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Fleming Will Handle Financial Contracts For 3 Class Dances

Graduate Athletic Head Required To Make Agreements

CHECKING FEE SET AT 25 CENTS PER COUPLE

Salaries of Chairman Remain Unchanged—May Lower Junior Prom Tax

By DONALD P. DAY '33

To effect greater economy in class dance expenditures, the signing of all contracts pertinent to each function will be handled by Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics and interclass treasurer. This change becomes effective at once.

As interclass treasurer, a position which he has held for the last eight years, Mr. Fleming, with his business experience gained through relations with officials from other colleges and universities, will supervise the financial organization of all class social functions in the future.

Present economic and business conditions have made the need for greater economy imperative. The change, Mr. Fleming said, is not for the purpose of making money for the individual classes; but is an attempt to make each dance pay for itself and bring about lower assessments for these affairs, which are for the enjoyment and entertainment of as many students as can attend.

Reduction Probable
Provided that the new arrangement brings about a sizable reduction in expenditures for any class function, students can anticipate a reduction in the price of admission. Although it is hardly possible that the price of Soph Hop will be lowered from \$4, Junior Prom may be cut to \$5 instead of the recently adopted assessment of \$6.

Surplus in each class treasury upon graduation of the group becomes a fund for class reunions at the discretion of the permanent class secretary. This dispels a prevalent idea that the surplus is used for a class memorial. Memorials are provided by the surplus incurred by the amount remaining from the damage fund that is obtained by taxing the student body each year at fall registration.

Committees To Continue
In the future the catering concession may be handled by a professional caterer, for in this way the service can be bettered and offered at a lower cost to each fraternity. Checking of wraps will be reduced to the price of 25 cents per couple and will be handled through Mr. Fleming's jurisdiction. This plan will eliminate any attempt to overcharge.

Although the signing of all contracts will be the capacity of Mr. Fleming, dance committees, as in the past, will have the privilege of selecting their own orchestra, favors, programs, and decorative scheme. Class presidents and dance chairmen will continue to receive their \$75 salaries.

P. S. C. A. DELEGATION TO ATTEND CONCLAVE

Will Start February 5 for Middle Atlantic Field Conference

A delegation of twenty-five students and faculty members will attend the mid-winter conference of the Middle Atlantic Field Council of the Student Christian association at Buck Hill Falls, from February 5 to 7.

Speakers for the annual convocation include Ivy L. Lee, economist and corporation adviser; Norman Thomas, socialist candidate for president in 1928; and Albert Parker Fitch, minister of the Park Avenue Presbyterian church, New York city. Other prominent men will lead the various discussion groups.

The committee which is in charge of the Penn State delegation is composed of Charles W. Yoder '32, chairman; Raymond C. McClintock '33, John E. Ryan '34, and Charles A. Myers '31.

2 Weeks Suspension Of Chapel Announced

The usual chapel services in Schwab auditorium Sunday morning will be suspended this week as is the custom during examination week, Prof. John H. Frizzell, college chaplain, has announced.

There will be no chapel services the following week, as Sunday comes during the vacation period between semesters. Prof. Frizzell will address the opening chapel service in the second semester on February 7.

ORATORS TO MEET JUNIATA DEBATERS

Baldinger, Strohl Will Defend Capitalistic System on February 3

Milton I. Baldinger '33 and Karl H. Strohl '33 have been selected to argue the negative of "Resolved: That capitalism is a system of economic organization is unsound," in the Oregon-style debate with Juniata College at Huntingdon on February 3.

Negotiations are being conducted with twelve different colleges and universities in arranging a schedule for the eastern debating trip, according to Prof. John H. Frizzell, of the public speaking division.

New England Trip Planned
Temporary plans set the date of departure at March 20, with two contests in and around Philadelphia on March 22 and 23. Rutgers, New York University, or Fordham will furnish the opposition on the next two nights.

Brown University, Providence, R. I., probably will be the opponents on March 25, and representatives of Boston University will be met the next night. Boston College and Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., are also possible schools for the schedule.

The Penn State orators probably will engage Bates College, Lewiston, Me., on March 29 and Bowdoin College, Me., on March 30, returning to State College the following day.

HETZEL TO ATTEND MEETING OF STATE COMMERCE BOARD

President Ralph D. Hetzel will attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce in Harrisburg on Friday morning.

On Friday morning President Hetzel will read a paper at a meeting of the Association of College Presidents.

Bissey Cites Advantages of Finals During Class Periods

Claims Holding Examinations at Regular Time, Place Would Eliminate Over-Emphasis

The present unnatural emphasis on final examinations would be eliminated if they were held in the regular classrooms at the regular meetings of the class during the last week of the semester, Cyrus V. D. Bissey, college scheduling officer, contends.

Suggested for consideration recently by a faculty committee on scholastic ethics in the School of Liberal Arts as a way of minimizing dishonesty, the proposed plan provides that finals be conducted according to regular classroom schedule. This would necessitate dividing each examination into two or more parts.

"Students would not attach undue importance to final examinations when divided into parts not unlike the occasional bluebook," said the scheduling officer. "With the present system some students erroneously think they can counteract a poor, if not failing, record for classwork during the semester by a glorious effort in the finals."

"With a similar tendency on the part of faculty members to place less emphasis on final examinations as a measure of the student's ability to grasp the subject, students would be imbued with the understanding that work during the semester is far more important than a strenuous sprint be-

AUSTIN WYLIE BAND TO FURNISH MUSIC AT MILITARY BALL

Varsity Ten Will Play as Second Orchestra for Function On February 19

PRICE REDUCTION OF \$1 ANNOUNCED BY COOPER

Committee Pledges Loan Fund All Profits From Annual Officers' Affair

Austin Wylie's orchestra and the Varsity Ten, campus band, were signed yesterday to play at the Military Ball February 19 in Recreation hall. The price of admission has been reduced from \$5 to \$4, according to an announcement by Philip G. Cooper '32, head of the dance committee.

The reduction in price and signing of two bands were prompted, Cooper said, by a desire to attract as many patrons as possible to the dance, all the profits of which are to be donated to the Student Loan Fund.

The last time Austin Wylie brought his band here was for the Senior Ball last year. Since that time he has been playing most of the time at a popular cafe in Cleveland, O., and broadcasting every night over a national net-work.

To Contribute Labor
Other engagements that the orchestra has recently filled were in St. Paul, Minn., Milwaukee, Wis., Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, O., and North-western and Illinois Universities. He also has many phonographic recordings to his credit.

The Varsity Ten, in addition to several other outside engagements, played at the Intercollegiate Ball in Pittsburgh during the Christmas vacation.

In order to make the sum contributed for needy students as large as possible, the entire advanced corps has decided to contribute all labor connected with the Ball. The officers will do the work ordinarily performed by college employees, decorators, and concession holders.

Poster Committee Named
The contract for the decorations is to include only furnishing of the material and direction of those who are to do the actual work. Checking charges for wraps are to be reduced by half, with student officers in charge.

Posters will be judged by a faculty committee composed of Prof. Harold E. Dickson, John B. Helme, and Lewis F. Piche, all in the architecture department. Those adjudged as being in the best of the posters submitted will earn complimentary tickets to the dance for their designers. Carl Rolle '32 will receive posters any time before February 10 at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house.

Board of Trustees Acts on Problems

Important actions passed by the Board of Trustees at its mid-winter meeting in Harrisburg Tuesday are:

1. Approval of military training policy which ends compulsory drill and widens scope of national defense.
2. Authorization of new method for awarding John W. White and Louise Carnegie scholarships to students as suggested by Student Council.
3. Approval of group insurance plan for members of the College staff.
4. Addition of fuel technology curriculum to School of Mineral Industries.
5. Authorization of new athletic field facilities for women students.
6. Re-election of J. Franklin Shields to the presidency of the Board.
7. Assignment of funds from Penn State-Lehigh charity game to the student loan fund.

WOMEN'S GROUPS TO FORM COUNCIL

Fraternity Heads' Organization Would Foster Activities, Discuss Problems

To help develop student sentiment on campus questions and to foster cooperation in women's activities, a council of women's fraternity presidents will be formed within the next few weeks. A preliminary meeting of the group was held with Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray, Tuesday afternoon to discuss organization plans.

Eliminating the possibility of conflicts with the duties of the Panhellenic Council, which are legislative and executive, the Fraternity Presidents' Council will assist the office of the Dean of Women with fraternity and student problems merely as an advisory body.

Plan Nominations Board
The first problem to be studied by the new organization is the attempt to create a more satisfactory system of spring elections, free from the influence of politics and electioneering.

In order to have more representative nominations, including capable candidates, there was suggested in the meeting yesterday a nominations board composed of a senior representative from each of the four leading women's organizations, the W. S. G. A., the W. A. A., the Y. C. A., and the Panhellenic Council, as well as a specified number of non-fraternity women.

It was the opinion of the fraternity presidents that a group as representative as the proposed nominations board would be the most impartial means of obtaining candidates worthy of holding office instead of women nominated merely because of fraternity affiliation. In this way it was believed that better feeling and cooperation could be obtained between fraternity and non-fraternity women.

P. S. C. A. TO BEGIN FIRESIDE SESSIONS

Will Sponsor Discussions February 8 As Opening Date on Receiving Requests for Topics

Fireside sessions sponsored by the P. S. C. A. with discussions led by faculty members will begin February 8 if applications for meetings to be held on that date are received by the committee in time, according to Robert M. Maxwell '33, chairman.

The committee is developing a list of suggested topics from which fraternity or non-fraternity groups may make their choice. Organizations may also indicate their preference of a faculty member to lead the discussion in accordance with the plan used last year.

Among the most popular subjects taken up at the 1931 fireside sessions were sex relations, prohibition, choice of one's life work, actual benefits of a college education, and religious topics.

Prof. John H. Frizzell of the public speaking division heads the faculty group of the committee, which includes Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock, Prof. Ernest C. Bischoff, Prof. Carroll D. Champlin, Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, and Prof. Marsh W. White.

Trustee Board Approves Optional Military Drill; Authorizes Changed System for Scholarship Awards

Nomination by Class Discarded Through Revised System

GROUP INSURANCE GAINS OFFICIALS' ENDORSEMENT

Joint Committee of Students, Faculty Make Selection; Shields Re-elected

Award of John W. White and Louise Carnegie scholarships, will hereafter be made by a joint committee of students and faculty instead of by general class elections, the Board of Trustees decided at its meeting in Harrisburg Tuesday.

Following the failure of the general class elections to place representative members as candidates, the Student Council recommended that three students meet with the Senate committee on academic standards and that this group decide the award. This recommendation was accepted by the Board of Trustees in order of need and scholarship rating.

A group insurance plan for the members of the staff of the College was approved at the meeting. Under this arrangement, the College would pay part of premiums and all staff members accounting would pay the other portion of the charges. This provides for rates very much lower than it is possible for individuals to obtain, Adrian O. Morse, executive secretary said.

Shields, Re-elected
Acceptance of the plan by the present members of the staff is wholly voluntary, but it is provided that participation in the plan will be a condition of employment as new members of the staff are elected, the report said.

J. Franklin Shields was re-elected president of the Board for the coming year. Other officers are James G. White, vice-president, Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, secretary, and William G. Murtorf, treasurer.

More adequate provision for outdoor athletic fields for women was authorized by the action of the Board. The problem was turned over to a Trustee committee on student and staff welfare for study as to requirements and recommendations for location of new fields.

Executive Board Named
The Board also authorized the contribution of the receipts of the Penn State-Lehigh charity football game to the unemployment fund to be given toward the student loan fund. The body also provided for a cost study touching all phases of the College program. The purpose of such a study would be to maintain the most efficient and economical procedure throughout the institution.

SCHOOL SPONSORS EXHIBIT
Prof. Harry B. Northrup, director of the Mineral Industries extension department, is in charge of an exhibit sponsored by the School of Mineral Industries at the State Fair show at Harrisburg this week.

Smith Scores High Schools' Practice Of Teaching Students To Memorize

This is one of a series of interviews to determine the adequacy of high school preparation shown by Penn State freshmen.

"The crying need in high school preparation toward college entrance today is to teach the student to think rather than to memorize," Prof. Oscar F. Smith, Assistant Dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics, said yesterday.

Students come here as freshmen, Professor Smith pointed out, and continue to rely on memory rather than on an understanding of the problems being placed before them. As soon as a freshman learns that he must really think, he begins to profit by his college work, he said.

Professor Smith gave as another shortcoming in high school instruction the needless haste shown there in trying to rush pupils through a course of study in too little time. "If there were fewer courses and the student required really to understand

RE-ELECTED Board of Trustees President for 1932



DANCE TO FOLLOW ORANGE CAGE TILT

Varsity Ten Engaged for Event After Syracuse Contest in Recreation Hall

The first of a proposed series of three basketball games sponsored by the Student Union will be held following the game with Syracuse next Saturday, at which time the Varsity Ten orchestra will furnish music from 9:30 o'clock to 12 o'clock midnight.

David F. Young '32, head of the Student Union committee in charge of the affair, has presented a petition before the Women's Senate and Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray, to obtain permission allowing the co-eds special dance privileges.

Other Dances Planned
Admission to the dance may be had by Athletic Association cards since the affair is being sponsored by the Student Union under the supervision of Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics.

Continuation of these affairs at future games depends entirely upon the interest shown by the student body in this first dance. If it is successful, the second affair will take place on February 6, following the basketball game with Bucknell, according to Young.

"These basketball dances which have never before been attempted at Penn State are all a part of an idea to entertain visiting teams. We plan to continue them during the football season next fall," Young said.

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CHANGES NOT OPERATIVE UNTIL AUTUMN OF 1933

Drill Course Retained as Phase in Instruction—Credits Still Compulsory

By R. D. HETZEL, Jr. '33

The knell of compulsory military drill here was sounded when the Board of Trustees at its meeting, Tuesday authorized College officials to set up a more modern program of training in national defense.

The College promises to turn the program into action by the beginning of the school year of 1933-34. Substitution of courses in other branches of national defense which more nearly fit the student's regular academic studies will be allowed in place of the present system of infantry drill and tactics.

Thus a student in the School of Chemistry and Physics would be allowed to elect, for instance, a course in chemical warfare for some of his military work credits. A student in engineering could take courses in the different phases of engineering in war or a Liberal Arts student could elect a course, for example, in international law and relations, and so on in nearly every branch of education offered at the College.

Retain Drill As Alternative
"All male students will be required to present credits in such courses as a prerequisite for graduation, but they will be permitted to choose their instruction from a wider range of subjects than at present," Adrian O. Morse, executive secretary, said. The present type of drill probably will be retained as an alternative.

The plan closely resembles that advanced by Dean E. M. Freeman of the University of Minnesota, and suggested for serious consideration by a committee under Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock studying the situation and by the COLLEGIAN.

Dean Freeman suggested that an entirely new kind of training for national defense be established in which the basic drill would be supplemented with courses of an academic nature which would give training in some of the 565 trades and professions needed somewhere in the workings of the army.

Must Approve Details
It is believed that the College is the first institution of its kind to adopt this plan officially. Officers of the national war department will be consulted in formulating the courses and the plan must be approved in its detail by the Board of Trustees before it is put into action.

The program was presented to the Board by a Trustee committee, under the chairmanship of James B. Warnock, which studied the problem. The Board decided to accept the report and to authorize the College to set it in motion as soon as possible.

It is probable that a complete rearrangement of the present credit rating for infantry drill will be made to accommodate the relative amounts of hours in other schools to the work in military training. At present the course requires three hours of instruction and drill each week and receives one credit a semester.

Who's Dancing

Tonight
McAllister Hall
(Subsupton)
Varsity Ten
Tomorrow Night
Kappa Alpha Theta at
Phi Gamma Delta
(Invitation Only)
Varsity Ten