

Fraternities Will Pick Hop Booths Today

'Martin Band Insures Success of Dance,' Newmeyer Says.

Orchestra Featured On Sunday Broadcast

Alvin S. Newmeyer '37, chairman of the Soph Hop committee, today announced that the drawing of fraternity booths for the dance will take place at the Student Union desk today at 4 o'clock. He also commented on the popularity of Freddy Martin's band which will play at the occasion. "His growing popularity as a radio band insures the success of the hop," Newmeyer said.

"His program, 'Open House with Vicks,' on a Columbia Broadcasting System coast to coast broadcast network every Sunday afternoon from 5 to 5:30 o'clock is the best advertisement for Soph Hop in the world, and what is more it not only advertises but it proves the reputation Freddy Martin and his band have made for themselves," Newmeyer continued.

Makes Many Records

Newmeyer named many hotels and restaurants that Martin has played in since getting into the "big time" music game. Among these restaurants were the Park Central, the Commodore in New York, two very successful years at the Bossert Hotel in Brooklyn, and the Savoy-Plaza. He then opened at the St. Regis Roof and has had two contracts there renewed. While at the St. Regis Roof he originated "Memory Melodies," which was a sustaining program every Friday night at 11:30 o'clock over a national broadcasting network.

Phi Pi Phi Yields National Charter

Theta Nu Epsilon Invites Group To Become Members; All But 2 Men Accept.

Sigma chapter of Phi Pi Phi fraternity relinquished its national charter Saturday and officially disbanded. After considering several offers, the disorganized group accepted the invitation of Theta Nu Epsilon fraternity to become members there.

The disbanded group first organized in 1915 under the name, Cuheco club. It changed its name in 1925 to Beta Lambda Sigma when the members moved into the house on West Fairmount avenue which they have just vacated, and again in 1929 following the completion of negotiations with the national headquarters of Phi Pi Phi in Chicago for the institution of Sigma chapter here.

Pi chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon was instituted in 1888 and continued until 1907 when the original charter was revoked. In 1927 the fraternity was reorganized and moved into the old Phi Kappa Sigma house at Beaver and Pugh streets. A few years later plans were made for a new building and in 1932 the group moved into the house on Thompson street.

Members and pledges of the former Phi Pi Phi fraternity who joined Theta Nu Epsilon include Phillip W. Fair '35, Frederick E. Hamm '35, John W. Mortimer '35, and John A. Van Dermark '35. Junior members are Quentin H. Bowers, Howard R. Erb, John E. Miller, James E. Myrick, and William W. Schenck. Roland C. Henry '37, William D. Fish '38, Robert B. Blum '38, and Robert S. Wetmiller, graduate student, complete the list. Those who did not accept the invitation are Martin A. Reafer '37 and Russell B. Rose '37.

Advisors of the disbanded chapter were Prof. Samuel B. Colgate, of the department of industrial engineering; Lorin J. Elder, of the West Penn Power company; and Prof. Fred C. Stewart, of the department of mechanical engineering. The advisor of Theta Nu Epsilon is Prof. Warren G. C. Thompson, of the department of mechanical engineering.

To Play for Hop



FREDDIE MARTIN

School Reporters To Enter Contest

Sigma Delta Chi, State Papers Offer Cash Prizes for Best News Stories.

More than 400 Pennsylvania high school students who are contributors to a local newspaper's high school page or column are preparing for the fifth annual high school reporter's contest, sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, and the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers association.

Four cash prizes, totalling \$60.00 and five citations of merit will be presented to the outstanding reporters at the annual meeting of the high school editors here on April 27. High school reporters for thirty-three daily, and sixteen weekly papers, will enter the contest. The deadline for the submission of material is April 13.

Each contestant must submit clippings of his work which total at least 1,000 words. The awards will be made by the judges on the basis of news conception, clarity and simplicity of expression, news lead, completeness of coverage, and the importance of the news to the school community.

Judges for the contest are Charles R. Long, publisher, *The Chester Times*; Charles M. Meredith, publisher, *The Quakertown Free Press*; William L. Ingersoll, editor, *The Brookville American*; Floyd H. Miller, editor, *The Waynesburg Democrat-Messenger*; and Marion S. Schoch, publisher, *The Selingsgrove Times*.

Immediate Lifting of Freshman Customs Advocated by Warnock

Arthur R. Warnock, Dean of Men, recently expressed his belief that at least a part of the freshman customs should be lifted immediately. His attitude may be shared by enough Student Council members to carry this suggestion into effect at the meeting of this group tonight.

In explaining his position, the dean said that while he firmly believed that some sort of customs should be imposed upon all College freshmen, he felt that the present apathetic attitude of the students towards customs made it imperative that some of the regulations be lifted before the regular Move-Up Day.

"I firmly believe that there should be a system of freshman training and education in which upperclassmen should play an important part. Such a system is not only good for freshmen as an educational process, but it is the only way that we can instruct them in Penn State traditions and in the ways of doing and looking at things," the dean explained.

He continued by saying that freshmen customs are a very significant factor in unifying an incoming class. He said that customs give them a means of identifying other members of the class and makes them all have something in common.

For these reasons the dean felt that some form of customs be placed on all incoming freshmen. However, he felt that the present system of customs is inadequate because any effective system of customs must have

Hetzel To Attend Third Annual Gridiron Banquet as Honor Guest

175 Faculty, Student Luminaries Will Receive Invitations; Harlow '12 To Attend.

Ralph D. Hetzel, president of the College has given his assurance that he will attend the third annual Gridiron Banquet to be held in Nittany Lion Inn next Thursday, March 14 under the sponsorship of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity.

President Hetzel will attend the affair as a guest of honor, along with Richard C. Harlow '12, recently appointed head football coach at Harvard University. Other prominent persons who are being contacted by the fraternity have not yet signified whether they will be able to attend.

Invitations to the banquet will be sent out to more than 175 prominent members of the faculty and student leaders tonight. Tickets to the affair

may then be purchased by presenting these invitations at the Student Union desk in the lobby of Old Main any time before 5 o'clock on Tuesday, March 12.

About thirty invitations will be extended to borough administrative officials and well-known town merchants as well as the student and faculty guests. Members of the fraternity who are in charge of the issuance of the invitations are William Y. E. Rambo '35, chairman, John A. Brutman '35, and Prof. Franklin C. Banner, head of the department of journalism.

The banquet this year will follow the precedent set two years ago being modeled after the annual Gridiron banquet given each year in Washington by the National Press club.

An innovation at this year's banquet will be the awarding of a Brown Derby to the senior attending the affair, adjudged by the members of the fraternity to have gone through his college career with the least amount of effort. The student who is awarded the Brown Derby will be asked to wear it wherever he goes about town or campus for the week following the affair.

State Debaters To Meet W. & M.

Benjamin, Fry To Discuss Arms Question in Joint Debate Thursday Night.

Debating in parliamentary style for the first time on the campus this year, Donald S. Fry '35 and Lester M. Benjamin '37 will join two representatives from William and Mary College in a discussion on the armament question in the Home Economics auditorium, Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock. This contest will mark the third feature debate this year, the other two having been an Oxford debate early in the Fall, and the split-team contest held with the University of Pittsburgh last Thursday.

Following a historical analysis of the question by a debater from William and Mary, Benjamin will recommend a resolution in favor of the prevention of the international shipment of arms, and munitions by an international compact. Fry will attack this resolution on the grounds of its practicability and will move an amendment to the proposed plan.

Assembly To Discuss Question Remaining neutral on the proposition, the second opponent can either defend the status quo or propose a new plan. However he will first have to get rid of the resolutions on the floor.

After the four constructive speeches have been delivered, the chairman will turn the proposed questions over to the assembly. Two minutes will be allotted to any person in the audience for discussion. Speakers will be restricted from speaking more than twice during the forum.

When discussions have been completed, an audience vote will be taken. The assembly will then adopt some official stand on the armament problem. In order that persons attending the debate can attend the Artist's Course presentation that night, the contest will be over by 8 o'clock.

Krauss Will Give 5th L. A. Lecture

Speaker To Contrast Classical Social Order With That Of Present Day.

The fifth open lecture by faculty members under the auspices of the Liberal Arts School will be given in the Home Economics auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. At this time Dr. Franklin B. Krauss, associate professor of Latin, will present a topic "Behind the Roman Looking Glass."

Dr. Krauss is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, having received the degrees of A. B., A. M. and Ph.D. from that institution. Ever since his undergraduate days he has been interested in present-day social forces and has studied the background for them in ancient civilizations.

"The social forces that operate at any one time in the production of a new order can be appreciated and evaluated only partially by observers who are themselves engulfed in the process. Yet by interpreting the major aspects of a past civilization we can understand more fully similar elements at work in our own destiny," Dr. Krauss declared recently.

In his talk tonight, the speaker will attempt such an interpretation by comparing and contrasting the many strands of influence in the social pattern of classical Rome with like strands in our social fabric. The talk, which will be followed by questions and discussion, is open to students, faculty members, and townsppeople.

Agriculturists' Group Honors 2 College Men

Edwin S. Bayard, a trustee of the College, and Floyd S. Bucher '10 were elected honorary members of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture at its annual banquet recently.

Both men were honored for outstanding contributions in the field of agriculture. Mr. Bucher, who is at present the county agent of Lancaster county, received a certificate for serving more than twenty-five years as an agriculturist. Mr. Bayard was presented with the certificate for his services in organizing and directing rural extension activities.

Election to the society constitutes the highest honor in agriculture in the country. The history of the society goes back to the Revolutionary War when George Washington and Benjamin Franklin chartered the organization for the "promotion and advancement of the art of agriculture."

Lutheran Temperance Group Elects Officers

Burton C. Bastuscheck '36 was chosen president of the Young People's Branch, organized at the W. C. T. U. meeting in the Grace Lutheran Church Tuesday evening.

Robert B. Elkin '38 was elected treasurer of the group. Other officers are Betty Houtz, vice president, and Ruby Edor, secretary. Rev. John F. Harkins, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, was named adviser.

To Play in Auditorium Tonight



MEMBERS OF THE BUDAPEST STRING QUARTET

Mason To Direct Players' Comedy

'Ladies of the Jury' Scheduled For Production March 30; Woodruff in Lead.

Prof. David D. Mason, of the department of romance languages, rejoins the coaching staff of the Penn State Players, after an absence of three years, to direct the next production, "Ladies of the Jury." This comedy will be presented March 30.

The play depicts the activities of the jury behind the scenes of the courtroom in a small town in New Jersey. It was written by Fred Ballard and produced several years ago with Mrs. Fiske in the leading role.

Jean F. Woodruff '36, Mary Louise Frear '37 and Al J. Schwadron '38 have been selected for the leading roles. Others named at this time for parts in the cast include Harriet E. Bartjes '37, Doris E. Sanford '37, Isidore Levin '38, M. Elizabeth Nichols '38, Harry W. Reed '38, Charles M. Robbins '38, Irving Tersuhow '38, John E. Turner '38, and Nellie B. Gravatt, graduate student.

These taking minor parts in the production will be announced later, Professor Mason declared. There are still ten persons to be named in the cast who will support those already selected.

After graduating here in 1917, the director became associated with the Theatians as their director. When the Penn State Players became organized in 1920, Professor Mason was associated with Prof. Arthur C. Cloetingh, director of the organization and head of the department of dramatics, as assistant director.

Until 1931 he directed many of the productions, specializing in mystery dramas, farces, and comedies. Among his productions are "The Cat and the Canary," "Seven Keys to Baldpate," "Merton of the Movies," "Is Zat So," and "The Donovan Affair."

Banner's Father Dies

Prof. Franklin C. Banner, head of the department of journalism, was called suddenly to St. Louis, Mo., on Saturday night because of the death of his father. All of his classes are meeting as usual with the exception of Journalism 4. He is expected to return tomorrow.

A.A.U.P. Chapter To Meet Friday

Faculty Members Will Discuss 'Validity of Educational Test' at Session.

All members of the College staff and any interested students have been invited to attend the meeting of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors in the second floor lounge of Old Main Friday night, at 7:30 o'clock.

The topic for discussion, "The Validity of Educational Tests," will be presented by a committee headed by Dr. William E. Butt, of the department of economics and sociology, including Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter and Dr. Willard Waller, of the department of education and psychology; Dr. Warren B. Mack, of the department of horticulture; and Dr. Frederick W. Owens, of the department of mathematics.

Last fall's preliminary statement of the Carnegie Foundation concerning the integration between the lower and upper divisions of our educational machinery occasioned so much discussion that it was believed worth while to examine, prior to the release of the complete findings, the whole matter of the validity of tests and the conditions under which these tests were given.

The open meeting will be preceded by an informal dinner meeting in the Old Main Sandwich Shop at 6:30 o'clock, at which the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the College will be the guests of the Association. Only members of the Association will be admitted to the dinner.

3 Metallurgy Texts Prepared by Faculty

Texts designed especially for practical instruction in specific fields are being prepared by faculty members. The second of three books on metallurgy prepared under this program has been received from the printer.

Instruction in the field of metallurgy is being given by the extension division in some of the largest steel mills in the State to facilitate instruction for students of the College who are unable to come to the campus.

Department Heads Vote 3-to-1 Against 'Cuts' Lowering Grades

"Practices with regard to making up both excused and unexcused absence differ among the various departments. The student should acquaint himself with the practice of the departments in which he is pursuing courses."

The above paragraph is from page 18 of "Regulations Affecting Undergraduate Students," as adopted by the College Senate in 1932. Paragraphs 43 through 56 in this booklet are the only official rules pertaining to cuts which exist in this College. Any departmental or other "cut system" now in force exists without due authority.

But practice belies the facts of the case, and Student Board, in an attempt to discover the practice concerning cuts in the various departments, recently conducted an inquiry among forty-two undergraduates departments in seven Schools, with returns being made from thirty-six of the departments. The Education School is not included because of poor returns.

One general conclusion seems to be possible—the first sentence of the paragraph above is most decidedly true. For the survey shows that there is College-wide disagreement as to the policy to be followed concerning cuts. The student should most certainly try to acquaint himself with the practice of the department but right there he will have trouble because thirty of the thirty-six depart-

ments admit that they have no uniform cut law.

In the most important question on the survey, there were three times as many department heads who opposed lowering grades merely because of cuts as there were those who favored such action. The count was eighteen against, six for, two undecided, two left it to the individual professor, three did not answer, and three evaded the question. In addition, two believed a student's grades should be lowered for cutting, but that it was unfair to flunk a man purely for cutting reasons.

By a vote of four to three, department heads expressed their disapproval of a less strict cutting law for the two upper classes or for the senior class. The vote was the same on both questions, twelve favored such a law, sixteen opposed it, six didn't answer, one didn't care, and one was opposed to all cutting laws.

Asked for their preference among an all-College cut law, a School cut law, or a departmental cut law, the department heads indicated that they didn't want any of them. The totals were: all-College law, twenty opposed, nine favorable, and three not answering; School law, eighteen opposed, seven favorable, one undecided, and six not answering; departmental law, twenty opposed, five favorable, and seven not answering. One depart-

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String Group To Play Here On Thursday

Artists Include Works Of 3 Composers In Program.

To Feature Beethoven, Debussy, and Dvorak

Compositions for the string quartet by Beethoven, Debussy, and Dvorak will be offered by the Budapest String Quartet in Schwab auditorium Thursday at 8 o'clock. The concert will be the fourth of the 1934-35 Artists' Course Series.

A number of reserved seats for the concert are on sale at the Athletic office, Old Main, and may be purchased there this week.

Subscribers to season tickets for the series are advised to tear off the section printed for Green Pastures, which is dated February 18, and to hold it for admission on May 6 to the New York Orchestra. The orchestra was booked by the executive committee of the Artists' Course after Green Pastures withdrew from the contract under a four weeks' cancellation clause.

Three-part Program

A string quartet composition by Beethoven, opus 18, number 3, in D major will be played to open the program. The movements are allegro, andante con moto, allegro, and presto. The second number will be Debussy's quartet in G minor, opus 10, with the movements anime tres decide, assez vif et bien rythme, and andantino doucement expressif, and tres moderato.

Dvorak's quartet in E-flat major, opus 51, with allegro ma non troppo, dumka (elegic), romanza, and finale will close the program.

Large Repertoire

The Budapest String Quartet, which was heard in America last year, has the largest repertoire of any ensemble of its kind. It includes all of the standard classics and the extreme modern and atonal composers. Some of these works and composers, never heard in the United States before, were introduced during the first visit of the quartet to America in January, 1931.

Although their greatest successes have been achieved with the classics, the members of the quartet are known as fine interpreters of the moderns. Kodaly, Bartok, and others have written special compositions for the ensemble. The Hindemith Quartet written for, and introduced by, the quartet in their first American appearance has been played over the radio in foreign countries since then with continued success.

Valuable Old Instruments

The four artists who comprise the ensemble play some of the finest instruments of an old Italian make. Josef Roissmann, first violinist, plays a Petrus Guaneri and Stefan Ipolyi, violist, has a Karel van der Meer. The cello which Mischa Schneider uses is a Carlo Testore and the instrument used by Alexander Schneider, second violinist, is a Vuillaume.

Thurman Illustrates Christianity's Failure

"There is no more searching question which Christianity must answer than this: 'What does it have to offer to the dispossessed and disinherited?'" Dr. Howard Thurman, professor of systematic theology at Howard University, Washington, D. C., asked in his chapel address in Schwab auditorium.

"Since Jesus was a member of a disinherited minority in the Roman Empire," the speaker continued, "his religion had to be that of another world. The appeal of Christianity is not necessarily to the weak and despoiled, but it addresses itself to the deepest needs of those about it and makes life significant for them."

Because the ethical ideals of Christ are complete absolutes and thus conflict with environment, Dr. Thurman pointed out, the Christian finds himself living always in a region of compromise. Those who try to hold to these ideals become martyrs, he continued. Christians must realize that this is an unideal world and while they may yield to society they should realize that in doing so they have failed, the speaker declared.

"Founders of religions," Dr. Thurman said, "have always had disciples to act as a sort of laboratory. Here, in an environment which could be controlled, they tested their ideals. The person who would live profusely, wisely, and well must also find a private world of his own and then project himself into diseased society as a healer," the speaker concluded.