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## PEEL SPONSORS PETITION FOR MID-YEAR RECESS

### Mothers To See May Day Fete

#### Lucille Giles Will Be Queen Of Ceremony

#### Kingdon, Hetzel Speak On Scholarship Day Chapel Program

Approximately 1,000 mothers, guests for the annual May Day - Mothers' Day exercises, will witness the crowning of Lucille Z. Giles '38 as May Queen on front campus at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. In the event of rain, the ceremonies will be postponed until 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

A combined Mothers' Day chapel service and Scholarship Day ceremony will take place in Recreation hall at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning with President Ralph D. Hetzel presiding and Dr. Frank Kingdon of Newark University as guest speaker.

Doris Blakenore '39, president of W. S. G. A., will place the symbol of recognition upon Miss Giles' head as she is crowned Queen of the May amidst the colorful pageantry of an old English May Court. Rachel M. Bechtel '39, W. A. A. president, will present the Queen with the World and Italia A. DeAngelis '39, president of the P. S. C. A., will give her the Scepter.

The Honor Arch of 20 outstanding seniors, new members of Mortar Board, the henlock chain, Maid of Honor and class attendants, heralds, jesters, May pole and folk dancers, and flower girls and train-bearers, who will be town children, comprise her retinue. A special section of seats will be reserved for guests.

Entertainment for the program will be provided by the Louise Homer Ensemble and the orchestra of Phi Mu Alpha. Each will play for the Processional and Recessional, but the dancing will be accompanied by two pianos. Cwens will distribute programs, and carnations are to be sold by Mortar Board members before the ceremony.

Tapping for Mortar Board, senior women's honorary, and Cwens, sophomore women's honorary, at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning, will officially begin the weekend. At the Mothers' Breakfast on Holmes Field at 7 o'clock, compulsory for all freshman women, new Cwens members will be introduced.

Mothers will be again honored at a tea for them given by the co-eds in the second floor lounge of Old Main from 2:30 until 4:30 o'clock. Mothers of senior men and women will pour.

An innovation in the May Day festivities will be a social hour for the mothers of all students in the Armory from 7 to 8 o'clock. All mothers are cordially invited and there will be no admission charged. "Pride and Prejudice," Players' production, will conclude tomorrow's activities in Schwab auditorium at 8:30 o'clock.

Dr. Frank Kingdon, president of Newark University, Newark, N. J., will speak on "Giants and Grasshoppers" at the Mother's Day chapel.

**C. A. Group Appointed**  
A committee to arrange for student participation in the annual assembly of the student Christian group of the middle Atlantic region to be held at Eaglesmere, June 11 to 17, was appointed yesterday.

Included on the committee are Prof. Clarence O. Williams, Vivian S. Doty '39, Evelyn Brumbaugh '40, Barbara E. Lewis '39, Beryl M. Hindman '40, Virginia A. Delp '39, and H. William Kitchen '40. Students wishing to participate in the conference must register at the Christian Association office not later than May 12.

**Supow Makes Staff**  
In addition to the list recently published, Irwin R. Supow '40 was elected a business associate on the Froth staff at the annual dinner Sunday.

#### Senior Class Head, Editor Rap Societies

See editorial, "Let's Clean Up," page 2

Charging that the entire honorary system should be reorganized to eliminate politics, Joseph A. Peel '39, incoming senior class president, and John A. Traonovitch '39, editor of the Collegian, Wednesday night rejected bids to Lion's Paw, regarded as the leading senior activities honorary society on the campus.

It was the first time in College history that both the senior class president and the editor of the Collegian refused to accept bids to the society. Issue Joint Statement

"Although some will naturally doubt our intentions, we hope to stress our complete sincerity in this matter," a joint statement prepared by Peel and Traonovitch read.

"We are not declining this honor in order to gain any additional prestige that might be forthcoming. We are doing this solely because we believe the entire honorary system here needs a thorough cleansing. Above all, politics must be eliminated.

"Therefore, after weighing all sides of the matter, we believe that in order to carry out our aims to place the honorary system back on the high standard it enjoyed years ago it is best to be free from any further entangling ties."

#### Annual AA Vote Set For Monday

Harrison, Rockmaker, Prosser, Toretta Seek Presidency; AA Books Required

Election of officials of the Athletic Association for 1938-1939 will be held in the first floor lounge of Old Main Monday. All students will be required to present their A. A. books in order to vote, Russell G. Gohn '38, head of the election committee, stressed.

Voting will take place from 8 to 12 o'clock in the morning and from 1 to closing time at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Harry S. Harrison, Wilmer K. Rockmaker, Charles A. Prosser, and Sever J. Toretta, all juniors, will vie for the presidency of the association with Dean H. Hanley, William W. Stopper, John Sayers, and Victor E. Gentilman, all seniors, as respective running mates for the office of secretary.

Nominations were held at a meeting of coaches, captains, and managers of all sports last week.

Entered at this point several fat men wearing blue uniforms with brass buttons. Gandece was escorted to the city jug. Since that time his dual cognomen has been "One Punch-Alcatraz" Gandece.

Heckled Hal Kemp  
Several years ago when Hal Kemp opened at a Pittsburgh theatre, the first performance found Kay Kyser and his whole band sitting in the first row reading newspapers, crunching peanuts, and pretending boredom. It was Gandece's idea.

A prankster of the first water, Gandece is the nemesis of the whole organization. Gandece is the gentle one who dumps itching powder in the beds of his associates. He is who sets the alarm clocks for 7 a. m. after the band has played until two.

When Kay Kyser and the band that gave you singing song titles plays Junior Prom here on May 13, Lyman Gandece, arranger, cut-up, and talented pianist, will be spotlighted.

#### IFC Elections Slate Coskery As President

#### Pearce, Goerder Picked To Other Posts In Council Group

Raymond S. Coskery '39 was elected president of Interfraternity Council, and John H. J. Pearce '39 was named secretary-treasurer at a meeting of the council in the Home Economics auditorium Monday night.

Robert L. Goerder '39, who was nominated for the presidency after Stanley J. Brown '39 had refused a nomination last week, automatically becomes vice-president. Lewis W. Shollenberger '39 was the other candidate for secretary-treasurer.

Coskery succeeds John L. Moeller '38, while Pearce replaces Ross P. Shaffer '38.

The council has voted to give representatives their I. F. C. keys at the end of the junior, instead of senior year.

#### Players Give Initial Showing Of 'Pride, Prejudice' Tonight

With rehearsals behind them, the Penn State Players will stage "Pride and Prejudice," Helen Jerome's dramatization of Jane Austen's satire comedy novel, tonight and tomorrow night in Schwab auditorium as a feature of the College's program of tribute to Mothers' Day.

Generally considered as one of the masterpieces of the theatre, the drama will be enacted by a cast of 25, put through the paces by Director Frank Neusbaum of the division of dramatics.

Plot Involves 3 Sisters  
The play will revolve around the love affairs of the three Bennet sisters, Elizabeth (Ruth J. Shtasel '41), Jane (Shirley R. Helms '38), and Lydia (Bernice J. Hunn '41). In addition to its romances, "Pride and Prejudice" will bring with it comedy situations supplied for the most part by Thomas S. Francis '39 as Mr. Bennet, and Mrs. Bennet, characterized by Natalie Schurman '41.

In important supporting roles will be: Robert Robinson '41, Robert H. Thompson '40, Al Tapman '39, Joseph W. Dobbs '40, George Bernstein '39, William A. Rocap '40, Clay Donges '41, Francis X. Renault '40, Eleanor L. Faganis '41, Florence Marquardt '40, Ruth E. Wagner '40, Walter St. Clair '40, Jane Eames '40, Shifra L. Kirschman '40, Catherine Forsythe '40.

Others will be: Lillian F. Marion '39, Jessie L. Schminky '38, Virginia A. Delp '39, Dorothy E. Berry '39, and Catherine B. Tenney '40.

#### Kyser Will Bring Sensational Pianist, Arranger To Campus

Notorious for his nicknames as well as his practical joke is Lyman Gandece, sensational pianist, who is also the arranger of Kay Kyser's famous "make you want to dance" music.

Gandece has been given several grotesque monickers by his colleagues in the band. Quite appropriately he had been dubbed "One Punch" and "Alcatraz." As the story goes, that is, according to Dr. Kyser, Lyman, at one time or another, was asked a very insulting question. Being a man of few words, this modest blond terror answered the offender with one terrific uppercut sending him to Nod for the count.

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#### Sub-Councilors To Be Elected In Vote Today

Elections of members to six school student councils will be held today in the first floor lounge of Old Main, under the direction of Joseph A. Peel '39, president of Student Council.

Polls will be open from 9 to 12 o'clock this morning, and from 1 to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Nominations for the representatives of the various departments were made Wednesday. They will be lifted at the voting place. Voting will be by ballot.

Representatives will be elected from the present freshman, sophomore, and junior classes of each department to serve on the council of the school. The members will be permitted to sit in on regular Student Council meetings, but will have no vote.

Students must present their matriculation card in order to vote, and will vote only for a representative from their own department.

In the School of Agriculture, three representatives to Student Council have been named by the Agricultural Student Council, thus eliminating the necessity of a student vote.

#### Final NYA Period To Run 20 Hours

Checks Not Expected Until End Of School; Will Be Mailed, Bursar Announces

The 1937-1938 final pay period will start May 14 and close May 28. In this two-week period, 20 hours have been set as the maximum number of hours of work for which a student is guaranteed payment.

If a student wishes to work and turn in time for a few hours in excess of 20, he may do so with the understanding that if funds are available he will be paid for as many of the excess hours as an equitable allocation of the surplus funds will permit.

Must Attach Envelope  
The Bursar does not anticipate the receipt of NYA checks for the final pay period until after the close of College. Each student must attach a self-addressed stamped envelope to his final time report, and his check for that period will be mailed to him.

A form of receipt on a self-addressed stamped postcard will be attached to final checks. This postcard must be signed and returned to take the place of the customary signature required before checks are given out at the Bursar's office.

#### Andrews Chosen Head Cheerleader

McFarland, Manning, Seifert Named First Assistants By Three Judges

William M. Andrews, Jr. '39 was selected head cheerleader after try-outs in Schwab Auditorium Wednesday afternoon.

Sophomores who were chosen first assistant cheerleaders are Samuel A. McFarland, Jr., Jack C. Manning, and Walter H. Seifert, Jr.

#### To Receive Award



DEAN F. D. KERN

#### Kern To Receive Research Award

Phi Eta Sigma Name Dean As Eighth Recipient of Annual Traditional Prize

Dr. Frank D. Kern, dean of the Graduate School and head of the botany department, has been selected by Phi Eta Sigma, men's scholarship honorary, as this year's recipient of the traditional award for unsubsidized research.

The society will present Dr. Kern with the award at a dinner Tuesday evening. W. Julian Parton '38, mining student, will be given special commendation by the fraternity for consistent high scholarship and for distinguished participation in extra-curricular activities.

This is the eighth consecutive year that the fraternity has selected and honored a member of the teaching staff "for his untiring interest in increasing the sum of human knowledge." The award is unique in that Phi Eta Sigma is the only undergraduate society to honor faculty members in such a manner.

Dr. Kern came to Penn State as professor of botany in 1914. He was later made head of the department, and in 1922 became dean of the Graduate School.

Dr. Kern has been conducting an exhaustive study and research of the group of fungi known as plant rusts for several years. Approximately 100 specimens new to the scientific world have been described and named by him.

About 30 papers involving extended investigations and meticulous checking have appeared since he has assumed the deanship of the Graduate School.

Others who have been honored by the fraternity are Professors Madison M. Garver, Ray H. Dotterer, Arthur P. Hones, Asa E. Martin, Lee C. Overholts, Charles C. Peters, W. C. Keith, Erwin W. Runkle, Eugene C. Woodruff, A. Howry Espenshade, and Benjamin W. Dedrick.

#### Tyrrel Elected Head

Richard W. Tyrrel '39 was elected president of the Penn State Glee Club succeeding Frederick H. Serff '38, at a meeting Wednesday.

#### New York Times Art Editor Praises Work Of H. V. Poor

Edward Alden Jewell, art editor of the New York Times, lauds the proposal of Henry Varnum Poor murals for Old Main in a letter received recently by Prof. Harold E. Dickson of the division of fine arts. The letter follows:

"I am delighted to learn that Henry Varnum Poor has consented, if your project can be put through, to paint murals in the lobby of the main building of the Pennsylvania State College. There are no better artists working in America today, and (as I enthusiastically professed the opinion in writing recently about his one-man show at the Rehn Gallery in New York) he is quite capable of maintaining artistic equality with artists anywhere.

"With odds against him (in the way of difficulty and cramped wall space) he produced some very distinguished murals in the new Justice Department building at Washington. With those murals I am familiar, as of course, with his enamel work and his work in ceramics.

### Full Week Requested; 1939 College Calendar Would Permit Change

#### Erkes '39 Named Editor Of La Vie

Gresh, Herrman, Hirsh Named To Posts; '38 Publication Expected May 23

Joseph P. Erkes '39 was elected editor of the 1939 La Vie on Wednesday night, William D. Fish '38, retiring editor, announced. Jack J. Hirsh '39 and Joseph T. Gresh '39 were selected co-photographic editors while Margaret P. Herrman '39 was named managing editor.

Other juniors elected to the staff are Theodore B. Winkler, athletic editor; Anne E. Palmer, administration editor; Mary A. Frits, organizations editor; and Leo J. Flynn, activities editor.

John M. Cousley will serve as assistant administration editor, William H. Piler as assistant athletics editor, Paula B. Wohlfeld as assistant organizations editor and Lucy C. Pascoe as assistant activities editor. Art editor of the 1939 annual will be named later.

'38 La Vie Ready Soon

The 1938 La Vie will be ready for distribution on or about May 23, Fish announced. Features of the books are surrealistic art work on the sub-dividers, "campus views" taken at night for main dividers, and a red padded cover with an all-over design.

The six bellies are printed in full page size in bleed-off form while the night theme is again used in providing a background for personalities. The background consists of pictures of the sky printed in green-blue. Red art work is used beneath the type in each section, thus carrying out the red color theme.

#### Hyslop Awarded Art Fellowship By C.R.B.

Prof. Francis E. Hyslop, instructor in Fine Arts, has been awarded a fellowship by the C.R.B. (Committee on Relief in Belgium) educational foundation for summer study in Brussels. This is Professor Hyslop's fourth fellowship abroad, and the second from Brussels.

Hyslop will study Flemish art at the Royal Museum under professors from the Museum and various European universities. He will leave for Brussels early in June with 15 other Americans who have received fellowships abroad.

#### Jacqueth Wins Plaque

John M. Jacqueth '38 has been awarded the Block and Bridle Club plaque given annually to the outstanding agricultural student. The presentation was made at the club's banquet Saturday night.

The plaque is awarded on the basis of agricultural activities, scholarship, and general extra-curricular interests.

#### Vacation Would Start January 30, End February 4

Following an editorial in the last issue of the Collegian, petitions requesting a full-week recess between semesters next year were being circulated about the campus today by a score of students headed by Joseph A. Peel, president of the junior class and president-elect of the incoming senior class.

Citing the fact that the College calendar slated for next year would permit the inclusion of a mid-year vacation without the addition of an extra week in June, the petition seeks to chop a full week off the first semester, thus moving up the end of the semester from noon Saturday, February 4, 1939, to noon Saturday, January 28, 1939.

Under the provisions of the petition, the vacation would extend from 8 o'clock Monday morning, January 30, 1939, to noon Saturday, February 4, 1939. Registration would be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 6 and 7, as originally scheduled, with the second semester to begin at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, February 8, 1939.

The petition will be presented to President Ralph D. Hetzel for submission to the proper authority.

"This is not an attempt to force the administration into doing something," Peel said. "It is an attempt to present to the administration a clear-cut view of student opinion on the issue so that the administration, in turn, may better be able to act accordingly.

"The Collegian has pointed out convincingly that a full-week vacation between semesters would be possible next year without the addition of an extra week in June," Peel added. "We hope this will be done."

Copies of the petition will be available at the Corner Room and Student Union Desk, Peel announced.

#### Annual Ag Frolic Set For Tonight

Bill Bottorf To Provide Music; Carnival And Country Fair Furnishes Theme

"Ag Frolic, annual affair of students in the School of Agriculture, will be held in Recreation hall at 8 o'clock tonight. It is scheduled as "a dance to which you may take your mother or your May Queen."

Richard L. Beahm '39, chairman of the annual Ag Frolic, has announced that this year the theme will be a country fair and carnival, combined with dancing. Ten agricultural clubs will have booths of fortune or exhibits, including a horse race and the latest developments in horticulture.

Hundreds of dollars of play money, to be used in gambling or paying admittance to sideshows, will be distributed at the door.

The carnival booths open at 8 o'clock and dancing, with Bill Bottorf "swinging in the corn," will start at 9 o'clock. Ag Frolic is informal, and rural costumes may be worn if desired. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

#### Moyer Receives \$400 Harvard Scholarship

Marshall M. Moyer '38, architectural engineer student, has been awarded a fellowship for graduate study at Harvard University.

The fellowship, valued at \$400, will enable Moyer to work towards his masters degree in structural engineering. At Harvard he intends to study Soil Mechanics under Professor Casagrande.