

Student Publications Review Large Variety Of College Activities

Group of 7 Comprises Important Campus Undertaking

BOARDS SELECTED BY STUDENT COMPETITION

Periodicals Will Call Candidates For Editorial, Business Positions Soon

Seven student publications, covering a wide range of college interests and giving a review of campus life, form one important division of the activities groups at Penn State.

The Penn State COLLEGIAN, newspaper, Penn State Froth, humorous periodical, Old Main Bell, literary magazine, LaVie, yearbook; Penn State Farmer and Penn State Engineer, departmental periodicals, and Student Handbook, informational guide, represent the field of journalistic activity at the College.

Instruct Freshmen
The COLLEGIAN, in its capacity as official College newspaper, is published semi-weekly throughout the college year. Its entire news service is conducted through a staff selected from competition among students. Its aim is to cover thoroughly every campus news source and present a complete review of the activities and events of Penn State.

Fully in the year, freshman editorial candidates are called out, and following a six-week instructional course in newspaper writing, are assigned work on the paper. As sophomores, these men work under the direct supervision of the junior managing editors and news editors. At the end of the sophomore year the junior managing editors are named from the sophomore reporters, these men usually six or eight in number, to directly responsible for issues of the paper in turn, under the supervision of the senior editors. The same principles are followed with business candidates, who will be called out in the latter part of the freshman year.

The Penn State Froth, college comic magazine, represents the lighter side of college life in twelve numbers during the year. Its contents are chiefly short humorous articles, light verse, sketches and jokes.

Froth follows very much the same plan as that used by the newspaper, with the exception that election to the board is based more upon the amount of work contributed than upon a competitive choice from a group of candidates in any given class.

The Old Main Bell, published under the auspices of Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalistic frat-

COACHES Freshman Football Team This Fall



CONOVER

...is the literary magazine. It is used in freshman classes in English composition for classroom study. It consists of stories, sketches, features, controversial articles, editorials and verse. Its editorial policy is to stimulate student writing and thinking constructively, as well as to entertain.

Election to the board is competitive. A supplementary board of contributors, consisting of those writers who, no matter what their class standing, have proved valuable assistants, was instituted this year.

The Penn State Farmer is a departmental journal dealing chiefly with agricultural topics in feature articles, technical articles and departments. In addition to a circulation at the college, it has many agricultural readers throughout the State. The Penn State Engineer accomplishes the same ends in the Engineering School. Although published by students who are elected similarly to other publications, articles are frequently contributed to both by faculty members.

LaVie Staff Now Elected
LaVie, the Penn State yearbook, is published by a staff elected through competition in the senior year. In addition to covering the activities and events of the year, and giving a complete cross-section of campus activities, clubs, and organizations it presents the history of the class and records of class members. LaVie calls twelve men are selected to serve as junior editors, and this number is cut to six staff members who edit the book as seniors.

The Student Handbook, published under the auspices of the P.S.C.A., is a guide prepared primarily for the use of freshmen. It is an informational book. Members of the Handbook staff are selected from other publications in the junior year, and the editor is elected from this group by competition.

COLLEGE STARTED AS FARM SCHOOL

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largely figured), but he died in office after but three years of service. Dr. James Galder, a classically trained, classically minded executive succeeded. The College grew in numbers largely due to preparatory students to music and art pupils. Three courses, agriculture, classical, and scientific, were offered and women students were admitted on equal terms in 1871.

Atherton Comes Here
An unfortunate interregnum in 1880-1881 under President Shatt- lidge re-opened the flood gates of criticism and personal recrimination. Students were few and in open rebellion. Faculty, trustee, and legislative investigations followed—the Pennsylvania State College was passing through its darkest days.

However, a new leader, the second great president, Dr. George W. Atherton, had been found, destined to save nearly a quarter of a century. He received an institution of one building, Old Main, completed in December, 1887, a massive but forbidding structure, with a dark, almost prison-like interior, a student body so depleted in numbers that it scarcely exceeded the faculty, and with a reputation and name over the State (however unjust) of an educational failure and not entitled to the proceeds of the Land Grant. With rare determination and insight, he placed the work of the institution squarely upon its charter, won the people of the Commonwealth to its support, found in Governor James A. Beaver, a life-long friend of the College, a tower of strength and enthusiasm.

A revamping of Old Main was begun, over-crowded departments, began their exodus to new buildings. The schools were organized in 1896, dormitories were erected, a University plan, and the first buildings by private donors, the Carnegie Library and Schwab Auditorium. Agriculture began its modern development with a building program and expansion of facilities under the aegis of The Allied Agricultural Societies in 1900. Engineering owes its first adequate housing to Governor Pattison who became a warm friend of Penn State during his second administration, while most caustic in his denunciations in his vetoes of the bills of 1889 and 1885.

Develops Under Sparks
Liberal studies were strengthened, departments of physical education, forestry, home economics, the colorimeter, and research activities were established, a Summer School and Farmers' Institutes fostered. Dr. Atherton left the institution firmly established in the hearts of the people of the Commonwealth as the crown of the free public school system, an institution of nearly one thousand students, thirty buildings, nineteen four-year courses, and (with surprisingly few omissions) all the

NEW President of Penn State Athletic Association



ALFRED E. LEWIS '32

major lines of development of a modern state university, at least in embryo.

Thus the College groped its way during the first quarter century. It "found itself" under President Atherton during the second quarter century. Its rapid development has come during the third quarter century, and particularly so in the last five years. Presidents Sparks, Thomas and Hetzel are three different types of executives. Under Dr. Sparks the student body grew almost phenomenally, popularizing and extension activities were greatly increased, the Summer School established on a new basis in 1910. Comprehensive building plans were outlined, and genuine additions to the plant made. More adequate support was provided in which the active cooperation of Governor Tener should be noted. President Sparks bore a huge burden during the Great War—a burden which sapped his strength to the breaking point, leading to his retirement in 1920. Dr. Sparks handed over to President John Martin Thomas an institution with 370 on the Faculty and a resident student body of 4016!

College Progresses
The service of Dr. Thomas of four years was marked by plans for a greater Penn State, a better physical plant, more adequate legislative support. The College campaign to raise \$2,000,000 for welfare buildings was organized and vigorously carried on. The \$8,000,000 bond issue was proposed although not realized since the revenues of the State were assured adequate to meet the new building program. Four permanent buildings were erected and the School of Education and the Graduate School established.

September 24, 1926, Dr. Ralph Dorn Heston was called to the presidency, and a new Penn State is rapidly realizing itself. An adequate campus

VERSATILE PLEBES MAY LEAD CHEERS

New Class To Elect Own Leader At Mass Meeting—Given Numeral Award

Freshmen with natural aptitude for appearing before crowds, leading songs or cheers or performing acrobatic stunts will have ample opportunity at Penn State to develop their talent and gradually advance to the positions of junior and senior cheerleaders.

The new class will elect their own cheerleader at a class meeting during the year after all candidates for the post have appeared before the class. The yearling leader will be awarded class numerals at the close of the year.

Get Adequate Awards
During the early part of sophomore year the head cheerleader will issue a call for all candidates for the varsity cheering squad. Those who turn out will work under the supervision of juniors and seniors at football games, mass meetings, and during the winter sports events. At the end of the winter sports season three of the group will be selected for junior cheerleaders.

From the three juniors a head cheerleader is selected the following spring by the outgoing cheerleader, the director of athletics, the graduate manager of athletics, the football coach, and the athletic association president. Under this system there are always varsity leaders on the squad, three juniors and three seniors including the head cheerleader.

Junior assistants receive class numerals for their work on the squad, while the two senior associate leaders receive a four and one-half inch circle "S". The head cheerleader is awarded a block letter "S" of the same size.

plan and the following new buildings which were dedicated as a part of the Seventy-Fifth Celebration tell something of the external story.—Recreation Hall, Engineering Building, Mineral Industries, Old Main, Frear and Grange Dormitories, Liberal Arts and Chemistry units, Power Plant, Botany Building, Hospital Service Building, and other permanent units for agriculture.

The inward history of change and development is yet more significant. A new freedom to teach, a more liberal environment in which to learn, a continuous search for avenue of service to the Commonwealth, these are some of the spiritual factors which are moulding a new and inner Penn State while the Campus is undergoing an almost complete transformation.

2 Armory Cannon Once Led Attack On 'Fort Shivery'

Two harmless little cannon now squatting on their concrete beds in front of the Armory, gaze stolidly at developments on the campus and reminisce on the many battle fields they surveyed in the dim days of the eighties.

Silently, these two old veterans of combat review days when, mounted on trunions, they gleamed in the sun and the spokes of their wheels glittered as they were drawn by students sweating to the commands of "Squads Right" and "Left Face."

These members of the "Old Guard" did not, however, limit their experience to the dust of the march and the playing of the national anthem with colors flying. They took an intimate part in conflicts between the "Town Muckers" and the "Old Main Rats," rival bands of students which sprang up as a result of separate housing quarters, half a century ago.

One spring day in the eighties, legend runs, the "Town Muckers" felt the urge for excitement at the expense of their rivals. Organizing a parade, they maneuvered about the terrace fronting Old Main and taunted the inmates with cries of "Government Paupers" and "Rascals."

In those days the dark walls of Old Main housed most of the student body. After this show of spirit the "Townies" were satisfied and repaired to their haunts on Beaver avenue where they roomed in what was named by the Old Main Rats, Fort Shivery. The residents of Old Main then took up the battle. Hauling out their heavy artillery they gathered a representative collection of rubbish, tin cans, and garbage, and rammed it down the muzzles of the cannon.

Among the deadly implements at the lodgings of their enemies, a bead was drawn in approved military style, and after the addition of powder and the application of a match, amid a thunderous roar the two stalwarts belched forth their questionable contents. Because ammunition supplies had been exhausted the barricade was lifted, but a notable military victory was gained by the Old Main Rats.

With the imbedding of the impediments of war in concrete bases, College authorities have doomed the cannon to a life of inactivity.

COLLEGE CUSTOMS RULE CAMPUS LIFE

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ing out its justice.
9. Wear a regulation card with your name and preparatory or high school printed on it in large letters. Do not appear without it during your first two weeks at College.

10. Do not be absent at any class meeting, athletic event, or mass meeting until excused by proper authorities.

11. Do not associate with young women within three miles of Old Main except at regular houseparties or authorized dances.

12. Never be without matches with which to supply upperclassmen upon request.

13. Do not enter south Liberal Arts building except by the lower entrance. Do not enter north Liberal Arts building except by the rear entrance.

There are other customs and traditions which can be learned more easily by actual experience on the campus. The regulatory customs are thrown off each year at Move-up Day near the end of the second semester. Abolishment of sophomore restrictions and lightening of first year regulations by student vote last year are indicative of a trend which has been apparent of late. However, student opinion was that certain customs must remain and be enforced in order to cultivate a proper spirit. Each freshman class must therefore undergo them and, when the time comes for it to have a voice in customs regulation, be prepared to analyze the effect of customs on themselves and to decide accordingly the future of customs at Penn State.

HAMAS '29 HAS NO DEFEATS

Steve Hamas '29, former intercollegiate heavyweight champion from Penn State, has yet to lose a fight in the professional ring. He was rated by the National Boxing Association recently as one of the ten leading contenders for the heavyweight championship.

LEWIS IS BOXING CHAMPION

Al Lewis '32, president of the Athletic Association, is intercollegiate champion in the 145-pound class. He is the first welterweight intercollegiate champion in the history of Penn State boxing.

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