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120 TRANSFER TO OTHER CURRICULA, FIGURES INDICATE

Largest Enrollment Gain Made
By Liberal Arts Course
With 39 Additions

GREATEST LOSS SHOWN IN ENGINEERING SCHOOL

Deans Disclose Primary Causes
For Student Changes of
Current Semester

Transfers from one school to another by 120 students this semester, as shown by figures compiled in the Registrar's office, indicate an increasing rate of changes in vocational study from semester to semester.

At the corresponding time last year, 115 undergraduates had changed curricula, while the previous semester in September, 1930, only 111 were recorded in the Registrar. In an early count of this semester's changes, 103 men and 10 women decided on different courses in preparing for their future occupations.

In the earlier tabulation there were 51 freshmen and 35 sophomores, while only 21 juniors and 4 seniors deemed it advisable to change their matriculation to a different school. An increase of 7 transfers has been reported since this count.

Liberal Arts Adds 39
The largest gain of students as a result of the transfers was made by the Liberal Arts School, adding 39. The Engineering School, on the other side of the ledger, lost the most with a decrease of 29 this semester.

Gains in enrollment were experienced by the "Transition Section" with 16, the Physical Education School with 5, and the School of Education with 5. The School of Chemistry and Physics ranked second to the Engineering School in the number of losses with 24, followed by the Mineral Industries and Agriculture Schools, with 6 apiece.

Liberal Arts gained 48 and lost 9 this semester, while the Engineering School lost 37 and added only 8. The transition section benefited by 30 and lost 14, the School of Physical Education added 7 and lost 2, and the Education School gained 16 to lose 11. Increasing its fold by only 4, the School of Chemistry and Physics lost 28, while the School of Agriculture, which won a similar amount lost only 10.

Citing the predominant causes for a trend to the Liberal Arts School,
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AUTOGIRO EXPERT TO GIVE LECTURE

Larsen Will Come Here for Address
Tomorrow in Novel Aircraft
If Weather Permits

Mr. Agnew E. Larsen, chief engineer of the Autogiro Company of America, will lecture on "Autogiros" at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night in the Chemistry Amphitheatre.

As co-inventor of the comparatively new plane, Mr. Larsen is considered one of the outstanding experts of the country on this subject. Recently he visited Spain to discuss the subject with Cienra, a promoter of the new plane in that country.

The talk is under the auspices of Gamma Chapter, Sigma Pi Sigma, and the Student Branch of Central Pennsylvania Section, American Society of Mechanical Engineers. This is the second of the series sponsored by Sigma Pi Sigma this year.

If weather conditions permit, Mr. Larsen will fly an autogiro here to illustrate how the new plane works. This is the first time that the speaker has appeared at Penn State.

DUTCHER, FENSKIE, WHITMORE WILL SPEAK ON CHEMISTRY

Prof. R. Adams Dutcher, Dr. Merrill R. Fenske, and Dean Frank C. Whitmore, of the Chemistry and Physics School, will deliver addresses at the spring meeting of the American Chemical Society to be held in New Orleans on March 28.

Professor Dutcher will speak on "Recent Developments in Biological Chemistry," and Dr. Fenske will talk on "Petroleum Refining Work at Penn State." "Research on Rearrangements of Organic Compounds" will be the subject of Dean Whitmore.

TO DISCUSS 'Racketeering' in
Lecture Thursday



DR. PAUL BLANSHARD

REFORM DIRECTOR TO TALK THURSDAY

Dr. Paul Blanshard of New York
Will Speak on 'Racketeering'
In Schwab Auditorium

Speaking on "Racketeering, High and Low," Dr. Paul Blanshard, director of the city affairs committee, a civic reform group of New York City, will lecture in Schwab auditorium at 8:15 o'clock Thursday night.

"The Seabury Investigation" will be the subject of a special address to the faculty in the Little Theatre at 4 o'clock. Dr. Jacob Tanager, head of the department of history and political science, will act as chairman.

Carry To Lead Conference
Formerly associate editor of the Nation, Dr. Blanshard is now a special lecturer for the League for Industrial Democracy. He has recently published the results of his study, made on American racketeering.

ORATORS TO MEET SETON HILL TEAM

Penn State Holds Slight Advantage
In Vote Marked on Dickinson
Radio Debate Here

Representatives of Seton Hill College, Greensburg, will engage the Seton Hill team in a debate on the centralized control of industry question here Saturday night.

Although it has not yet been definitely decided, the contest will probably be held according to the split team plan. No Penn State team has yet been selected for the debate.

Penn State's debaters are leading the Dickinson team by one vote in the radio debate which was broadcast over WFSC last Sunday, according to the returns received through the mail up until Sunday night.

Fifteen votes, eight for Penn State and seven for the visiting team, have been received from the radio audience which is determining the winner. This number does not represent the final count and the additional communications which are expected this week will alter the standing.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES SHOW DEPRESSION EFFECT

The effect of the present depression is quite noticeable, if the correspondence courses enrollment can be taken as an index of that fact, according to the statistics released by Prof. William R. Young of the engineering extension department.

The figures show that for the year 1930-31 the subject enrollment dropped off from 1927 to 602 and the student enrollment from 1929 to 417, as compared to the previous year. This enrollment is the lowest ever to be recorded in the last ten years.

Student Leaders Advocate Men's Vote on May Queen

4 Seniors Unite in Favoring Selection of Ruler
For Spring Fete by All-College Ballot
To Secure Fair Choice

"Men as well as women students should be permitted to vote for May Queen!"

While a blizzard whitened the campus, Alfred E. Lewis '32, president of the athletic association, Francis L. Mathews '32, president of Interfraternity Council, and Albert J. Buono '32, editor of Froth, turned their thoughts to the co-ed that bloom in the spring and came out in favor of permitting men as well as women to choose the Queen of the May.

"If men could help to select the May Queen there would be as much political pull exercised among the women's fraternities as there is when only the women vote," said Lewis. "The men's choice would be more democratic," he continued, "and since the May Queen represents all of us, why not give us a chance to choose her?"

When asked for his opinion on the subject, Mathews said that since the co-ed selected should be representative of Penn State women, and is given wide publicity in the newspapers, the men students should be given a right to express their preference.

"Student interest in the May Queen's coronation would be greatly increased if the men were allowed to vote for her," Buono said. "Since the ceremony is held on Mothers' Day when many of the men's mothers are guests of the College, the men should have a voice in the selection."

David A. Stoop '32, Lion boxing captain, said that he considered election of the May Queen a matter of all-College interest and that for this reason all students should be given a vote in the selection. He believes that student opinion favors a general election rather than one open to the women students alone, and that men students are better able to make an unbiased decision.

Three years ago pressure was brought to bear upon Froth to run a counter contest, in which both the men and women might vote for the May Queen. Rather than run in competition with the women, they compromised by creating a new position of honor for women, Froth Girl, who is elected by a general student vote.

'COLLEGIAN' CALLS '35 BUSINESS MEN

Freshman Candidates To Report
Tomorrow Night—Start
Work at Once

Freshman candidates for the business staff of the COLLEGIAN will report for the first time in Room 818, Old Main, at 7 o'clock tomorrow night.

Prof. Harvey W. Stover, of the engineering extension department, will address the candidates on "Advertising and Salesmanship" in his capacity of faculty advisor to the business staff.

Other talks to the freshmen are planned at later dates by faculty members on topics concerning business management in such fields as advertising and circulation. Wendell L. Rehm '32, business manager of the COLLEGIAN, will be in charge of training the freshmen along newspaper methods.

To Begin Work Immediately
Contrary to the policy followed in previous years, freshman candidates will begin active competition immediately after reporting tomorrow night by working on either the Tuesday or Friday issues. Early work will consist chiefly in circulation routine in the COLLEGIAN office-Monday and Thursday nights.

A tour of the printing establishment is planned within a few weeks, where the freshmen will be shown the process of composing and printing the newspaper. With largely minor business detail work for the remainder of the semester, candidates will begin intensive competition in the fall, with the elections to the staff scheduled for the following March.

'COLLEGIAN' REPORTER DISCOVERS FAVORITE FOODS OF CAMPUS LEADERS

Inspired by dim recollections of real home cooking, student leaders broke down this week and revealed to a COLLEGIAN reporter the foods which hit the mark most effectively.

"Steak and mushrooms are my favorite dish," Miss Lydia Haller, senior women's president, replied to the questionnaire. Francis L. Mathews, interfraternity council leader, also puts in a good word for the homely, juicy beefsteak. However, he casts mushrooms and even onions to the winds and takes his meat calories *au naturel*.

James S. Norris, Thespians luminary, would choose an existence where pretzels, hard boiled eggs, and potato chips were the staff of life. Coleman Herpel, debater, goes in for more solid food when he calls for chicken and waffles.

"I say it's spinach and I say the dickens with it." That is the present status of broccoli today, but Hugh R. Riley, editor, still is an addict of the leafy tongue twister. W. Jay Kennedy, Student Union president, likes pumpkin pie, while David A. Stoop, Lion boxing captain, is tempted by vanilla ice cream. Albert J. Buono, Froth editor, eats lamb chops as his favorite dish, while Maynard P. Wood '34, on the art division of the magazine, lauds plum pudding as the ultimate dish.

DUMONT WILL GIVE THIRD L.A. TALK AT 7 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Romance Language Department
Head Prepares Discussion
Of Francois Villon

FRENCH POET SELECTED FOR LECTURE SUBJECT

Speaker Holds 2 Degrees From
N.Y.U.—Series To Continue
In Little Theatre

Speaking on "Francois Villon," Dr. Francis M. duMont, head of the department of romance languages, will give the third lecture in the Liberal Arts series at 7 o'clock tonight in the Little Theatre, Old Main.

Villon, a French poet, lived a varied and colorful life. Born in Paris in 1431, and educated in the University of Paris, he disappeared from view in 1463. Before he passed out of sight he left a group of writings to posterity which have remained for five hundred years.

After receiving his baccalaureate and his master's degrees from the University of Paris, he killed a priest in self-defense, and was committed to the prison of Meung-sur-Loire. He had the experience of being sentenced to death, only to have this sentence changed to banishment.

Prepares New Book
The romance language professor will explain why Villon, who lived at the dividing line between the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, is considered the first of the modern French poets. He will also tell why his poetry has survived five hundred years of time and criticism.

Dr. duMont, born in Switzerland and educated in France and America, holds both the A. M. and Ph. D. degrees from New York University. Before coming to Penn State he taught at the Robert Louis Stevenson School, at Bernard School, and New York University.

Very recently he published a translation of the late German edition of Karl Voretzsch's "Introduction to the Study of Old French Literature." At present he is preparing a manual for instructors.

Harrisburg Paper Lauds Penn State Athletic Program

An editorial in Friday night's Harrisburg Telegraph praises the College's athletic policy as outlined by Hugo Bezdek, Director of the School of Physical Education, to a group of Central Pennsylvania alumni last week.

Entitled "Bezdek's Defense," the editorial states, "Mr. Bezdek holds that his patient has undergone a major operation and although now weak is the better for it. Its football is now on the up-grade, he thinks, and in a year or two the teams will be back-in their stride again and able to cope with the best in Penn State's class."

"It has taken vision and courage to attempt what Penn State is now doing. Admirers of the school will rejoice that those who are supporting the policy believe so thoroughly in it that they foresee the time when most other colleges will follow."

"It is fine to have your favorite school well up among the winners, but after all it is more important that all the students be encouraged to participate in sports than that the institution should excel in any one."

TO DELIVER GOETHE TALK

"Goethe and Schiller" is the topic selected by Prof. H. W. Weigel, of the German department, for the fourth of the series of lectures on Goethe. The talk will be given in Room 14, South Liberal Arts building, at 4:10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

WILL SPEAK ON Villon in L. A.
Lecture Tonight



FRANCIS M. DUMONT

THESPIANS SELECT CHORUS FOR SHOW

Announce Personnel of Singing
Dancing Sections—To Give
Production May 11

The personnel of both singing and dancing sections of the chorus for "The People," 1932 Thespian production was announced yesterday by J. Ewing "Soc" Kennedy, director of the show.

Co-eds selected for the dancing section are Muriel E. Bowman '32, Angelin Bessler '33, Marian E. Potts '33, Ruth M. Harmon '34, Cherrill Merrill '34 and Eleanor C. MacLean '35. Sarah A. McKee '35, Gwendolene N. Rapp '35, Florence M. Stevens '35, Helen E. Taylor '35, and Arlene Vought '35 complete the group.

The men's dancing chorus will include Charles A. Kline Jr. '32, William B. McCarter '32, Wilbur E. Disney Jr. '33, John R. Biggs '31, Albert N. Dietrich '34, Harry A. Letzler Jr. '31, William A. Mechesney '34, and Edward M. Roeder II '34.

Change Date of Production
Eleven women and six men have been chosen for the singing groups. The co-ed section is to include Helen L. Crozier '32, Marjorie W. Fisher '32, Isabella B. Muir '32, Mary E. Brice '33, Isobel O. Hansen '33, Harriet E. Soper '33, Emily R. Gans '34, Hortense L. Gans '34, Marjorie A. Miller '34, Ada C. Miller '35, and Laura M. Parkhurst '35. Edwin Longcope '32, Matthew McNear Jr. '32, Carl M. Fiske '34, Peter W. Fletcher '34, Henry E. Warren '34, and William G. Carr '35 are members of the male singing section.

Because of the change in the Junior Prom date from May 6 to May 13, the date of production for the show has been changed to Saturday, May 14. Robert C. Ayers '32, James S. Norris '32, and Edwin S. Malmed '33 have been cast in the principal male roles with M. Dorothy Johnston '33, H. Grace Baker '34, and Lucille L. Linskey '35 playing the leading feminine parts.

STUDENTS RECEIVE '3' AVERAGES IN L.A. SCHOOL

Haller, Marquardt, Tschan Head '32
Class, for First Semester

With nine straight 3 averages made in the Liberal Arts School last semester, M. Lydia Haller, H. Louise Marquardt, and Margaret E. Tschan tied for first place among the seniors with a scholastic average of 3 each. Five other seniors tied for second place with a grade of 2.8.

Marie S. Fahringer, Herbert Peterfreund, Robert E. Tschan, and Richard V. Wall tied for first honors in the junior class of the Liberal Arts School with 3 averages. Second place honors went to seven juniors with averages of 2.8.

William D. Baltus received the only 3 average among the sophomores, while Harold C. Shuck was the only freshman receiving a 3-average.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ADVOCATED TO HELP SPORTS

Council Committee Favors Plan
As Boost for Intramural,
Varsity Competition

HIGGINS, BEZDEK SUPPORT PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT

Change Would Permit Extended
Recreation Period After
Night Dinner Hour

To bring daylight saving time to State College and the campus in order to increase time for student recreation is the aim of a student council committee appointed last week.

Director Hugo Bezdek, of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, and Robert A. Higgins, football coach, were enthusiastic about the possibilities of such an arrangement when they heard the proposition, Francis L. Mathews, committee chairman, reported.

Page Favors Change
"Daylight saving time would allow spring and fall intramural sports to be run off to a better advantage than at present," George J. Smart '32, manager of intramural sports, said.

"Better organized and higher calibre teams could be brought into the competition. Fraternities would not suffer from irregular meal arrangements all the season. It would be great!"

"Varsity teams which have seasons in the spring and fall would be able to get better practice periods and would interfere less with late class hours under the daylight saving time," John D. Page '32, 1931 football manager and member of the committee, said. "It's a good boost for sports!"

Would Help Sports
"The early daylight hours could be stuck on the end of the day when the students would be able to enjoy them for recreation," Mathews said, "and the best sport the students have comes in the time after the evening dinner when it's still light outside."

Hugh R. Riley Jr. '32, editor of the COLLEGIAN, is the third member of the committee besides Mathews and Page. Daylight saving time begins the day an hour earlier than standard time. Cities which have adopted the time system for summer seasons usually start the arrangement late in April and continue it until early in October.

TICKETS FOR LOAN DANCE GO ON SALE

Volunteers Will Begin Canvass Of
Student Body Concerning
Affair on March 16

Intensive sale of tickets for the Student Loan Fund dance on March 16 will begin tomorrow with volunteers seeing all students.

"Every student will be asked to help in attempting to fill out the loan fund needs for this semester," Francis L. Mathews '32, chairman of the committee, said. "We will give everyone a chance to do his share by buying a ticket to the dance."

A man in each house who will have tickets to sell to his fraternity brothers, and non-fraternity sales will be similarly organized. It is probable that women students will be asked to buy also, Mathews said.

Four campus orchestras will play at the dance which will last from 8 until 12 o'clock. All music and all work on the dance will be voluntary so that the gross income of the function can be turned over intact to the loan fund.

ROTHERMEL, SHELLY WIN SOPH HOP POSTER AWARDS

Allen V. Rothermel '32 was awarded the first prize of five dollars in the Sophomore Hop poster contest, it was announced yesterday by Maxwell S. Moore '31, in charge of the contest.

Donald A. Shelly '33 received the second prize of three dollars, while third prize went to Maynard P. Wood '31. Dr. Lewis F. Pitcher, of the department of architecture, judged the posters.

WILL ISSUE QUESTIONNAIRE

The active chapter of Aechousa, senior women's honorary activities society, will issue a vocational questionnaire to all former members of the organization as a step towards compiling the history of the fraternity.