

Library
3 COPIES
COMPLETE CAMPUS
COVERAGE

Semi-Weekly

Penn State Collegian

ESTABLISHED
1901

VOL. 27, No. 39

STATE COLLEGE, PA., TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1931

PRICE 5 CENTS

32 LEADERS AGREE TO DIRECT Y.M.C.A. FIRESIDE SESSIONS

Chairman Hutchinson Asks That Groups Select Advisors, Topics This Week

DEAN WARNOCK, FRIZZELL WILL HEAD DISCUSSIONS

Members of Faculty, 4 Local Pastors, College Staff, Comprise Speakers

Receiving the consent of thirty-two faculty, administrative, and religious leaders to head Fireside Session groups, William L. Hutchinson '31, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. Fireside Sessions, committee, announced yesterday that fraternities and non-fraternity bodies would be asked this week to select their topics and advisors for informal discussion periods. Included in the list of leaders to be submitted to the fraternities for their choice are well known members of the faculty, administrative staff, and four pastors from borough churches. The discussion groups will be held after the noon meal or at night, Hutchinson said. Last year the majority of the fraternities found it convenient to hold the sessions at night as more time could be allotted for the informal discussions then, the chairman added.

Name Leaders

The speakers will be invited as guests of the fraternity house at which they are to lead informal discussion groups, Hutchinson revealed. Although no limit has been set to the number of discussion sessions a group may hold, the fraternities are requested to plan for no more than three Fireside Sessions a week. Topics selected cover a wide range of subjects while leaders have been chosen to discuss subjects in which they are especially interested. Additional subjects may be added by the individual groups to the topics which have already been selected. The topics discussed by Sherwood Eddy in his recent series of talks here were among the subjects recommended. Arthur R. Warnock, dean of men, will be one of the discussion leaders. Dean Warnock will discuss with the individual groups the question of fraternities. Among leaders who have signified their willingness to lead discussion groups are Edward K. Hillsman, alumni secretary, and John H. Frizzell, acting college chaplain.

HARRIS ADDRESSES CHAPEL AUDIENCE

Lafayette Chaplain Scores Failure In Governments To Realize Irrationality of War

"If governments would be frank, they could come to realize the irrationality of war," declared Dr. Charles W. Harris, chaplain of Lafayette college, in his address to the chapel audience in Schwab auditorium Sunday morning. During the last war, Dr. Harris stated, men who could discuss mathematical theories at night had to fire a gun during the daytime with those who could neither read nor write. This example of wasted genius carries men back 1000 years, to a low level of humanity, he added. "If we can eliminate war, we can add life civilization," the chaplain contended. "Irrational governments are responsible for the present world situation. Unless it is corrected, unobstructed war in the future must be faced. The present form of warfare, including the part of infantry and navy, is out of date," the speaker declared.

SARGENT GIVES 430 BOOKS TO CHEMISTRY COLLECTION

Four hundred thirty books, have been donated to the Chemistry and Physics Library recently by Dr. George W. Sargent, research associate in the department of Physical Chemistry. These books will be placed on the shelves with other volumes recently bought for the branch library. These include "Hydrogenation of Organic Compounds" by Ellis, "Annual Survey of Chemistry," published by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, "Conductivity of Solutions" by Davy, and "Mysterious Universe" by Jeans.

ADDRESSES FRUITGROWERS

Prof. Frank N. Fagan, of the horticulture department, addressed members of the Cleveland-Fruitgrowers' association at Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

'Shop-work Necessary Part Of Training,' Says Neyhart

Practical Knowledge, Theory Combine To Make Outstanding Technical Men

Classroom theories are valueless without shop-work, in the opinion of Mr. Amos E. Neyhart, of the industrial engineering department, who believes that colleges abandoning practical training will make their students misfits after graduation. Basing his belief on a study of college graduates made in factories at Milton, Mr. Neyhart attributed to the successful employees a combination of practical and theoretical knowledge which less skilled workers failed to show. Students previously trained in shop-work proved far more efficient than those that came from colleges where theory alone was stressed, the engineering instructor pointed out. A machine constructed for the factory by a man with purely theoretical experience proved a costly failure because it was not adapted to practical use. Demonstrating flaws in arguments for theory in college backed by training in factories after graduation, Mr. Neyhart declared: "Students who graduate without having been brought into contact with actual work face the danger of finding out too late that they are misfits. The fact that so many undergraduates transfer from engineering courses in college is an indication that they have found shop-work too strenuous or too irksome." "If shop-work were abandoned, this opportunity to change occupations would be lost, and the number of college graduates who fail to continue their original employment would be materially increased." To be a successful manager in factory or mill work, it is necessary to be grounded in a fundamental knowledge of the machines used, and the men employed, the former technical manager asserted. Few industrial executives could maintain their position without a combination of the practical and theoretical. In addition to his observations in a supervising position at Milton, Mr. Neyhart has conferred frequently with managers in similar work concerning the advisability of practical work. The reactions of industrial executives in plants at Bethlehem, and in several southern states, were identical with his own, he declared.

FRESHMEN ELECT SYBERCROP HEAD

Choose Troutman, Hutchinson, Hines, Ryan for Other 1931 Class Posts

C. Lewis Sybercrop was elected president of the freshman class at a meeting last Thursday in the Chemistry amphitheater. The runner-up, Norman C. Troutman, became vice-president. The secretary-elect, Hamilton Hutchinson, polled a larger vote than any of the other officers. Philip F. Hines received the post of secretary and John T. Ryan that of class historian.

Sybercrop defeated Troutman, John N. Rathmell, and Edward C. Yorke for the presidency. The candidates for the executive position were given the opportunity to demonstrate their ability in two meetings last week before the electors. John S. Knestrick and John T. Davies were selected from a large field of contestants for cheer leaders in a meeting February 11. Alfred E. Lewis, president of the junior class and freshman organizer, expressed approval of attendance and attitude at the meetings.

85 DELEGATES ATTEND FERTILITY CONFERENCE

State Clubs Send Representatives To Greenkeepers Meeting

Eighty-five delegates, representing approximately sixty-five State clubs, attended the third annual Greenkeepers Fertility conference held at the College from Wednesday noon until Friday noon. This is the largest number of delegates yet to attend the annual conference. Wendell Miller, Chicago commercial damage engineer, spoke before the assembly Thursday morning. Dr. John Montfort, who is in charge of experimental work on golf courses, for the United States Golf association, was the next visiting speaker. Joseph Valentine, superintendent of the Merion Cricket club of Philadelphia, gave a report of activities of the Greenkeepers committee, of which he is chairman. The conference was opened by Dean Ralph L. Walts of the School of Agriculture who welcomed the delegates Wednesday afternoon. At a dinner held for the delegates in Old Main Thursday night, Jonathan W. White, professor of soil technology, gave an illustrated talk on the nitrate fields of South America. Professor L. Patrick of soil technology was chairman of the conference committee.

ETCHERS' SOCIETY TO OPEN EXHIBITION HERE TOMORROW

The opening view of an exhibition of productions by members of the Philadelphia Society of Etchers will be held in 301 Main Engineering building, tomorrow night. Over sixty pieces of prominent artists, including Samuel Chamberlain, John Sloan, and Frank Benson, are to be shown in the exhibit which will be continued two weeks.

Publishers Propose Journalism Building

A bill for the construction of a \$250,000 building for a School of Journalism here was introduced in the state legislature last night by Senator Mansfield, of Allegheny county. The proposal was the outgrowth of a conference last Thursday between a group of newspaper publishers of the state and Governor Gifford Pinchot. The executive expressed himself as being heartily in favor of the project, but stated that his "hands were tied" because of present lack of funds. He said, however, that the money might be available at the beginning of the new fiscal year in June. "Establishment and equipment" of the new building were included in the quarter-million dollar request.

FRESHMAN GROUP PROBES ACTIVITIES

English Composition Students To Gather Statistics for First Year Guide

Abandoning the routine of composing theories on stereotyped topics and presenting book reports to a bored audience, a class of twenty-five freshmen in English composition is conducting an investigation of student activities. Members of the class, under the direction of Prof. Theodore J. Gates, of the department of English composition, are interviewing student and faculty heads of about 150 different campus activities this week in view of compiling a complete report on extra-curricular work here. In this survey, the different athletic sports are considered as a single activity.

SOPH HOP PLANS NEAR COMPLETION

Workmen Will Begin Decorating Tomorrow—Judges Make Poster Awards

With the awaiting of the decorating contract last week to the Silverstein Flag and Decorating company of Wilkes-Barre, preparations for Sophomore Hop to be held Friday night are nearing completion, Charles A. Landis '33 announced yesterday. Recreation hall tomorrow night, when supporting cables for an overhanging canopy, the first to be employed at an all-College dance, will be erected. Blue, gold, and grey, colors of Penn State's sports opponents this week-end, will be the motif of the ceiling. Draperies of Blue and white will be suspended along the balconies and entwined about the pillars, while radio lanterns and a crystal ball, reflecting multi-colored lights, will furnish the illumination. Ferns and southern amulias will add a touch of green to the color scheme. Announce Poster Winners Tommy Christian and his vitaphone recording orchestra, recently returned from a tour of colleges in New York state, will provide the rhythm for the dancers from a featured platform at the west end of the hall. Fraternity booths will be placed in the concourse under the balconies. Maynard P. Wood '31, Leslie T. Jones '32, and Lincoln R. Scott '31 were adjudged first, second, and third place winners in a poster contest held last week. Tickets and favors for the dance may be obtained at the treasurer's office Friday and Saturday at the Recreation hall office Friday night.

NOTES INFLUENZA DECREASE

Notable decrease in the number of influenza cases which have flooded the infirmary recently was apparent this week, according to Dr. Joseph P. Tenour, College physician. With the cured students, no new cases have been reported.

FACULTY MEMBERS EXPRESS PREFERENCE FOR PROCTORING, PERCENTAGE SYSTEM OF GRADING

Proctoring rather than the honor system for examinations was favored by a majority in a representative faculty survey recently. Most of the eight faculty members interviewed also revealed a preference for the percentage system of grading rather than the use of honor points. In an interview yesterday, Prof. Charles L. Kinlock, head of the department of electrical engineering, said, "I believe that the majority of the students are fundamentally honest and that they themselves should be permitted to set their own standards for honesty. The honor point system of grading is satisfactory." Prof. Theodore J. Gates, of the department of English composition, in supporting the honor point system, explained, "Theoretically the present system of grading is fine. I am in favor of it, but actually the instructors and the students alike have come to regard the 'I' as the lowest passing grade, instead of the 'D' which was originally intended to be a passing grade without honor." When asked his opinion of honor point grading and the honor system for examinations, Prof. Chesleigh A. Bonnie, head of the geology department, declared, "We have no use for a grade as indefinite as 'within 10 percent.' I am not in favor of the honor system for examination." Prof. Joseph E. DeCamp, of the department of education and psychology, replied, "I am, at present, in favor of the monitor system. It seems the percentage system for grading would be superior to the honor point system because it has the advantage of giving more definite grades." When interrogated on his opinion of the honor system for examinations, Prof. Carol W. Ford, of the economics department, said that the honor

Survey Shows Instructors Burdened by Large Classes

'Size Unfavorable For Ideal Enrollment,' Says Stoddart

The "professorial burden" has continued throughout the past decade, forcing the instructor to teach classes in which nearly twice the ideal number of students are enrolled, Dean Charles W. Stoddart, of the Liberal Arts School, revealed yesterday after considering statistics covering enrollment in the College and size of classroom groups. "The service schools, Liberal Arts and Chemistry and Physics, are affected more than the other schools," claimed Dean Stoddart, "in that the entire freshman class and a large number of sophomores are obliged to take required subjects given by these schools." More than two-fifths of the total enrollment by classes, excluding R. O. T. C. and physical education courses, is at present placed in the Liberal Arts School. This places a burden of approximately 11,000 student-classes on 103 professors and instructors of the school for the present college year, Dean Stoddart disclosed. Of this number, only 1480 course enrollment cards represent Liberal Arts students. In considering overcrowded classes in the school, the Liberal Arts dean revealed that forty-five percent of the classrooms contained from twenty-one to thirty students, and twenty

percent more than thirty students. Only twenty-nine percent of the total number of classrooms contained less than twenty students. "There is no solution to this 'burden' unless both the Chemistry and Physics and the Liberal Arts schools, I understand that the School of Chemistry and Physics is in the same situation as this school," the Liberal Arts dean remarked.

ORATORS TO MEET 3 COLLEGE TEAMS

Hitchcock, Baldinger Will Use Oregon Style Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Orville A. Hitchcock '31 and Milton I. Baldinger '31 will invade Western Pennsylvania to engage in discussions at Seton Hill, Washington and Jefferson, and the University of Pittsburgh on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights respectively. One Seton Hill woman will join with Hitchcock, while the other will team with Baldinger to argue in Oregon style the question of women's emergence from the home Thursday night in Greensburg. The women will deliver the constructive speeches while the men will cross-examine and give the rebuttal. On the same night in Emporium at the Parent-Teacher association meeting, Robert E. Tschan '32 and Charles A. Meier '31 will uphold in Oregon style the affirmative of the unemployment insurance question against F. Weston Saylor '32 and Frederick W. Cramer '31. Lose to Junata In a dual contest with Washington and Jefferson orators on the unemployment insurance topic in Oregon style, Baldinger and Hitchcock will defend the affirmative, while F. Weston Saylor '32 and Karl H. Stroh '31 will uphold the negative of the same question in Schwab auditorium at 7:30 o'clock Friday night. Baldinger and Stroh will deliver the constructive talks while Hitchcock and Saylor cross-examine and give the rebuttal. In defense of unemployment insurance, Orville A. Hitchcock '31 and Robert E. Tschan '31 lost to Junata debaters at Huntington Friday night. Harry W. Lightstone '31 and Anton Druekman '31 received a tie audience vote in the contest on free trade with Dickinson representatives at Carlisle Thursday night.

DIETETICS CLASS OPENS FOR MEN

Student Interest in Course Causes Action by Health Service for Underweight Patients

Providing a course for men students who have complained of poor health due to improper diet, the Dietetics class, opened yesterday a class in dietetics for students who desire to regain their lost weight. Interest has been shown by a sufficient number of students to merit this course, Dr. Dietrich stated, and it is expected that more will enroll this week. Men students who are interested in this course are requested to secure information at the dispensary in the basement of Old Main immediately, in order that arrangements may be made for an increased class. The purpose of the diet class is to provide food with proper caloric value and to furnish a room in which patients will rest for a short period before meals. At the end of each week students showing sufficient improvement will be dismissed. If a member of the class does not gain weight, an investigation of the cause will be made by the Health Service.

KENNADY TO FILL POST ON JUNIOR PROM COMMITTEE

John W. Kennady '32 will replace David F. Young '32 on the Junior Prom committee, announced William W. Pannas '32, chairman of the committee yesterday. Young did not return to school the second semester. Pannas will make a trip to Chicago in the near future to interview Isham Jones, orchestra leader, to negotiate for music at the annual spring formal.

KERN TO SPEAK ON BOTANY

Dr. Frank D. Kern, head of the botany department, will speak on "Internationalism in Botany" as part of the eighteenth annual agriculture lectures in 100 Horticulture building at 4:10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

SUMMER SESSION TO OPEN JUNE 30 WITH 350 COURSES

Will Give Concentrated Studies In Nature, Journalism, Art, Drama Here

LECTURE SERIES HAS 6 WRITERS, EXPLORERS

Roosevelt, Allen, Clark, McFee, Bakeless, Eastman, Named As Guest Speakers

Offering more than 350 courses in thirty-five departments, the 1931 Summer Session will open June 30 and end August 8. Dean Will G. Chambers, director of the Summer Session, announced yesterday. An inter-session will be held for small groups of advanced teachers and school administrators during the two weeks prior to the Summer Session. Each course in this session is a full time unit, the workers being concentrated on a single problem from June 15 to June 20. All course-are of college grade and the credits earned may be applied toward regular degrees. In addition to regular courses in the Summer Session, a number of concentrated courses are to be offered in drama, journalism, art, and nature study. Lectures Open For All Six prominent writers and explorers will speak this summer in the series of general lectures. The list includes: Kenneth Roosevelt, son of the late president, who will speak here July 16. William McFee, writer of sea tales, will speak while Harvey Allen will open the series with three lectures beginning June 30. Barrett H. Clark, John E. Bakeless, and Max Eastman will each talk here during the series which is open to all members of the College. General increase of interest in the annual summer session is indicated by recent enrollment figures which show that 218 students gathered on the College campus last year in comparison with 1260 enrolled during the present winter semester.

600 WILL RECEIVE LIFE WORK ADVICE

Interviews With Faculty Members Ending Tomorrow Complete Period of Counseling

More than 600 students have been scheduled for interviews with faculty counsellors today and tomorrow in the first annual Life Work week sponsored by Penn State Christian associations. "Students have received a stimulus toward selecting suitable careers from interviews with able counsellors," Clarence D. Christian '32, chairman of the student-faculty committee, stated yesterday. "In accomplishing this, the program has justified itself as a worthwhile permanent project for the Associations," he claimed. Opening Sunday with special lectures in town churches, the week will end tomorrow. Faculty advisors will be in their offices for interviews with students today and tomorrow. Appointments at other times are made through counsellors or through the Y. M. C. A. In addressing the all-College mass meeting at the Auditorium last night, Lewis M. Stevens, prominent Philadelphia attorney, discussed qualities of personality which lead to successful careers.

CHAMBERS HEADS DIVISION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY

Dean Will G. Chambers, of the School of Education, was elected president of the division of education schools in fund grant colleges at the conference of the National Education association in Detroit, Mich., last week. Other members of the School of Education who attended the meeting are Professors Edith P. Chace, Mary J. Welch, George R. Green, Arthur S. Hurrell, Alva L. Rhoton, Dennis C. Troth and Palm C. Weaver. Dr. Charles C. Peters was in attendance during the latter part of the week.

TO DISCUSS THIRD PARTY

"Is there a need for a third political party?" is the question to be discussed at a meeting of the Social Problems Club. William Melman '31, president of the organization, has announced a round-table discussion to begin at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in the second floor lounge of Old Main.



DEAN C. W. STODDART