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ASU Pamphlet Makes Appeal For Members

Zern's 4-page Booklet Tells Group's View On Peace Issue

McHenry Will Speak At Meeting Sunday

In an effort to interest youth in national and world problems and happenings, the local chapter of the American Student Union issued a four-page mimeographed pamphlet today appealing for membership.

The document, prepared by Gordon K. Zern '40, president of the A. S. U., explains the organization and the phases of discussion in which it is interested.

The organization will hold a meeting in 410 Old Main Sunday at 2 o'clock when Prof. Dean E. McHenry, department of political science, will address the group on lobbying. The subject is significant, the pamphlet asserts, in view of the American Youth Congress pilgrimage to Washington scheduled for March 10, 11, and 12.

Interest in Peace The booklet explains the A. S. U. attitude for peace, and claims that both the organization and its new student members will benefit in discussions of significant issues.

At present a petition by the A. S. U. for recognition by the College is before the Senate Committee on Student Welfare.

On the back of the pamphlet are stubs that the organization is asking students to fill in and place in ballot boxes at the Corner Room and the Student Union desk.

Students are asked to signify whether they are interested in the Youth pilgrimage and whether they are interested in A. S. U. membership.

The pamphlet asserts that the A. S. U. stands for "political, academic, and vocational freedom." It claims that the A. S. U. is non-political. The organization is asking for support to execute its part in promulgating the peace demonstration scheduled for April 27.

High Visualizes Peace Groups In All College

A peace society in every college in the country within the next year is envisaged by Dr. Stanley High, former editor and advisor of President Roosevelt, in an article published this week in the Saturday Evening Post.

Claiming that peace organizations are now a positive political power, Dr. High cites several victories and near-victories and predicts that approximately 700 societies already existing on different campuses throughout the country will receive a tremendous impetus this year.

Pacific Islanders Write Regularly To Knutsen

Three years ago, Martin H. Knutsen, professor of bacteriology, was convalescing from a serious ailment. To while away the hours, he began to correspond with persons in far-off South Sea Islands.

Today, Prof. Knutsen receives mail regularly from the Isles of Tasmannia, Tonga, Pitcairn, home of the Bounty mutineers, Manihutu, Norfolk, Northern Barroo, and Southern Rhodesia.

'The Joy Of Living'



IOLA D. MURRAY '39

Iola Murray '39 Gets Movie Role

Former Campus Queen at RKO, Is Skated for Success In Radio Interview

"Today, 'Hollywood in Person' brings you RKO-Radio's latest discovery. Her name will soon be in lights as she has everything—looks, personality, talent—everything it takes to be a star. Ladies and gentlemen, it is my good fortune to interview for you, Miss Iola Murray."

In those words, Iola Murray '39, voted "the most beautiful girl on campus" in the 1935 Froth contest, was introduced to the radio audience on Monday, February 27.

The latest "find" of Director Tay Garnett, Miss Murray gets her first role in "The Joy of Living," and recognition in nationally known cinema columns including Harrison Carroll's "Behind the Scenes in Hollywood."

Miss Murray began her dramatic career in grammar school. While a student at Penn State, she was active in Theatricals and Players.

Since her arrival in Hollywood last June, Miss Murray has done work in short subjects. The Los Angeles Examiner of February 21, gave the following chronology:

"Although Iola Murray has been 'discovered' several times by sundry artistic folk, Director Tay Garnett was her latest discoverer when she visited the set of RKO-Radio's 'The Joy of Living' last week.

"The late Leslie Thrasher claimed her hands to be the most interesting he had ever seen. Ralph De Wit's photography placed Iola's pictures on the inside as well as the outside of leading periodicals. At Penn State the undergraduates named Iola Campus Queen."

U. S. Biological Bureau Opens Research Unit

With the recent establishment of a new wild-life research unit at the College by the U. S. Biological Survey, investigations for improving methods of managing wild-life and biological studies will be undertaken jointly by the State Game Commission, the Biological Survey, and the College.

Pennsylvania is the eleventh state to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Survey for investigating means of fitting wild-life resources into land-use programs.

Investigations will cover environmental studies, life habits, and the relationships of the more important wild-life species.

Dr. Logan J. Bennett, leader of the town research unit at Ames since its establishment in September, 1935, will be transferred in March to take charge of the work here.

'Pleased With Response Of Audience,' Ballet Head Says

"We were more than pleased with the response of the audience," Hermann Mendl, stage manager of the Jooss European Ballet, said following the production in Schwab auditorium on Wednesday night.

A glance at the equipment, costumes, and the work performed backstage leaves no doubt as to why any audience should show a favorable response to such a performance.

Never before has a production in Schwab auditorium employed so much equipment as was used by the Jooss Ballet. Two unusually large and one small truck were required to transport the equipment from the railroad station at Tyone.

Twenty-five students, campus cops, and College employees were required to unload, set up, and re-pack the hundreds of costumes, lights, stage settings, and even a switchboard and piano.

During the production six students aided the three technicians to operate curtains and lights. Commenting on this assistance, Mendl said: "One of the most important parts in the production of a ballet is the lighting. The student assistance in this work as well as the operation of curtains was without a flaw. Not a cue was missed."

The Jooss European Ballet, which is composed of 32 artists, came here from Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., and left yesterday for New Haven, Conn. Tomorrow they will return to New York City, completing an 18,000-mile tour.

S.U. Amateur Night Opens For Students

Seventeen Already Sign To Act; Cash Prizes Go To Winners

Two Pianos, Jam Band To Furnish Show Music

Who are the four most talented students here? The college audience at the all-college amateur hour tonight at 7:30 o'clock will decide this by the ballots that they turn in after the show. The winners will be given in Tuesday's Collegian.

The show is sponsored by the Penn State Club, and any student may sign for it before five o'clock at the Student Union desk. Seventeen have signed to take part. Cash prizes will be paid to the winners when the announcement is made in the Collegian.

William H. Provost '40 and Myron Brotman '40 will be at the pianos assisted by a jam band in the pit. John C. Bigham '39 will be master of ceremonies. The acts will be sent over a public address system.

The contestants participating in the amateur hour are: Margaret E. Lytle '40, tap routine; T. Wendell Phillips '41, vocal; Jonas B. Kaufman '40, accordion solo; Donald H. Swaab '41, magician.

Charles H. Witter '38, xylophone solo; Harry C. Myers '41 and Joseph C. Myers '40, vocal duet; Leona Krincin '38, piano solo; George A. Baker '38, saxophone solo; Robert L. Heitz '40, tap routine.

Louise A. Paraska '41, vocal; Stephen S. Westrick '38, juggling; Paul M. Fruit, accordion solo; Oscar Krancich '41, vocal; and Charles Flanagan '40, vocal imitations; Ralph Barlow '38, impersonations; and Eleanor Osmerneck '41, vocal.

Musical Societies To Give Concert

Phi Mu Alpha, Louise Homer Club To Feature Sunday Afternoon Program

Continuing the annual series of mid-winter concerts sponsored by the department of music, Phi Mu Alpha, men's honorary musical fraternity, and the Louise Homer Club, women's honorary musical fraternity, will present a joint concert in Schwab auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The program will consist of an organ selection by Phyllis Herzog; a selection of songs by a quartet made up of Bess Edleblute '38, Anne Hall '38, Betty Ann Hartswick '40, and Josephine A. Keeney '40. Barbara M. Troxell will be the accompanist.

Violin Duet Allegro, from Concerto for two violins, by Bach will be played by Bruce Houseneckel '38 and Edward Wood '40, accompanied by Betty Mae Brown '41.

The Phi Mu Alpha orchestra and the Louise Homer Club chorus, accompanied by Henrietta Landis, will render a number of selections.

The concert will be under the direction of Profs. Willa Williamson Taylor and Hummel Fishburn.

Gridiron Banquet To Feature Don Rose As Guest Speaker

Noted Humorist Expected To Add To Satire At Journalists 'Give-And-Take' Dinner

Don Rose, noted humorist, literary critic, and editorial writer and columnist of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, will be the guest speaker of the annual Gridiron banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Although Don Rose has selected no definite topic, he is expected to give a humorous criticism of student life, in keeping with the satiric theme of the affair.

Friend of Jay House His friendship with Jay House, columnist of the Ledger, gained him an editorial position on that newspaper. Later he started and continued his own column, "Stuff and Nonsense," in the Ledger.

His best-known books are "Stuff and Nonsense—A Manual of Unimportance for the Middle-Brow," and "Hardy Perennial," a book of his column extracts.

Sigma Delta Chi calls attention to a typographical error in the invitations. The banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 8. Invitations give the date as Tuesday, March 5. Because of a slight delay in sending out bids to the Gridiron banquet, tickets will remain on sale at the Student Union desk until 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The expenses of the ball will be determined to the nearest figure possible, and then, after a survey of the fraternities, the cost per person will be decided. In this way the smaller houses will not be forced to pay for the "ringers."

"After all this ball is a fraternity ball," declared John S. Mueller '38, president of the Interfraternity Council, "and it should be for fraternity men only. In the past, the dance has been overcrowded and this year some of the groups have threatened not to support it."

The usual procedure for the payment of Interfraternity Ball is for each fraternity to pay \$50 to the Council, regardless of the number of its members, who are attending the dance.

"We expect to sign a 'name' band sometime this morning," Mueller concluded. Council president and committee co-chairmen refused to name whom they had been contacting.

Skating Session Opens Tomorrow

Armory Floor to be Used For Initial College Roller Rink; 25-cent Admission

An old form of recreation will be made available to Penn State students, faculty, and townspeople for the first time in College history. Sponsored by four physical education faculty members in cooperation with other College agencies and Hecla Park, a roller skating rink will be opened in the Armory tomorrow afternoon.

The opening session will be from two to five o'clock in the afternoon, and the Armory will be open again from 7 to 11 o'clock tomorrow night. The entrance fee, for participants and spectators, will be 25 cents per session.

Electives to Get Credit The committee in charge is Virginia Achuckle, Ray M. Conger, Earl J. Edwards, and Charles M. Speidel, all of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. It was announced that students on the elective basis in physical education may bring their cards to be signed.

Two hundred pairs of fibre wheeled skates and sound equipment have been provided by the management of Hecla Park. There will also be a floor director and skate boys to provide for the expected crowd. The floor in the Armory, which has been washed, is larger than the one used at Hecla.

It was made known that if interest is sufficient and conduct is satisfactory, an effort will be made by the committee to provide skating once a week.

Who's Dancing

TONIGHT Ru sin American Group ACC House (Closed)

Phi Sigma Delta Campus Owls (Invitation)

Delta Gamma Bill Bottorf (Invitation)

SATURDAY Alpha Omicron Pi Booth Watnough (Invitation)

N. Y. A. Checks Now Available

Student N. Y. A. checks will be available at the Bursar's office until noon Saturday, March 12. Under the new federal regulations now in effect, individuals must apply personally for their checks.

Refunds for courses carrying fees which have been dropped since the time of registration are also available at the Bursar's office now.

Sub-Council Plan Will Be On Ballot

Student Opinion On Kennon Plan For School Elections Will Be Asked

"Nominations in the new School councils will take place this year as before. This year, as last semester, the senior councilman-elect will organize the council in his school. Thus spoke Senior class president, John D. Kennon in answer to an inquiry about these elections.

"Until these new groups get definitely organized," Kennon continued, "it would be better if they were left out of the spring ballot. Any student in the school can nominate a member of his own department for the council. Shortly after nominations, the elections are scheduled with no political maneuvers possible. Students will be questioned on the ballot concerning student council elections.

Open Nominations School councils in each of the units were organized last semester by Kennon after his plan for democratization of Student Council went into effect. In the original plan the election of the members of the councils was to be kept out of the regular spring elections so that politics would have no hand in their selection.

"We decided not to put the candidates to the sub-councils on the spring election ballot as some of these groups have not been organized very long. Till the idea is given a chance to work without the hindrance of campus political trades, then no judgement can be scientifically formed," Kennon concluded.

The several school councils will become regular campus activities, Kennon explained. The plan now is that in the near future members of these groups will receive keys and be given a place in the LaVie.

Kennon also stated that there was a possibility of testing student opinion on the question of changing the College's name in the balloting in the spring elections.

Dean Starts Reform—'No Liquor at Dances'

A threat to "withhold the privilege of holding dances unless some guarantee of creditable conduct could be given," was issued in letters to fraternity presidents here by Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock this week.

Citing the "obvious" drinking that took place over Senior Ball week-end, Dean Warnock stressed the "one thing most do" is to "find a way to eliminate drinking and drunkenness from dances held in Recreation hall."

"At the Senior Ball," the letter read, "it was obvious that many students and their guests had been drinking excessively before they came to the dance. In several fraternity booths open drinking took place."

Gives Talk In London

Professor H. A. Everett, head of the department of Mechanical Engineering, recently addressed the Institution of Mechanical Engineers of London, England.

Murals, Art Gallery Included In M.I. School Building Plans

"We will paint three murals as an integral part of our new building program," Dean Edward Steidle of the School of Mineral Industries, announced yesterday.

"People always think of our building as being hard-boiled, and we want to beautify it with a functional art program including murals and a Mineral Industries art gallery to tell the story of our industry," he explained.

"There will be two murals in the circular lobby: one will depict the earth sciences and mineral producing industries; the other, the mineral processing industries and the civilization which has resulted. A third mural will be at the end of the main lobby at the entrance to the art gallery, and it will depict the early mineral industries in Centre county.

"The selection of the muralist has been narrowed down to five," Dean Steidle stated. "However, he will be a Pennsylvanian from the Pittsburgh district, familiar with the mineral industry scene."

"The only mineral industries art gallery in the world will occupy the main floor of our new central wing," he went on. "At present we have 106 paintings of our industry by 76 Pennsylvanian artists."

Dean Steidle's art collection, valued at thousands of dollars, is widely-known in art circles and many requests are made by organizations throughout the state to have them for exhibition.

Observatory Proposed For Construction

Dr. Yeagley Announces Planned Series Of Buildings

Student Instructors To Aid Telescope Use

To present a wider knowledge and create a greater appreciation and interest in astronomy and give a better understanding of the earth and the celestial bodies about it, Dr. H. L. Yeagley, School of Chemistry and Physics, announced plans for a proposed multiple student astronomical observatory to be located on the northeast side of the golf course.

This series of small observatories, each large enough to accommodate late 15 people, will contain a reflecting or refracting telescope for the use of the students, faculty members and visitors. Student instructors will be stationed on regular schedule in each building to assist visitors in the use of the telescope.

Astronomy Popular Observatories all over the country have been largely for the use of astronomers and research workers, but recently, astronomy has become one of the most popular of sciences. The need for such buildings became urgent on this campus when over 2,000 people visited the Buehok observatory last summer. During the regular college session, between 50 and 75 students visit it every evening when it is open.

Concerning the observatory, Dr. Yeagley said: "The thing we are trying to do is to serve the students themselves rather than the research worker, for the study of astronomy and telescope-making offers the finest kind of opportunity for leisure time occupation."

Dean Frank C. Whitmore, department of Chemistry and Physics, asserts in regard to the multiple observatory: "In an institution like Penn State, a major portion of whose efforts has to be devoted to vocational activities, it is unusually important to develop a few activities which are less practical but nevertheless are perhaps fully as valuable. I believe that the encouragement of amateur astronomy is one of the best of these which any institution can develop."

Name Poll Results Pour In From Students

Results of the Collegian poll to determine student attitudes on Governor Earle's proposed changing of the College name are pouring in.

Ballots are being distributed to all fraternities, clubs, dormitories, and rooming houses. Students also may vote at the Student Union desk.

The poll is being taken in compliance with the Governor's request at ground-breaking ceremonies last Saturday that student opinion as to the changing of the name of the Pennsylvania State College be determined.

The Governor suggested a name such as the University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He said that students may prefer some other name, but insisted that this institution should be classified as a university.

Students are being asked whether they want the name of the College changed to that of a university, whether they like the Governor's suggested name, or whether they would prefer the name of the Pennsylvania State University. A blank also is provided where students can write in other names that they prefer.

Of interest at this time, is the result of a Froth survey four years ago when 100 ballots were sent to the Pacific coast, asking people there if they were to attend an institution of higher learning whether they would choose the Pennsylvania State College or Susquehanna University. Ninety-nine said they would attend Susquehanna, because it is a university.

Library Receives Gift

Another valuable and rare collection of "Americana" was received by the Library from Dr. D. Walter S. Hertzog, director of American historical schools.