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ICKES MAY APPROVE NEW \$2,500,000 ALLOCATION

Smith Breaks 3rd Record—Sights IC4-A Championship

Wernermen Topple Pitt By 3 Points

Smith Stops Sterner On Five Mile Run In 26:05 Time

Ripping over five miles of muddy hills and dales in Schenley Park in record time, Bill Smith continued on his undefeated course at the Lion harriers closed then dual meet season with their fourth victory in four starts as they downed a stubbornly strong Pitt cross-country team, 26-29 in Pittsburgh, Saturday.

Chalking up the fastest time ever recorded on a Schenley Park course, Smith was over three-hundred yards ahead of Pitt's—until then—undefeated Ray Sterner, as he broke the tape in 26 minutes, 5 seconds.

Sets Three Records

In his past three races Smith has set three new records. He now holds records on the Lehigh, Penn State and the Pitt courses. He is undefeated in collegiate cross-country competition, having won three dual meets and the Freshmen IC4-A's last fall as a teaming-and-topped that performance by taking every race this season by large margins.

He will be the man to watch in the IC4-A championships in New York City next Monday.

The Lion's had no easy time of it on Saturday as the Panther grabbed commanding positions early in the race and threatened to hold on to them until the tape was reached.

With Sterner edging out State's Frank Maule for second place and Pittmen McCabe and Boulanger coping fourth and fifth places, things looked really bad for the

Pundt Will Discuss U. S. Neutrality Hope

Prof. Alfred G. Pundt of the department of history and political science, will speak on "Can America Stay Out of War?" at an open meeting in commemoration of Armistice Day in the Little Theatre tomorrow at 8 p. m.

"The Great Choice," an anti-war play by Frederick Eastman, will also be presented at this meeting by a mixed freshman group of Christian Association members.

Those taking part in the play, which will be directed by David Jackson, a graduate student, are Arnold J. Cunniff, Thomas Young, John Dague, Walter Lewis, Frances Talley, Catherine Coleman, Catherine Zeller, and Elsie Brockway.

Where, Oh Where Has Luis Gone—To Bowdoin?

Luis Alvarado has competition! Or maybe he hasn't. Maybe it's Luis Alvarado himself!

A few weeks ago, one of the shrewdest confidence men to set foot on State College soil, under the nom de plume Luis Alvarado, pulled such a neat swindle act here that even his victims admitted their admiration for his cleverness.

Alvarado, of Spanish origin, arrived here three weeks ago and immediately got in touch with Spanish Prof. P. R. Daugherty. He asked Professor Daugherty to refer him to some Spanish students here.

Planned to matriculate, he wanted to make some acquaintances, because he planned to matriculate here, he claimed.

Prof. Daugherty referred him to Gus Bigott, varsity soccer player, and Jack Heller '41.

Both Bigott and Heller found him to be one of the smoothest,

Annual Penn Smoker Set for Friday Night; Game Tickets On Sale

The annual football smoker on the eve of the Penn game will be held at the Benjamin Franklin hotel, Philadelphia, at 8 p. m. Friday night.

The Blue Band will present a musical program at the affair. Admission charge will be \$1.

Tickets for the grid fray Saturday will cost \$2.28 and will be on sale at the Athletic Office ticket window, 107 Old Main, until Thursday afternoon. Tickets may also be purchased at the smoker Friday night.

Bunny Berrigan Band May Play For Soph Hop

Bunny Berrigan, his trumpet and his orchestra, was tentatively approved to play for Soph Hop, December 9, pending his release from another contract.

Berrigan was contacted late yesterday when negotiations with Larry Clinton, official choice of the Soph Hop Committee, failed to materialize.

An engagement with New York's Paramount Theatre which was recently extended one week, puts Clinton under contract until 11 p. m. on the night of Soph Hop. Unable to make State College, Clinton will play at Princeton University starting at midnight of the same evening.

Berrigan, fresh from a successful run at Boston's fashionable Ritz Carlton Hotel, is now playing at the Paradise Restaurant one of New York's smartest night spots. He has two college engagements slated for this month—one at Cornell next Saturday and the other at Princeton on the following Friday.

Rumors that Horace Heidt, Jimmy Dorsey or Chuck Webb would replace Clinton were spiked by Co-chairmen Robert G. Robinson and Eric Moeller, when Heidt was not considered popular enough by the students and Dorsey and Webb were unavailable.

Besides Webb and Dorsey, the committee also contacted Benny Goodman, Hal Kemp, Bob Crosby, Kay Kyser, Tommy Dorsey, and Jimmy Lunceford. All were unavailable.

Forum Picks Head

Sally P. Searle was elected president of the Freshman Women's Forum at a meeting in Old Main last week. Catherine E. Coleman was named vice president while Lois E. Patrick became program chairman. Betty L. Ziegler, secretary, and Enid L. Hunter, social chairman.

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most entertaining and most confidence man they ever met.

His explanation—with such sincerity of his prowess in all branches of athletics sounded so typical to both boys that they could never picture him a phoney.

But the payoff came when Luis explained a few difficulties to the boys. It seemed that his baggage was in New York and would not arrive for a few days. Also, that he was a bit financially embarrassed, however, expected a

Flag-Raising Ceremonies Slated Here

Standards To Be Raised On Building Sites

Flag-raising ceremonies will be held on the site of each of the eleven new buildings beginning 4 p. m. tomorrow, J. B. Moffat, McCloskey Company superintendent, announced yesterday.

The standard will be raised from the roof of each structure beginning with the Forestry Building. Special ceremonies will be held for the Liberal Arts, Library, and Education Buildings at the quadrangle climaxing in the laying of the cornerstone for the Electrical Engineering structure.

The committee on arrangements is pushing plans to enlist the services of the Blue Band and a display of the R O T C units, providing that the display does not conflict with War Department regulations.

Newspaper men from Philadelphia are expected to photograph the ceremonies.

Borough Plans Traffic Lights

To Install Signal Near Power House, May Levy Tax On Food Vendors

Plans to install new traffic signal lights and to license student vendors who canvass rooming houses and fraternities are under the consideration of Borough Council today.

Indications were that a traffic light would be installed at the intersection of Burrows Street and West College Avenue—near the Power House—but that the proposed installation of another light at Co-op Corner had been blocked by the refusal of College authorities to permit the Borough to erect two poles on College property where the lights would have to be placed.

Pressed by reported protests from townspeople, the Council is also considering the feasibility of levying an annual license fee of \$2.50 on vendors who sell food and incidentals nightly in the fraternities and rooming houses.

Meanwhile, Student Board Friday night passed a resolution urging Council to scrap its proposed license plan on the grounds that the vendors have received written permission to canvass the houses.

The Board also asked Council to reveal the nature of the complaints received from townspeople and the names of alleged "independent vendors" who are reported to be visiting private homes, where no students live.

Mortar Board Nets \$250 In Novel Dance

Spinster Skippers in White Hall Friday night netted Mortar Board a profit of approximately \$250, to be used for scholarships.

The novel dance was the first in the new women's activities building. Corsages of all shapes, sizes, and odors adorned the men, who were guests of the co-eds.

Vic Sandham was crowned King Sugar Daddy. Bill Engel wore Tanzania's rabbit skin, Jack Rex sported the beret of Mr. Esquire. Bill Hoel carried Mr. Suppressed Desires' torch. John Metzger waved a pennant as Joe College, and Bud Shanek was named Mr. Jitterbug.

CA Edits 'Compass'

The "Compass," a small weekly paper of four pages, is now being published each Monday by the Christian Association for its members.

William E. Kitchen '40 is editor. Edward Schoemmel '40 and Adam Smyser '41 are assistant editors.

Dog Steals Show As Gridders Bow

"Lady" Nips Drum Major's Pants To Provide Action In Lafayette's 7-0 Upset

By BILL ENGEL

And Lehigh registered a 7-0 triumph!

Oh, pardon me, the game was so damned dull, I almost forgot that Lafayette was our opponent on New Beaver Field Saturday.

In fact, "Lady," a ferocious little dog, variety unknown, stole the show with some spectacular broken field running among the Blue Band boys resulting in a nifty nip of blue cloth from the trousers of Drum Major Frank Anderson.

\$150 Is Taken In Robbery Of Girls' Dorms

Thieves Snatch Money, Pins From Women's Rooms In Several Visits

Robberies amounting to approximately \$150 have been rampant in the women's fraternity houses and dormitories. Both large and petty sums of money and other articles have been stolen during the past week.

Sixty dollars was taken from the dormitory room in the Theta Phi Alpha house several weeks after school started. About \$25 in small sums has been taken from Gamma, Phi clothing and one wallet.

Houseparty weekend proved fruitful for the thief or thieves with \$5 taken from the Gamma Phi Beta suite and a similar sum disappeared from the A O P house. The A O P's lost several pins and a pocketbook in the two stealthy visits which were made to their house. No other robberies were reported.

Gallu Sings On KDKA

Samuel Gallu '40, tenor, sang as a guest artist on KDKA's anniversary program from 8 to 9 p. m. Sunday night. He was invited to take part in the program after numerous requests were received by the station following his singing in the Pep Rally broadcast of October 23.

Noted Sculptor Urged For Panels Of Library

That the College select a noted sculptor for work on the two panels on either side of the entrance to the new library, was emphasized in a prepared statement to the Collegian by Harold E. Dickson, associate professor of fine arts.

Dickson pointed out that at present plans are being made for the employment of a Philadelphia craftsman whose several sets of models, recently submitted, are scarcely worth a passing glance. And since the stone and carving for the new buildings are to be paid for in any case, the selection of a first-rate sculptor for these panels would not involve prohibitive additional expense, he said.

"It should not be amiss to focus some general notice on the opportunity that exists in the proposed execution of two sculptured reliefs on either side of the entrance to the new College library," Dickson says.

"Site for Sculpture"

"Uncut blocks have been set in position and the effectiveness of their location is readily apparent to anyone looking up the campus walks. The site is ideal for sculpture and if even a beginning might be made toward the acquisition of monumental art on our buildings, this offers an excellent starting point," he explained.

"Members of the art department have proposed the name of Mr. William Zorach, a sculptor who has established himself in the history of that art in America."

In regards to the hiring of the Philadelphia craftsman, Dickson continued, "nobody claims that they will be worth much, nobody defends their installation except to say that something has to go there, so up something and have done with it."

"Here are two of the most valuable spots for adornment on the entire campus, worthy of rather special consideration. It is regrettable that no really determined effort seems to have been made to prevent their misuse."

"Even if they were left uncut for the present, it is entirely possible that means could shortly be found for erecting fitting monuments."

"But the act of setting up balustrades involves a finality that ought to be forestalled if possible," he explained.

"Once installed, mediocre things, rarely offend people and soon get into the established order."

"It has been and is the policy of the building program to supply ample funds for architectural excess—endless cornices, non-functioning columns, triumphal pediments, carved oesettes and bulls rampant, big urns and little pot-spots."

"The College also has received many gifts of art objects, most of them quite bad, very few interesting."

"But in all the life of the institution no one has ever selected and acquired for it, by purchase, a single work of art of any outstanding merit. Force of habit is therefore on the side of mediocrity."

Kaiser Sent To Reform Institution

Pleads Guilty To Charge Of Forging Checks

Sidney Kaiser, 19, former sophomore student at the College from Altoona was committed to Huntingdon when he pleaded guilty to charges of forging and passing checks before Judge Ivan Walker this morning.

Kaiser, charged with passing 25 checks totaling over \$600 within a little more than two months, presented several character witnesses. Most of the checks he wrote were forged with the name of Raymond G. Blood, a fellow student at the College summer session.

J. Banks Kutz, Altoona, former congressman told the court that Kaiser was a "good boy" and had been an Altoona High School honor student. He placed blame on the "spectacular" crowd with which Kaiser associated for his act. Rabbi Goldberg of Altoona also testified as to the youth's conduct.

Letters were presented from several prominent Altoona men including Blair County Judge Marlon D. Patterson.

Police Chief M. L. Kaufman of State College told the court that Kaiser had committed similar offenses previously, but that they had been settled out of court.

Judge Walker ordered the youth to pay costs on the first count, forgo, and committed him to Huntingdon. Sentence was suspended on the second count, and restitution was ordered made.

Way Open For Holiday Friday

Senate Move Gives Calendar Committee Power To Consider Petition

An opening for the immediate consideration of any student petitions for football weekend holidays was made by the College senate at its November meeting on Thursday afternoon.

The Senate voted to give the Calendar Committee blanket authority to approve or disapprove any petitions for holidays during the rest of the month.

Dean Warnock explained that this action was taken because the Senate will not meet again until football season is over and student petitions are usually passed on by the whole Senate. As no petition was presented at its Thursday meeting, the Senate anticipating a last minute request for an Armistice Day holiday, took this unusual action.

If no petition is submitted and approved by the committee before Friday, there will be no Armistice Day holiday. However, Warnock said students cutting classes Friday will not be fined \$5 as customary before vacations.

Honorary To Induct

Phi Epsilon Kappa, honorary physical education fraternity, held formal initiation Sunday for Bernard Briggs '39, Joe Clocca '39, and Joe Gillespie '39. Victor Gentilman '39 is president of the organization.

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