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HONORARIES TOO LAX, PRESIDENTS DECLARE

Fraternity Heads Decry Loose Standards of Eligibility, Favor Changes for Membership Restriction

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"Honorary fraternities, in general, are too large." "Stricter membership standards are needed."

"Entrance requirements should be more strict with more emphasis given to scholarship."

These are typical opinions expressed by twenty-five of thirty-one honorary fraternity presidents questioned by the COLLEGIAN.

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Student opinion on membership as revealed by the inquiries is typified in the contention of Marvin H. Gemmill '32, head of Psi Gamma Alpha, fine arts society. He believes that membership should be limited absolutely to those students and faculty members who have achieved recognition through their merit and not by personal popularity gained on the campus.

In contradiction to the almost unanimous expression that Penn State honoraries need drastic changes in their entrance requirements, heads of thirteen phantom fraternities exemplify the pot that called the kettle black by declaring that the organizations which they represent need no

changes.

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BOUCKE WILL OPEN ANNUAL SERIES OF L.A. TALKS TONIGHT

Economics Professor To Speak On Reparations Question In Little Theatre

LECTURES SCHEDULED EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

Addresses by Cloetingh, Wurfl, DuMont, Smith, Hartmann Complete 1932 List

"The Reparation Question" will be discussed by Dr. O. Frederick Boucke, of the department of economics, in the Little Theatre, Old Main, at 7 o'clock tonight, as the first talk in the twenty-second annual Liberal Arts lecture series.

A problem which awaits the world for solution at the present time, reparations was selected for the topic with a particular view to furnishing interested persons with a comprehensive resume of the whole question. The history of the question as well as the various economic aspects will be treated by Dr. Boucke in his talk.

Coming to Penn State in 1908, Dr. Boucke has been a member of the department of economics and sociology since that time. He was graduated and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and later, in 1916, gained his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to his role as a teacher, Dr. Boucke has written numerous books on economic questions. Since 1923 he has published "Limits of Socialism," "A Critique of Economics," and "Principles of Economics."

With speakers drawn principally from the School of Liberal Arts, a lecture will be given every other Tuesday night in the Little Theatre until April 19. Dr. Francis M. DuMont, head of the department of romance languages, will give the next lecture on Francois Villon, while Prof. Arthur C. Cloetingh, of the department of English literature, will discuss Eugene O'Neill, March 8.

A talk on Goethe and one on "World Problems and Educational Policies" are scheduled before the series is concluded by Dr. George W. Hartmann, speaking on "The Geometry of the Mind," April 19.

Store Blazes Away As Firemen Search For Firehouse Keys

It is 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning and Demon Fire is eagerly devouring the premises of the Hub store on East College avenue.

The alarm sounds . . . Five minutes later an enterprising fireman comes galloping down the alley . . . to the firehouse. He is the first there. . . But he does not enter. . . Why not? He has forgotten his keys. . . and it's locked. . . Well, someone else may have keys. . . Two, three, even more firemen struggle in. . . They are sleepy and still no keys.

About ten minutes later the keys have been found and the smoke-eaters mount their fiery steeds. They're off. . . Well, after all, a firehouse must be protected from thieving marauders.

GLEEMEN DEPART FOR STATE MEET

Will Attempt To Regain Title in Sixth Annual Competition On Thursday Night

Penn State gleemen left yesterday on a four-day concert trip which will be concluded with their participation in the sixth annual State intercollegiate Glee club contest in Philadelphia Thursday night.

Led by W. Jay Kennedy '32, student director, the Glee club will seek to regain the State title, lost last year to Lafayette on a judge's decision. The contest, sponsored by the Philadelphia Forum, will be held in the Academy of Music.

Seven other institutions, including Lafayette's winning group of last year, Franklin and Marshall, Juniata, West Chester State Teachers' College, Moravian, Haverford and the University of Pennsylvania, are competing in the contest.

If they are successful Thursday they will be awarded the right to enter the national glee club contest in St. Louis, Mo., in March as the Pennsylvania representative.

COLLEGE TO HONOR WASHINGTON BIRTH

Will Celebrate 200th Anniversary Of Patriot on February 22 In Recreation Hall

In accord with a nation-wide movement, a joint celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington will be held in Recreation hall on Monday night, February 22, it was announced by Prof. John H. Frizzell, a member of the State College Bi-Centenary committee.

The commemoration, under the supervision of a committee composed of faculty and State College representatives, will be sponsored for both Penn State students and State College residents.

An appropriate patriotic program is being prepared by the committee, in which students as well as townspeople will be cast. A one-hour pageant, "Washington of Young America," directed by Heibert Koepf-Baker, of the public speaking division, will feature the program. Costuming and staging of the pageant will be supervised by Prof. Arthur C. Cloetingh.

Prof. Richard W. Grant, a member of the committee, is in charge of the musical presentation. The Blue Band and other musical organizations which have not been definitely decided upon, will be included in the program.

FRIZZELL SPEAKS IN CHAPEL ON INDIVIDUAL DISARMAMENT

"Disarmament of the Individual" was the subject of the address by Prof. John H. Frizzell, acting College chaplain, at the first regular chapel services of the second semester in the Auditorium Sunday morning.

The world will never get out of the present financial mess which it is now in, nor will it free itself from the scourge of war or the horrors of racial riots and imperialism until we begin disarmament in the heart of each individual citizen, Prof. Frizzell said.

CENTRE COUNTY ALUMNI TO MEET Centre County alumni will meet in the Little Theatre, February 29, to discuss Penn State's athletic program and to complete the organization of a district club.

BOARD ADVOCATES STUDENT VOTE ON ATHLETIC AWARDS

Physical Education Committee, Undergraduate Members To Prepare Ballot

REDUCTION IN OPERATING EXPENSE RECOMMENDED

Retrenchment Will Not Affect Spring Sports Programs Already Arranged

Students will be given an opportunity to express their views on the question of revision of athletic letter awards as a result of action taken by the Board of Athletic Control at a meeting Saturday.

The Board asked its student members to prepare a student ballot on the question in conjunction with the executive committee of the School of Physical Education. Details of the holding of this public vote will be announced following a meeting of this group tomorrow afternoon.

Consider Daylight Saving To meet financial effects of the present depression, the Board advised a reduction in operating expenses for the second semester and as long as present conditions last. Spring sports schedules, however, will be carried out as scheduled unless retrenchment by other institutions makes it necessary to cancel individual meets.

"We desire to maintain our present athletic program," Director Hugo Bezdek of the School of Physical Education said in explaining the Board discussion, "and to do this, action to reduce existing operating expenses is necessary. We hope that the need for such retrenchment will have disappeared when the time comes for our 1933 budgeting."

Reports on Meet Possibilities of the application of daylight saving principles here to facilitate expansion in the intramural sports program were discussed by the Board at its meeting. It expressed satisfaction at growth in the "athletes for all" movement evidenced by an intramural report.

Director Bezdek reported that present indications point to the complete success of the N C A A boxing tournament for collegiate Olympic triouts here in April. Invitations will be mailed to 300 colleges and universities supporting intercollegiate boxing this week, he said.

BOWERY SELECTED AS THEME FOR KOTILLION

Varsity Ten Will Provide Music at Co-ed Dance Thursday Night

A bowery cabaret, with a dancing chorus, night club atmosphere, and the Varsity ten orchestra, furnishing rhythm, will serve as the background for the women students' annual Ke-ed Kotillion from 8:30 until 12 o'clock Thursday night in the Armory.

Beneath a ceiling decorated with balloons, guests will sit at tables covered with red-checked tablecloths and be served by the Owens, acting as waitresses.

To lend atmosphere to the occasion, guests are requested to come in couples and in costumes befitting a bowery night club.

Hasek Cites 3 Faults in Preparation Of High School Students for College

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

Three short-comings of high school preparation were brought out by Dr. Carl W. Hasek, head of the department of economics and sociology, in discussing the quality of training shown by freshmen here.

"The major difficulty, from the viewpoint of the college instructor, is the variation in knowledge of students from the different high schools," Dr. Hasek said. "There is no medium of appeal to all the students."

"Especially in the social sciences, it is necessary that the student have a broad knowledge. Some of the high schools give a sufficiently general selection of courses to give the pupil such a background, but the majority fail in this respect," Professor Hasek

Casa Loma Orchestra Signed for Soph Hop

Will Furnish Music at Third All-College Dance March 4—Fulfill Yale Engagement Before Appearing Here

Coming here the night after an appearance at a Yale University dance, the Casa Loma orchestra will furnish the music for the Sophomore Hop, third of the all-College dances, in Recreation hall March 4, according to an announcement by John T. Ryan jr. '34, chairman of the second-year dance committee.

The Casa Loma band spent most of the summer in appearances throughout the eastern part of the State and for that reason are well-known to many Penn State students. They specialize in the slow style of dance music, a feature of their which is emphasized by a brass team.

Play at Steel Pier Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Princeton, and the Virginia Military Institute, among the collegiate institutions, at which the Casa Loma orchestra has played dance engagements. They are a Brunswick recording orchestra and are at present featured over Station

WABC, New York City, in a series of radio broadcasts.

During the past Christmas vacation period, Penn State students from the Philadelphia region had the opportunity to hear the Soph Hop band play at many socially prominent functions. Their engagements this summer included stunts at Steel Pier, Atlantic City, N. J., and Roeland, New York City.

Decorations Considered In line with the reduced inter-class budget policy in effect this year, the admission price to Soph Hop has been reduced, Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics and interclass activities, has announced recently. As a result of this reduction in the admission price, favors will be omitted.

A scheme of original decorations and awarding of a contract for this work will be considered at a meeting of the committee this week, Ryan announced.

DECORATION THEME CHOSEN FOR BALL

Washington's Birthday Selected As Main Background of Military Function

A Washington's Birthday theme will predominate in decorations for the Military Ball February 19, according to Philip G. Cooper '32, chairman of the dance committee.

The contract for materials and supervision of decorating has been let to a Wilkes-Barre company. All of the actual work is to be done by officers of the advanced corps, in order to raise the total profits to be given to the Student Loan Fund.

Austin Wiley's orchestra, which together with the Varsity Ten, campus band, will furnish music at the dance, will give a fifteen-minute stage performance at a theatre before the ball, Cooper said.

Booth Drawings Thursday The only complimentary tickets to the dance that will be given out are to the deans and College officials, at an economy move in addition to omitting favors and the co-ed colonel ceremony.

A small admission will be charged for persons wishing to sit in the balcony of Recreation hall during the ball. Drawings for booths will take place Thursday, and applications for catering service should be given to James D. Strickland '32.

FRESH ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR MAGAZINE MANUSCRIPTS All manuscripts for the March issue of the Old Man Bill should be submitted before Saturday, Hugo H. Frear '32, editor of the magazine, has announced.

Articles which are accepted for publication will be eligible for two contest prizes of \$15 each, awarded by Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalistic fraternity. All material appearing in the Old Man Bill this year will be judged in the competition.

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John A. Hoch '31 and Ernest C. Miller '31 will support the affirmative of "Resolved, that the policy of granting athletic scholarships should be discontinued in all American colleges." Samuel J. Klapper '32 and Angelo N. Beihals '35 have been named to defend the negative of the proposition. The Penn State affirmative team will meet the Franklin and Marshall affirmative team at Lancaster. The contest here will be held in Room 107 Main Engineering building at 7:30 o'clock.

The next scheduled debate will be a radio contest on the state socialism-capitalism question with representatives of Dickinson College over WPSD during the regular Sunday afternoon program on February 28. This will be the first time that an Oregon plan debate has ever been broadcast.

DRILL CORPS HERE GAINS ACCEPTANCE

National 'Pershing Rifles' Body Approves Local Petition For Admittance

Announcement that the petition of the Penn State Honorary Drill Corps for admittance into "Pershing Rifles," a national honorary R O T C organization, has been accepted by the executive council, was made yesterday by William C. Barry '33, captain of the corps.

The local group, which is composed of seventy-five members, was organized here last March by the members of Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society, under the direction of Capt. Ernest E. Taboett, professor of military tactics, who is the president adviser.

Officers Listed "Pershing Rifles" is active throughout the country, limiting its chapters, which extend to the Pacific coast, to proficient undergraduates R O T C students. The head of the organization is located at Ohio State University.

The "Rifles" motto, "Duty, Honor, School and Country," emphatically explains the purpose of the society. Its aims are to develop the highest ideals of the military profession, to promote citizenship and to properly recognize outstanding basic R O T C students.

Present officers of the Corps are: William C. Barry '33, captain, Donald G. Blumberg '31, first lieutenant, Harold L. German '31, second lieutenant, and Winfield D. Vosbury '31, sergeant-major. The group will march as a separate company in parades and rallies and members will wear special equipment to designate their position.

O'BRIEN APPOINTS 2 DEBATE TEAMS

Catch Names Hoch, Miller, Klapper, Berhals for Dual Contest With F & M Friday

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ELLIOTT WILL GIVE '32 P.S.C.A. TALKS

Religious Series To Begin With Student Leaders' Dinner On Saturday Night

Arthur J. Elliott, associate national secretary in the Young Men's Christian association, begins the religious series at a dinner for student leaders Saturday night at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Elliott will be at the College throughout the first of the week until Wednesday. He will speak at mass meetings each night at 7 o'clock and will give interviews during the entire time he is here.

This series of 'Dad' Elliott talks and interviews is being sponsored by the Penn State Christian association. Mr. Elliott is said to have spoken before more college students during the past twenty-five years than any other person.

Following his meeting with student leaders Saturday, Mr. Elliott will speak at the regular Sunday chapel services. His topics throughout his stay will deal with the general subject of the "Development of Christian Personality."

Headed Track Team Mr. Elliott was graduated from Northwestern University in 1902. While there he played on the varsity football squad for four years and was named all-Western end in 1901. He was also captain of the track team and a college oarist.

In 1902 he became secretary of the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. Five years later he was made secretary of the Middle West Student association. For twenty years he served in that capacity, becoming associate national secretary in 1927.

RELIEF DONATIONS AGGREGATE \$18,160

Committee Appropriates Additional Sum From Unemployment Fund Toward Student Aid

A total of \$18,160 has been turned over to the College Unemployment Relief Fund by 949 subscribers up to the present time, Dean Edward Steudle, chairman of the fund committee, reported.

An amount in addition to the sum of \$1,022, specified by subscribers for student loans, was assigned this week by the committee to aid students. No figures are given for the amount, but it is estimated to be more than the previous sum specifically given by subscribers for the loan fund.

On January 5, soon after the end of the appeal, \$17,456 had been contributed. At that time 910 faculty and staff members had contributed.

"There has been practically a hundred percent response on the part of the staff of the College," Dean Steudle said. "Funds in addition to those given for student loans have been distributed through recognized relief committees in the State, the relief consisting principally of food for families in destitute circumstances, and milk and clothing for children."

I. F. C. RESTRICTS DATES OF DANCES

Fraternity Group Bars Chapter Functions on Nights of All-College Affairs

A motion prohibiting fraternities from holding dances on the same night that all-College dances are being held was passed by Interfraternity Council at its meeting Thursday night.

"This ruling will go into effect immediately," Francis L. Mathews '32, president of Interfraternity Council, announced. "Any fraternity violating this ruling will be penalized with a \$50 fine or may be suspended from Interfraternity Council for an indefinite period."

Presidents To Meet It is the belief of members of Interfraternity Council that no other functions should be held on the nights for all-College dances which might detract from these dances. Fraternities have been warned that they must conform to this ruling if they expect to retain their membership in the Council.

An invitation for all fraternity men to attend a mass meeting in Schwab auditorium at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon has been extended to the Council by Arthur J. Elliott, associate national secretary in the Young Men's Christian association, Mathews announced. Mr. Elliott will discuss "Fraternity Problems" at this meeting.

President Mathews also announced that there would be a meeting of fraternity presidents at 8 o'clock tonight at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

'United States Will Not War Against Japan,' Tanger Says

Political Scientist Believes Defense of Our Citizens in China Sole Military Step by This Country

The United States will not be drawn into a war against Japan, in the opinion of Dr. Jacob Tanger, professor of political science, who believes that protection of American citizens in China will be the extent of our military participation in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

"Settlement of the present struggle will come long after the close of hostilities, and will be the result of a peaceful investigation in which the other Powers will play a part," Dr. Tanger said. "It is hard to determine when the actual warfare will cease, but I feel sure that the military laurels will not dominate the provisions of the treaty."

Dr. Tanger looks forward to Japan's statement of her position and purposes which she has promised to make next week, as an important step toward settlement. While it appears that diplomatic pressure is being employed to an extraordinary degree by the uninterested nations, he explains that world treaties, such as the Kellogg Peace pact, have made it possible for other governments to demand explanations from the two countries who are at war.

"I believe that Japan is sincere in saying she wishes merely to defend her rights in Manchuria," Dr. Tanger said, in opposing the current opinion that she is using this defense as a ruse to extend her possessions. "Japan's relationship with Manchuria is much like that of the United States in Nicaragua."

"The United States is concerned with Nicaragua through numerous treaties, and was acting in defense of these rights when she sent troops there last year. Japan has numerous agreements with China concerning Manchuria, and has many citizens there to defend," Dr. Tanger said. England will back the United States in her actions toward Japan and China, Professor Tanger believes. He thinks also that France and Italy will fall in line with England and the United States, as they have thus far. That the warfare will be limited to Japan and China is Dr. Tanger's opinion. He sees the World War as not far enough distant to allow a new conflict in which the Powers will participate.

FIRE DEVOLISHES INTERIOR OF LOCAL STORE BUILDING

Fire demolished the interior of the Hub Department store building on East College avenue shortly after 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

The building which was smoldering when the firemen arrived soon burst into a big blaze and was not put under control until 4 o'clock. The fire is believed to have started on the lower floor in the rear of the building.