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47 FRATERNITIES PLEDGE 470 AS RUSHING CLOSES

PWA May Delay College Grant

Apprehensive Of State Authority, Ickes Might Balk On \$4,000,000 Plan

Public Works Administrator Is Reported Ready To Take 'Drastic' Steps Against GSA Program

By JOHN A. TROANOVITCH
Editor, Collegian

A definite threat to a speedy approval by the Public Works Administration of the proposed new four-million-dollar grant for construction of additional buildings at the College loomed today as week-end developments in Harrisburg and Washington indicated a sudden trend toward strained relations between the PWA and Pennsylvania's General State Authority.

As the College waited anxiously for word of acknowledgment or approval of its full program by the State Authority, reports from the nation's capitol revealed that Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes was determined to do "something drastic" with regard to the Authority's program.

The Authority, created by the Legislature in 1935 for the avowed purpose of avoiding the constitutional interdiction on the commonwealth's borrowing capacity in order to obtain PWA funds, has been involved in a \$65,000,000 statewide improvement program since the State Supreme Court reversed its self and declared the Authority unconstitutional on February 4 last year.

Since then, with direct aid from President Roosevelt, the Authority has obtained approximately 20 million dollars from the federal government.

Now, with the political campaign growing white-hot and charges of irregularities, graft and corruption flooding the state, Ickes, reports said, is ready to bring down his iron fist and tighten PWA's gold-lined coffers—at least, so far as the Authority is concerned.

Precipitating this condition, it was said, was the result of an investigation by PWA agents into charges of irregularities at the Western State Psychiatric Hospital, near Pittsburgh, now being audited under the Authority setup.

Made \$40,000 Profit

There, agents reported, McCloskey & Company, Philadelphia contractors, had been awarded the job through a low bid of \$1,464,000. One of the items in the program, however, listed a rate of \$8 per cubic yard for excavating rock, which, they said, was subleased later to another contractor at a rate of \$4 per cubic yard. This contract, in turn subleased it to another at \$2 per cubic yard.

Records show that of the 32,000 cubic yards excavated, 10,000 were paid for at the \$8 rate, thus, according to the agents, netting the McCloskey Company a clear profit of about \$40,000.

Friends of McCloskey were quick to defend this, claiming it was the total price of the job, not the individual items, which counted, and that it was smart business practice.

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Leitzell OK's New Traffic Regulations

Borough Ordinance Limits Parking

New traffic regulations have been put into effect in the borough of State College by an ordinance passed by council and approved Friday by Burgess Wilbur F. Leitzell.

No parking at any time will be permitted within 50 feet of the intersection of Allen Street and College Avenue on the north side of College Avenue. The 50-foot setback also applies on the south side of College Avenue east of Allen Street.

West of Allen Street, on the south side of College Avenue, a 30-foot setback has been provided for. West of this is a 55-foot bus zone and a space for one taxi cab.

Parking will be prohibited on Calder Alley, the first thoroughfare south of College Avenue, between McAllister and Durnow Streets. One-way traffic now in effect will be replaced by two way traffic.

Cars Inside Lines

Parked cars must be inside the outer edge of painted lines designating parking spaces.

Double parking is prohibited at all times on all streets of the borough.

One-way traffic now in effect on Frazier Street will be replaced by two way traffic. Parking will be permitted only on the west side of the street, parallel to the curb.

Locust Lane, between Foster and Hamilton Avenues, will be one-way traffic north to south. Parking on the east side of Locust Lane, between Beaver and Hamilton Avenues will be permitted.

The new ordinance empowers Burgess Leitzell to temporarily set aside restricted parking zones.

No Parking 2 to 6 A.M.

Parking meters will be in operation from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m., Sundays and holidays excepted. There will be no parking on any thorough street between the hours of 2 and 6 a. m.

According to the new ordinance, the operator of any motor vehicle involved in an accident resulting in an apparent damage of \$50 or more must forward a report to borough police within 24 hours. If the operator is incapacitated, any other participant in the accident must make the report.

Violations of any of the new regulations will result in a fine of not more than ten dollars and cost of prosecution or five days in jail. All former regulations inconsistent with the new ordinance are repealed.

Late Fee Deferment Applications Refused In Office Of Bursar

A number of students have been coming to the Bursar's office for deferment of fees. As specified on applications, no deferments would be granted after August 20.

If arrangements have been made with a student to have his bill sent home for payment of deferred fees, the student may secure his athletic book by applying in person to Harold R. Gilbert, assistant to graduate manager of athletics, at the Armory on Thursday or Friday.

Noted Socialist Leader Slated To Speak Here

Norman Thomas Is Feature Of Forensic Council's Heavy Program

Norman Thomas, internationally known lecturer and twice presidential candidate on the Socialist ticket, is slated to speak here late next month as the feature event in Forensic Council's program for the year.

The Council also is planning an international debate late in November on the question "Resolved, that the British Empire is an obstacle to world peace."

Upperclass members of last year's team desiring to try out for participation in this debate are to report to Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien in Room 1, NLA, next Tuesday at 4 p. m.

Placed First In All

An annual event on the College's debating schedule is participation in the tournament at Westminster College. In the last four years, all the Penn State teams entered have placed first.

Symposium forums, introduced last year, again will be held next winter. Featuring campus leaders, the forums consist of argument on some popular question, after which the discussion is thrown open to the audience.

Topics Considered

Among the topics being considered for symposium forums are "How much academic freedom should a college permit?" and "Should mercy killings be legalized?"

In addition to these features of the Council's program there will be the regular series of debates, discussions and outside speakers, with an interstate debaters' convention late in the year. In the last four years, Penn State's orators have won twenty-five debates and lost seven, competing with the best college teams in the country.

3,526 Bibles Issued

A total of 3,526 student handbooks have been issued to freshmen, upperclassmen, and towns people, it was announced yesterday by Salvatore S. Sala '39, editor.

First Of 9 Observatory Domes Near Completion

A seamless, aluminum dome, the first of its kind to be used in the construction of an observatory, is nearing completion at the New Kensington plant of the Aluminum Company of America.

This hemisphere, 12 feet in diameter and 6-3/2 of an inch in thickness, is the first of nine domes to be constructed for the astronomical observatories which are expected to be under construction here in a few months.

Planned by Dr. H. L. Yeagley, assistant professor of physics, and a gift of the last graduating class, the program will include the construction of nine separate observatories, arranged in a semi-circle, giving the appearance of a small Syrian town.

New Process Used

The domes will cover brick bases, 14 feet square and 1 1/2 feet in height. Ten-inch, motor-driven

Democracies Must Yield In Czech-German Crisis Or Fight—Dr. Ferguson

Political Science Professor Declares War Will Destroy Democracy; 'Let's Keep Calm,' Is Warning

"The democracies of Europe must yield to Hitler's 'march to the East' or go to war, now or later."

Thus spoke Dr. John H. Ferguson of the Department of History and Political Science when interviewed by the Collegian yesterday on the present Czechoslovak-German crisis.

Explaining that he hoped the democracies would stand firm, Dr. Ferguson said, "My guess is that they will yield rather than go to war. By yielding, they are playing for time, during which something might happen to Hitler and his system."

"Moreover," the professor continued, "the democracies realize that, whether won or lost, another war would destroy what is left of civilization—even the democracy for which they seem to be fighting."

Hitler Not Bluffing

Hitler is not bluffing, Dr. Ferguson pointed out. He emphasized that if war would come, democracy would not be able to thrive in the economic and social system which the maladjustment and disillusionment of war would be sure to bring.

"By adopting a passive attitude, now, we can hang on to democracy for a while longer at least. We would merely be taking the lesser."

England Will Yield

"Britain yielded in the past. It yielded when Hitler violated the Versailles Treaty to the scrap heap, when the Nazis marched in to the Rhineland, when Italy grabbed Ethiopia, and more recently when Hitler annexed Austria. President forces me to say that England, a self-seeking country, will yield now."

If England does not yield, Dr. Ferguson warned, war is almost certain. He hastily added, however, that since the conservatives, not that since the conservatives, not

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Tribunal Rules On '42 Dating

Freshmen Barred From S. U. Dances; Speaking With Women Prohibited

Specifically interpreting the dating custom for freshmen men, the Student Tribunal ruled yesterday that first year men may not enter the Armory during Student Union dances.

Not, the Tribunal decided, may they talk to women within a three-mile radius of the College, except to give customary greetings.

Reiterating its stand to enforce customs rigidly, the Student Tribunal will hold its initial trial for customs violators tonight in Room 305 Old Main at 7:30 o'clock.

The Tribunal emphasized that it is a violation of customs for freshmen to wear name cards on their shirts.

Upper Division Accepts 239

Liberal Arts Group Admits 135 With Deficiencies, Stoddard Reports

Exactly 239 students were admitted to the Upper Division in the School of Liberal Arts this year, according to a report released yesterday from Dean Charles W. Stoddard's office.

Of this number 104 were admitted without deficiencies while 135 were accepted with deficiencies.

Only 12 out of 443 sophomores in the Lower Division did not apply to the Upper Division. Eleven students were dropped under the 50% rule, 2 under the 6-6-1 rule, 5 on poor scholarship and 2 because they did not live up to probation.

Last year 267 were admitted to the Upper Division out of a Lower Division class which numbered 489.

Camera Enthusiasts Will Meet Thursday

Appointment of committees and a discussion of detailed photographic course, open to both students and faculty, will feature an organization meeting of the Penn State Camera Club at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in 110 Home Economics building.

An outline of the proposed work of the Club for the current school year will be presented by Ralph Cohen '39, president. Limited to members of the Club, a course in practical photography will open within several weeks under the direction of George E. Woods, of the Department of Chemistry. The course will meet once a week and will include lectures on developing, printing, enlarging, composition, lighting, and darkroom procedure.

A club darkroom, located in Room 7, Home Economics building, will be open for public inspection after the meeting.

Singers To Try Out For Men's Glee Club

Tryouts and selection of tenors for the Glee Club of 70 voices will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the foyer of Schwab auditorium, Prof. Richard W. Grant, director of music, announced yesterday. Tomorrow night at 7 o'clock in the same place selections and tryouts for ballroom and basses will take place.

Prof. Grant also stated that male members of the College Choir will be selected from the voices that are heard tonight and tomorrow night.

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Students May Obtain Scholarship Blanks In Room 409, Old Main

Students whose academic ratings fall within the first 10 percent of their class may now apply for the 16 available Louise Carnegie and John W. White scholarships which are awarded annually. Dr. Jacob Tangei, head of the Division of Political Science and chairman of the Committee on Academic Standards, announced yesterday.

However, inasmuch as the number of applicants always exceeds the available scholarships, Dr. Tangei warned that the selection usually narrows down to those ranking among the first 20th of the class.

Application blanks may be obtained at the office of the chairman, Room 409 Old Main, and must be returned by Saturday, October 1.

Scholarships are awarded by the Committee on Academic Standards, augmented by a committee of three undergraduates appointed by Student Board.

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The annual fine of \$5 for tardiness again will be enforced.

Fee Payments Due Thursday, Friday, 9 To 5

Ten Alphabetized Windows To Speed Collections On Army Floor

Using the same procedure adopted last year, upperclassmen will pay their fees from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Thursday and Friday in the Armory. There will be no break for noon hour.

Initial deposits on deferred fees also will be collected.

Ten alphabetized windows will line the Armory floor as follows:

- No. 1.....Abby to Bron
- No. 2.....Biro to Did
- No. 3.....Doo to Gibb
- No. 4.....Gins to Holl
- No. 5.....Holm to Lat
- No. 6.....Lak to Moe
- No. 7.....Mih to Pos
- No. 8.....Pot to Shav
- No. 9.....Shaw to Tia
- No. 10.....Tie to Zui

Five additional windows will be used to facilitate distribution of A. A. booklets upon presentation of itemized receipts bills, which will be given the student upon payment of his fees.

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