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SENIOR PRESIDENT SEES NEED FOR NEW SYSTEM

Upperclass Students Advocate Elimination of Existent Academic Method

Five of eight leaders in women's activities favor a change in the present system of nominating candidates for class scholarships.

"With a committee composed of both men and women elected in joint class meeting and having the men's and women's presidents as ex-officio members, the selection of nominees could be made more carefully than is possible under the present procedure," declared Miss E. Louise Hoffeditz, president of the women's senior class, when questioned concerning the suggested revision.

Opposition to this view was expressed by Miss E. Louise Marquardt, president of the junior women, who contends that with sufficient publicity given to the nominating meeting the desired results could be obtained without alteration of the present method, while the class would not be deprived of one of its most important functions.

Favors Committee Method

Miss Edna R. Rodetick, president of Archonians, senior women's honorary society, corroborates the statement made by Miss Hoffeditz, adding that the committee method would tend to eliminate political influence in the selection. This view is shared by Miss Rose A. Barr '31, who has held several scholarships, Miss Mary T. Davenport '31, president of Y.W.C.A., and Miss Ruth Growthers '31, president of Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman women's honorary scholastic fraternity.

Advocating the retention of the class meeting for nominating scholarship candidates, Miss Angelin Bressler, president of the sophomore class, and Miss Doris M. Acker, president of the freshman women, declared that this system gives each member of the class an opportunity to nominate, and removes all possibility of complaint.

BOROUGH RULE REQUIRES PROMPT SNOW REMOVAL

Ordinance Provides \$5 Penalty for Failure To Clear Sidewalks

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow twelve hours after the snow has ceased falling, according to the sidewalk and snow ordinance of the Borough of State College.

In default of the ordinance and upon conviction of such there is a fine of not less than one dollar and not more than five dollars. This regulation is applicable to all property in the borough whether occupied or not. Fraternity managers should obtain caretakers to remove the snow during the Christmas holiday period.

Departing Students Face Possible Cold, Stormy Trip Home

Forty-two hundred students who have alternately shivered and grown warm for the past three days beneath State College winds, will begin their departure for Christmas vacation today with the probability that ice and snow are pursuing them homeward if "old man winter" is not already awaiting their arrival.

Predictions for a "white Christmas" have been cheerfully made by expert weather forecasters and amateur alike, with the consensus of opinion citing the likelihood of colder and more stormy conditions.

Canny undergraduates who disregarded dismal threats of snow and rain for yesterday's weather and planned an early exit succeeded in evading stormy conditions that were universally predicted.

Student Presidents Will Attend Conclave



MISS HELEN BUCKWALTER '31

Miss Helen Buckwalter '31, president of W.S.G.A., and David C. McLaughlin '31, head of men's student government, will represent Penn State at a convention of the intercollegiate federation of student governments to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, during the Christmas vacation.

At this convention, which is scheduled from December 29 to January 4, all questions relating to student governments, and undergraduate relationships will be discussed. The Georgia Institute of Technology will act as host to the visiting men from a majority of the Eastern colleges, while the Agnes Scott school for women will entertain the co-eds at the convention.

WOMEN DEBATERS LOSE FIRST MEET

William and Mary Co-ed Team Gains Judge's Decision Over Penn State

Opening their 1930-31 forensic season, the women's debating team was defeated by the co-ed team of William and Mary college Monday night at Williamsburg, Virginia, 276 to 266, by a critic judge's decision.

Upholding the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved: That the Emergence of Women From the Home is a Deplorable Feature of our Modern Life," Miss Ruth Niebel '33 asserted that the emergence of women from the home represents the abandonment by woman of her natural sphere and indicates a relinquishment of her peculiar responsibilities.

Return Debate Arranged

The William and Mary orators, Miss Anne Shawn and Miss Sylvia Margolis, stated that the emergence of women has had no serious effect on the home and has created a more effective type of woman. Elizabeth Henney '32 concluded Penn State's constructive arguments by arguing that the exodus of women from the home has had a serious and disturbing effect on our social and economic systems.

In announcing his decision to the audience of 500, Eugene West, professor of public speaking at Randolph-Macon college, Ashland, Virginia, said that the debate was one of the most brilliant he had ever heard at William and Mary. A return encounter is being arranged for late in February or March at State College. The Oregon plan will be used for the first time by either team and for one of the first times by any woman's debating team.

COMMITTEE TO ATTEND RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE

Seaman, Head, Group Representing College at Detroit Meeting

Harry W. Seaman, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., will head a committee of three faculty members and four students to represent Penn State at the National Student-Faculty Conference on religion at the Book-Cadillac hotel in Detroit, Michigan, December 27 to 31.

Harry W. Lightstone '31, president of the Student Religion Council, Elizabeth C. Bell '32, Clarence E. Christman '32, and Charles Q. Smith are the student representatives, while the faculty delegates have not yet been selected.

This convention of students from the larger colleges and universities of the United States is held annually to provide an opportunity for consultation concerning the agencies of religion in college and university life.

COUNCIL TO SPONSOR DANCE A dance will be held in the Armory, January 10, under the auspices of the Student Council of the School of Agriculture.

THIEVES RANSACK FRATERNITIES FOR MONEY, JEWELRY

Burglars Break Into Sigma Nu, Alpha Zeta, Chi Upsilon Houses Wednesday

CHIEF YOUNG PROCURES CULPRIT'S FINGERPRINTS

Police Officials Search Borough, Neighboring Towns for Night Marauders

Thieves who ransacked three fraternity houses between 2 and 6 o'clock Wednesday morning and obtained more than \$500 in watches, jewelry and cash at the Sigma Nu, Alpha Zeta, and Chi Upsilon houses are still at large.

Chief A. E. Yougel of the Borough police force instigated a search of nearby towns and obtained information that will probably lead to an arrest early next week. He is also receiving information from nearby police officials as to the whereabouts of suspicious characters during the night of the robbery.

The largest haul was made at the Sigma Nu house, which reported the loss of five watches, several valuable pieces of jewelry, and nearly \$100 in cash. The robbers found two watches valued at \$50 and \$35, and \$9 in small bills at the Alpha Zeta house before they probably became alarmed and fled. At Chi Upsilon the thieves ransacked several wallets, taking bills but leaving checks amounting to nearly \$25. They also took several watches, and left other articles undisturbed.

Find Fingerprints

Investigating the scenes of the burglaries, Chief Yougel secured the wallets containing checks and personal papers, from which the money had been taken. He photographed these papers and discovered fingerprints which he believes are those of the culprits. Photographs were taken of these points at the Borough office and forwarded to the Fingerprint Bureau at Washington, D. C. Copies will also be sent to nearby towns.

Chief Yougel believes that the robbers are local, as he is well acquainted with State College fraternity houses because of the ease with which the robbery took place. On this belief he is making a search throughout the borough and neighboring towns.

A camel's hair overcoat, valued at more than \$100, was also stolen yesterday afternoon, making the total losses by theft between \$600 and \$700. This coat was left hanging on a rack in Liberal Arts building.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE ADDS NEW CURRICULUM

College Approves Installation of Farm Machinery Course

The outline of a new four-year curriculum in agricultural engineering has been prepared for the Collegian catalogue of next year, announced Professor Ralph U. Blasingsame, head of the department of farm machinery, Friday.

The College Board of Trustees approved the new curriculum on March 27, 1930. Previously, only service courses in the subject were allowed to agricultural students.

This curriculum is designed to prepare students for the application of power and machinery to agriculture. The United States Bureau of Statistics reveals that, second only to transportation in the amount of power used, agriculture is the greatest consumer of power among the industries.

'CHRISTMAS AVALANCHE ORDINARY ROUTINE FOR LOCAL MAILMEN,' POSTMASTER DECLARES

What other postmasters consider a Christmas rush is mere routine for the State College mailing office where such conditions occur frequently during the year, according to Postmaster Harry W. Glenn.

Although there is some increase in work at the holiday season, the worst period for local postmen comes during a wholesale exodus or return of students such as occurs at the beginning and end of the school year, Summer Session, and vacations.

Collegian To Publish Next Issue January 9

With this issue the publication of the COLLEGIAN will be suspended until after the Christmas vacation. The next issue of the paper will be published Friday, January 9, 1931. The regular recess will begin at 11:50 today and will continue until 8 o'clock Monday, January 5, 1931. Any student cutting a class within the twenty-four hour period before or after the vacation will be fined.

26 PLAN HOLIDAY CONVENTION TRIPS

Faculty Members To Represent College at 11 Meetings During Holidays

More than twenty faculty members will attend meetings and conventions during the Christmas vacation. Dean Robert L. Sackett, of the Engineering School, will represent the interests of the Land Grant College Association during the Senate discussion of engineering extension appropriations at Washington this week.

Speaking on sales methods of farm products, Dean Ralph L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, will attend the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Vegetable Growers association in Worcester, Mass., the week after New Year's day.

Dr. Francis J. Teschan, professor of history, as head of the Catholic Historical association, will address that body at a convention in Boston, Mass., during the last week of December. At the same time, Dr. Asa E. Martin and Dr. James E. Gillespie, of the history department, will attend a meeting of the American Historical association in Boston.

Werner in Washington In Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Jacob Tanager and Dr. Harold F. Alderfer, of the department of political science, will be present at a meeting of the American Political Science association during the holidays.

Prof. William J. Ferner, of the English literature department, will read papers at a meeting of the Modern Languages Association of America in Washington, D. C. December 29-31, where he will be accompanied by Professors Douglas S. Mead and Chauncey O. Ridenour, of the same department.

At the same meeting will be Professors Lesley M. Burdette, Paul R. Blanchard, and Joseph W. Posen, of the Romance language department. Prof. George J. Wulf will probably represent the German department.

Duggett in Cleveland Delivering a paper on Galworthy, Prof. Thos. J. Gales, of the English composition department, will attend a meeting of the Modern Languages association in Washington, D. C. with his colleagues, Professors Harold F. Graves and Thomas D. Bowman, on December 29, 30 and 31.

Prof. Leonard A. Duggett, of the department of electrical engineering, will attend the convention of the American Association of University Professors to be held at Cleveland, December 29 and 30, as the representative of the local chapter.

At the second annual meeting of MISS SPRINGER '31 RECEIVES \$100 OLEWINE SCHOLARSHIP Miss Virginia B. Springer '34 will receive the Olewine scholarship of \$100 at the beginning of the second semester as the result of a competitive examination taken December 6.

Every freshman co-ed enrolled in a regular four-year course at Penn State and a resident of Centre county is eligible for this scholarship. The award is offered annually by Mrs. M. Elizabeth Olewine, of Bellefonte.

stretching from Penn State to Pittsburgh and back, for approximately 294.5 miles would be covered by the management reel of mail. Statistics show that during this period 2,338,851 first class articles went through the hands of State College postal authorities.

Similarly, 80,000 special delivery letters and packages were received, and 2,792 "cash on delivery" parcels were distributed. Approximately 800 insured items were received each day, and those insured at the window totaled 9,000 for the year.

Citing the decrease in business during the absence of students, the postal official gave figures compiled during the last Thanksgiving vacation showing a decrease to one-third of an average day's receipt.

GOVERNOR FISHER NAMES M'CORMICK AS NEW TRUSTEE

Manufacturer Will Begin Duties On Penn State Governing Board Immediately

WILLIAMSPORT LEADER HEADS LYCOMING PLANT

Industrial Executive Succeeds Congressman Kiess for Unexpired Term

Governor John S. Fisher has appointed John H. McCormick, of Williamsport, to succeed the late Congressman Edgar R. Kiess on the Board of Trustees, Adrian O. Morse, executive secretary, announced yesterday.

Mr. McCormick will assume office immediately to fill out the unfinished term of Congressman Kiess who died in July. His term will expire at the end of the next session of the State Senate.

President of the Lycoming Manufacturing company, Mr. McCormick has been associated with that company for the past twenty-two years as an executive.

Holds Executive Positions Attending Chambersburg academy, he later entered the University of Pennsylvania. Upon completing his schooling, he took up a minor position with the Williamsport Gas company.

When he left the employ of this company four years later, he had been promoted to plant superintendent.

After a short stay with a banking firm, Mr. McCormick associated himself with the Donnell Manufacturing company which later became the Lycoming Manufacturing company, builders of engines for automobiles, airplanes and boats. He has held the positions of secretary, treasurer, general manager, vice president and president during the company's growth, and now retains only the presidency.

UNION NOMINATES 4 FROM FACULTY

Student Activities Group To Select 2 Ex-officio Members After Christmas Vacation

Four faculty members were nominated as candidates for positions on the ex-officio council of Student Union at a meeting of the committee of ten activity leaders Tuesday night.

From these nominees, two will be elected as members of the ex-officio group at the next meeting of Student Union to be held after the Christmas holidays. The names of the faculty members will not be revealed until after the final selection has been made.

In addition to the faculty representatives, the ex-officio council will consist of the Dean of Men, the Dean of Women and a Student Union manager, as provided for by the plan of organization recently ratified by the Student Welfare committee.

Election of officers from the student committee will also take place at the next meeting of the group and plans for the year will be considered. Raymond E. Bowers is serving as temporary chairman of the committee.

TRUSTEES TO MEET TONIGHT

A meeting of the executive council of the Board of Trustees will be held in the President's office at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Routine matters will be discussed in preparation for the next regular meeting of the Board in Harrisburg January 10.

Calendar for 1931-32 Retained in Present Form by Committee

HEADS Faculty Group Adopting 1931-32 Calendar



DEAN C. W. STODDART

FRESHMEN TO GIVE DANCE JANUARY 9

Committee Excludes Upperclass Students—Will Decide Customs for Affair

Completing arrangements for the third annual all-freshman social function, a committee headed by Charles S. Harper '31, head cheerleader, has set the date for Friday night, January 9.

The dance, which will be held in the Armory, will be the only function strictly limited to first-year students. It has as its purpose the creation of closer relations and friendships among freshmen and furtherance of unity in the class. To restrict the attendance of upperclassmen admission will be checked by the presentation of matriculation cards.

May Escort Women Home Although plans for setting aside traditional customs on the evening of the dance have not been definitely settled, Harper stated that men and women students will come to the dance separately. According to the committee chairman, they will mix informally throughout the evening. First-year men will be permitted to escort the co-eds from the dance.

In requesting the cooperation of the upperclassmen in maintaining the all-freshman nature of the dance, Harper stated that without this restriction the purpose of the dance would be thwarted.

RITENOUR WARNS AGAINST TRENCH MOUTH EPIDEMIC

Cites Increase in Cases—Asks That Students Take Precautions

Pointing out that an unusual number of cases of trench mouth have been reported to College medical authorities in the last few days, Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician, sounded a warning yesterday for all students to take special caution to prevent the spread of the disease.

"There is no apparent epidemic in State College," Doctor Ritenour emphatically stated, "but enough cases exist to raise apprehension and warrant the taking of necessary precautions. All fraternities and eating houses should thoroughly sterilize silverware and cooking utensils against further contraction of the ailment."

"Another angle of the case," the doctor said, "is the fact that students who have caught the disease transmit it to their families during Christmas vacation. The situation is by no means local and has been noticed by health officers all over the country. Students who have trench mouth should be very cautious not to introduce it to their homes."

Penn State Dances Will Supply Holiday Spirit in 8 Towns

Christmas vacation will not end the local social season, for more than eight Penn State Dances have been scheduled in all parts of the state, a number of intercollegiate affairs have been arranged for the Yuletide holidays.

With the Campus Owls furnishing music for the many-makers, the first Penn State dance will be held in the Knights of Columbus auditorium in Oil City Tuesday night. The same orchestra will play at Shore's Inn, Pottsville, Christmas night, and at the Bradford-Sullivan Country club on the same town on December 29. Reading will hear them music at the Bankshire Hotel December 26.

The youth of Pottstown will dance to the rhythm of the Nittany Nine in the Masonic Hall December 25 and three days later Hazleton will be engulfed in the social whirl when the Nittany Nine "stake up the band" in the Masonic Temple. The same orchestra also will play at the Bewick Hotel in Scranton December 30.

New Brighton will entertain Penn State dancers with Jean Goldkette and his orchestra December 26 while the following night Clark's Pennsylvanians will synopate at the Penn Albert hotel in Greensburg.

Faculty Body Combines Graduation, Class Day Dates

JOINING OF EXERCISES MARKS ONLY REVISION

Dean Stoddart Deems Changes Inadvisable Until Current System Terminates

BULLETIN The College calendar for 1931-32 was approved by the Senate in the form submitted to it by a faculty committee late last night. One-half day was added to the Thanksgiving recess, and one-half taken from the Christmas holiday.

Penn State's calendar for 1931-32 includes no major changes in the form in which it has been approved by the faculty committee for submission to the College Senate.

The sole revision concerns the combination of Class Day and Commencement Day upon the same date, June 6, 1932.

A revision suggested by Student Board is the extension of Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays until noon of the date for reopening College.

Dean Charles W. Stoddart, of the School of Liberal Arts, head of the faculty group drawing up the calendar, declared that revisions were deemed inadvisable until an opportunity to judge the present schedule had been fully afforded. The calendar now in use will terminate until June 6, 1931.

Under the calendar approved by the faculty committee, College will open September 23 next fall, with registration on September 21 and 22. With the exception of a football half-holiday to be selected by students, no other than the customary Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations have been listed for the first semester.

Mid-Semester Recess Short The Thanksgiving recess will begin at noon on Wednesday, November 25, and will end the following Monday morning. Christmas holidays will start at noon on Friday, December 18, and will terminate Monday morning, January 4.

No long recess is listed between semesters. The first term will be concluded on Saturday, January 30, and registration for second semester will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2 and 3.

Starting at noon on Thursday, March 21, Easter vacation will end at 1:10 o'clock the following Tuesday afternoon. During the second semester provision is made for a Y.M.C.A. convocation on a date to be chosen by President Ralph D. Hetzel.

The second semester will close Friday, June 3, with Baccalaureate Day scheduled for the following Sunday. The date of Class Day and Commencement Day, combined under the calendar submitted, has been set for Monday, June 6.