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PEEL, INDEPENDENT, REPEATS AS 1939 PRESIDENT

Don Bachman, Pearce Head '39 Grapplers

Lion Ace Lost But One Match; Forfeited As Knee Broke

Donald G. Bachman '38 was chosen captain of the 1938 wrestling team at a meeting of the lettermen yesterday afternoon and John H. J. Pearce '38 was elected manager of the matmen for next season, it was announced Tuesday by Joseph P. Proksa '38, A. A. president. Bachman, undefeated this year in the 165-pound class, succeeds Ross P. Shaffer '38 as captain and Pearce follows George W. Jarden '38 as manager.

Ten wrestlers were awarded varsity letters, and numeral sweaters were given to 12 freshmen. Varsity letter awards: Donald G. Bachman '39, Ernest F. Bortz '40, Stephen J. Priolo '38, Robert N. Reynolds '38, Capt. Ross P. Shaffer '38, Aldo Zazzi '38, and Manager Jarden '38. Numeral awards: William C. Bachman, Curtis G. Eves, Arnold E. Feuricht, Frank A. Gleson, Frank E. Kirkhoff, Weir S. Lucas, Wade E. Mori, Ben B. Overholt, Capt. Joseph R. Senzo, Lawrence Tate, and Joe Valla.

Thomas W. Hovatt, Jr. Awarded an Associate Manager's Letter, and Robert H. Eschbach '38 was given a special letter for serving three years on the varsity.

Fletcher L. Byrum, Jr. '40, Edward M. Pennington '40, and Charles E. Reed, Jr. '40 were named first assistant managers. Freshman wrestling manager for next season is Albert E. Willgoos, Jr. '40. Alternate first assistant managers are Robert T. Lewis '40 and Frank J. Richardson '40. John C. Rex '39 and Robert I. Wilson '39 were named associate managers.

Weaver Formally Resigns Position

Named Professor Emeritus By Trustees After 26 Years Of College Service.

Dr. Frederick P. Weaver, former head of the department of agricultural economics, was named professor emeritus by the college board of trustees at its meeting in the Penn Harris hotel Tuesday night when his resignation was accepted. After 28 years of service to the college, Dr. Weaver resigned the post of director of February because of poor health. Leaves of absence were granted to Dr. Carroll D. Champlin, professor of education, who will serve as leader in public forums organized by the United States Department of Education, and to Dr. Haskell B. Curry, associate professor of mathematics, who will enroll for post-doctoral work at the Princeton Institute of Advanced Study.

Special Buses To Run For Easter Vacation

Special Easter vacation Greyhound buses will leave from in front of Recreation hall at 12:45 o'clock Wednesday bound for 11 key communities and intermediate points, it was announced last night by the Hotel State College, agents for the line. Buses will go directly to Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, New York, Harrisburg, Altoona, Pittsburgh, Sunbury, Philadelphia, Tyrone, Johnstown, Greensburg and intermediate points, with schedules substantially shorter than the regularly-scheduled runs. In order to be guaranteed a seat on any of the special buses, it will be necessary to purchase tickets between 8 a. m. tomorrow and 8 p. m. Tuesday. Tickets may be purchased at the bus depot in the lobby of the hotel.

Seniors Will Name Honor Men Monday

Senior honor men will be decided at a class meeting in the Room 405, Old Main, Monday night at 8 o'clock, John D. Kennon, president of the class, announced today.

Kennon also said that he called the meeting for an open discussion of class gift proposals.

The honor men, to be selected by popular vote, include spoon man, pipe orator, barrel man, cane man, and class donor. These honors are the traditional class day awards to certain outstanding graduating seniors. Last year, after the qualifications and identifications of each of the awards had fallen into confusion, the following evaluation was placed upon each position.

SPOON MAN—Outstanding senior who will present class gift.

PIPE ORATOR—Outstanding activities man.

BARREL MAN—Popular and well-known senior.

CANE MAN—Outstanding athlete and activities man.

CLASS DONOR—Chairman of the class day program.

Kennon said that last year's evaluation would stand for this year. Also he urged all seniors to attend to give more scope to the class gift discussion.

Doty '38 Elected Head Of Pan-Hellenic

Vivian S. Doty '38 was officially installed as president of Pan-Hellenic council last night in second floor lounge, Old Main. Gladys R. Ortisky '40 was made vice-president, Elizabeth B. Long '39, secretary, and L. Jean Stillwell '39, treasurer.

Mrs. R. G. Bernreuter was elected to succeed Mrs. S. W. Hailer as council advisor, one advisor being named each year for a two-year term. The other advisor is Mrs. E. C. Davis.

The new rushing code was approved by the council. According to this code, rushing season will open the first afternoon of second semester with a general party sponsored by Pan-Hellenic for all freshman women interested in fraternities and for all fraternity women. Friday and Saturday afternoons following this party each fraternity will hold open house, with no personal invitations issued.

From Sunday noon until Thursday night at 9 there will be an open rushing period. Formal dinner invitations will be given out Thursday night and will be answered Friday afternoon. From Thursday night until the dimmers Saturday there will be a silent period, and another after the dimmers' until notification of acceptance Sunday.

22 Students Tramp Sidewalks Investigating The 'Big City'

From tramping the sidewalks of Lexington avenue in the heart of Harlem to investigating incense-filled chop suey houses along Mott street, principal thoroughfare of New York's Chinatown—all were on the itinerary of 22 Penn State students who spent four days last week in the "Big City" on a social inquiry trip.

The East Side with its rickety tenements, ragged children, and crowded population. Radio-City with its majestic skyscrapers, soundproof broadcasting studios, and spacious theaters—these too were visited by the group.

The students talked to social workers and gained at first hand information on how the upper and lower halves work and play. Problems of the Chinese and of the Negroes were explained to the group by members of those races in Chinatown and Harlem, respectively.

The settlement visited. The Henry Street Settlement, a focal center in the recreation, health, and well-being of many of the city's under-privileged was also the list of

Introducing The New Presidents



JOSEPH A. PEEL '39



WALTER A. JONES '40



ARNOLD LAICH '41

These three men will direct the activities of their respective classes for the coming year. Peel is the first Independent to become Senior Class president.

College May Receive Unexpected Surplus To Equip New Buildings

Easter Services To Feature Music Of College Choir

The college choir of 110 voices under the direction of Prof. Richard W. Grant will present the annual Easter musical service in Schwab auditorium Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Special organ music for the affair will be played by Mrs. Irene O. Grant. Dr. John H. Frizzell, college chaplain, will be in charge of the service.

The program for the musical service follows: Organ prelude—"Toccata" and "Resurrection Morn;" the invocation by Dr. Frizzell; "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," a hymn by the choir; the scripture reading; "The Trees and the Master" by the choir; "Magdalene" by the choir; "The Day of Resurrection" by the whole congregation; "Listen to the Lambs" by the choir; the morning prayer, announcements; "Song of the Stars," an organ offertory; "Christ Triumphant" by the choir; "Alla-luia," a hymn by the whole congregation; the benediction; and the postlude—"Hosanna."

Landsberg Will Give Paper at Bucknell U.

Helmut Landsberg, assistant professor of geophysics, will present a paper before the Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences at Bucknell University April 15, on "Climate Cycles in Pennsylvania." Professor Landsberg will analyze weather data collected since 1825 in Philadelphia.

According to Prof. Landsberg, the "northern lights" seen recently by Doctor Neuberger, instructor in geophysics, are the result of sunspot activity. In 1938, he says, the eleven-year sunspot cycle will probably reach its peak, having a slight lowering of effect on the average temperature.

Dr. Selsam Attends Swedish Celebration

Dr. J. P. Selsam, assistant professor of history, and secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, is in Philadelphia to attend a dinner in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the establishing of a Swedish colony near Philadelphia. The dinner is sponsored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Swedish Colonial Society.

This celebration will be broadcast to many similar affairs throughout the United States, and will mark today as a legal Swedish holiday. Swedes and Finns in America will begin a celebration, climaxing in June, when a delegation from Sweden, led by the Crown Prince, will tour the United States.

Low Bid Will Increase Available Funds By \$600,000

Although complete uncertainty shrouded the possibility of receiving an expected \$600,000 surplus in the General State Authority's five-million-dollar construction program here, college authorities were hopeful today of obtaining the money to help equip the 11 new buildings included in the program.

The surplus was created when Matthew H. McCloskey & Co., Philadelphia, entered a low bid of \$2,598,000 for the construction of the buildings, more than \$600,000 below the Authority estimate and approximately \$16,000 less than the next highest bid placed by John McShain, Inc., Philadelphia.

Low bidders for other contracts in Part II follow:

Heating and ventilating—Daniel J. Keating, Philadelphia, \$211,776.

Electrical—H. B. Frusser & Co., Philadelphia, \$165,734; Plumbing—Herre Brothers, Harrisburg, \$191,249.

Herre Brothers also hold the contract for extension of electric power lines on the campus, which was let January 25.

Agreement Is Obstacle. Greatest obstacle to the college's obtaining the surplus fund seems to be the agreement upon which PWA grants to the State Authority are conditioned. An official ruling is expected soon.

Work on the actual construction of the buildings is expected to be launched immediately, in view of the fact that the Authority contracts specify that it is to begin within 10 days.

Included in the McCloskey bid was a wing to the proposed Chemistry and Physics building to replace the old Chemistry Annex, destroyed by fire last December. The building will be located on the present site of the Theta Phi Alpha and Dean Sackett houses, Center Drive.

Buildings Listed. The second part of the program includes the following new buildings and additions:

Liberal Arts—Central section of three stories and basement, 166 by 55

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Alpha Tau Omega-Phi Lambda Theta Merger Completed

The Alpha Tau Omega-Phi Lambda Theta merger disclosed in the last edition of the Collegian has been completed with the transfer of 16 Phi Lambda Theta's to the A. T. O. house since Sunday night.

Kept in the dark with only the faintest rumors leaking out, the merger began late Sunday night when several men moved to A. T. O. Deans of Men Arthur R. Warnock's permission for the movement was given Saturday, and plans were completed immediately prior to the actual exodus.

To Sell House, Furniture. Plans include the sale of the present Phi Lambda Theta house and furniture, the proceeds to go toward future A. T. O. initiation fees. Formal pledging will take place the week-end following Easter vacation.

Before this can take place, however, each of the 16 transferring fraters have to receive formal release from the national chapter of Phi Lambda Theta. Two of the former Phi Lambda Theta's are not making the change.

The move is interpreted as an aid to both houses, since A. T. O. at present has a small membership, and seniors are expected to be lost this year by graduation. President of the A. T. O. house is Raymond F. Kroll '39.

ASME Confab Planned For May 4 in Altoona

Prof. Frederick C. Stewart, chairman of the Central Pennsylvania section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, has announced the completion of plans for a meeting to be held at Altoona on May 4 under the combined auspices of the A. S. M. E., the Altoona Engineering Society, and the Centre County Engineers.

Speakers will be Mr. Graham, assistant engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Mr. Guyne, vice-president in charge of transportation for the General Electric corporation. Of interest to all engineering students will be an opportunity to visit the railroad laboratory during the afternoon.

Physiologist To Speak On Chemistry of Soil

Dr. Burton E. Livingston, director of the plant physiology laboratory of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, will speak on "Some Important Aspects of Soil Chemistry in the Economy of Plants" in Room 109, Agriculture building, at 4:19 o'clock this afternoon.

Dr. Livingston is an internationally-known plant physiologist. He has been associated with Johns Hopkins University for 27 years and is a member of the executive committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Jones, Laich Elected As Campus Takes All '40, '41 Major Offices

Peel Sets 2 Records As First Non-Fraternity President of a Senior Class, First Head to Succeed Himself

Two new marks in Penn State political history were set yesterday when Joseph A. Peel '39, Independent, won the Senior class presidency by a margin of 47 votes over Stanley J. Brown '39, Campus candidate. Peel is the first Independent, non-fraternity man ever to hold the school's most coveted political prize. He also became the first Penn State student to succeed himself, inasmuch as Peel is the outgoing Junior class head. John Patrick '39, Third Party lone presidential nominee, garnered only 23 votes.

Pre-election predictions came true in the other two classes, as campus clique men were swept into office by large majorities.

Walter A. Jones '40 led a clean sweep. Arnold Laich '41 became Sophomore class president. Defeated candidates in the two lower classes were Richard Ellenberger '40, Independent, and Walter Kniaz '41, Independent.

Campus Gains Big Majority. Jones and Laich had majorities of 110 and 133, respectively, over their Independent rivals, as a voting record was set when 2474 men students turned out at the polls. This was five over last year's record total of 2469. But, percentages did not run as high this year as last, as only 85 percent voted in this year's Senior class elections—up 75 per cent last year. A larger student body this year probably accounts for only 66 per cent voting, whereas 73 per cent turned out last year.

The only question appearing on the ballot, "Do you favor the continuance of the new Student Council plan?" received a landslide "Yes" vote. The total count was: Yes—1,078, No—150.

Campus won one major office in the Senior class, as William Stopper garnered 70 votes more than Robert Hopkins to become 1939 class secretary. Willard Root, Peel's running mate, was automatically elected vice president. Harvey Heilman, 1939 Independent was named treasurer by polling one vote more than James Nunge. The Independents took four Student Council posts to three for Campus in the Senior class. Harold Arnold, Education; William Wilson, Chemistry and Physics; Peter Seder, Mineral Industries; and Walter Clarke, Agriculture were the Independent winners. Campus 1939 Student Council electees were: Nicholas Kay, Engineering; Donald Nokes, Liberal Arts; and Raymond Brake, Physical Education.

1940 Campus Wins All Office. All 1940 Campus candidates were swept into office powered by their strong political machine. The only close vote was for Physical Education Student Council representative, where Joseph Myers won by a single vote over Richard Yohn, 13 to 12.

The other 1940 Campus men who won handily were: Lloyd Smith, vice president; Richard Britton, secretary; Bernard Newman, treasurer; Edgar Landen, Education S. C.; Dunning Rupprecht, Engineering S. C.; Robert Voris, Chemistry and Physics S. C.; A. James Fedeli, Liberal Arts S. C.; Scott Alter, Mineral Industries S. C.; and Alfred Meder, Agriculture S. C.

In the Sophomore class polling, Campus took all four major offices as the Independent party was able to win only three Student Council berths. The Independent winners were: Theodore Rice, Chemistry and Physics S. C.; William Bachman, Mineral Industries S. C.; and Thon as Backenstose, Agriculture S. C. The 1941 Campus winners were: Wil-

Whitmore Names 78 On Honor Roll. Dr. Frank C. Whitmore, dean of the Chemistry and Physics school, announced that 78 students registered a 2.5 average or better last semester. Freshmen placed 29 on the honor roll; juniors, 20; sophomores, 20; and seniors, 19. Ten students claimed perfect grades.

Dean Whitmore was unable to explain this large honor group, the largest to represent the school. "If anything," he said, "our profits are tougher, not easier, as the figures may lead to believe. These averages may be the result of stricter entrance requirements, or it may be that the students realize that the jobs they get depend largely on their school work. And then, it may be both."

Have Straight '39. Those with "39" averages are: Alfred A. Albert '38; David J. Bohm, James Fritz, and Alberto Schuttler '39; Frederick B. Augustine, George E. Inspeck, and Robert S. Voris '40; Gerald B. Bready, Robert C. Grass, and Joseph C. Schill '41.

Others on the honor roll are: Donald B. Broughton, Irving Coblenz, Olwen W. Evans, Neal D. Lawson, Stanley D. Melville, John A. Ritter, Joseph M. Pensack, Frank H. Filtenhouse, George F. Rouault, Robert J. Schaffer, Bruce R. Tegge, and David S. Weddell, seniors.

Juniors: Bruno L. Bonucci, Ruth E. Breitwieser, John D. Clendenin, James R. Donalley, Isidore Greenberg, Raymond H. Hammel, Robert H. Hasek, Edward W. Heuson, Harold M. Kaplan, James L. Keller, Joseph P. Kries, Lawrence Lambert, Henry E. Markley, Jane Pfister, Bernard Rossman, Malcolm L. Sagenkahn, and Robert Schlessler.

Sophomores: George F. Bottori; Herbert S. Dornshoff, John D. Gari ber, Richard S. Goldthwait, John R. Graham, Rose Kozaik, Lois T. Myers, George H. Pyle, William J. Reagan, William G. Renshaw, Harry D. Sarge, John J. Shaffer, and Frank A. Steinhilper.

Freshmen: William F. Abbey, Michael Beley, Robert C. Clark, George P. Cressman, Charles K. Etner, Robert B. Filbert, Paul F. Gans, David J. George, Sheldon Goldstone, Alfred Kirachenstein, Charles A. Laubach, Albert L. Myerson, Charles G. Overberger, Sidney W. Penn, Oliver H. Rose, Murray W. Rosenthal, Harlan K. Saylor, Samuel Schwartz, Richard M. Seriver, Sidney Self, Howard F. Sutter, Bursall H. Taylor, Andrew T. Walter, and Arthur K. Woernle.

Show Costume Plates

A collection of costume plates has been loaned the library by the WPA for display in the reading room, lobby, and exhibit room during April. The display includes 50 large colored plates on Asiatic costumes, many smaller plates on western costume from ancient times through the gay twenties, and a series of costume illustrations for "Rip Van Winkle," "Robin Hood," "Treasure Island," "Ivanhoe," "Leif Erikson," and "The Odyssey."

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Engineers Go On Trip

Seniors in the civil and sanitary engineering departments left last Wednesday on their annual field inspection trip of plants and public works in Altoona, Lancaster, Pottstown, Steelton, and Harrisburg. The trip ends in Harrisburg on Wednesday.