

SUCCESSOR To The Free Lance, established 1887.

Penn State



Collegian

READ GRAVY Story on Page 1

Volume 34—No. 36

STATE COLLEGE, PA., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1938

2658 PRICE FIVE CENTS

CAGERS FACE TEMPLE FOR LEAGUE LEAD TONIGHT

I.E. Freshman Missing Since Wed. Morning

Wm. K. Miller Leaves Fraternity House; No Clues Found

Police Investigations, Searches Prove Futile

BULLETIN

William K. Miller's mysterious disappearance from the campus early last Wednesday morning was solved this morning when his fraternity brothers received a letter from him mailed in Elkins, West Virginia. It substantiated their belief that he left school because of low marks.

Miller gave as his reason for not telling anyone was that "he didn't want to be talked out of it." He plans to stay in Elkins until the beginning of the fall semester when he will return to College, the letter said.

William K. Miller, freshman industrial engineering, has disappeared, leaving no clues as to his whereabouts since he left the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house early last Wednesday morning. His father, William R. Miller of Waynesboro, notified police last Thursday, but their teletype pleas have brought no response as yet.

Fraternity brothers said that Miller is a quiet boy, and he had flunked some courses. Upon inspecting Miller's notebook, it was found that he had not taken more than three lines of notes for any one course, his fraternity brothers stated.

It was learned that Miller seemed to be bothered about something all semester, but never spoke much of anything or anyone except about a summer job he had had at an Ocean City, N. J., refreshment stand. The proprietor of the stand, who spends the winter in Florida, has been contacted but he said that he has heard nothing from Miller.

A fraternity brother said that Miller had set his alarm for six o'clock last Wednesday morning, and apparently arose and left at that time.

His description as given to the police is as follows: 18 years old; height—5 feet 8 inches; weight—160 pounds; brown hair; believed to have worn dark blue suit, reversible raincoat, and hat.

It was also learned from the Philadelphia police that they had found E. Richard Bloom '40, who had been reported missing over a week ago. No reason was given for his disappearance, and he could not be contacted here inasmuch as he has not yet returned to school.

Soil Losses Imperil Living Standards, Report Warns

Warning that continued loss of our fertile soils by soil erosion will inevitably lead to a lowering of standards of living in the country, Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk, chief of Soil Conservation Research, U. S. Department of Agriculture, urged the cooperation of all agencies in the drive against soil destruction during a recent visit to the College.

"Cultivation, pasturing, road building, and similar activities accelerate the process of erosion and lessen the amount of good tillable land in the face of an increasing population," Lowdermilk stated.

The Conservation Service is carrying on an intensive program of research in an attempt to learn the most effective means of lowering losses by erosion, the Conservation head said.

Leuschner Appointed

'Sweet Someone'



EDYTHE WRIGHT

Tommy Dorsey's featured vocalist, she will sing and swing in a Colonial setting at the annual Senior Ball to be held in Recreation hall February 25.

Conger To Speak Tomorrow Night

'Streamlining Recreation' To Be Subject Of Talk at 2nd Liberal Arts Lecture

Ray M. Conger of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, will deliver the second lecture of the Liberal Arts series when he speaks in the Home Economics auditorium at 7 o'clock tomorrow night. He will speak on "Streamlining Recreation" and will show slides and a film to illustrate the modern trends in the use of leisure.

Conger received the degrees of bachelor of science and master of science at Iowa State College; studied physical education at Columbia University, and was instructor of zoology and track coach at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., from 1931-1936.

In the latter year he came to this College as an instructor of physical education and is now preparing for the degree of doctor of philosophy.

Outstanding U. S. Runner

Conger was one of the outstanding runners in the United States from 1927 to 1932. He won a score of 1000-meter and one-mile races from the best runners of his day, in this country as well as in Europe.

Among the runners he has defeated are Dr. Peltzer of Germany, Lloyd Hahn of Boston, Dr. Martin of Switzerland, Edwin Wide of Sweden, and Mr. Purge of Finland.

Unforgettable, however, among track fans will be his victory over Paavo Nurmi, the great Finnish runner in the twenties, in Madison Square Garden in 1929.

Since coming to this campus, Conger has steadily worked at the problem of recreation for students in our colleges.

Senior Class President Gets \$350 Rake-off, Report Shows

Receives Commissions From Senior Ball, Caps Gowns, Commencement, Lion Coats; Others Also 'Make' Money

By BRUCE TRABUE

With the revival of interest in Penn State politics and Senior Ball coming two weeks hence, a question of interest to the student body, "Who makes the money and how much?" has been answered by the student activities report for last year published recently.

The report, printed and audited, shows all income and expenditures of student class activity as they are turned in, and "rake-offs" by the president and committeemen are listed as compensation.

From Senior Ball it shows that last year's senior class president, Frank A. Osterlund, received a compensation of \$50.00 beside a checking compensation of \$54.73, a total of \$104.73 for his "services."

Senior Ball Chairmen Included in the report were the salaries of the co-chairmen of that dance. These salaries totaled an amount equal to that received by the president, \$104.73.

Chairmen and paid committee members of committees are political constituents and supporters of the class president, almost without exception men who were instrumental in getting enough votes to get him into office.

Other profits for the president totaling \$350.02 with the inclusion of the senior ball gravy, came in with the spring. Seniors blossomed out in Lion Coats, a \$55.00 blossom fell to the class president.

Seniors graduated, a committee had to be appointed to procure caps and gowns, another to get commencement invitations; announcements and programs published. For this the president received \$115.73 and \$55.00.

Chairman on "Gravy Train" On the cap and gown committee of four, the chairman got \$88.76 for whatever he did and his three assistants got \$58.76, \$48.76, and \$40.00, respectively.

Altogether these political taffy-pullers took in \$350.07 in personal profit. On the commencement printing committee the chairman got \$76.00 while each of his two assistants got \$31.67.

The chairman of the Lion Coat committee, who ordered the coats, received \$55.00, one committeeman got \$25.00, and the other got \$24.78. This all totals to \$95.64 for registered "rake-off" on senior class activities alone.

Other Class Activities Junior Prom seems by the report to be the sole source of the junior class president's income from his political activities. There he received \$96.00 for "services."

The committee chairman received an identical amount. Soph Hop delivered into the hands of the sophomore class president \$86.63 and the same to the two chairmen collectively.

Thus it appears that from class activity in Penn State that \$1301.50 was made by politicians running them, and that here playing politics pays.

Donato Won't Be Professional—Not Even For \$10,000

Sainmy Donato definitely will not enter the professional sports arena after graduation here.

The Lions' stocky 155-pound boxing captain and co-captain of last fall's football team, indicated this yesterday, when he spiked reports that he would be willing to enter the pro ring provided he could make \$10,000 in a year or so and quit before "hearing noises" in his head.

Denying that there was any truth to the report, Donato said that even as lucrative an offer as this would not tempt him to turn professional.

Hillel Elects Officers

Judge Delays Hearing For Clyde Myers

Junior Student In Jail At Bellefonte; Held Under \$2500 Bail

No Reason Given For Sudden Postponement

Scheduled for 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the hearing for Clyde V. Myers '39 before Centre County Judge Ivan Walker at Bellefonte was indefinitely postponed, the burgess's office announced.

No definite reason for the postponement was given. Myers, a 28 student in poultry husbandry, was committed to the county jail at Bellefonte last Tuesday under \$2,500 bail after pleading guilty to seven larceny charges at a preliminary hearing.

With the apprehension of Myers, local police were confident that a long epidemic of robberies of fraternity houses and private homes was solved.

Houses that Burgess Letzell said Myers admitted looting were the Acadia, Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Theta Sigma, and Theta Upsilon Omega fraternities.

Students To Pay Fees Thurs., Fri.

Regular, Installment Payments Due in Armory; A. A. Books Will Be Distributed

The final step in second-semester registration will come to a close with the payment of fees in the Armory Thursday and Friday.

The doors of the Armory will be open continuously from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Thursday and Friday Five-dollar fines will be assessed for lateness.

To Distribute A. A. Books Besides the regular full payment of fees, initial installments on deferred fees will be due at this time.

To avoid congestion, ten alphabetical windows will line the Armory floor. Meanwhile, four special windows, sandwiched among the collection booths, will distribute second-semester A. A. booklets upon the presentation of receipted bills.

Caricature Collection

On Display At Library

A collection of colored London Vanity Fair caricature portraits of famous men of the Victorian era is on exhibit at the College library.

Most of the subjects represented, all drawn from life, are authors. Among them are Kipling, G. B. Shaw, Anatole France, Browning, Meredith, and Zola.

The two most famous Vanity Fair caricaturists represented are "Spy," Sir Leslie Ward, and "Ape," Carlo Pellegrini.

Lane Chairmen Deny Rumors; Independents Organize Frosh

By HERBERT B. CAHAN

Rumors have been flying thick and fast all over this seemingly serene campus during the past week.

Breaking Even On Road, Lions Seek Revenge For 37-30 Loss To Owl Five

Foul Conversions By Miehoff, Stopper Turn Tide As State Trips Georgetown In Extra-Period Battle, 34-33

By JOHN A. TROANOVITCH

Deadlocked with four victories and one loss apiece, Penn State's rebounding Lions and Temple's high-flying Owls will collide in Recreation hall at 7 o'clock tonight, with the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference leadership hinging on the outcome.

Skimming through with a 34-33 extra-period victory over Georgetown's Hoyas at Washington Saturday to gain an even break on the week-end road trip, the Lions will be seeking revenge tonight for Friday's 37-30 loss to Temple at Philadelphia. The loss halted State's eight-game victory march.

Owls Win Fourth Straight

Meanwhile, the Owls, beaten only by Georgetown in the league inaugural, capped their fourth Conference tilt in a row Saturday, drubbing West Virginia, 51-34, with substitutes cluttering their lineup during most of the second half.

Although handicapped by a transparent glass backboard, the Lions matched the Owls point for point as the lead saw-sawed back and forth until the closing moments of the game.

Temple Leads at Half

A capacity crowd of 8,000 saw the State-machine-wipe-out-a-short-lived Temple edge as Charles Prosser and Co-captain Sol Miehoff sank three goals in succession to give the Lions a 6-2 advantage.

The Owls, however, came back with an eight-point spree to move into a 10-6 lead before Prosser broke the spell with a foul conversion. Temple managed to maintain the four-point advantage, holding a 15-11 half-time lead.

Temple increased its lead to 17-11 as the second period opened. Then State began to click, tying up the count at 17-17 as Miehoff, Prosser and Co-captain Joe Prokza ripped the cords with three successive goals.

Nets 8 Points in One Minute

Captain Don Shields, giant Owl forward who took high-scoring honors with 16 points, broke the score with a double-decker, but Miehoff tied it up again, and Prosser added two fouls to give State a 21-19 margin.

Then, with less than 10 minutes left to play, Shields ran wild, netting eight points in less than a minute to park an 11-point streak and give the Owls a decisive 30-21 lead. Jack Reichenbach and Miehoff whittled the lead with three foul shots, but Temple stemmed the Lion surge to take the victory, 37-30.

Reichenbach Back in Form

Almost perfect foul shooting by Miehoff and Bill Stopper and the return of Reichenbach to last year's form provided the Lions with the razor-edged margin of victory over Georgetown Saturday in an extra-period battle marked with dramatic tensions.

Fighting to overcome a 16-14 half-time disadvantage, State kept pace with the Hoyas as the lead shifted back and forth, with the teams seldom separated by more than three points.

Miehoff Knocks Score

With Georgetown ahead, 30-28, and only seconds left to play, Miehoff intercepted a pass near midcourt and

(Continued on page three)

Rev. Thompson Urges Life Guided By Christ

Addressing last Sunday's chapel, the Rev. W. Taliaferro Thompson, professor of religious education at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., stressed the moral activities of man and the motives causing them.

"There are four groups of people in college," he said. "Those who are guided by the crowd, those controlled by the fear of consequences those guided by their convictions, and most important those guided by Christ."

Reverend Thompson advised that each individual should examine himself as to the group which he would be classified under. He should then attempt to live in the last, which is the best controlled life of all, the speaker concluded.