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SENIORS TO BEGIN GRADUATION WEEK ACTIVITIES SUNDAY

Commencement, Baccalaureate, Class Day Included Among Annual Observances

DR. ROBERTSON, BUTTRICK WILL OFFER MAIN TALKS

Alumni Group Reunions, Dance, Reception Complete Plans Of Seventy-first Fete

With Commencement and Class Day exercises, Baccalaureate services, Alumni reunions, and a Commencement reception and dance included in the procedure, 698 graduates will usher in activities of the seventy-first Commencement Sunday.

Dr. David Robertson, president of Goucher college, Baltimore, Md., will deliver the Commencement address as part of the regular graduation ceremony beginning at 3:45 o'clock Monday afternoon in Recreation hall. He will speak on "The Communication of Ideas."

The speaker resigned last year as assistant director of the American Council on Education in Washington to take up his executive post at the Baltimore women's college. While secretary of the Association of American Professors from 1918 to 1923 he conducted an investigation of 200 American colleges.

After receiving his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Chicago in 1902, Dr. Robertson remained at that institution as associate professor of English. From 1906 until 1920 he served as secretary to the president of the university. At the close of this period he was made dean of the College of Arts, Literature, and Science.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of the Madison avenue Presbyterian church in New York city, at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Schwab auditorium. "Finding Ourselves" has been chosen as the topic for the address. The New York pastor was born in England, having received his early education at Lancaster Independent college in Manchester.

To Hold Reception Class Day exercises will be held in Schwab auditorium Monday morning. As the last official gathering of seniors, the program includes speeches by Harry W. Lightstone, valedictorian, Alan B. Cutting, salutatorian, David C. McLaughlin, men's class president and Sponon Man, and E. Louise Hoffeditz, women's president and Fan Girl.

William K. Uterich, Cane Man, and Frank Diederich, Barrel Man, will be presented, along with Helen Buckwalter, Bow Girl, and F. Romayne (Continued on second page)

5 ARMY PLANES LAND HERE SUNDAY MORNING

Machines Forced to Earth Because Of Unfavorable Weather

Forced down by unfavorable weather conditions, five army planes landed in the rear of the agricultural buildings at 8:35 o'clock Sunday morning.

The planes had left Wilmington, Delaware, at 5 o'clock and were on their way to Chicago, Illinois. Unable to locate the Bellefonte airport, the pilots made a hazardous but successful landing. The only damage suffered by the flight was a broken strut on one of the ships.

Before the last of the five machines had made a landing, about fifty automobiles had crowded the narrow road upon which the other planes had come to earth. The last airplane was forced to land in a muddy field beside the roadway.

PUBLISHES DIESEL RESEARCH

Results of recently completed research in the Diesel engine field are compiled in an article by Dr. Paul H. Schweitzer, of the engineering experiment station, which appears in the current issue of "Power," technical magazine. Dr. Schweitzer is in charge of Diesel research which has been carried on here for the past ten years.

TO HOLD SOIL CONFERENCE

The Soil Fertility conference will commemorate June 24 to be the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the fertility plots here. Dr. W. H. Jordan, who recently died, started the experiment in 1881. He was to have been the guest of honor at this celebration of the golden anniversary.

Graduation Speakers



DR. DAVID A. ROBERTSON DR. GEORGE A. BUTTRICK

SUMMER FACULTY ADDS 100 VISITORS

Resident Staff, Extra Teachers To Supervise Courses Here At Annual Sessions

In addition to many resident faculty members, over one hundred teachers and professors from other institutions will supervise courses here during the twenty-first annual Summer Session from June 29 to August 8.

Concentrated courses in drama, journalism, art, and nature study will be included in the 350 subjects to be offered. The Summer Session is open to all graduates of approved high schools, any person engaged in teaching within the state, or any one holding a legal certificate permitting him to teach.

Included among the visiting instructors are W. Elmer Ebbelaw, general and botany with the McMillen-Crockerland archæ expedition, M. C. Commandant Lombard, military attaché of the French Embassy, Ernest T. Krueger, head of the department of sociology and anthropology at Vanderbilt university, and Clark L. Hull, professor of psychology at Yale university.

Offer Courses in Altoona

An increase in number of students enrolled of ten percent is expected at the regular Summer Session, while an advance of from thirty-five to fifty percent is apparent in the enrollment for the Intersession from June 15 to June 27. The Summer Session will be formally closed with Commencement exercises Thursday, August 6.

The normal schedule of work is six credits, but additional credits may be added if approved by the dean. Each student is expected to carry the maximum number of credits, or two daily courses. Courses will not be offered for which fewer than ten students register.

EXTENSION SPECIALISTS AID UNEMPLOYED BY GARDENING

In an effort to assist the unemployed in fifteen counties in Pennsylvania, extension vegetable garden specialists and county agents of Penn State are aiding in the establishment and maintenance of emergency vegetable gardens.

Allegheny, Armstrong, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fayette, Indiana, Lackawanna, Lebanon, McKean, Mercer, Mifflin, and Schuylkill are the counties in which the gardens are located.

PLANT 182,400 SEEDLINGS

A total of 182,400 seedlings were planted in 46 demonstrations conducted by extension foresters of the College in 23 counties this spring.

'Colleges Becoming Centers Of Communism,' Fries Says

Well-Organized Religious, Radical Minorities Seek Disarmament of Country, Army Officer Asserts

"Both church and school today are fast becoming the hope and stronghold of atheistic communism," Major General Amos A. Fries, president of the national Reserve Officers Training Corps association, said in an address before the student ROTC and townspeople in the Memorial Day exercises on the campus Sunday.

With schools and colleges in America "originally founded to teach the art of reading, that each man might study the word of God for himself," the speaker said that now communism is appearing among the country's institutions of higher education. The general warned against an "organized movement now on foot, well planned, ably led to disarm our nation, and make it impossible for the nation to defend itself against a foreign enemy or against civil war."

"There are two great groups in this country, as opposite as the poles, who are trying to destroy all military power, and military training in our nation. These groups are certain church people on one hand and the communists on the other—the followers of Christ working to the same end as the atheistic communists," General Fries said.

Churchmen Implicated "Those of the Church who oppose military training, try to explain their opposition on the ground that fighting or war is not in accordance with the teaching of Christ. They will make out Christ slacker—a peace-at-any-price man," the general said, accusing these churchmen of "perverting every possible passage of the Holy Bible to us to make it appear that Christ was the sort of man who would not fight to save his own mother."

Since man gained his power over "all that live and breathe" through use of "the stick or the stone to strengthen his arm," the speaker said that to maintain that position should retain his skill in the use of arms. Whenever men have been "no longer able or willing to fight, their nation started to decline and eventually disappeared from the face of the earth."

Students Favor Training

In a questionnaire sent out to graduates of the ROTC units in 35 colleges throughout the United States, a government department found that of those who answered the questionnaire, 98.7 percent were against abolishing ROTC training, according to the figures quoted by General Fries. The compulsory feature of the military training should be retained, 85 percent of those answering claimed, while 89 percent replied that the course in ROTC training was "average or above when compared with their other college courses."

The general ended his address with a plea that "we may live up to the standards of those men and women in every clime and every age who gave their lives that we might live; and that the nation should "have a new birth of freedom."

'FROTH' WILL FEATURE LETTERS OF STUDENTS

House Party Issue To Appear Here For Sale Thursday

"What did you get out of College?" Froth, College humorous magazine appearing for sale Thursday, will feature a section with this heading, including letters from outstanding graduates.

This issue, the last of the semester, will be entitled the "House Party Froth." Its cover is the portrait of a red-headed girl, done with a background of tan and black.

Albert J. Buono '32, newly elected editor of the publication, had charge of this issue as the first under control of the next year's staff.

SENIORS REVEAL FUTURE BUSINESS AMBITIONS, GRADUATE ASPIRATIONS—4 PLAN EUROPE TOUR

"Well, I am not sure what I shall be doing next year," said Albert J. Buono '32, newly elected editor of the publication, had charge of this issue as the first under control of the next year's staff.

Probably the most original of all plans set forth by any of the graduating class is the one advanced by Raymond A. Bowers, Alan B. Cutting, J. Neely McCown, and Elvadora R. Nodden. William P. Hensley '32 plans to accompany Gerard J. Stack '31 to the Philadelphia school.

Senior class president David C. McLaughlin will probably be stationed near Los Angeles, California, in the employ of the Standard Oil company of California. The other senior executives...

'Collegian' To Issue Next Paper Sept. 17

Publication of the COLLEGIAN will be discontinued with this issue until the opening day of Freshman week on Thursday, September 17.

During the summer, however, the Summer COLLEGIAN will be published, and the first issue will appear during the first week of Summer Session.

ALEXANDER GRAY MAY APPEAR HERE

1912 Thespian, Berenice Claire Asked to Play in Show During Stay Here

Alexander Gray '12 and Berenice Claire, motion picture stars, may appear on the program of "Reely and Truly" when the Thespians stage a second edition of the musical comedy in Schwab auditorium at 7:15 o'clock Saturday night, according to an announcement by the directors.

Mr. Gray, who was graduated from Penn State in 1912, was a member of the Thespians in his undergraduate days. Here if the two stars are able to come, they probably will take part in the presentation, directors stated.

Muriel E. Bowman '31 will appear in the singing and dancing role of the show's ingenue, with Charles A. Kline '32 in the part of the hero. The comedy team of Edwin S. Malmel '33 and H. Grace Buer '31 will share the laughs of the show with James S. Norris '32 and Dorothy M. Johnson '31.

A chorus of sixteen women and eight men will be augmented by four specialty acts. Tap dance teaming will include the trio of Misses Buer, Lane, J. Bennett '31, and Irving Wein '33, besides the duo of Charles S. Harper '31 and Kenneth M. Runk '32.

A woman's harmony trio, composed of Dorothy W. Cummings '32, Margaret W. Fisher '32, and Harriet E. Soper '31, will appear in two numbers during the show. Marjorie Hathaway '31 will spin before the footlights in a solo Spanish dance.

A pit orchestra of eighteen pieces, specially arranged for musical comedy numbers will play original music composed by Prof. Hummel Fishburn, Kenneth L. Holdeman '31, Leon Cohen '33, and Nevins Dudley '31. The lyrics are credited to Julius Epstein '31, Holdeman, and Professor Fishburn.

J. Ewing Kennedy is director of the show, being assisted by Frank S. Neubaum, Professor Fishburn, and Holdeman. Minor parts in the production are to be played by Dorothy H. Boehm '31, James F. Abet '31, Holdeman, Frank F. Morris '31, and Ralph Radcliffe '31.

FORESTERS WILL HOLD SUMMER MEETING HERE

Association To Assemble for Annual Session From June 25 to 27

The Pennsylvania Forestry association will return to the College for their annual summer meeting from June 25 to 27. The association is the largest organization which gave rise to the present conservation movement in the East.

The meeting will afford opportunity for the forestry units of allied and associated interests to meet and compare results and objectives. In addition to reports and prepared addresses a number of field trips are planned to points of interest in the vicinity of the College.

J. T. Rothrock, former professor of botany here was influential in the formation of the association in 1886.

FRIES ELECTED TO SOCIETY

Major General Amos A. Fries, president of the national Reserve Officers Training Corps association, was extended honorary membership in Schuylkill and Blade, honorary military fraternity.

Schedule Decreases 4 O'Clock Periods

WILL TAKE Leading Feminine Role in 'Broken Dishes'



EVA M. BLICHFELDT '31

PLAYERS TO OFFER 3-ACT PRODUCTION

Will Enact 'Broken Dishes' as Commencement Show in Auditorium Monday

Small town family life will be portrayed for a Commencement audience when the Penn State Players present "Broken Dishes" in Schwab auditorium at 8 o'clock Monday night. Eva M. Blichfeldt '31 will make her first appearance in a Player's production when she plays the leading feminine role in Martin Flavin's three act comedy. Director Arthur C. Chertoff has named Reginald R. Keaton '32 in the character lead of the show.

The male role lead will be played by James B. Gross '31, as the young farm lad who is in love with the play's heroine. Janet M. Burns '31, graduate student, will appear again in a Player's production after a semester's absence from the institution stage. She will enact the part of a married daughter in the Bumped family.

Mrs. Mason To Appear Harriet M. Harty '32 will be seen in the part of one of the Bumped daughters in the expose of life in a tiny Mid-Western hamlet. Enacting one of the play's character roles, Austin B. Moore '32 will take the part of Cyrus Bumped's old cronie.

The role of Mrs. Bumped will be taken by Mrs. David D. Mason, playing opposite Keaton. Called only "The Stranger," M. Hohn L. Host '33 is cast in the part of an unknown man, imbued with a magnetic personality, who enters the life of the Bumped family.

'BELL' TO DELIVER LAST ISSUE TODAY

New Edition Carries Interview With Fred Lewis Pattee, Feature By Prof. H. L. Dickson

Distribution of the last issue for the College Year of Old Man Bell, College literary publication, will be continued today, according to Roy E. Morgan '31, editor of the magazine.

Featuring an interview with Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee, eminent professor of American literature, entitled "Stay in Your Own Back Yard," the magazine also includes an article by Prof. Harold L. Dickson, of the department of architecture.

"Michael Reilly, Politician," a play by B. William Behlman '31 and an allegory on "Poets" by Dr. Carol D. Champlin, of the School of Education, are additional features.

Sketches by George H. Young '32, Deborah L. Harvey '31, and Elizabeth R. Hartman '31 are also included in the last issue of the literary magazine, while poetry by Howard R. Grassatt '32, Joseph I. Grucci '32, and Edward G. Zinn '32 also appear.

COLLEGIAN STAFF SENIORS TO PUBLISH SUMMER PAPER

Extending the COLLEGIAN news service through the Summer Session, a Summer COLLEGIAN will be published by three members of the senior staff.

Hugo K. Fren '32 and Hugh R. Riley '32 will act as co-editors of the summer paper, with Wendell L. Rehm '32 as business manager. Light issues will be published during the six weeks, beginning on the day of registration.

Proposed Plan Provides Program of Mass Recreation

BISSEY ARRANGES NEW SYSTEM FOR NEXT YEAR

Removes Last Afternoon Hour Whenever Possible From Course Curricula

With 17 percent of next year's students having 4 o'clock classes as contrasted to 51.6 percent this year, an extensive afternoon athletics program is made possible, according to the tentative schedule arranged by Cyrus V. D. Bissey, College scheduling officer.

Of the 4,215 students enrolled this year, 2,171 had classes from 1 to 5 o'clock, while of the estimated 4,287 registrants for the 1931-32 school year only 729 will have late afternoon classes under the schedule arrangement made by Mr. Bissey.

In compiling the schedule, the 1 o'clock ROTC class on Monday during the fall and spring was disregarded because of its irregularity, and also the engineering lectures on Friday which are required of all seniors in that course.

Balance Periods Carefully The great decrease in percentage of late classes was effected by the elimination, as far as possible, of all the factors making for 4 o'clock classes, and by careful balancing of the periods, according to Mr. Bissey.

The number of students having only one 4 o'clock class a week has been cut from 128 percent this year to 9.6 for next semester. Those having two late hours have dropped from 27 to 4 percent, and those having three 4 o'clock classes from 10.1 to 2.7 percent. Only .7 of the entire College enrollment will have 4 o'clocks' next semester under the tentative schedule.

The highest percentages of 4 o'clock classes come in agriculture, engineering and mineral industries with 26.6, 29, and 27.8 percent, respectively. These figures as contrasted with the corresponding 71.2, 80.8, and 170.5 last year indicate the extent to which late classes have been eliminated. Because of the wide variety of optional courses and the many practical periods, including agriculture, a division of sections and long laboratory courses complicated matters in the other two schools.

In the statistics by classes, 81.6 percent of this year's freshmen had 1 o'clock classes, while next semester only 12.2 percent are scheduled for them. A drop from 51.6 to 15.1 percent is recorded for the sophomores and from 50.7 to 23.8 percent for the juniors. Of next year's seniors, 27 percent will have 4 o'clock classes as contrasted with 46.5 this year.

With education and liberal arts courses having no sections of 4 o'clock classes, there will be only 66 classes at that time, as compared with 172 this year. The estimate represents a 61.6 percent decrease below this year's total.

DR. RULE NAMED TRUSTEE BY STATE APPOINTMENT

Public Instruction Superintendent Succeeds Keith by Pinchot

Governor Pinchot's appointment of Dr. James N. Rule, of Harrisburg, to the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction received the unanimous confirmation of the Senate when the name was presented for action last week. By this appointment Dr. Rule automatically becomes a member of the College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Rule is an alumnus of Washington and Jefferson, having obtained both his bachelor's and doctor's degree there. He has been in the department of public instruction since 1921, and since 1923 has been first deputy superintendent.

Since the term of Dr. John A. H. Keith as superintendent expired in January, Dr. Rule has been acting head of the department. The new trustee took part in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the College last fall, and has attended a number of conferences here in recent years.

DEBATORS AWARDED KEYS

Elizabeth N. Hopper '31 and Harry W. Lightstone '31 were awarded College debating keys, given annually to debaters who have represented the College in a minimum of five intercollegiate debates.