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Racial Views Of Students Are Sought

NAACP Survey Aimed To Gauge Campus Opinion Here

Questionnaire Blanks Available At SU Desk

A survey on the attitudes of students toward inter-racial relations sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will begin today in the Student Union office.

The purpose of the canvass, as outlined by Smith, is to attempt to discover the current opinion concerning racial problems.

12 Questions Listed

The questions on the blank are below:

- 1. Do you consider yourself absolutely unbiased and friendly towards colored people?
2. Because of their race or color, would you deny public office to men and women who have proved themselves properly qualified?
3. Do you feel that colored people or any other minority group are inferior, psychologically or biologically?
4. Are you opposed to mixed faculties of white and colored members in public schools when the student body is mixed?
5. Do you object to associations with colored students in class rooms?
6. Would you object to being a member of an organization to which colored students were participating?
7. Would colored athletes receive your support if they would be instrumental in aiding your school to gain athletic prominence?
8. Would you elect a colored salutarian or valedictorian if he were found deserving of that honor?
9. Would you object to eating in a restaurant in which colored students receive service?
10. Would you eat in a boarding house that served colored students?
11. Would you refuse to patronize a barber shop that gave colored students service?
12. Would you live in the same house with a colored student?

'Idiot's Delight'—A Play To Satisfy Many Tastes

No matter what your tastes you will find them embodied in Robert E. Sherwood's clever Pulitzer prize-winning play, "Idiot's Delight," to be given by the Penn State Players on Thursday and Friday evenings, January 20 and 21.

Director Frank S. Neusbaum's enthusiasm is unbounded when it comes to describing this Broadway hit that will have its first non-professional presentation here in Schwab auditorium.

"It has everything!" is Neusbaum's pet reference to this masterful work. And just to prove his point, here is "Idiot's Delight" in brief:

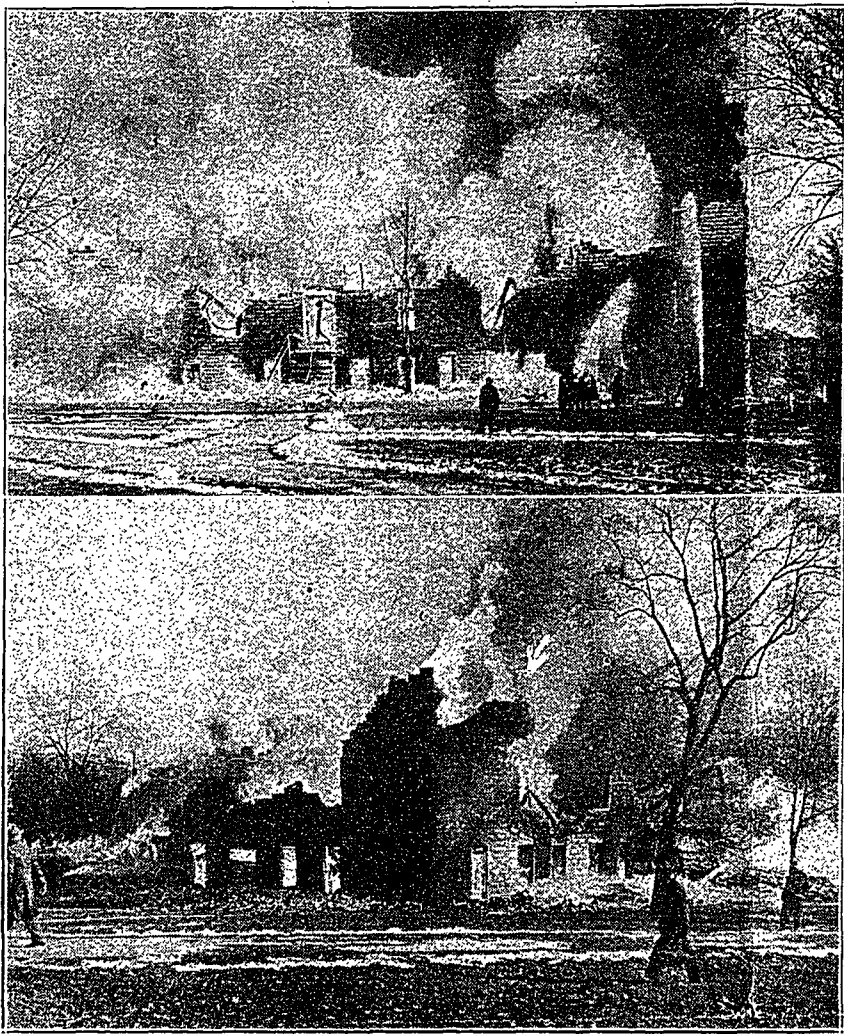
It is a powerful anti-war drama. There is an abundance of comedy and even farce. You will see a floor show, listen to innumerable piano specialties, and hear a jam band. It has melodrama. And just for good measure, Mr. Sherwood has included the all-important love interest.

The play, a Theatre Guild production, opened in Washington, D. C., on March 9, 1935, with Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine in the leading roles (played here by Herbert S. Yarnofsky '40 and Ruth J. Shassel '41), and then on March 24, 1935, began its long run in New York.

College Given \$500

A gift of \$500 was left to the College from the estate of the late William L. Stone of Honesdale, President Ralph D. Hetzel announced today.

Boom! Puff! And Bull Pen's Gone



Engulfed by whirling flames and smoke, the half-raized "Bull Pen" can be seen as ready fuel in the top photo, while State College firemen (on right) spray water on corner nearest to Physics building...

Equipment, Records Lost As Fire Levels Chemistry Annex

Although total losses resulting from the burning of the Chemistry Annex on December 29 have not as yet been computed, irreparable damage amounting to thousands of dollars was incurred in the destruction of the specialized equipment and research records in the laboratories of the ruined "Bull Pen."

Built 30 years ago as a temporary laboratory and lecture hall, the Annex's activities soon established it as one of the foremost research centers in the country.

Greatest loss was sustained in the demolition of the valuable X-ray equipment in the physics laboratory of Dr. Wheeler P. Davey, research director of chemistry and physics. Dr. Davey estimated the loss at approximately \$30,000.

Graduate students and assistants, with but a few more months of work remaining for the completion of degree requirements, were deprived of from two to four years of effort as flames gutted the records of their work. Six students, slated to get their Ph. D.'s in June, will now be unable to attain the degree.

Also destroyed was the sophomore physics lab, preparation rooms, class rooms, storage space for chemical glass, and \$50,000 worth of the glass itself.

Collected over a 50-year period from 1870 to 1920, the chemical museum of former Dean Pond also went up in smoke.

The salvaging by firemen of the high pressure laboratory in charge of Dr. Richard B. Dow and the transformer station was an encouraging feature in view of the wholesale destruction of other equipment.

President Hetzel, confident that the building program to be started next month would somewhat relieve the problem of lack of classroom space, expressed thankfulness because the fire occurred during the Christmas vacation recess.

"For years," President Hetzel said, "we have had the desire to tear down the Amphitheatre because we knew it was highly inflammable. Instead, we had to watch the structure carefully because we needed the space for classes."

S. K. Hostetter, assistant to the President in charge of business and finance, said that insurance on the building and contents would cover the financial loss.

5 Customs Violators Given Stiff Sentences

Opening court after a three week recess, the Men's Student Tribunal sentenced five freshmen, charged with violating the customs code, to a week of servitude. The Tribunal released 12 others with suspended sentences.

Joseph Dixon, who entered school last February, confessed that he never wore customs. Tribunal penalized him with two signs reading "I was sure I was exempt" and "Even I must wear customs"; also with a dance cap tied with green ribbon.

Louis B. Williams will wear a green, knee-length four-inch hand tie, one foot wide at the bottom. A sign "Tribunal tied me" will also be worn.

James M. Richardson will carry a bow and arrow with him and a sign with a picture of a dink with an arrow through it. The sign reads, "I'm hunting for my dink." Joseph C. Sciorilli also was penalized with a hunting theme. He will carry an axe, hunting knife, rope, flashlight, canteen, and a blanket roll on his back. A sign reads, "I'm scouting for my tie." Walter K. Dau, a transfer, will wear the sign, "I missed the exemption deadline."

Included in the sentences was the provision that they must appear at the basketball game tomorrow night in full attire. Sentences will be lifted Thursday.

Display Noted Books

A collection of books which have greatly influenced trends of the modern world will be on display in the exhibit room of the College library until January 22.

A number of the books were selected from lists prepared for the Institute of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University.

Students Attend National Meeting

Campbell, Kennon, Wheeler Take Active Part In Discussing College Activities

Charles R. Campbell, John D. Kennon, and Charles M. Wheeler, Jr., all seniors, represented Penn State at the annual meeting of the National Student Federation of America, which held its session December 28 to January 1 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Kennon was appointed chairman of the committee on direct administration while Campbell upheld the case for optional R. O. T. C. in a debate with the championship University of California team.

The committee on direct administration discussed the problem of student-faculty relationships. Among the topics reviewed were: freshman orientation, social regulations, finances of student governing bodies, discipline, honor systems, and extent of student control.

"Although we couldn't generalize our solutions to these problems," Kennon said, "we did agree on one thing, and that was that honor systems in large schools was impractical."

Because of the size of colleges represented and the varying sections, no one solution could be made to cover the other matters," he continued.

One hundred and ten colleges and universities from all the states sent delegates to the Federation's meeting.

Artists Series Ticket Reductions Announced

A limited number of Artists Course tickets at reduced prices will be on sale at the auditorium Wednesday evening when Hans Kindler and his National Symphony orchestra will appear as the second number of the annual series.

Tickets originally priced at \$4 and \$3 for the series are available at \$3.25 and \$2.25, respectively, for the remaining four numbers. Prices for individual numbers have been set at a point to protect the series ticket holders.

If any individual tickets are available, they will be sold at the following scale: National Symphony orchestra, \$2; Georges Enesco, \$1.50; Kurt Joos European ballet, \$2; and Percy Grainger, \$1.50.

15 Changes In College Staff Announced

Mitchell Named Head Mining Engineering Department

Miss Nitzky, Secretary For 32 Years, Resigns

Fifteen changes in personnel, including four promotions, four new appointments, three leaves of absence, three new assignments, and one resignation, have been announced by the College administration.

Headline the list of appointments was the naming of David R. Mitchell '24, associate professor of mining and metallurgical engineering at the University of Illinois and former advisor to the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission, as professor and head of the department of mining engineering.

Other appointments include John W. Bueh, of the Hudson Coal Company, to the mining engineering staff, effective February 1; and William D. Crawford '36 and George Blum as research assistants in the petroleum refining laboratory.

Secretary to four presidents during the past 32 years and eighth oldest member of the administration staff in point of service, Miss Mary T. Nitzky announced her resignation January 1.

Named secretary to George W. Atherton on March 18, 1905, Miss Nitzky also had served in the president's office under Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, Dr. John M. Thomas, and Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel.

Promotions: Max Kriss and R. W. Swift, from associate professors to professors of animal nutrition; E. E. Marker, from assistant professor to associate professor in organic chemistry; J. S. Oakwood, from research assistant to instructor in organic chemistry.

New positions: C. V. D. Bissye, scheduling officer, to head of statistical division of accounting office; Itay V. Watkins, assistant professor of English composition, to scheduling officer; R. B. Donaldson, assistant county extension representative, to assistant professor of agricultural economics extension.

Six-month sabbatical leaves of absence were given to: J. L. E. McCord, professor of farm management and agricultural economics, to pursue graduate study at Cornell University; J. B. McCool, Clinton county extension representative, to take advanced work at the College; and J. S. Oberle, Chester county extension representative, to visit other colleges. All leaves are effective February 1.

Highway Expert Talks

A. E. Keeley, assistant chief engineer of the state department of highways, will speak on "Highway Transportation in Pennsylvania" in room 110, Home Economics building, at 1:10 o'clock today.

Overholts Heads Group

Dr. Lee O. Overholts, botany professor, was elected president of the Mycological Society of America at its annual meeting held at Indianapolis, Ind.

Building Program Adjudged Top Campus Story Of 1937

Announcement of the College building program to be launched on February 26 was chosen by members of the Collegian staff as the most important and best College news story to break during 1937. Official announcement of the launching was made during the last week of August.

Granting this College a Phi Beta Kappa charter (Sept. 9) placed second with the Soose-Kociubinsky intelligibility story (Sept. 16) in third position. The breaking of the Eastern Intercollegiate record by the wrestling team and the results of the boxing intercollegiate (Mar. 13) was selected for fourth place, followed by the prediction that Dr. Carl P. Schott would be selected dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics (Apr. 16).

Penn's Defeat Named Sixth Rating sixth was the Lions' 7-0 football victory over Penn (Nov. 6) while the announcement of etiquette platforms for the first time in Collegian history (Apr. 13) placed seventh. The election of an Independent candidate to the junior class presidency, the first time such a position was won by an Independent man since 1912 (Apr. 28), was selected for eighth place.

The authorization of a student book exchange to be conducted by the

Senior Cap, Gown Orders Due

Seniors who will graduate at the end of this semester must place their orders for caps and gowns, invitations and announcements at the Student Union desk between 8 o'clock Monday morning and 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, John D. Kennon, president of the senior class, announced yesterday.

Lion Five Upsets Penn Quint, 40-28

Courtmen Score Third Straight Win As Miehoff, Prosser Spearhead Attack

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Applying offensive pressure in the final six minutes of play and holding its opponents scoreless in that period, State's fighting basketball team upset a favored Penn quintet, 40-28, in Philadelphia's Palestra Wednesday night.

More than 5,000 fans many of whom were Penn State alumni, witnessed the third straight victory scored by a Lion team which outplayed the Quakers in every department of the game.

Sol Miehoff, veteran forward, repeated his sensational high-scoring of the western trip with a brilliant performance both offensively and defensively. Miehoff counted 17 points and Charlie Prosser backed him with 14 tallies.

State ran up an 18-7 lead but Penn ran up the score to 21-15 at the half. The Quakers drew up to 29-23 with six minutes of the game remaining. Here Miehoff led a scoring spree which clinched Lion superiority.

Max Corbin calmed the deliberate State attack, slowly bringing the ball into scoring territory and setting up the plays. Penn was unable to pierce the shifting zone defense and banked on long shots throughout. Miehoff and Joe Proksa stemmed Quaker drives at midcourt repeatedly with pass interceptions. The lineups:

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'Import' Will Reign At Snowball Dance

Tomorrow night Penn State will crown its first imported queen. During the intermission of the Snowball dance, the "import," selected by the dance committee, will be crowned the "Snowball Queen."

The dance will be held immediately following the basketball game. The Armory, where the dance will take place, has been transformed into a polar region by Wilfred C. Washoe '38, Thespian technician in charge of decorations. Washoe predicted a heavy "snowfall" to occur as the import, with her two Penn State attendants, ascends the throne of ice and snow to accept the title of Queen.

The dance, sponsored by the Penn State club, is in charge of a committee headed by George A. Baker '38. Others in the group are: William W. Galbreath '39, Herman M. Fogel '40, Ralph W. Keith '39, and Robert L. Smith '39. Bill Bottorf will supply the music. Admission, including checking, is 75 cents per couple.

The Tribunal has permitted the lifting of freshman customs for all those who attend the dance.

N.Y.A. Time Extended To 40 Hours A Month

N. Y. A. time allowance will be extended to 40 hours per month, Stanley B. Maddox, in charge of N. Y. A., announced yesterday.

This limit, replacing the former 35-hour allotment, will be effective as long as funds permit. It is designed to give N. Y. A. employees an opportunity to make up time lost at the beginning of the semester.

Compilations show that 618 students are doing N. Y. A. work. Of this number, 600 are undergraduates, and 18 are graduate students.

German Test Slated

An attainment test for entrance into the Upper Division of the School of Liberal Arts will be given to students of German on Monday, January 17, at 6:30 p. m. in room 108, N. L. A. All students desiring to take the test should arrange for it with Prof. Charles C. Wagner, 12 S. L. A.