

Classroom Facilities Are Most Crowded In History

Calls For Larger Rooms Pouring In From Faculty, Scheduling Officer Says

Library Alcoves, Education Building Rooms, And Student Government Room In Service; No New Buildings To Be Open During This Semester

The most crowded conditions ever to exist here are confronting students and faculty this year, scheduling officer Ray V. Watkins revealed yesterday.

With practically all rooms filled to capacity, Mr. Watkins yesterday had received over ten requests for larger rooms from faculty members. The first seat shortage was reported before 2 p.m. Wednesday, less than an hour after classes started. Moreover, the 194 classes by appointment had not been heard from as yet, Mr. Watkins stated.

Bond Issue May Provide Equipment

New GSA Move May Raise Funds To Put 11 Buildings In Use

The prospect of receiving movable equipment and furnishings for the College's 11 new buildings loomed over the heretofore antagonistic Hatrieburg horizon today after the General State Authority's formal submission of a \$7,000,000 bond issue last Monday.

James E. Stuart, executive director, said that the entire issue will be offered for purchase to the State Teachers' Board and State Employees' Retirement Board.

On September 15, 1938 plans for a \$5,000,000 equipment program were first promoted, but the bond issue was held up by the two State boards until the Authority presented legal opinion by a Philadelphia law firm.

\$7,000,000 Needed

When the opinion arrived last Monday, revised estimates, however, had raised the amount needed to \$7,000,000, and it was to be this figure which was to be submitted to the Teachers' Retirement Board yesterday and the Employees' Retirement Board today.

According to estimates on this campus the College will need \$500,000 of the total \$7,000,000 issue to completely equip the 11 structures.

All of the buildings in the GSA \$5,000,000 program have been lying idle since their completion several months ago because the former administration did not provide sufficient funds for equipment and furnishings. Stuart claimed in a press conference last Monday.

Housing Atrocious! Two Couples Exist In One Small Room

POOR HOUSING CONDITIONS IN STATE COLLEGE

That's what the headlines are screaming in big black type. The newspapers claim that a case exists where there is only one bathroom for 14 students.

"Unbelievable," says the Board of Health.

But if you think that is bad, do you know what happens in Russia?

Russians' Worst Off

Over in Mr. Stalin's fertile country two couples live in one tiny room with only one bed, for the four of them, if you don't believe it see "Squaring the Circle," the Penn State Players' latest contribution to the housing shortage on an international scale.

On October 7, "Dad's Day," all these truths will be revealed in Schwab Auditorium before an overcrowded delegation of dads, mothers, brothers, and sisters, and the dreadful tale won't be told until then.

"Squaring the Circle," the maddest Russian comedy this side of Philadelphia, has been acclaimed throughout the world. In Moscow, Prague, Rome, Berlin and Vienna, the home towns of all the dictators and they witnessed and came away wiser, men. Haven't you noticed the results?

In Germany, none other than the great Max Reinhardt directed the play. It had New York's East Side hanging on the fire escapes and furnishings.

'43 Women To Hike

A hike to Watts Lodge for fresh man women will leave the Home Economics building at 2 p. m. today. Refreshments and games will be offered. Transportation will be furnished for the return trip at 7 p. m. In case of rain, the hike will be held Sunday.

A freshman women's forum will be held in 304 Old Main at 7 p. m. Tuesday.

In a feverish search for classroom space, all the rooms in the Education building, all available library alcoves, and even the student government room, have been called into service.

College officials were further distressed this week by the installation of 200 seats without pedestals in South Liberal Arts building. The building contractor failed to furnish the necessary supports and the old chairs were moved back into the building in time for Wednesday classes.

Not To Use New Buildings

Not a single room in any of the new buildings will be used this semester, Mr. Watkins has announced. Lack of equipment is responsible for this situation, the scheduling officer declared.

A considerable increase in enrollment over the past several years has resulted in the present crowded conditions, while the new buildings erected to control the increase cannot be used. Each year more freshmen have been admitted.

College officials are hopeful that the situation may be alleviated by the opening of some of the new buildings for next semester.

'Off-The-Grass' Drive Begins

President Hetzel Urges Deans, Students To Help Restore Campus Beauty

See Editorial "Campus Beautiful" on page 2

A "Keep Off the Grass" campaign to restore to the campus the beauty it had before the building program was begun has been opened by President Hetzel in a letter sent this week to all the deans in the College.

With the building program complete, the entire campus is being gone over and grass sowed in all barren spots while there is time enough for it to come up before the growing season ends.

Students are asked to cooperate in the restoration by staying on walks and away from newly terraced and seeded areas. Paths that have been worn on the campus will be dug up and seeded.

The complete text of President Hetzel's letter follows:

"Loveliest in Nation"

"During the past two years, because the campus has been torn up by building operations, disregard by some persons of our previous custom of protecting the grass did not seem important. Now the beauty of the grounds is rapidly being restored and our campus will soon take its place again as one of the loveliest in the nation."

"In this restoration every student and every member of the faculty and staff is requested to cooperate for the good of all by keeping strictly to the campus walks except in those areas which have been designated for recreation or other special use. It should be taken for granted that no one will walk on newly seeded plots but special attention is called to the unsightliness which results when persons cut across the grass, particularly at corners."

R. D. HETZEL

Downtown Dorms Again In Service

Women's downtown dormitories are being used again this year to accommodate the overflow of 73 women from campus.

Mrs. Beman's dormitory at 236 S. Prazier St. accommodates 19 women, including 2 freshmen and 2 transfers. Thirteen transfers live at Miss Hill's dormitory at 512 W. College Ave. Miss Parker has 11 freshmen and 7 transfers in her dormitory at 228 S. Allen St. and Miss Wiley's dormitory houses 24 transfer women.

As soon as rooms on campus are vacated, they will be filled with women living under crowded conditions. The downtown women will be the next to be moved.

HENRY POOR SIGNED TO PAINT MURALS FOR OLD MAIN LOBBY

A DREAM COMES TRUE



Murals in Old Main—sought more than two years by interested groups—have finally been arranged for with the official signing this week of a contract between the College and Henry Varnum Poor, noted American artist.

The view shown here is of Old Main lobby with murals projected above the stairway. It was used during the drive to give the layman an idea of the change which will be produced. The painting shown over the stairway is Masaccio's "The Tribute Money."

Famous Artist Plans To Start Work On Campus In February

\$4,500 Gift Presented By Class Of 1932 Sufficient To Cover Expense Of Project As Two-Year Drive Ends Successfully

A more than two-year campaign for the painting of murals in Old Main ended early this week with the completion of a contract between the College and Henry Varnum Poor, noted American artist. A single mural will be painted over the main stairway at a cost of \$1,500.

Plans for the mural which will depict the beginnings of the College were approved early in August by the Board of Trustees, and Poor has been at work since that time even though the contract was not officially signed. The mural will be paid for by a gift of the class of 1932.

The entire wall above the main stairway will be done in the fresco medium and the aperture in the lounge will be closed to provide an unbroken background.

To Take Two Months

Actual work on the wall will probably take only two months and is expected to begin in February. The aperture will be closed during the Christmas holidays.

Although the mural will be unbroken, Poor has indicated that he may give it a triadic effect by enlarging the scale for the central portion which will probably include a monumental Lincoln.

The signing of the Morrill Land-Grant act and the founding of a Land-Grant college are likely to be used as a theme. The design will seek to give expression to this central idea rather than to present a bare recital of the findings of the College, it has been indicated.

At present Poor is at his home in New York City, New York, studying early pictures and histories of the College, and histories of the Morrill Land-Grant Act preparatory to beginning actual work here.

While the painting of a mural over the Old Main stairs does not represent the satisfaction of all that interested groups had campaigned for, it is considered a major step toward that goal.

Later, if the first mural is favorably received, it is hoped that help will be given to carry the entire program to completion. This would include painting of murals on the remaining walls of the Old Main lobby and possibly in other buildings on the campus.

Scholarship Blanks Available Now At 409 Old Main

Application for the Louise Carnegie and John W. White scholarships are now available Room 409 Old Main, the office of Prof. Jacob Tange, chairman of the Committee on Academic Standards. The blanks must be returned no later than October 10.

Students whose academic ratings are eligible to apply for the scholarships. However, because the number of students applying each year has been greatly in excess of the 16 scholarships available, selection has been practically limited to those in the upper 5 percent of their class.

Sophomore Collegian Staff's Meet Tonight

There will be an important meeting of all sophomore business and editorial candidates for the Collegian in Room 312 Old Main at 8 p. m. tonight. The meeting is being called by C. Russell Bek '40, business manager and A. William Engel, Jr., '40, editor.

Dining Chairman Named

Chairmen of the women's dining rooms committees, selected by Senate Tuesday night, are Alexandra McLean, West Atherton dining room, Bertha M. Douthett '41, East Atherton dining room, and F.

2-Year Ags Must Take '43 Customs

Precedent-Breaking Decree Handed Down By Student Tribunal

By decree of the Student Tribunal, first year students in the two-year agricultural course have for the first time in the history of the College been ordered to follow freshman customs.

The decree handed down at the first meeting of the body last Tuesday night, is based on a clause in the customs code which says "special students entering College with ratings as freshmen must observe freshman customs." Two year agricultural students, were held to be included under this classification.

Wilson Named Secretary

At the Tuesday meeting, Tribunal elected Robert L. Wilson '40 secretary granted exemptions to 50 freshmen over 21 years of age, allowed seven temporary exemptions for various reasons, and refused 11 applications for exemption.

By his own statement, Tribunal is going to be TOUGH spelled in capital letters—TOUGH Customs are stiffer than they have been for a number of years and Tribunal wants that its enforcement will be accordingly stiffer.

At its second meeting last night, Tribunal ruled on the first cases of violation and held second hearing on the seven temporary exemptions Tuesday.

From now on regular meetings of the body will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday evenings in Room 305 Old Main. Violations may be reported by any student at Student Union office up to 5 p. m. each day.

Those freshmen whose applications were granted must carry with them at all times exemption cards signed by G. Warren Elliott '40, chairman of Tribunal.

Choir And Glee Club Tryouts Next Week

Tryouts for the Men's Glee Club and the Choir will be held at 7 p. m. next Tuesday and Wednesday nights in the second floor of Schwab Auditorium.

High voices (tenors) will meet Tuesday night with low voices (baritones and basses) scheduled to report Wednesday.

RUSHING

is in full swing now among the College's 50 fraternities. Hundreds of freshmen and upper-classmen will be invited to join. Get a complete list of

PLEDGES

in the special issue of the COLLEGIAN Out Monday evening

'43 Enrollment Sets Record

With the registration of 1341 men and women last Thursday and Friday, and with late registrants and registration of part time students expected to bring the total number close to 2000, the class of 1943 found itself possessor of a new Freshman enrollment record today, according to figures released from Registrar William S. Hoffman's office.

The enrollment this year is well above the mark of 1714 set last year by the class of 1942.

Figures released yesterday by the Registrar's office did not include the enrollment at the Forestry School at Mont Alto, which is expected to approximate 125, or 20 students more than last year. Based on figures made available

Federal NYA Blanks Ready At S. U. Tuesday, Wednesday

'Confusion' Causes Death

Dislike for College Life Blamed In Suicide Of James Mayers '43

Dislike of the confusion of college life during freshmen week was today the only known motive for the suicide of James W. Mayers '43, who was found hanging from a rafter in the stairway of his roominghouse at 157 E. Harts-wick avenue Monday.

Centre County Coroner W. R. Heaton of Philipsburg pronounced the death a suicide after a personal investigation into the 18-year-old Philadelphia boy's self-destruction.

A High School Athlete

Mayers was a graduate of Church Farm School, near Philadelphia, where he captained the football team and was a member of the basketball and track teams. Friends described him as a normally good-natured, happy fellow, although quiet.

Since his arrival here, Mayers had appeared unhappy and confused. He told several friends that he didn't like college, saying he had so much to do he didn't know where to start.

CORRECTION

Freshmen will pay fees in the Armory from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. today September 22, and on September 26 as erroneously stated in a headline in last Thursday's Collegian.

The regular \$15 ROTC fee will be paid by freshmen as scheduled in the Freshman booklet and not with the regular payment of fees on Friday.

Freshman Pay Fees Today, Others Follow On Thursday, Friday

Payment of fees will get under way in the Armory at 9 a. m. today with freshmen beginning a schedule which will continue until 5 p. m. this afternoon.

Upper-classmen will make their payments next Thursday and Friday at the same hours prescribed for freshmen (9 a. m. to 5 p. m. continuously).

The five-dollar fine for late payment will ensue again this year. It was levied at the Bursar's office.

Co-operation of the students is asked by the administration so that classes will not be missed because of fees.

Pay Period Set-Up For '39-'40 Term Explained By Director Maddox

All students employed or NYA work, whose names appeared on the first list of accepted applicants which was posted Wednesday, will report to the Student Union desk next Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26 and 27, to receive their Federal NYA blanks which must be filled out, it was announced yesterday by Stanley B. Maddox, director of NYA here.

The lists now available at the offices of the respective deans, include the names of those students whose applications were received by the committee at the earliest possible time.

Pay Period Starts Wednesday

Maddox also announced that the first pay period which began Wednesday will end October 10. Following pay periods will begin on the eleventh of each month and continue until the tenth of the next year, because of a \$21,105 boost in the NYA appropriation, there will be an increase in the number of pay periods as well as the amount of pay received by the students. Last year the number of periods was eight and this year will be nine, Maddox said, with an increase of \$125 over the \$1225 salary paid during the 1938-'39 term.

Hacker '37, Former IFC President, Dies

George M. Hacker '37, died of infantile paralysis in a Philadelphia hospital Wednesday morning. He was believed to have contracted the fatal disease while swimming.

While on this campus Hacker was very prominent in activities, being president of Interfraternity Council and Sigma Nu fraternity, a member of Men's Student Board, Lion's Paw, Skull and Bones, Blue Key, president of Penn Naus, and freshman football manager.

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'Cleanest' Rush Week Nears End

Preference Cards To Be Turned In At Student Union Today

With the first period of "the cleanest rushing season in 11 years" at an end, the more than 700 freshmen who bought fraternity date cards will indicate their first two houses of their choice at Student Union desk today.

The term "cleanest rushing season in 11 years" was applied by Dr. Sheldon C. Tanner, chairman of the rushing judiciary committee, who spiked all rumors of code violations.

No Rushing Complaints

Dr. Tanner said that so far his committee has received no complaints of rushing violations and that he has been given the finest possible cooperation by fraternity houses. The committee will be open to receive and rule on reports of rushing infractions until one week after the season ends.

After freshman fill out their preference cards at Student Union from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. today, the preference lists will be compiled and made available to fraternities at 8 p. m.

When the fraternities call for copies of their preferences they must pay their annual Interfraternity Council dues of \$5 before they can receive their lists. At the same time they will be given bid cards to be filled out and returned to Student Union by midnight Sunday.

Silent Period Ends Tomorrow

The silent period which has been in effect since 10 p. m. yesterday will end at 11 a. m. tomorrow when the two-day intensive rushing period begins.

Dates made for the intensive period are not binding on either the rusher or the fraternity even though signed on the date card. Rushing will continue from 11 a. m. tomorrow morning until 4 p. m. and will be resumed from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m. Hours for Sunday rushing are 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and 5 p. m. to 10 p. m. when the season officially closes.

After 10 p. m. Sunday the fraternities must make out their bids and turn them in to Student Union no later than midnight. On Monday freshmen will have from 3 a. m. to 5 p. m. to get their bids.

At 5 p. m. Monday freshmen who have received bids will go to the fraternities of their choice where pledging will take place.

'43 Coeds Plan Mixer

A mixer for freshman women will be held in 304 at 7:30 p. m. today. All freshmen coeds are invited to the affair of which Milliam Miller '41 and Peggy Middleton '41 are co-chairmen.