

Ritenour, Leitzell Shift Housing Inspection To College G. S. A. MAY HALT EQUIPMENT BIDS, STOP BUILDING

Approval Of Rooms Not Board Duty Standards Should Be Set Above Those Of State

By EMANUEL ROTH Moving to a speedy climax, the sixth-month State College housing drive took on what appeared to be a final pattern yesterday as Burgess Wilbur F. Leitzell and Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, President of the Board of Health, went on record as favoring initiation of voluntary inspections and the publishing of an approved list of rooming houses by the College.

Thus in separate interviews with the Collegian, two of the Borough's key men who previously had opposed each other on the housing crisis, fairly stripped the Borough of any remedial responsibility and specifically forwarded it as a duty of the College.

Because its five members serve without remuneration, the Board of Health would not be willing to undertake inspections with a view to setting up a list of approved rooms, Dr. Ritenour indicated.

He expressed doubt as to the legal authority of the Board to issue a list of approved houses, a plan he suggested in an interview on January 23.

An alternative, Ritenour proposed that the College take over responsibility for the rooming situation and employ a housing expert to make inspections. He pointed out that the College would be able to draw up an approved list and require students to live in one of the certified houses.

The Board of Health could not authorize the College to make inspections, but the Board would definitely not interfere if the College initiated voluntary inspection, Burgess Leitzell stated.

Social Security To Exclude Students

WASHINGTON, March 20—Student workers employed by non-profit institutions such as fraternities will be excluded from any revisions of the Social Security Act during this session of Congress, the House Ways and Means Committee decided unanimously here in a surprise move over the past weekend.

Non-profit organizations are already performing public services and to impose Social Security taxes upon them would be "a burden that would curtail seriously the carrying out of their program," Representative McCormack (D., Mass.), acting chairman of the committee, explained.

McCormack's statement, issued as a personal opinion, and the action of the committee itself, served only to cloud the issue even more.

As it is, student workers in fraternities have been forced to comply with the provisions of the Social Security Act since it went into effect.

Whether developments over the weekend indicated that Congress never intended to include these employees under the act could not be ascertained definitely, but in view of the committee's action and McCormack's subsequent explanation no other meaning could be taken.

Efforts to reach members of the committee here today for further clarification on the matter proved futile.

Bellefonte Central To Run Vacation Special Over Easter Holidays

The Bellefonte Central Railroad will again run a vacation special for the Easter holiday. The special train will leave State College at 12:45 p. m. April 5 and the return train will arrive in State College April 12 in time for afternoon classes.

Special rates are offered for parties of 25 or more and for round trip tickets. Information concerning rates may be obtained by telephoning the B. C. R. R. agent, State College 612.

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"Still, as an association representing over 20,000 graduates and non-graduates of the Pennsylvania State College living, working, and producing within the State's borders, its members touching the lives of all classes and having a part in all industry and agriculture, we urge upon the State Administration its careful consideration of the minimum allocation to the College for the next biennium," the letter concluded.

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Group May Clarify Constitution Points

Clarification of seven points concerning the proposed constitution for student government was anticipated tonight as a special committee of five women and five men meets in Room 305, Old Main, at 7 p. m.

Originally slated as a joint gathering of Student Board and the Women's Senate, tonight's session was changed to a committee meeting in view of the fact that both groups believe more may be accomplished in a smaller combined unit.

In the event that minor details are explained to the satisfaction of both bodies, the Constitution may be voted upon by the women at a meeting of W. S. G. A. Senate Thursday night. If approved then the new student government would become effective immediately and an Elections committee would be appointed to set the date for the All-College election.

The seven details advanced for additional discussion at a meeting of W. S. G. A. Senate last Tuesday include:

- 1—Finance. 2—P. S. C. A. representation on Cabinet. 3—Possibility of politics among women's voting. 4—Article I, Section 14—General supervisory powers of the Cabinet. 5—Compensations. 6—Article III, Section 9—Minor Judiciary. 7—Possibility of including an ex-officio member from the faculty.

Jane A. Romig '40, newly-elected W. S. G. A. president and Joseph A. Peil '39, Student Board head, selected the committee of 10. Besides Miss Romig and Peil the group includes Doris L. Blakemore, '39, outgoing W. S. G. A. president, Elnor L. Weaver '41, new vice-president, Peggy E. Jones '40, new secretary, Ann M. Bolton, new sophomore senator, John A. Traonovitch '39, editor of the Collegian; A. William Engel, J., '40, Arnold C. Leach '41 and William B. Batholomew '41.

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Authority Cannot Act Unless Quorum Is Gained

HARRISBURG, March 20—Indefinite postponement of the opening of bids for \$476,130 worth of fixed equipment for buildings at the Pennsylvania State College—and even cessation of work on the entire construction program now nearing completion—threatened to materialize today as the fight between the Democratic members of the General State Authority and Governor Arthur H. James moved toward a climactic showdown before the State Legislature.

While the Authority was scheduled to open bids on the equipment here tomorrow afternoon, indications were that it would be forced to forego its plans once more unless it could gain a quorum, something which the Authority has been unable to do since Governor James walked out of a meeting February 21.

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Penn State's Recreation Planning Board, a student-faculty group organized to further recreational activities among the entire student body, meets in Old Main Sandwich Shop at 5:45 p. m. Thursday in the second step toward attaining the objectives it has set up.

The Board plans to broaden student recreation, to establish a lodge in the nearby mountains that can be used as a center for outdoor recreational activities, and to work for the construction of a student union building on the campus.

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Jurist Will Lecture On Leadership

Judge Soffel Will Head Women's Meetings

Stressing the potential leadership of all women students, Mortar Board will feature Judge Sara M. Soffel, an outstanding Pennsylvania woman leader, at its leadership conference all day Thursday.

Judge Soffel, of the Allegheny County court, will speak on "The College Woman's Responsibility in the Community" in Room 105 White Hall at 7:30 p. m. The judge is a candidate for the Superior Court position vacated by Governor James and for the Supreme Court. She is a graduate of Well-

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Cliques Await Outcome Of Constitution Action

With presidential candidates of three parties announced, political discussion is revolving around the remaining cliques faster than cream in a mixer. And it's still a toss-up so far as to the candidates to fill the slates already released, as further action on the student government constitution is awaited.

Telescope Finished

A ten-inch astronomical telescope to be placed in the first of the multiple observatory units here has been manufactured by students. Dr. Henry L. Yongley, assistant professor of physics, announced yesterday. Materials for the telescope cost \$300, he said.

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Versatile Larry Clinton Is Talent Expert Too

Aside from his bandleading, songwriting, and arranging duties, Larry Clinton, "The Old Dipsy Doodler," who plays here for Interfraternity Ball March 31, has won a wide reputation as a discoverer of vocalists.

When Clinton organized his own orchestra he made one of his most famous discoveries—Bea Wain. He found her singing with a vocal group.

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Students Oppose Nazi African Colony Demand

AUSTIN, Tex., March 20—American sentiment against Hitler is noticed in another way, this time among college students of the nation. The latest poll of the Student Opinion Surveys of America reveals an overwhelming majority of students opposing the return to Germany of colonies taken from her after the World War.

Although German colonial demands have faded somewhat into the background while the world seethes over the Czech dissolution, Hitler has many times stated that he will accept no substitutes for territory. Some observers believe Der Fuehrer desires African colonies not so much for resources as for new military bases.

Indian Relic Found

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Other faculty and townswomen speakers and their subjects are: Miss C. D. Champlin, "Creative Leadership"; Miss A. Pauline Locklin, "Service and Leadership"; Mrs. F. W. Owens, "The Cost of Worthwhile Leadership," and Miss Mary J. Wyland, "The Place of Extra-Curricular Activities in Campus Life."

Whatever Hitler's motives are, American college students, members of the group that supplied many fighters for the last war, oppose the idea as shown by their answers to the question, "Should the colonies taken from Germany after the World War be returned to her?"

Table with 2 columns: Region, Percentage of student opinion tally closely with those found by