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M. I. School To Hold 2nd Open House

Affair, Started Last Year, Scheduled For April 10.

M. I. Building Thrown Open for Inspection

In response to numerous requests from members of the College staff, students from other schools, and local business men, the staff and student body of the School of Mineral Industries will hold Open House on Wednesday night, April 10.

Although, Open House is a popular activity at many other colleges and universities in this country, it was first instituted here by the Mineral Industries school last year, when it proved to be a huge success. Over 5,000 persons passed through the building and viewed the various activities and exhibits during the course of the evening last year.

To Educate Students Under the plan, the Mineral Industries Building is thrown open for inspection, all of the undergraduate laboratories and research projects are in full operation, and both staff and students are on hand to explain the work. Hereafter Open House will be held on alternate years.

Interviewed concerning the affair Dean Edward Steidle of the School of Mineral Industries explained the purpose of the Open House was to educate the students, townspeople and the faculty in particular as to the facilities, equipment, extent of curricula and possibilities for service.

In the later respect, the dean pointed out that the service to the state which the school was doing had grown immensely in the four years since the erection of the new building. At present there are nine subsidized outside research fellowships, representing a total outlay of \$22,000.

Enrollment Exceeds 200 "The School," he continued, "up until four or five years ago, was a 'dub' and weak sister. Persons flunking out of the other schools on the campus transferred to Mineral Industries. There were very few service courses taken and no research or extension work was carried on at all. However, after the new building was installed all this gradually changed, until now the School has equipment, personnel, and scholastic standing, inferior to non on the campus."

"At present the undergraduate enrollment exceeds 200. Service courses for other schools boasts an enrollment of almost 750. Throughout the state, 2780 workers are taking three-year extension courses in mining, metallurgy, petroleum and natural gas, and ceramics. In fact the School has progressed to the point where it takes its place as one of the leading schools of its type in the country," Dean Steidle stated.

"Senior theses, which work will be a part of the Open House display, is an integral part of Mineral Industries curricula which, although not unique on the campus, is not employed so extensively in any of the other schools. This work allows scholastically outstanding members of the senior class an opportunity for advanced work on subjects in their particular field."

"The entire Mineral Industries school is doing such a great amount of really important practical as well as purely educational work that the students and faculty, in fact the entire corps of workers, take great pride in throwing open the doors to all those interested in viewing the program," the dean concluded.

Astronomical Society To Petition National

Approved by the Senate committee on Student Welfare, the Penn State Astronomical Society, which was organized last fall, has applied for membership in Alpha Nu, national astronomical society.

At the last regular meeting, Charles F. Meyer '35, president of the club, spoke on the moon and various aspects of its topography. Henry J. Hibshman '36, vice president of the organization, will speak on the "Eclipse of the Sun and Moon" before the society in Room 28, Physics building, next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

As soon as the mirror of the telescope has been aluminized, the telescope will be put into use for members of the club and any others who are interested. The group will observe the planets Mars and Venus, and, later on, Jupiter and Saturn. The telescope, which was constructed by Dr. Henry L. Yeagley, of the department of physics, has a ten-inch reflector.

Leitzell Keeps Thespians From Working on Sundays

Burgess Utilizes 'Blue Law' in Preventing Removal of Scenery Until Midnight.

Orders from Burgess Wilbur F. Leitzell and a local "Blue Law" ordinance kept the Thespians, who are producing "Don't Let On" in Schwab auditorium Saturday night from moving their scenery for the production from the basement of the Cathaum theatre to Schwab auditorium Sunday night until after midnight.

It has long been the custom of the Thespians, according to a member of the club, to build their scenery downtown in the old Pastime theatre and in the basement of the Cathaum, and to move it up to the auditorium on Sunday night so that they can set it up for the dress rehearsals of their production during the last week before the show date.

Refuses To Issue Permit Saturday afternoon the Thespians finished work on their scenery and in

Editor To Speak At Peace Strike

Schachtman Chosen To Address Student Demonstrators Here on April 12.

Max Schachtman, editor of the *New Internationalist*, New York City, has been tentatively chosen as an outside speaker for the local demonstration at 11 o'clock on April 12 against imperialist war, a part of the nationwide strike which has been planned for high schools and colleges in this country.

"The term 'strike' is being used nationally because it is felt that such a word is applicable in those cases where petitions and other forms of protest against war-breeding measures have been of no avail," declared Manuel Katz '36, committee chairman. "It is a last stand on our part, and it is for this reason that we are employing this terminology. It should not be associated with violence, as in the conflicts between capital and labor, nor as a move against constituted authorities," he concluded.

To Attack W. R. Hearst According to national leaders, the immediate incentives for the action this year have been the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in upholding compulsory drill, the Hearst campaign against liberal and radical students and professors, and the various student loyalty bills such as have been introduced in the state legislatures.

The call issued by the national committee states: "We call upon you to act against the war makers in our own country. William Randolph Hearst slanders and attacks professors and student organizations in his attempt to reduce the schools to servile instruments of the Jingoists and the War Department. Our government professes peace, but with an eye upon Japan, brings in the largest peace-time military budget, including a \$4,000,000 appropriation for the R. O. T. C."

To Ask for Cooperation "Student objectors are being disciplined by the same administrations which converted the schools into bar-

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Roving Vendors Infest Campus, Stodge Finds in Student Survey

Spring has come, and with it swarms of itinerant hawkers, roving merchants, and strolling vendors who have emerged from winter hibernation with a complete line of bric-a-brac, shaving cream, and Gallic literature. They hunt the dormitories, the fraternities, and the boarding houses with unusual persistence and all fifty-seven varieties of lavish spring neckties, unbreakable shoelaces, and cigarette lighters—positively the light that never fails, mister."

As a rule, he knocks gently. The victim opens the door to see a suave gent with a suitcase confronting him. The gent eases himself into the room with the knack which comes from long practice of easing into people's rooms. The opening salutation is to the effect that he was one of the class of '26, dear old Goucher, ever heard of it, pal? He has a swell line of stuff, something everybody needs, at regular student prices, too.

Then there is the guy who prowls around wanting to know if somebody is interested in "intellectual" magazines. Well, he got some. Half price on a seventeen year's subscription, with a Babe Ruth mushball bat thrown in. And then there's the oth-

er variety of magazine peddler, the smooth-tongued hawk who is bursting to give something away like a plaque.

He hands, or almost hands, the thing to the bewildered customer, whose sales resistance is below zero by this time. Then the salesman hauls out pad and pencil and starts to write. To get that plaque, yuhsee, it goes with a lifetime subscription of any two magazines on the list, that's eight-fifty, payable in two installments. Half now and the rest when we ship ya the plaque. Real stuff, fella. Sign here. Studyin' to be an engineer, are ya? That's a good racket, too."

Not only do bargains in miscellaneous goods arrive with the chairs on Old Main patio, but business opportunities as well. Scouts from several of the larger publishing houses of devotional literature, Bibles, hymnals, etc., are looking around the campus for new talent. They set up temporary headquarters in some locality which provides a handy back entrance, and interview prospective salesmen. The applicants are carefully noted, for only a few are finally "selected." After all, dispensing Biblical literature is ticklish business.

Speaker Decries Humanity's Sins

Selfishness Not Mankind's Only Motivation, Dean Russell Declares in Chapel.

"The greatest sins of humanity are committed against those who are outside a particular circle or group, and instead of being contrary to codes of human morals, these sins are urged on and sanctified by custom," said Dean Elbert Russell, of the School of Religion at Duke University, Durham, N. C., speaking at the regular chapel service in Schwab auditorium Sunday morning.

"An illustration of this fact," the speaker told how acts are committed in war against other people that under ordinary circumstances would be considered heinous crimes. But because the victims are outside a special group, these deeds are called heroic, he said.

Circles Limited in Extent "The idea that mankind is motivated by selfishness only is one which will not bear examination," Dean Russell declared. "As soon as there is the slightest sort of civilization developed, certain altruistic qualities are manifested, and man soon finds himself in groups where this latter quality and not selfishness, is the rule."

Pointing out that these circles are limited in extent, the speaker declared that the greatest danger today is not that of a breakdown within the group, but in inhuman conduct toward those outside. The sin of a limited brotherhood, he continued, is that it treats those outside the circle as something less than human.

"The trouble with codes of honor and things of that sort," Dean Russell concluded, "is that they apply only to members of a particular circle. Our great need today is for one great all-inclusive circle for all mankind."

To Debate Thursday



RUTH A. ROBERTSHAW

Play To Coincide With War Strike

"Peace on Earth" Production Changed From Saturday To Friday April 12.

The Penn State Players' production of the anti-war play, "Peace on Earth," has been changed from Saturday to Friday, April 12, to coincide with the local demonstration of the international student strike against war and fascism scheduled for 11 o'clock on the morning of the same day.

The theme of the play follows very closely the purpose of the strike. The play treats a similar situation on a college campus, the participation of a liberal professor and his involvement in the militant anti-war movement. The attitude of the administration, the students and the faculty toward the war being fomented is brought out in one of the most stirring dramas of the modern theatre.

First in East On "Earth" is the first of its eastern college campus. Among the principals in the cast are: Edward G. Binns '38 as the professor, Peter Owens; Jules Vernik '36 as Miller, leader of the strikers; Richard F. Collins '37 as McCracken, the reporter; Betty M. Lenzen '36; and Theresa C. Mrazivik '36.

The play is extremely difficult to stage, having a huge cast and several scenes calling for elaborate sets. Director Frank Neusbaum is sparing no effort in staging the difficult production—according to the same high standards as the New York production by the Theatre Union at the Civic Repertory theatre last year.

Forensic Groups To Compete Here

7 High Schools Will Enter Music Contest To Determine District Titles.

Representatives of seven high schools in the central district of the Pennsylvania Forensic League will compete in the department of music here on April 13 when judges will select the district winners to participate in the state contest. This will be the fifth year that the contest has been held on this campus.

Prof. Hummel Fishburn of the department of music is in charge of the contest. Students from Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Mifflin, and Snyder counties are registered and an attendance of over 1,000 high school musicians is expected.

Contests Open To Public Soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone vocal soloists will compete in the Little Theatre, Old Main, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning. Instrumental solo competition will begin at the same time in the auditorium and will last probably until noon. Instrumental contests will include piano, cornet, trombone, tuba, clarinet, and violin.

"Bays' quartets, girls' trios, mixed quartets, and double quartets will begin eliminations in the Little Theatre about 10:45. Chorus competition will be held in the auditorium at 1 o'clock. Small instrumental ensembles will hold competition in the auditorium at 3 o'clock and larger orchestras will vie for honors at 4 o'clock. All contests are open to the public.

XI SIGMA PI (Honorary Forestry Fraternity) Robert C. Beige '36 Harry M. Galloway '36 William M. Hersh '36 Albert O. Petzold '36 George H. Rauch '36

Seton Hill Team To Debate Here In Last Contest

Orators Will Consider Co-Education Topic Thursday Night.

Co-eds Win 1st Honors In Pittsburgh Tourney

When Robert L. Durkee '35 and Kermit Gordon '37 debate Ruth Ann Robertshaw and Margaret Tomer, representing Seton Hill College, on the question, "Resolved: That the college exclusively for men or women is to be preferred to the co-educational institution," in the Home Economics auditorium at 8 o'clock on Thursday night, they will present the last feature debate on the campus.

Meeting Oxford University on the compulsory military question last fall, the varsity teams debated the University of Pittsburgh women in a split team debate on the marriage question and then followed up with a Wayne University contest on the armament question. The co-educational topic Thursday night makes the fourth type of debate question to be used here.

Co-ed Squad Places First Whether or not co-eds are finding opportunity for self realization in the activities of their college, or if education is advantageous in selecting a life companion, will be brought out in the debate. The debate will mark the last intercollegiate meet for Durkee, who graduates this spring. He has participated in twenty debates, having transferred here in his junior year.

Penn State women took first honors in debating at the Delta Sigma Rho tournament held in Pittsburgh last week-end. Elsie M. Douthett '35, Bernadette M. Heagney '36, Helen M. Chamberlain '37, and Myra Cohn '37, representing the co-ed squad, defeated five other women's college teams on the armament question, to win the title.

Douthett, Fry Placed Second Miss Douthett won second honors in the public discussion contest, having survived the semi-finals, after James W. Townsend '35 and Miss Cohn were eliminated. Donald S. Fry '36 won second place in the after-dinner speaking contest, losing first honors by two points.

Angelo N. Berbatis '35 and Roy Wilkinson '37 split debating victories, winning one and losing one. Shirley J. Zarger '36 and Fry lost both their debates. Thirteen colleges were entered in the tournament.

Townsend and Wilkinson staged the split team marriage debate with the University of Pittsburgh co-ed team, which was presented here last February. This was the only feature contest in the meet.

Infirmary Gets Gifts

The health services department has received two gifts in the past week. The Kappa Sigma fraternity donated a radio, and Mrs. Oswald F. Boucke, widow of the late Professor Boucke, presented the department with an ultra-violet lamp.

'Don't Let On' Scenery Completed After Intensive Effort, Research

With the hanging of the "traveler" in Schwab auditorium last night the scenery for "Don't Let On," the thirty-seventh annual Thespian production, written by John S. Naylor, has been completed, according to D. Henry Porterfield, who has designed and executed Thespian scenery for the last four shows.

The huge traveler is the fourth creation of Mr. Porterfield along this line and will become permanent. He has designed and painted travelers for "Old King Cole," "My Stars," "Bargin' Around" and now for "Don't Let On," which will be produced in Schwab auditorium Saturday night. Before Mr. Porterfield designed Thespian scenery there were no travelers in use here.

Scenes From Authentic Source The first scene of "Don't Let On" opens in the interior of a cabin on board the "S. S. Sciatian," a student tour ship, visiting the Mediterranean Sea, while the second takes place in the court yard of the Spumoni Palace, near Naples.

In creating the scenery for the palace scene, Mr. Porterfield spent some time in checking through library records and sketches of Italian palaces. After some difficulty he found a sketch of a palace near Naples which exactly suited his purpose. The palace set was therefore designed with authentic background as to its plan. Across the gateway to the palace is

Platt Appoints Committee To Prepare Plans for 2nd Penn State Day on May 18

Named Co-Chairman



A. KENNETH MAIERS '35

Leadership Group To Hold Conclave

4 Faculty Members, 8 Freshmen Women, Will Address Conference Here.

Four faculty members and eight freshman women will speak at the Women's Leadership Conference to be held in the second floor lounge of Old Main on Thursday.

Mrs. J. Ben Hill will open the meeting at 11 o'clock with a discussion of "Leisure Time Activities," followed by Miss Julia C. Brill, of the department of English composition, who will speak on "Some of the Vocations of Penn State Alumni."

Miss Wyland To Talk In the afternoon Miss Mary Jane Wyland, of the department of education and psychology, will describe the "Girl of Tomorrow" at 2 o'clock, and Dr. Robert G. Barnum, of the same department, will speak on "Analysis of a Leader" at 3 o'clock.

Eight freshman girls will discuss their observations on leadership in student life at the 4 o'clock session. Helen M. Kliner will speak on athletics; Dorothy E. Bollinger, dormitory life; Clara E. Jones, student government activities; Sara C. Hoffer, religious activities; Amy F. McClelland, scholarship; Ida R. Rainey, activities; M. Elizabeth Nichols, social life; and Natalia A. Makarov, student life in Russia.

A dinner for campus leaders and a few faculty members will be given by Archonai, senior women's honorary, in the Sandwich Shop tomorrow night at 5:45 o'clock. Prof. Clarence O. Williams, of the department of education and psychology, will lead a discussion on "Potential Leadership."

All women students who wish to attend these meetings will be excused from classes, according to Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray.

Students Requested To Begin Inviting H.S. Friends.

Campus Tours Included In Week-end Program

Penn State Day, instituted here last year as a means of interesting high school seniors in the College, will be held again this year on Saturday, May 18. Vernon D. Platt '35, president of Student Union, has named Lucy J. Erdman '35 and A. Kenneth Maiers '35 co-chairmen of the student committee.

Students are requested to begin inviting any of their high school friends who may be interested in going away to college next year. This will aid the College in contacting more prospective students than could otherwise be done, Maiers explained.

Tentative Program Arranged

A tentative program has been arranged by the committee and will be worked out in detail in the near future. According to present plans, registration will take place at the Student Union desk, Old Main, from 9 until 12 o'clock Saturday morning.

Campus tours will be made after 10 o'clock, at which time the high school students will be given an opportunity to see classes in action. The School of Engineering will run experiments in the various laboratories, the School of Mineral Industries is planning an "open house," and several exhibits and displays will be held by the School of Agriculture.

Following luncheon, the afternoon will be devoted to spring sports and other entertainments to be planned later. A Thespian show, wrestling matches, boxing matches, a basketball game, and other entertainment has been tentatively arranged for the night program in Recreation hall. Short talks by prominent faculty men and students will also feature this program.

Student Committee Named

Men's and women's fraternities have been asked to cooperate again this year in feeding the visitors. More than 1,400 students are expected. Last year there were 1,200 here.

The student committee for the affair includes William A. Banner, Douglass R. Borst, Elsie M. Douthett, Jacob C. Forney, John A. Keech, Jeanne S. Kleckner, Charles T. Potts, and Clifford C. Wood, all seniors.

The faculty committee includes E. Len M. Burkholder, assistant Dean of Women; Walter F. Dantzser, director of public information; Edward K. Hibshman, Alumni secretary; Robert A. Higgins, head football coach; William S. Hoffman, College Registrar; Prof. Oscar P. Smith, of the School of Chemistry and Physics; and Edwin S. Rohrbeck, of the School of Agriculture.

Other additions to the committees are: Elizabeth K. Burton '35, Marion L. Foreman '35, William D. Bertalette '36, J. Briggs Pruitt '36, Joseph P. Swift '36. An addition to the faculty committee is Adrian O. Morse, executive secretary to the President.

W.S.G.A. To Hold First Annual Dance April 12

The first women's formal all-College dance will be held April 12 in Recreation hall. Lucy J. Erdman '35, retiring president of the W. S. G. A., has stated that this dance is to be an annual affair and is designed to replace the class dances now in vogue.

Lynn Christy and his Penn Statesmen will provide the music for the dance, which will last from 9 to 11 o'clock. Invitations have been sent to the parents of all town girls and the chaperones of each dormitory. Admission will be free, but each girl will have to present her matriculation card.

Arrangements for the dance are being taken care of by a committee composed of the social chairmen of each class. The members are Helen J. Hinebaugh '35, chairman, Margaret M. Campbell '36, Helen M. Clymer '37, and Ida R. Rainey '38.

Students File Petition To Charter New Club

Students here who have traveled 1,000 miles or more beyond the borders of the United States are eligible for Si Tien, a newly organized travel club. Sixteen people signed a petition requesting permission to charter this society for the stimulation of interest in travel.