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THETA PHI ALPHA TOPS CO-ED RUSHING WITH 16

Election Of Officers Set For April 6 Voting To Take Place Under New 1938 Election Code Nominating Petitions Due Before March 23

Elections for senior, junior, and sophomore class officers for the next school year will be held from 12:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, April 6, to 12:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, April 8, under the 1938 election code, approved yesterday by Student Board.

The code, first approved by Student Council last Tuesday, will be similar to the one in effect last year, which, among other things, outlawed electioneering in Old Main. Copies of the code will be distributed to the clique chairmen at the Student Union desk Friday, Russell G. Gohn '38, chairman of the elections committee, said.

Petitions Must Be Filed March 23 Nominating petitions, bearing the names of candidates for president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary, and containing signatures of 50 voters in the class, must be filed with the chairman of elections before noon Wednesday, March 23. Candidates for Student Council are subject to the same provisions, although their petitions must carry signatures of 10 per cent of the voters of the class in the school in which the candidate is enrolled.

Accompanying all petitions must be the candidates' platforms and all-College averages, with the four class officers also required to present individual pictures "suitable for reproduction."

Campaign Opens March 30 The campaign will open officially at 7 o'clock Wednesday night, March 30, with the elections committee supplying 15 standard posters containing party candidates and platform to each clique.

Each clique will be limited to \$10 in campaign expenditures, with the clique chairman bound to submit to the chairman of the elections committee the party's "plan of campaign together with an estimate of all expenditures" before noon Wednesday, March 30. The final official list of expenditures must be submitted to the committee chairman at 7 o'clock Tuesday night, April 5.

Talent Sought For New Thespian Production Opportunity has arrived for ambitious Mae Hall Eleanor Powells and would-be Fred Astaires to strut their stuff.

The story for the next Thespian show to be given Interfraternity Ball week-end, April 2, has been written. A series of "sure-fire song hits" have been ground out by William B. Provost '39 and Jack C. Bingham '39, and a call is hereby issued for all who think they can act or dance.

The continuity and gags are supplied by William K. Ulerich '31 and Gordon S. Thomas '39. Musical hits written are entitled "Considering Everything," "Waddle All Around," "I Haven't Any Business Leaving You," and "Bashful Boy."

Since the show requires an especially talented retinue of singers and dancers tryouts were extended today. Tryouts for dancers will be held at 8:15 o'clock in the Auditorium. Actors may demonstrate their ability to "framp the boards" this evening only.

The circuit contracted this year includes Reading on April 18, Philadelphia on April 19, Clearfield on May 16, and DuBois on May 17.

Bortner Gets Post Doyle Bortner, a graduate of Gettysburg College, who received a master's degree in history here last June, has been appointed to the faculty of Peckwom Junior school, Pennsylvania.

Freshman Collegian Candidates Meet

Freshman men and women candidates for the editorial and business staffs of the Collegian will meet at 7 o'clock tonight in room 418, Old Main. Woodrow W. Bierly '38 will be in charge of editorial candidates, with Jay H. Daniels '38 in charge of the business candidates. Other members of the senior staff will be introduced. William K. Ulerich '31, former editor of the Collegian, will give a short talk.

Local Children Cast In Drama

Wolgin, '38 Experiments with Mass Movements In 'Robin Goodfellow'

The use of "stage pictures" is being attempted by Jack L. Wolgin '38 in a production of "Robin Goodfellow" which will be presented on February 23. The cast consists of local children from 8 to 13 years of age. This new development in drama has never before been used in a children's play.

Exemplified by the Moscow Art theatre, this process consists of the use of mass movements in order to produce an effect on the audience. This takes the stress away from individual acting.

A Fairy Tale The play itself is a fairy tale written by Neta Syrett and designed especially for children. Mrs. Arthur C. Cloetingh selected the cast, and Wolgin is designing costumes and sets, as well as directing the play.

Sally Mitchell '38 is in charge of costumes, and Ida Bickley of the division of dramatics, is in charge of make-up.

College Sponsors Traffic Training

2-Week Officer's Course, April 18 to 29, Attracts Fifty Ranking State Police

More than fifty ranking traffic officers of Pennsylvania municipalities will attend the second annual Traffic Officers Training school here sponsored by the Institute of Local Government for a two-week period, April 18 to 29.

The training school will be under the direction of Capt. H. S. Carey, head of the Altoona police department and chairman of the education committee of the Pennsylvania Police Chiefs association.

To Feature Seminar A new feature of the work will be a traffic engineering seminar to be held the last three days of the sessions, April 27 to 29, under the leadership of Burton W. Marsh, director of the safety and traffic engineering department of the American Automobile Association.

Among the speakers will be Lt. Paul R. Kroml, director of the Northwestern University traffic safety institute; Lt. Ray Hoover of the Pennsylvania Motor Patrol; and Professors Amos E. Neyhart, John H. Frizell, Kingsley R. Smith, and Robert E. Galbraith of the College faculty.

'Students Would Benefit By Watching Muralists'—Hyslop

"A decided advantage in having the proposed Old Main murals done in fresco would be the opportunity students would have to watch the artist at work," said Francis E. Hyslop of the division of fine arts. Hyslop, who is one of the originators of the proposal, claimed that the fresco base had the advantages of being a permanent and lasting part of the building and of being the best technique for handling murals. He stressed, however, that the visual participation of the student body in the actual process would make fresco a more integral part of the College than studio murals would be.

"The fresco process is most interesting to watch," Hyslop explained. "The first step in painting murals is for the artist to survey the walls and background. He then retires to his studio to make his plans. The wall plaster is torn down and the wall

Students Favor Elimination Of Racial Prejudice, 3 To 1

364 Reached In Survey By Colored Association Through Sociology, Psychology Classes And '40-'41 Organizations

Although admitting some degree of prejudice toward the Negro race, a cross-section of Penn State's student body registered an aggregate vote of better than 3 to 1 in favor of erasing inter-racial barriers, results of the recent poll taken by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People revealed yesterday.

Including 49 "voluntary" voters, the survey reached a total of 346 students. Besides the voluntary voters, other groups contacted were: sociology department, 135; psychology department, 78; Sophomore Seminar, 30; Freshman Commission, 28; and Freshman Forum, 25.

Most discrimination against the colored race was manifest among the psychology and sociology students, although even there the aggregate averages were as low as 24 and 22 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, members of the Sophomore Seminar voted almost unanimously for elimination of all social barriers between the races.

Prejudice Shown Greatest amount of prejudice against the colored race was shown in answers to the question, "Would you eat in a boarding house that served colored students?" Of the 336 voting on this query, 128 answered in the negative. However, only 58 out of 341 indicated they would object to eating "in a restaurant in which colored students receive service," and only 84 out of 340 said they would refuse "to patronize a barber shop that gave colored students service."

Results of the poll: 1. "Do you consider yourself absolutely unbiased and friendly towards colored people?" Yes, 156; no, 184. 2. "Because of their race or color would you deny public office to men and women who have proved themselves properly qualified?" Yes, 61; no, 281.

3. "Do you feel that colored people or any other minority group are inferior, psychologically or biologically?" Yes, 59; no, 271. 4. "Are you opposed to mixed faculties of white and colored members in public schools when the student

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Debaters Favor Stronger NLRB

Freshmen Representing Seven Colleges Discuss Labor Relations At Meeting

A convention of 34 freshman debaters and coaches from seven schools concluded in a general meeting last Saturday that the National Labor Relations Board should be given the power to enforce arbitration with mandatory award in all cases of industrial dispute. The resolution was adopted as an answer to "What Is the Best Solution to the Employer-Labor Struggle in the United States?" after discussion by three designated committees Friday night.

Institutions represented at the two-day program conducted by the freshman debate team under the direction of J. Edwin Matz '38, were Bucknell University and Junior College, Allegheny College, Juniata College, Scranton-Keystone Junior College, Hazleton Undergraduate Center, and Penn State.

Chairman Assigns Questions Endeavoring to get a cross-section of opinion from the delegates at the convention, the chairman assigned a question pertaining to the employer-labor conflict and the N. L. R. B. to each of three committees. Conclusions were drawn by each committee and presented at the closing assembly Saturday morning.

The convention inaugurated a new feature in the freshman debating program held under the supervision of Fred L. Young '38 and Arthur R. Neary '39 with David E. Cohen '40 as convention secretary.

Russian Club To Meet

Reorganized at a meeting last Thursday, the Russo-American Club will meet in Room 410, Old Main, at 7:30 o'clock Friday night. Membership is open to all Russian Orthodox, Greek Catholic, and Ukrainian students. Olga A. Slepecky '38 is president.

Myers Hearing Slated On Thursday Morning

Previously postponed, the hearing of Clyde V. Myers '39, a 2.8 student in poultry husbandry who confessed to a series of larcenies, will be held in the Court of Special Pleas Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Judge Ivan Walker will preside over the hearing at the Centre county court house in Bellefonte. Myers, who will plead guilty to the charges, has been in the county jail at Bellefonte since shortly after his arrest by borough police February 1.

Watts Appointed To Farm Security Board

Dean Ralph L. Watts of the School of Agriculture, has been appointed to the Pennsylvania advisory committee for the Farm Security Administration.

Characters Cast In 'The Dybbuk'

Verna Sevast Will Play Leading Role; Thomas S. Francis Takes Male Lead

The leading characters for the Penn State Players 18th anniversary production March 18 and 19, "The Dybbuk" by S. Ansky, have been cast by Director Frank S. Neusbaum and Ida Bickley, assistant director.

The part of Leah, about whom the plot of this Jewish folk-legend revolves, will be played by Verna Sevast '39. The male lead, Rabbi Azrael, will be taken by Thomas S. Francis '39.

Charles F. Diehl, graduate student, will be Channon, a young student in love with Leah. He dies in the first act, and his voice is then heard throughout the remainder of the play in the form of a dybbuk, a spiritual being within Leah.

Others cast in important roles are Jane C. Eames '40, Harry W. Reed '38, Bernard Freed '40, Herbert S. Doroshov '40, Robert Robinson '41, Bernard Sechtmann '40, Herman A. Costow '39, and Clay Donges, Jr., '41.

Some of those cast in minor parts are Bernice J. Hunt '41, David W. Jackson, Jr., '38, Joseph W. Dobbs '40, Doris G. Gutman '40, and Irwin R. Supow '40.

Doctor Hill To Speak On Mexico Tomorrow

Dr. and Mrs. J. Benjamin Hill will speak on "Mexican Civilization" in room 109, Agriculture building, tomorrow at 4:10 o'clock.

Doctor Hill, professor of botany, and Mrs. Hill have just returned from Mexico where they studied points of historical interest and the life of the people.

Students, Faculty Extended Ground-Breaking Invitation

All students and faculty members are cordially invited to attend the ground-breaking ceremonies for the College's \$5,000,000 building program, it was announced by John D. Kennon '38, chairman of the student participation committee.

Peel Declares Student Book Mart Success

915 Books Exchanged, Rosen '39 Shows In Financial Report

SU Office Has Money, Unexchanged Books

With the completion last Wednesday of the independent party's Student Book Exchange, the committee's financial report was announced yesterday by Joseph A. Peel, junior class president and sponsor of the Exchange.

Peel stated that "the plan was a success, in that it benefited those participating, students realizing savings as high as a dollar per book by dealing at the Exchange."

The report was submitted to Peel by Samuel J. Rosen '39, chairman of the committee in charge, and showed that 915 books changed hands, making \$91.50 in receipts. Expenses were \$10.18, thus leaving \$81.32 to be divided among the five committee members for 435 hours of man-labor.

The report follows: Receipts— 915 books brought in for sale at 5c (service charge).....\$45.75 915 books sold at 5c (service charge)..... 45.75 \$91.50

Expenses— Signs..... 2.50 Circulars..... 2.83 Sales slips..... 2.00 Thumb-tacks..... .25 Files..... .20 Metal clips..... .25 Advertising..... 2.15 \$10.18

435 hours of man labor at 19c per hour..... \$81.32 \$91.50

The other members of the committee were Edward Hejda, Harvey H. Hellman, Berne L. Pearl, and Henry R. Smith Jr., all Juniors.

It was also announced that the following 16 students have not called for their money or books, which are now available at the Student Union office in Old Main:

William A. Bardo '41, Ruth H. Beach '40, Richard D. Bitner '41, William Capazzo '41, Ernest S. Dix '41, Harry Epstein '40, Eugene W. Fickes Jr. '41, Sidney O. Fisher '39, Robert A. Heimbach '38, Elizabeth J. Keener '39, Dominic D. Miceuc '41, John E. Pretymann '38, Lloyd Reber '41, Kenneth N. Sloan '41, Dorothy L. Snyder '39, and Walter J. Steptis '39.

Doctor Hill To Speak On Mexico Tomorrow

Members of the committee in charge of arrangements for the meeting, who are all freshmen, are Adam A. Smyser and Rita M. Knoll, co-chairmen, Kathryn M. Kochmayer, David E. Wagenseller, Jr., Charles P. Hillferty, Ralph R. Bollinger, Charles J. Bradac, George A. Hay, Jr., Rosemary F. Harris, Lois E. Ruppert, Mina A. K. Smith, and Hazel Strope. Fred L. Young '38 is in charge for the Forensic Council.

Students, Faculty Extended Ground-Breaking Invitation

Many students have been wondering what the digging is for on front campus and on Holmes field. This excavating is the start of the building program, under contracts that were let on January 25 for Part I of the three parts of the program. For the two remaining parts, which includes all new buildings, contracts will be awarded March 15.

Part I takes care of expanding the power and water supply systems, which necessitates service tunnels, pipe lines, artesian wells, pump houses, and electric power circuits. The present digging was to have begun before yesterday, according to the terms under which the contracts were signed.

The first issue of the recently reorganized Penn State Engineer will appear tomorrow or Thursday in printed magazine form. Wilford C. Washco '38 is editor.

A.O. Pi Pledges 14 As 13 Take Theta, Kappa Bids

Rushing Leader



CAROLINE TYSON '38 President of Panhellenic council, who supervised women's fraternity rushing, which was brought to a close Saturday.

Theta Phi Alpha led the ten women's fraternities in pledging 16 women, the largest number bid and accepted by any house. Alpha Omicron Pi placed second with 14; Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma tied for third place with 13 each.

Sunday night at 6 o'clock marked the end of rushing when 112 rushees reported to their new fraternities. This number shows a decrease of five below last year's pledge group of 117.

126 Receive Bids Of the 126 women who received bids, 99 were freshmen; 21 sophomores; and 6 juniors. Among the freshmen 87 accepted bids, 19 sophomores accepted; and 6 juniors accepted.

Open rushing of women students who have attended the College for a semester is now permitted. This allows for pledging at any time after the regular pledging period.

The following women were pledged by the ten fraternities (those listed without numerals are Freshmen):

ALPHA CHI OMEGA Marybelle Crossman, Judith L. Cutshall, Charlotte W. Devers '40, Wilamette I. Devers '40, Jane Ann Fullon, Arita L. Hefferan, Janet N. Holsinger, Vera L. Kemp, Anyarita O. Miley '40, Grace E. Rentschler, and Elizabeth M. Rinard.

ALPHA OMICRON PI Anne V. Boss '39, Edith A. Burrage, Ruth V. N. Davis '40, Cicely M. De Silver '40, Margaret R. De Silver '40, Jean H. Fox, Harriet L. Frost, Jean L. Hofmeister, Jane B. Hoskins, Alice M. Janota, Evelyn S. Lapham, Darline A. Newhauser, Jean M. Townsend, and Jeanne I. Witherow.

ALPHA EPSILON PHI Charlotte J. Dalton, Eleanor Fineberg, Ruth Goldstein, Sybil B. Ivler '40, Betty Jandorf, Shifra L. Kirschman '40, Doris J. Schambelan, and Harriet Singer.

CHI OMEGA Bertha M. Douthett, Virginia C. Heath, Helen L. Kelly, Olga B. Krepol, Martha B. Manifold, Anna Jane

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Dr. Whitmore Calls South Frontier Of Chemistry

"The chemist of today is a frontiersman, like his forefathers with long Kentucky rifles and buckskin breeches," Dr. Frank C. Whitmore, dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics and president of the American Chemical Society, said yesterday in commenting on his recently-completed southern tour.

"The South will be the chemical frontier of the country for the next quarter century at least," he said. "It's chemical raw materials, especially new ones such as cellulose, starch and vegetable oils, have hardly been touched. They are ready, for chemical pioneers who are going south and additional ones trained in southern institutions."

Not only the South, but the entire country possesses limitless supplies of these raw materials, Dean Whitmore added. "A nation which is growing must constantly have new frontiers," he said. "Physical frontiers are gone, but chemical frontiers remain to challenge the United States."

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