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College Senate Grants 4-Day Thanksgiving Vacation LIONS AIM TO BREAK EIGHT-YEAR JINX AT PENN

Act As 3,800 Sign Petition For Holiday

School Closes at Noon Wednesday, Opens Monday At 8

Frear Hall Students Instigated Campaign

According to a petition signed by about 3,800 students, the College Senate unanimously granted a Thanksgiving vacation yesterday afternoon.

The petition, which was presented to the Senate by John D. Kennon '38, president of Student Council, was drawn up and circulated by a group of men living in Frear Hall, who charged that the Thanksgiving holiday was dropped from the College calendar on the condition that more football half-holidays be granted, and that this was not done.

The Senate pointed out that the vacation ended at 8 o'clock on Monday morning, rather than at 1:10, the usual time.

The petition presented to the president and senate yesterday follows:

We, the members of the committee, representing signers of the petition for the extension of Thanksgiving Vacation, do hereby present to you, through our spokesman, John D. Kennon,

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'I Say Bunk'—Nye Launches Blow At R. O. T. C.

"If only American universities would provide a compulsory course in 'peace training' the folly of the preparedness issue, as it is modeled in schools today, could be offset splendidly."

Thus, in an address at Indiana University last week, North Dakota's dapper Senator Gerald P. Nye rang the keynote of the resumption of his battle for elimination of compulsory military training in American colleges, a battle he has waged intermittently since the introduction of the Nye-Kvale bill in 1924.

Said Senator Nye, by way of elaboration: "Why should college boys be penalized with compulsory military training when all around us are thousands of farm boys and boys in industry who haven't been trained. Military authorities would answer 'preparedness.' I say 'bunk.'"

"Our national defense would not be hurt in the least particular by abandonment of the compulsory aspect of military training," Nye added. "Voluntary training, on the other hand, would provide many, many more men than we could ever use if called upon to defend our borders."

"Should compulsory military training be abandoned... a great advantage would result in the accompanying destruction of an influence that is deeply planted in compulsory military training—an influence which plays a large part in propagandizing and furthering the cause of military thought."

Reiterating his contention that elimination of compulsory training would not affect federal grants, Nye pointed to the Universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota, the vanguard of the peace parade, which "are receiving just as much federal aid as they received before making the change in military setup."

Net-Work To Carry Grid Contest

A complete Eastern network will broadcast the Penn-Penn State game tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The broadcasting personnel will be: Sol Wolf, play by play; Buck Taylor, spotting State players; and Bill Crowell, well-known official who will handle the expert commentary.

Transmitting stations will include: WHP, 1430 kilocycles, Harrisburg; WBRE, 1310 kilocycles, Wilkes-Barre; WTIC, 1040 kilocycles, Hartford; WCAU, 1170 kilocycles, Philadelphia; WKOK, 1210 kilocycles, Scranton; and WGBI, 880 kilocycles, Sunbury.

36 L.A. Students Make Honor Roll

Six Members Of School Obtain Perfect Three Averages For 2nd Semester

The honor roll of the School of the Liberal Arts issued yesterday for the second semester of last year lists 13 members of the class of '38, 12 from the class of '39, and 11 from the class of '40 as the top ranking students in scholarship in the school.

Six members of the school attained a perfect 3 average for the semester. Of this number three were from the class of '38, two from '39, and the remaining one from the class of '40.

It was found that 22 per cent of the three upper classes had a 2 average or better for the last semester. The class of '38 topped the list with 30 per cent of its members having a 2 or better, '39 had 17 per cent with that average, and '40 listed 24 per cent.

The following lists are arranged in order, those having highest average coming first.

Class of 1938 In the class of '38 the three who received a perfect average were Christine Kauffman, Robert L. Kaye, and Vernon R. Smith. Others in order of scholarship are D. Altenburg, 2.8; Frank A. Itgen, 2.8; John F. Jageman, 2.8; John E. Matz, 2.8; Elcanor Robinson, 2.8; Robert L. Smith, 2.7; George E. Bowman, 2.6; Jennie B. Cantafio, 2.6; Robert H. Dewalt, 2.6; and Marshall Evans, 2.6.

Class of 1939 Two, Margaret J. Lloyd and Ellis Schien, gained the 3 average in the class of '39. Following them are Barbara M. McClure, 2.9; Frank C. Craighhead, 2.8; John J. Craighhead, 2.8; Vernon L. Hull, 2.8; Carolyn McConnell, 2.8; Henry R. Smith, 2.8; Edwin K. Taylor, 2.8; Henry Borow, 2.7; Alvin Iscovitz, 2.7; and Dorothea Sillies, 2.7.

Class of 1940 The only person in the class of '40 to get a straight 3 average was Morton J. Conn. Five received a 2.8 average and the same number got a 2.7. Those with a 2.8 are David E. Cohen, Charles W. Flanagan, Mary E. Fletcher, Sara E. Hileman, and Josephine B. Miller. Following with a 2.7 are Ann W. Bonine, James V. DeLuxe, Mary E. Ration, Ruth J. Kocher, and John R. Verbalis.

Cast Of 'Say It With Music' Features Professional Talent

Professionalism is one charge of which at least the Thespian-Glee fall show, "Say It With Music," has no fears.

One of the professionals appearing in the show is Bob L. Hertz '40, the son of a musical comedy star, who has tap-danced on the Pittsburgh vaudeville stage. He is featured in a trio with Marguerite R. Scheaffer '40 and Louise Stringer '40.

Another professional is Jeanne Witherow, an aerobic and ballet dancer. She does a dance which she has composed herself and which she performs on a three-foot square disc six feet above the stage. It is called "Sunset in Arabia." Jeanne has performed in Pittsburgh and Altoona.

Still another is Ruth Shtasel '41, who is partner of Bart Henderson '34

Monday Set As Deadline For Council Nominations

Student Elections Will Continue For Two Days From 9 To 5 O'clock; Matriculation Cards Will Be Required

Nominations for the various school student councils will be continued until Monday, it was announced last night by Russell G. Gohn '38, chairman of the elections committee supervising the reorganization of the present Student Council.

The previous date set for the end of the nominations was last Tuesday, but since so few were nominated, it was thought advisable by the Student Council to continue.

Elections will be held Monday and Tuesday in the first floor lounge of Old Main, from 9 to 5 o'clock. Students are to vote for members of the council of their own department and their own class. Matriculation cards will be needed in order to cast a ballot.

More Representative

The amendment to the Student Council constitution was passed by both the council and the Student Board last week. The purpose behind the bill was to make the high ruling group more representative of the student body.

The plan, as formulated by John D. Kennon '38, senior class president, provides for a student council for each school and from the various school councils, representatives from each class who will sit in on the regular Student Council meetings.

The following nominations were received: Engineering School, Sophomore class, Electrical Engineering: Benjamin Walburn, Richard Fletcher, Roger Sharp, H. R. Lloyd, Karl Bretney; Industrial Engineering: Herman Fogel, Titus Miller; Civil Engineering:

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Bonine Explains Religious Group

Student Interest Aroused By 'God Control' Article In Collegiate Digest

What is the Oxford Group?

This question evolved from the appearance on this campus of an article entitled "God Control" in a current issue of the Collegiate Digest, pictorial supplement of the Collegian.

A definition given in a recent interview with Prof. C. A. Bonine, pioneer Penn State group, was this: The Oxford Group is a group of people who are trying to mobilize the spiritual resources of the world into a spiritual front to fight the subversive forces of materialism and moral decay which are threatening the destruction of our Christian civilization today.

From the book, "For Sinners Only," by A. J. Russell, editor of one of London's foremost dailies, it was learned that the Oxford Group emanated from Oxford University. The standards of the movement as given in the book, are absolute love to all, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness, and absolute honesty.

Drama To Open Artists' Course

Sherwood's Play, 'The Queen's Husband,' To Begin 1937-38 Program On Dec. 2

The American Repertory theatre will present Robert E. Sherwood's "The Queen's Husband" on Thursday evening, December 2, as the opening number of the 1937-38 Artists' Course. Dr. Carl E. Marquardt announced yesterday.

To satisfy the continued demand for a dramatic number on the program, the Artists' Course committee, headed by Doctor Marquardt, secured the talents of this newly formed dramatic group composed of veterans of the theatre. These professional managers and players were brought together under one management to satisfy the demand among colleges, women's clubs, and fraternal groups for dramatic talent of Broadway calibre.

Playwright Won Pulitzer Prize

Sherwood won fame as the author of the Pulitzer prize play, "Idiot's Delight," and also won recognition with his "The Road to Rome." "The Queen's Husband" is a satirical comedy about the turmoil of various forms of government endeavoring to force themselves on the peoples of the world as the only type of government under which to live. The author stresses the futility of war, but at the same time does not lose his sense of humor in the development of his characters.

The play enjoyed a long and successful run on Broadway and added to the author's string of hits. Alexander Woolcott opened his review of the play with: "In the new comedy which came to the Playhouse last night the author has written an immensely engaging play about a Queen-picked King."

The formation of the American Repertory theatre had as its purpose the filling of a definite need for a touring dramatic group to make appearances throughout the country and away from Broadway. Broadway producers have feared the possibility of a gamble in backing talented shows outside of the several large cities in the country. Jose Ruben is the director of the company and has a distinguished background in the theatre.

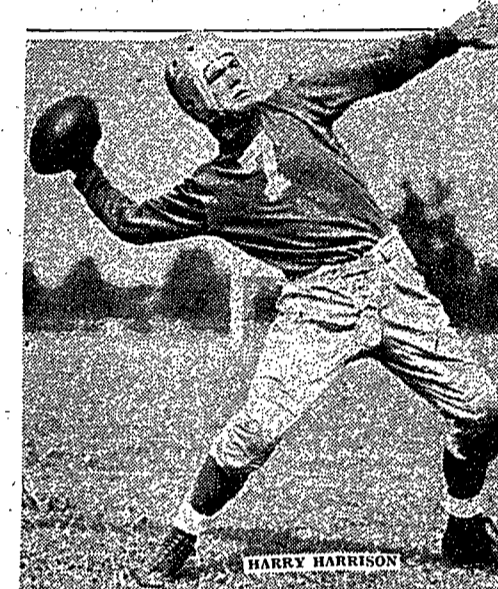
Tribunal Lifts 1941 Customs For Holiday

In connection with the Penn half-holiday, Men's Student tribunal announced that freshmen will be released from customs beginning tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock and ending Monday morning at the same hour.

The Tribunal also decided that the winter woolen dinks of Darlington green will be permissible for the coming cold spells. They will be on sale at the local clothing stores.

George Shekell was brought before the court for failure to wear his dink and appearing before the justices without matches. Penalty, after due deliberation, was that Shekell shall adorn a big bonnet and carry a 6-30, who was starred in "H. M. S. Pinafore," and Doris J. Thomas '39, a newcomer.

In The Old Backyard Again



Former West Philadelphia High School speed merchant, he dazed Penn with a 91-yard touchdown dash last year. Will he repeat again for the home folks?

Dr. Schott Plans Extensive Outdoor Recreation Program

Head of Physical Education Places Ray Conger In Charge; Attempts to Secure C. C. C. Camp, Boalsburg Stables

"The trend of the youth of today is definitely in a back to nature direction, and I am doing all I can to organize an extensive all-year-round outdoor recreational program to fill this growing need," Dr. Carl P. Schott, Dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, stated in a recent interview.

"This is no scatter-brained idea which will be forgotten after a few months of lukewarm voluntary work on the matter," the Doctor said. "I have placed Ray Conger in charge of the program and he is to devote his entire time to its organization. We don't want any mushroom growth, but would rather have a program which will grow slowly and soundly no matter how long it takes."

To Acquire Nearby Facilities

Doctor Schott went on to explain his desire to have a program so broad that it will capitalize on all facilities on the campus and in the nearby mountains. He explained the steps he has taken in attempting to acquire excellent facilities for riding, swimming, overnight hiking, skating, skiing, and for many other uses.

Negotiations are under way with the government to gain possession of an abandoned C. C. C. camp nearby. It will include a large recreational hall, a lake deep enough for summer swimming and large enough for an excellent ice skating rink, a number of bunkhouses, and excellent hiking and skiing trails. One of the other properties Doctor Schott is concentrating on is the abandoned National Guard stables at Boalsburg for riding classes.

Plans to Build Large Lodge Besides getting hold of these properties, I want to have built a large lodge, easily accessible from State College, where meetings of various groups could be held, hiking parties

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Penn Game Special Bus Leaves At 4:30

A "Penn game" special Greyhound bus will leave here at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and go direct to Philadelphia, the State College Hotel Travel bureau, local agents for the Greyhound lines, have announced.

The return trip will be via the regular buses from Philadelphia to State College, leaving the former city on Sunday at either 10:30 o'clock in the morning or 6:15 at night. Round trip will be \$5.95. All seats are reserved, with reservations closing as soon as the bus is filled.

Would Increase Capacity In stack capacity of the proposed building will not give much enlargement over present facilities, but when the wings are added it will be almost doubled, Lewis explained that the present library now holds 257,000 books. Without its wings, the new library will house about 300,000 volumes.

Lewis pointed out that the College library includes branch libraries at the Schools of Agriculture, Chemistry and Physics, and Mineral Industries.

Have Dropped All Tilts But One Since '29

Toretti Shifted From Guard To Pivot Job Against Quakers

Harrison, Giannantonio To Play In Home Town

By HERB CAHAN

Aiming to break a jinx that has followed them to every away game except one since the last victory over Penn in 1929, a squad of 29 Nittany Lion footballers left early this morning for the game on Franklin field tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The one exception was the win over Lehigh at Bethlehem in 1934, but the Lions consider this only as a minor victory. So, besides wanting to stage a comeback after last Saturday's second-half defeat at the hands of Syracuse, the State eleven will have the added incentive of seeking their first major victory in eight years.

35th Game

Tomorrow's "set" will mark the 35th game in a series that was begun in 1890. Penn State has won only eight times, the Quakers 24 times, and three games ended in ties.

Coch Coach Higgins' training this week was concentrated primarily in bringing the team up to the proper mental peak after the saddening loss to the Orange. The boys showed their usual practice pep and seem to realize full well that much depends on the outcome of the Penn game.

Up until last Saturday it looked as though the Quakers would be an inferior outfit, but since their upset victory over Navy they have climbed right back into the pigskin spotlight. The Philadelphians have beaten Maryland, lost to Yale and Columbia, and tied Georgetown previous to the Midlands clash.

Bedenk Says Penn Strong According to Line Coach Joe Bedenk, who has scouted the Red and Blue all season, Penn will present a strong outfit. Their line is almost the same as last season, and it seems as though they have finally struck a backfield combination that works well with the veteran forward wall.

Sending the squad through only two scrimmage sessions, brushing up

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Frosh 'Go College' In Many Tastes, Figures Show

"That freshmen are more 'college conscious' than upperclassmen is now an established fact. At least a consensus of the figures released by a few of the student shopping centers in State College seems to indicate so.

For example, three out of every four freshmen run to the nearest store upon their arrival in town and stock up with 'college sealed stationery,' while practically all of them dash to mail boxes with picture postcards to Old Main and other campus buildings to show the folks back home that they really are in College.

Further evidence that conservatism comes with age can be gleaned from the fact that an overwhelming majority of upperclassmen buy non-fiction books dealing with subjects of controversial nature. And the older they get, the more outside reading they do, it seems.

Dealers report that the books by John Steinbeck are among the top-ranking favorites at present. Among them are "Of Mice and Men" and "A God Unknown." "And So Victoria" by Vaughan Wickins, is enjoying a sale comparable to that of Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind."