

Health Board Will Not Inspect Houses, Ritenour Says

No Study Of Rooming Will Be Made Unless Landlords Request It

Health Officer Says Clean-Up Will Come With Student Demand; Admits Lax State Regulation

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By EMANUEL ROTH

Taking a stand directly opposed to that of Burgess Wilbur F. Leitzell, Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, President of the Board of Health of State College and Director of the College Health Service in an interview with the Collegian yesterday insisted that it was not the duty of the Borough Board of Health to pass a health ordinance and that the Board would not make inspection of rooming houses unless requested to do so by landlords.

Group Adopts 4 Points For Housing Study

Welfare Committee To Send Its Recommendation To Hetzel This Week

Meeting at 4 p.m. Friday in the second special session on the housing situation, the College Senate Committee on Student Welfare adopted four points which will be embodied in a recommendation to President Hetzel this week.

The group met in the Dean of Men's Office with representatives of the Christian Association and the Collegian.

The four points which will be cited to President Hetzel are: 1—The Collegian survey has found that room for 319 students will be available for the 1939-40 school term.

More than 150 students dropped out of College before the Collegian survey was taken. Real estate men have pointed out that approximately 80 homes were built in State College last year. It is expected that more than this number will be built during 1939.

Even though the freshman class is not increased, there will be an inevitable increase of 295 students next year.

Quantity Sessions End—The recommendation will conclude sessions on "quantity" housing. "Quality" housing will be taken up at the beginning of next semester, it was indicated, with action expected on the formulation of rules and standards for all rooming houses.

Martin Rockwell '40, representing the Christian Association, explained that rooms for 200 persons were reported available to the Association since the last rooming list was drawn up.

Dean of Men A. R. Warnock pointed out that a surplus of rooms in State College would not be the remedy and that only through inspections of rooming houses and the establishment of an approved list, could the situation be alleviated.

Prof. Harold Everett recommended that the Collegian survey be used as a basis for the admittance of 319 additional students next year. Dr. Franklin C. Banner explained that private investment would be encouraged if the Administration would make a statement to the effect that it would not build additional dormitories.

Dean Warnock, however, pointed out that the Administration was not in a position to make such a statement.

Registrar William S. Hoffman traced the rise of College enrollment, explained the increase in classroom facilities as a result of the present building program, and showed that even if the freshman enrollment is not increased next semester, there would be an inevitable increase of 295 in enrollment.

Others attending the session were Prof. Ruth Graham; Dr. Warren Mack, chairman; Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour; Prof. Burton K. Johnstone, and Emanuel Roth '40 representing the Collegian.

HONOR ROLL

Day in and day out, there are people here and elsewhere who are working to promote the welfare of the College, the faculty, the students. Some of them are in the limelight; some go unnoticed. Yet, all deserve some measure of credit. Who are these people? See the Collegian's honor roll in the

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JAMES SCUTTLES NEW COLLEGE GRANT

Senate Fails To Convene; Recess Out

Hopes For Mid-Year Vacation in 1940 Are Buoyed

There will be no mid-year vacation this year.

This was made evident here today when it became increasingly clear that the College Senate would not be called before its scheduled meeting on February 2.

—Thursday of final examination week—to discuss the requests of both the Men's and Women's Student Government Associations to reopen the case and permit the students to present their views on the question.

Calendar is Obstacle

Biggest obstacle to the mid-year vacation for this year, however, is the fact that if one were granted, the week would have to be lopped off the first semester, which includes 99 days, highest in the last 10 years, if not in College history.

The second semester, on the other hand, extends only 89 days, and it would be impossible to slash off a week here unless one would be added in June, showing commencement back to June 19. This undoubtedly would be refused by the students.

Proposal Receives Boost

Nevertheless, chances for a mid-year vacation for next year have been boosted considerably, and indications are that the Senate will take this action when it meets next month.

A number of members of the Senate, interviewed by the Collegian, all expressed the belief that the mid-year proposal would be approved by the Senate.

Freshman Women To Discuss Rushing Rules On Thursday

Formal rushing procedure will be discussed at a meeting of all freshman and transfer women interested in societies in the Home Economics Auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Juanita M. Chambers '40, acting Pan Hellenic president, will explain the Pan Hellenic party, sorority open houses and parties, silent periods, formal dinners and bidding, the answering of invitations and bids, and pledging.

This will be the only opportunity freshmen and transfers will have to learn about rushing rules, customs, and etiquette.

Miles Horst To Speak Here

Miles Horst, secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Farm Organizations, will speak on "Opportunities for Young Men in Agriculture" at a public lecture in Room 100 Horticulture Building at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, February 8.

189,313 Books In Library

The library of the College contains 189,313 volumes, Librarian Willard P. Lewis has announced during the month of December the library acquired 413 volumes.

Debate Innovations Aid Forensic Development

With parliamentary sessions and symposiums becoming a prominent part of debating here, forensic activities are definitely on the upswing.

No longer does the audience sit back and merely listen to an affirmative speaker attempt to verbally outmaneuver a person upholding the negative, but the public is encouraged to participate in these two new forms introduced by Professor Joseph F. O'Brien, varsity debate coach.

And such innovations are showing results. Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, spoke before a capacity crowd in Schwab Auditorium for a lecture-forum and the Bucknell-State, parliamentary session on "Pump-Priming" attracted a far-sized audience in Home Economics Auditorium.

The parliamentary session is always characterized by the use of fundamental parliamentary procedures, and by an actual vote as to the preferred solution.

Conference Hours Asked By Stoddart

Stirred by a recent Collegian editorial which pointed out the need for better student-faculty relations, Dean Charles W. Stoddart, School of Liberal Arts, instructed department heads to have each teacher set aside one hour during this week at which time interested students could come to ask questions about the course.

The editorial, "Divided Against Ourselves," which appeared in last Friday's issue of the Collegian expressed the students' need for "the friendship, advice and acquaintance of faculty members to broaden and make practicable their learning," and suggested a need on the part of professors "to understand students in order to adapt and improve methods of instruction."

Believing he had a possible solution which would help bridge the gap of indifference between faculty and students in his school, Dean Stoddart sent the following letter to the heads of each division in the School of Liberal Arts:

"The Collegian this morning in an editorial headed 'Divided Against Ourselves' asked for better student-faculty contacts. The student leaders, aware of this problem, have suggested that during the week of Jan. 29, 1939 each teacher set aside an hour when interested students can come to ask questions about the course.

"I think this proposal is worth trying. Will you ask each member of your staff to cooperate if at all possible, and announce the plan, the hour, and the place to his students? This is especially important for freshman and sophomores. Courses with many sections may be handled separately or combined.

"If the plan does not succeed it can be abandoned. Can we not give it a fair trial first?"

Sport Bus To Be Run Again This Weekend; 100 Took Last Ski Trip

Should weather and snow conditions remain favorable, special buses will again be run to the College ski trail this week-end, Ray Conger, chairman of the Student Recreation Committee, announced yesterday.

Almost 100 students took advantage of last week's buses Saturday's three buses carried over sixty skiers while the two on Sunday attracted only thirty.

Eta Kappa Nu Given Award

Epsilon, Local Chapter, Voted As Most Outstanding Among Colleges

Epsilon, Penn State chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary electrical engineering society, has been awarded a silver plaque and judged "the most outstanding college chapter of Eta Kappa Nu."

The award was made by the New York Alumni chapter of the society on the basis of activities sponsored by the local chapter last year.

Among others, these activities included sponsorship of electrical exhibit, scholarship awards made by the local chapter to underclassmen, inspection trips, publication of a personnel booklet for employers, sponsorship of public speaking classes for engineers, and the holding of joint meetings with other honoraries. Twenty-one colleges and universities entered chapters of Eta Kappa Nu for the competition.

Theron O. Hoyt '38, was president of the local chapter last year. Clair C. Lasher '39, is the present president. The silver plaque will hang at the entrance of the new Electrical Engineering Building.

Who's Smarter Now?—Students, Says Prof!

Are college students easier to teach than adults?

If you ask Prof. Harold Zelko of the division of speech, he'll say yes.

Professor Zelko is in charge of a newly established extension class in speech at Phillipsburg which includes a lawyer, two dentists, five school teachers, and a couple of merchants.

"They don't want to study too hard and are mainly interested in gaining confidence in themselves," Professor Zelko points out. "It's tougher to keep them interested in the work."

The speech professor explained that "you can't be too pedantic or academic with them."

But is this a derogatory reflection on the intelligence of his adult students? No, answers Zelko, for they already have their niche in life established, are mainly interested in how to handle themselves in speaking situations, and consider speech work secondary to their life work.

But are they harder to teach? Yes!

'NO MONEY'



GOV. ARTHUR H. JAMES

Governor Expresses Opposition To GSA's Second Big Program

We Won't Spend Money We Don't Have, He Says, As School Heads Plead For "Intelligent Economy"

Special to the Collegian

HARRISBURG, Jan. 23—While the Pennsylvania College Presidents Association was hearing a plea for "intelligent economy" in appropriations to state-supported educational institutions, Governor Arthur H. James moved to scuttle completely the General State Authority's proposed \$149,000,000 building program which failed to materialize last fall.

With James action went all hopes of the Pennsylvania State College of receiving another \$5,000,000 program to match the one now under way there.

Finances Lacking

The program, including \$2,500,000 for "income-bearing" building at State College was to have been launched before December 31, but the Authority found trouble in supplying the needed 55 percent of the cost. The federal Public Works Administration was to furnish the additional 45 percent through an outright grant.

Although indicating he would not scrap the Authority itself, which now is winding up its original \$65,000,000 building program, Governor James showed definitely that he would oppose the revival of another such undertaking.

Move a Surprise

"So far as I see now there will be nothing done on that," the Governor said. "We are not going to spend any money we do not have."

The sudden move of the Governor here came as a surprise inasmuch as he had promised in his inaugural address just a few days before that he would not "prescribe" any action until a thorough inventory of the state's finances had been made. The inventory was begun only Tuesday.

"Intelligent Economy"

Coincident with the Governor's action was the statement of Dr. William Mather Lewis, head of Lafayette College and outgoing president of the Pennsylvania College Presidents Association, who expressed the hope that James would use "intelligent economy" in appropriations for state-supported educational institutions.

"We have every reason to hope," he said, "that under the incoming administration, intelligent economy is to prevail and the education system is not to be a political tool."

Pilot Training Will Not Have 1st Test Here

Government Program To Get Trial Next Semester In 13 Other Schools

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Special To The Collegian

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—Penn State is not on the list of 13 schools which have been selected for an initial test of President Roosevelt's 20,000-man pilot training program, the Civil Aeronautics Authority announced today.

During the second semester, 330 students between the ages of 18 and 25 will receive ground school and flight training under \$100,000 of NYA funds made available when President Roosevelt announced the pilot training program last December 27.

If results obtained at the test schools between February and June demonstrate the soundness of the program, the full 20,000 pilot program will swing into action during the 1939-1940 academic year simultaneously in several hundred schools throughout the nation.

\$10,000,000 Asked

President Roosevelt, in his special message on rearmament to Congress, has asked for an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to be used by the Authority in carrying out the training program.

Schools which have been selected to participate in the test phase of the flight training program are Purdue University, University of Alabama, University of Minnesota, University of Washington, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, Georgia Institute of Technology, New York University, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina, University of Kansas, San Jose State College, and Pomona Junior College.

Resume Food Shows

Food preparation demonstrations by senior Home Economics students have been resumed and will continue until the end of the semester. Tickets of admission are available without charge in Room 101, Home Economics Building.

333 DAYS

have passed since Governor George H. Earle suggested the College's name be changed to University.

139 DAYS

before the June Commencement.

LET'S CHANGE THE NAME NOW

Grant Reveals Concert Dates

Glee Club Will Make Annual Tour March 27, 28, 29, 30 Near Philadelphia

A varied program of activities for student musical organizations during the second semester was announced yesterday by Prof. Richard W. Grant, head of the department of music.

The annual midwinter complimentary concert series, composed this year of four concerts, will be held during March with a concert being given every Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Schwab Auditorium.

Organizations which will appear in the series are the College Symphony Orchestra, the Blue Band, the Louise Homer Club, and the Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity. The Blue Band concert will be of special interest because it will be the last public concert conducted by Bandmaster Wilfred O. Thompson, who will retire in June.

On March 27, 28, 29, and 30 the Glee Club will make its annual spring concert tour with appearances tentatively scheduled in Lancaster, Downingtown, and East Orange.

Approximately 35 members will make the trip including the Hy-Los Varsity Quartet, Samuel G. Gull '38, tenor soloist, and Edward Wood '11, violin soloist. Mrs. Irene O. Grant will act as accompanist on the tour.

In addition, Dean Grant stated that a concert is planned in Schwab Auditorium by the Glee Club sometime after its spring tour.

Cavalier Victim Is Relative of Mason

J. Gordon Noakes, one of three passengers lost at sea in the crash of the British flying boat Cavalier, is a first cousin of Prof. David D. Mason, of the French Department.

Mrs. D. J. Mason, Prof. Mason's mother and a sister of the late Mrs. A. O. Hall, Mr. Noakes' mother, is now visiting at the Mason home in State College.

Mrs. D. J. Mason discovered the tragedy while reading the paper yesterday morning but was not advised thoroughly on the matter until late yesterday.

Society Plans College Dance To Raise Fund

Scholarships To Be Provided With Affair's Proceeds; Friars Need Aid

An all-College dance to raise funds for scholarships to deserving students enrolled here will be held by Friars, sophomore campus honorary society, provided the cooperation of another society can be obtained.

This was revealed yesterday by Burne Claemer, secretary of Friars, who explained that the organization took this action following an editorial in the Collegian last month.

"The editorial called upon campus honorary societies to join the Collegian in contributing \$30 apiece to a scholarship fund here. Claemer indicated that Friars was handicapped because its treasury was empty but that the organization was willing to cooperate to the extent of conducting a dance to raise money.

Judging Team To Compete

The Power-judging team, consisting of four students in the department of horticulture, coached by Dr. Earl I. Wilde, professor of ornamental horticulture, will participate in the intercollegiate flower-judging contest at Houston, Texas, Monday, February 13. Twelve additional teams from land grant colleges will compete.