness to serve the evening meal at that time. The cooperation of fraternity and boarding houses in this respect would be necessary for the success of the plan.

"Most people don't eat until 6 o'clock," said "Bez," and the elite not until 7 or 7:30 o'clock. So you see we would be getting into the elite class," he added with a suspicious glint in his eyes.

Exercise Is Optional Plans for a greatly expanded program of intra-mural sport would be facilitated by the proposal's adoption. Additional fields and more equipment would go hand in hand with a definite athletics program under Director Bezdek's "athletics-for-all" policy.

"Participation in the recreation period's activities would of course be a matter of choice," it was explained. "The time might be devoted to a stroll, a general relaxation according to individual desires."

Although the change is entirely in the interests of the average student, it would also aid varsity teams connected by the Director believes. With classes continuing until 5 o'clock and practices necessarily holding the athletes two hours more, it is very late by the time he gets down to study, if at all. This situation has been a problem to College athletic authorities for years.

Already introduced to the Council of Administration the project is being investigated by a committee consisting of Director Bezdek as chairman, Dean H. L. Sackett, and Dean Charles W. Stoddard. It will be referred to Student Council and an Interfraternity Council for undergraduate opinion.

FACULTY GROUP SEEKS PHI BETA KAPPA HERE

Distributes Pamphlet Setting Forth Claims for Local Chapter

Seeking a favorable consideration of their petition for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Penn State, the members of the fraternity Alumni Association at Penn State, issued a pamphlet to chapters of the honorary scholastic organization recently setting forth claims for installation.

Copies of the pamphlet were sent to twenty-four chapters of the national organization in the Middle Atlantic district, which includes colleges and universities in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Chapters may act on the petition at the national convention in September, 1931.

The local Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association will meet in the State College Hotel at 6 o'clock December 3. The speaker of the meeting will be Dr. Ray H. Duttler, professor of philosophy, who returned to Penn State this year after several years at Franklin and Marshall college.

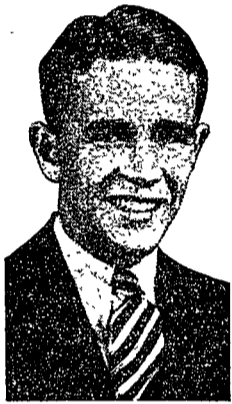
CHEMISTS WILL ATTEND CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

Professors Will Deliver Paper on Preparation of Hydrogen

Dr. Wheeler P. Davey and Dr. George W. Sargent of the department of chemistry will attend the meeting of the American Physical Society at Chicago next Friday and Saturday.

On the closing day of the convention, the two Penn State delegates will present a paper discussing "A Convenient Laboratory Source of Hydrogen."

Assisted by Mr. W. B. DeVoie, of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours company, Dr. Davey will also present the results of research in the size of colloidal particles in mucopolysaccharide solutions.



DAVID C. McLAUGHLIN '31



BEZDEK

CO-EDS GAIN NEW PHONE PRIVILEGES

W.S.G.A. Senate To Allow Wire Service in Dormitories Until 10 O'clock

Ten o'clock telephone permission was granted to women's dormitories by the W.S.G.A. Senate at a meeting Monday afternoon. Previous to this time telephone service was limited to 8 o'clock during week nights with a 10 o'clock extension on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Mr. J. H. Caum, local manager of the telephone company, suggested to the Senate that the hours be extended in order that the company could offer efficient service. He claimed that the number of complaints about poor service resulted from the crowding of four hours work into two hours.

To install booths "This change in the length of telephone service may interfere with the study or rest of the girls," stated Dean Charlotte E. Ray in commenting on the change.

"We cannot expect the freshman girls to assume telephone duty after 8 o'clock during week nights, therefore it will be necessary for the girls, who room near the telephones to be responsible for calls," the dean added. In order to eliminate the noise in the halls during quiet hours and to further facilitate telephone communication, booths will be placed in the three upper floors of McAllister Hall, with an extra telephone installed on the fourth floor.

DOAN ADDRESSES DAIRYMEN

Prof. Francis J. Doan of the dairy husbandry department addressed the members of the Vermont Dairymen's association at Burlington, Vermont yesterday.

Who's Dancing

- Tonight Phi Mu Delta (Closed) (Campus Owls) Phi Delta Theta (Open) (Varsity Ten) Events at McAllister Hall (Subscription) (Blue and White) Tomorrow Night Phi Mu Delta (Open) (Nittany Nine) Blue Key at Delta Tau Delta (Closed) (Campus Owls) Sigma Phi Epsilon (Closed) (Varsity Ten)