

Glee Clubs Provide Student Music Work

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

Possessing vocal and instrumental organizations which have attained favorable recognition through eastern United States, Penn State affords students opportunity for varied extra-curricular activity in musical endeavors.

Organized in 1902, the men's vocal group became affiliated with the Intercollegiate Glee club in 1914 and since that time has grown rapidly. The Glee club has won the championship of the Pennsylvania association six times in seven years, having lost to Lafayette in 1929 by the narrow margin of four-tenths of a point. In the national tournament held at St. Louis in 1931, the gleemen secured a third place. Under the leadership of Richard W. Grant, director of the department of music, the club consisted of forty-nine students last year.

Tryouts Held in Fall

With tryouts 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 careers. In last year's organization there were nine freshmen, seven sophomores, nineteen juniors, and fourteen seniors. This distribution has been given to show the opportunity for freshmen participation rather than any distribution which holds from year to year. Whether the freshman class has nine members in the Glee club this year depends entirely on the talent shown in the fall tryouts.

In addition to the advantages of training given to members of the Glee club, the organization makes several appearances before college and State-wide audiences throughout the season. Competition in intercollegiate contests is also part of the Glee club program.

Quartet Popular

Selected by competition from the upperclassmen in the Glee club, a variety Male Quartet is chosen annually. This group has attained popularity for its light, semi-popular, humorous type of singing. In addition to supplementing regular Glee club performances, the quartet appears at snickers and social gatherings.

Similar opportunities for vocal work present themselves for women 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 vocal music, and makes at least one public appearance, usually in the form of a mid-winter concert. The quartet is chosen from the regular ranks and makes appearances with the club and at special functions. A choir, composed of men and women Glee club members, furnishes music for the Sunday chapel exercises.

Instrumental Work

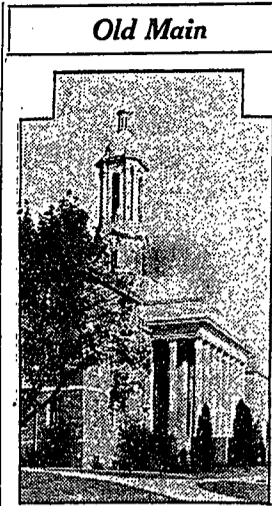
Band work for freshman is confined to the military organizations which play at the Monday afternoon reviews. First-year men are selected by competition and are excused from all other R. O. T. C. work. Two nights a week are chosen for rehearsal. The freshman group remains intact throughout the first two years in College, but in the junior and senior years members of the Blue Band are recruited from its ranks.

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

A College Symphony Orchestra, numbering about sixty members, gives several concerts throughout the year and plays at Commencement exercises and at a few outside engagements. The musicians in the orchestra are selected by competition from the entire student body. In 1931 a similar organization for women students was started and made several appearances through the year.

DISPENSARY TREATS 14,000

Over 14,000 cases are treated annually at the College dispensary, which is located in the east basement of Old Main. In addition, the College infirmary on east campus has facilities for approximately twenty-two patients. Part of the cost of maintaining these two establishments is defrayed by the health service fee paid by each student at registration.



Old Main

STUDENTS ORGANIZE INTO MANY GROUPS

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function for students enrolled in Floriculture.

Founded at Penn State in 1907, the Forestry society is essentially a professional group which sponsors gatherings and lectures at which men prominent in the profession speak. The Penn State Grange is a student subordinate group of the national organization. Founded here in 1917, it fosters social and fraternal gatherings and has the same ideals and purposes as the national grange.

Other clubs and societies which are open to students in the School of Agriculture are the All Ag Girls' club; the Block and Bridle club, to promote an interest among students in animal husbandry; the Dairy Science association for those interested in the manufacturing or production fields of dairying; the Penn State Poultry club; and the Pre-Veterinary club.

In Home Economics there are two clubs. The Ellen H. Richards club elects members from the junior and senior classes, while the Home Economics society is open to all students enrolled in the home economics curriculum.

Two engineering clubs which functioned actively last year were the Penn State chapters of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Both groups are open to all students enrolled in the respective curricula. The Penn State Aero club, established in 1930, furthers interest

BOARD CONTROLS CO-ED ATHLETICS

Women's Association Sponsors Intramural Competition Among Women

Women's athletics at Penn State are controlled by a board of the Women's Athletic association. Membership in the general association is automatic on payment of a blanket tax during registration.

A member of the National Amateur Athletic federation, the association does not sponsor intercollegiate competition for women's teams. Rifle matches, with telegraphic contests, is the only co-ed sport that is not entirely intramural in nature.

The governing board which works with the director of physical education is composed of officers elected each spring, the managers of each sport, and two sophomores and freshmen elected by their respective classes and the board.

Use Point System

Sports are divided into major and minor rating according to popularity. The major sports have both varsity and class teams included in the same category. In some of the minor sports only a varsity group is selected, while in still other individual championships are competed for.

For work done in athletics, women are awarded points under a system devised by the Athletic association. Class numerals are awarded for certain number of points, and "S" sweaters and a loving cup for the woman with the highest score are additional awards.

In addition to its athletic duties, the association sponsors Freshman Week among the women matriculants, a Field Day, and an athletic banquet which closes the sports season.

Hockey is classed as a major fall sport, while golf, tennis, riding, volleyball, and archery have a minor sport rating. During the winter season, basketball is the only major women's sport.

In aviation among students who care to join.

In the School of Mineral Industries there are two societies which are open to all students enrolled in that department.

The Discobolus society aims to create closer contact among the physical education students and the instructors in the School of Physical Education and Athletics. Les Sabreurs elects men and women who have demonstrated their ability and interest in fencing.

New College Library Will Provide For Future Needs, Lewis Reveals

Careful preparation with a view to the future of Penn State is the policy to be pursued in compiling plans for a new library building, according to Willard P. Lewis, College librarian.

"One of the greatest mistakes made in the erection of college and university library structures in recent years has been the failure of the builders to provide for future development of the institution, which necessitates a corresponding expansion of library facilities," said Mr. Lewis. "Plans now under formation for a new Col-

lege library will provide for future as well as present needs."

A study of the library requirements of the College covering the subjects of faculty and student needs, curricula and course demands, and collections of library books and material is now under way and will be considered by each of the four committees assigned to the project, the librarian said. Dean Charles W. Stoddard of the School of Liberal Arts, and William S. Hoffman, College registrar, are cooperating in compiling this preliminary data.

Seven fundamental aims will be con-

sidered by the committees in planning for a new building, according to Mr. Lewis. Fundamentally the groups will plan for a structure which will serve the entire faculty and student body, with a secondary purpose of serving the community of State College and the entire State.

Satisfactory facilities for reading and research, book storage and display; and staff administration and work; service to branch libraries of the various Schools and departments of the College; and provision for artistic and cultural interests of the faculty and students by means of recreational reading rooms, exhibitions of books, prints and art objects, and the safe keeping of book and manuscript treasures, are listed as other aims of the new building.

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