

Glee Clubs Provide Student Music Work

Allow Freshmen Participation After Try-outs In Fall—Bands, Orchestras Constitute Instrumental Organizations

Possessing vocal and instrumental organizations which have attained favorable reputations throughout the East, Penn State affords students opportunity for varied extra-curricular activities along musical lines.

Organized in 1902, the men's group became affiliated with the Inter-collegiate Glee Club in 1914 and since that time has progressed rapidly. For four consecutive years the Club was champion of the Pennsylvania Glee Club association. Under the leadership of Richard W. Grant, director of the department of music, the Club was made up of sixty-seven students last year.

With try-outs taking place early in October, the men's group affords an opportunity for first year men to take part in the activity from the beginning of their collegiate work. In last year's organization, sixteen members were freshmen, twenty were sophomores, sixteen juniors, and fifteen were seniors. This distribution has been given to show the opportunity for freshmen of making the group rather than as any fixed distribution. Whether the freshman class this year will have sixteen representatives on the Glee Club depends entirely on the talent which their members show in the Fall try-outs.

In addition to the advantages of training given to members of the group, the Glee Club makes numerous appearances throughout the College year. It gives concerts throughout the State as well as to College audiences and takes part in the intercollegiate contests which are held every Spring.

Pitches in Military Band

Selected by competition from the upperclassmen in the Glee Club, a Varsity Male Quartet is chosen. This group has attained popularity for its light, semi-popular, humorous type of music. In addition to supplementing regular Glee Club performances the quartet appears at smokers and gatherings of all kinds.

Like opportunities for vocal work are afforded women students at Penn State. Both a Glee Club and a quartet are organized early in the year on a competitive basis. Usually consisting of fifty members, the women's group sponsors the production of quality choral music and makes at least one public appearance, usually in the form of a mid-winter concert. The quartet is chosen from the members of the Glee club and makes appearances with that group and at various social affairs.

Band work for freshmen is confined to the military organization which plays at the student Monday afternoon reviews. First year men are selected on a competitive basis and are excused from all other R. O. T. C. work. Two nights a week are devoted to practice. The freshman group remains intact throughout the first two years of College while in the junior and senior years members of the Blue Band are recruited from their ranks.

Consisting of seventy-five pieces, the Blue Band is the premier unit of the College. It appears at all football games at home and at a majority of those played away. Concerts and other appearances at athletic events complete its program. Under the direction of Bandmaster Wilfred O. Thompson, the Blue Band is made possible by financial aid given by the Athletic association, the School of Physical Education, and by the department of military science and tactics.

A college symphony orchestra, numbering about sixty members, gives several concerts throughout the year and plays at the Commencement exercises and at a few outside engagements. The performers of the orchestra are selected by competition from the entire student body. Twenty-one freshmen were included in its organization last year.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTED YEARLY

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The House of Representatives deals with rules of lesser importance, governing the women's dormitories, quiet hour, signing out for social privileges, and appoints all chairmen of social events. This group has no voice on the Senate's actions, merely making suggestions to the higher governing body.

Open Politics Here

Class officers at Penn State are elected each spring at a time designated by Student Council. Men and women students have separate elections and elect a different set of officers. An elections committee appointed from the Council is responsible for the proper carrying out of an Elections Code which has previously been adopted and the violation of which will disqualify any candidate.

A system of "open politics" is carried out at Penn State. Various groups of fraternities, clubs, or a number of non-fraternity men may organize under a party name and nominate students for the class officers. Officers of the freshman class, however, are not elected in this manner, but are chosen at a class meeting after several years members have presided at previous class meetings.

NEW Senior Class Women's President



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STUDENTS ORGANIZE INTO MANY CLUBS

Groups With Common Interests Form for Professional, Social Benefits

Filling a need for assembling groups of students with common interests, many clubs have been organized at Penn State and their number is constantly increasing as new interests arise.

The majority of the clubs have no requirements, of class ranking but enroll members from students who are interested in becoming members for the social, professional, and other advantages.

One of the oldest clubs on the campus is the Penn State club, an organization of the non-fraternity men. It seeks to provide for its members the same advantages that are possessed by members of fraternities. The club holds an all-College dance as well as other social functions, promotes inter-university athletic competitions, and aids non-fraternity men in becoming better acquainted. Non-fraternity men of all classes are eligible for membership. The president of the organization is an ex-officio member of Student Council.

Cosmopolitan Club

The Outing Club has for its aim the promotion of interest in all forms

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HONOR SOCIETIES REWARD FRESHMEN

36 Upperclass Groups Choose Students for Success In Varied Lines

Two freshman scholastic honor societies give the earliest recognition to students who have been successful in scholarship during their first semester. Thirty-six upperclass groups recognize further achievement in various lines later in the collegiate career.

Phi Eta Sigma awards membership to all freshmen who at the end of their first semester have attained a 2.5 minimum average and to all who raise their grade to that by the end of the first year. With chapters in twenty-nine colleges throughout the country, between thirty-five and forty gain membership to the Penn State chapter. Alpha Lambda Delta sister fraternity to Phi Eta Sigma performs the same function for the women students. Each year from five to eight women usually fulfill the 2.5 requirement.

The honorary fraternities usually set up a minimum standard which is necessary for a student to secure before he is considered for membership. Membership is not automatic on the fulfilling of the particular requirement but depends on an election held by the active chapter at the College. Nearly every line of college activity—scholarship, journalism, debating—has its honoraries which usually elect juniors and seniors. When outstanding and the society ruling permits exception is made to the custom of excluding underclassmen. Elections are in most cases held twice a year, one in the fall and another in the spring.

Journalistic Work

The highest ranking honorary for the recognition of scholarship in all schools is Phi Kappa Phi which was established at Penn State in 1900. To become eligible for election a student must be in the upper twentieth of the class on the condition that his average is at least 2.4. Election takes place in the senior year.

Election to membership in Pi Delta Epsilon, men's national fraternity, is on the basis of achievement in journalistic work on the campus publications. Alpha Beta Epsilon is the women's journalism society. Alpha Beta Sigma is a professional journalistic fraternity for men students ma-

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UNION WILL START SECOND YEAR HERE

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years, one expiring each year.

The Union, according to the plan would receive and act upon recommendations concerning student welfare, make it possible for a group to seek advice concerning its projects, act as a clearing house for dates of events pertaining to student interest, serve as a source of general information through the Union manager, and advise the administration on the uses to which the Union features of Old Main should be put.

Elect Permanent Officers

The Union has no legislative power nor is it a supervisory body, according to the ratified plan. It deals with groups and no individuals and has no power over its component groups except in making suggestions in the form of recommendations after unanimous consent of the committee. The student members are named by the constituent groups. As ratified by the Senate committee this organization was to be tried for one year after which all necessary and advisable changes to the election of permanent officers, the Union organized a mass meeting following the boxing intercollegiate, held an "open house," and acted as a source of student information through its bureau situated on the main floor of Old Main. It also advised the administration on the use of Old Main as a student center and received favorable action from its recommendations.

Following the election of new representatives for the 1931-1932 Union and the election of officers, the retiring president in commenting on the Union said "During the first year of its existence the Student Union has unified activities to a greater extent than has ever been done before."

ENROLLMENT HERE LARGE

Although the depression has cut the enrollment of many colleges Registrar Hoffman, of Penn State expects the College enrollment here to be at least as large as last year.

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LEGENDS TELL OF EARLY STUDENTS

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trousers, students considered their ward-robe for the year complete.

There were less pleasant moments for freshmen who arrived shortly after the turn of the century than for those of 1931. The Old Main bell-ringer could tell about it.

"Believe me, those boys don't know how easy they have it," he said. "In 1902 when the boys came in to town they were started off with a bang. No sooner had they stepped from the drays that hauled them from Lemont, but some rowdy sophomores got a hold of them and made 'em walk the chalk line."

"It wasn't anything for the freshmen to be greeted with a lot of old tomatoes or eggs thrown at them."

Pleasanter memories surround the banquets which each class held, and the scraps which surrounded their occurrence with an added savor. To Williamsport, to Bellefonte, or some other nearby town, the class-mates would go, pursued by other classes. At one time sophomores greased the railroad tracks near the college to prevent the freshmen from setting out on the expedition.

Even after 1871, when co-eds were first admitted to the college, "dates" were scarce. Not only was the supply of available young women limited, but written permission from the president and the dean of women was required beforehand. For a number of years no more than five co-eds were enrolled at any one time.

Changes in the years have observed

DEBATING OFFERS CHANCE FOR MANY PARTICIPANTS

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speeches, and delivery constituted the work of the squad. Reward for achievement in forensic lines is in the form of a key given by the College to any student who participates in five intercollegiate debates in one year.

For the purpose of administering debating affairs, there is a Forensic Council made up of nine members appointed by the senior class president from the three upper classes. A president is elected and holds membership on the Student Council. The Forensic Council sponsors the inter-collegiate debate contest and acts in the Sophomore Speaking Contest for which all sophomores are eligible to compete.

many old legends, and with the appearance of new the old has faded; but four years from now some member of the class of 1933 will probably ask, as have thousands before him, "Do you remember . . . ?"

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