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Campaigns Launched By '43 Parties

Both Candidates Hit Non-Partisan Keynote At Rally

By WILLIAM E. FOWLER Having launched their campaigns at an enthusiastic mass meeting Tuesday night, both freshman parties were intensively canvassing members of the class of '43 this week.

At the same time the freshman elections committee was making final preparations for the balloting which will climax the week's campaign next Tuesday. Voting will be from 8 a.m. to 12, and from 12:45 to 5:15 p. m., with AA books and matriculation cards required.

In campaign speeches Tuesday night, both presidential candidates stressed non-partisanship as the keynote of their respective party programs.

Stress Non-Partisanship

The All-College Party was organized to bring fraternity and non-fraternity men closer together, declared W. Byron Riley, All-College nominee. "By our actions we have shown that we are trying to accomplish just that."

The Independent Party is a non-partisan party, asserted Eugene R. Yeager, head of the Independent slate. "Our fundamental purpose for the next four years is to create a better Penn State."

Only evident fact in the practical battle slated Tuesday is that, whichever party triumphs, the president of the freshman class will not be a football player. Since neither of the candidates is a grid hero, this long-established tradition will inevitably be broken.

Women to Run

Women will seek freshman class offices for the first time in College history, with Elsie L. Roth and Wilhelmina (Timmy) Kipp vying for the secretarial post and Jacqueline (Jackie) Shaffer a candidate for the four-year job of class historian.

Comparison of party platforms finds both parties backing the Lion Shrine, better fraternity and non-fraternity relationships, and more Penn State spirit. Other planks find the independents supporting the student book exchange, the drive for a Student Union building, and an improved method of selection.

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Paul Bunyan Will Bring Forestry-Ball Decorations

Word that the immortal Paul Bunyan, honorary sponsor of the Forestry Ball tomorrow night, will bring decorations for the Ball was received late yesterday by the committee in charge of the dance.

The committee announced that Bunyan had notified them he would make a special trip to State College from the land of Blue Snow sometime tonight, bearing with him trimmings fit only for a dance with his feats as a theme.

Forestry Ball will be held in the Armory tomorrow night from 9 to 12 with Rex Rockwell's band swinging out. The dance will be semi-formal, with admission set at 75 cents per couple.

Pinafore Will Sail For Altoona Port

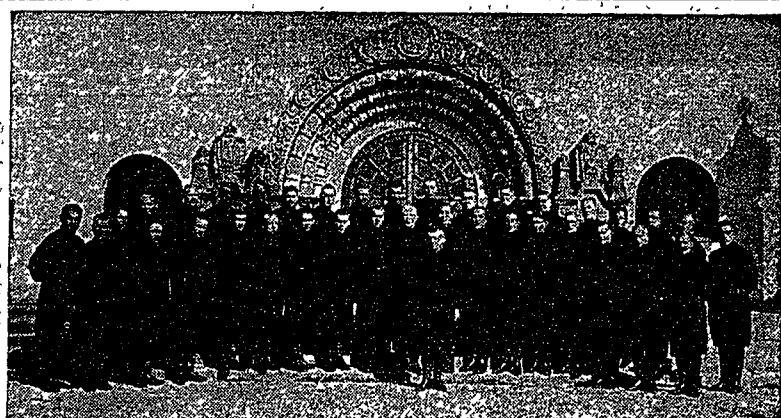
Contrary to the growing belief that the Glee-Sopsians' smash hit, "Swing Pinafore" has "put the bones to bed," Sock Kennedy announced yesterday that they would put the show on the road, if only as far as Altoona.

An engagement at Altoona, probably in the Mishler theatre, will be played on January 16. The production is under the auspices of the Penn State undergraduate center in Altoona, and all proceeds of the show will go to it.

Although the Altoona one-night stand is the only definite date, other dates may be scheduled. Two others, in Harrisburg and Lewisport, are on the uncertain list, however, Kennedy pointed out.

Hopes that "Swing Pinafore," which incidentally is the only Thespian show ever to be presented four different times, would tour the big-time circuit in the same manner as Mask and Wig and Triangle shows, were spiked. The capital just ain't there.

THESE COSSACKS ARE COMING!



Don Cossack Choir Will Appear Here In First Number On Artists' Course; Taylor's Contest Offer Draws Comment

Russians' Conduct Presents Problem To Their Manager

Nursemaid, chaperone, and all around manager of 36 singing Russian giants—that's the job held down by Paul H. Stoes, who takes care of all the transportation and lodging problems for the Don Cossack Choir which will appear as the first number on the 1939-40 Artists' Course in Schwab Auditorium Tuesday night.

And take it from Stoes, it's no easy task caring for the wants of the colorful chorists, who have travelled 850,000 miles in giving over 2,750 concerts, since their organization by platoon-sized Serge Jaroff in 1921.

Few of the Cossacks speak any English, though in the audiences of their fiery Cossack steeds and having spent their early life galloping across the plains of the Ukraine, the Russian giants are unaccustomed to life in the city.

Cook in Rooms To Keep a Check on the Singers, they are divided into groups of four men each, and because they travel so fast to fill engagements, must carry all their possessions in one suitcase each. A fifth bag contains kitchen utensils, because the Cossacks can't stand American cuisine and prefer their native concoctions. Therefore they can live only in hotels which permit cooking in the rooms.

Another problem confronting manager Stoes include finding lost room keys which the men of the Steppes continually lose, especially when they succumb to their ancestral weakness of imbibing too much vodka. The giant slingers also have a bad habit of stuffing dried herrings and other such odorous foodstuffs in their traveling bags. American laws are confusing to the Cossacks and many times they must be pried loose from the long arm of the law for minor infractions which they cannot understand as being in the correct thing to do.

Advertising Society Admits Six Students

Alpha Delta Sigma, national professional honorary advertising fraternity, held formal initiation for six men in the Sigma-Nu house last Sunday.

Those initiated were David E. Wagenseller '41, Walter J. Moleky '40, Lawrence S. Dreyer '41, William E. Stohler Jr. '40, Ralph C. Routsong '41, and Jack H. Thomas '41.

Women Debaters Face Oxford Team Here On Thursday

International Debate 1st Women Have Held Here

"Could the Democracies Have Averted War?" will be deliberated by a team of varsity women debaters and Oxford-Cambridge representatives in Schwab Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mary Elizabeth Hatton '40 and Gertrude Hecht '39 will represent Penn State against Peter Street and Edward R. G. Heath of Oxford.

Although international debates have been held here since 1927, this is the first to include women debaters.

The Oxford team is the 18th in a series of outstanding international debate teams brought here by Forensic Council including National Union of German Students, Canadian University, National British Student Union, Australian, New Zealand and Anglo-Irish teams.

Cy Peterman Chosen To Address Journalism Smoker Here Monday

Cy Peterman, star sportswriter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, will speak here at 7:30 p.m. next Monday at the annual Sigma Delta Chi Journalism smoker to be held in the Phi Sigma Kappa house. More than 100 freshmen and upperclassmen in the Journalism department will attend.

Peterman has been with the Inquirer several years as a sportswriter and featured columnist. Previously he had been a columnist with the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

He will also appear before the Journalism I class which meets at 11 a.m. Monday in the Little Theatre of Old Main.

IFC Will Help Needy Kids

Food Baskets Again Arranged For Poor

Again "playing Santa" to Centre County poor children, Interfraternity Council will provide food and entertainment for their holiday season.

Baskets containing five dollars worth of potatoes, sugar, flour, and canned goods will be contributed by each fraternity, and will be collected by the committee in charge.

Houses have also been asked to include request for six pounds of meat for the children's Christmas dinner, which will be purchased by Mrs. R. S. Kirby of the local Welfare group.

On Monday evening, December 18, general of the "poor kids" will be entertained by each fraternity, Rotary and Kiwanis groups, cooperating in the project, will arrange transportation to and from the houses.

The IFC committee in charge includes G. Warren Elliott '40, chairman, William H. Simms '40, Howard G. Anderson '40, A. William Engel Jr. '40, and Frank C. Anderson, Jr. '40, IFC president.

Christmas Carol Sing And Worship Service Set For December 18

Announcing the definite date for the Annual Christmas Carol sing as December 18, the committee has stated that plans for the affair have been nearly completed pending replies from the various campus and town organizations who are expected to cooperate.

The worship service, generally held after the sing, is planned for 8 p.m. with the singing in front of Old Main to follow at 9 p.m. Richard W. Grant, head of the department of music, has announced that the choir and possibly the varsity quartet will render several selections.

Interview Lecture Today

"The Employment Interview" will be the subject of an engineering lecture in Room 110 Home Economics Building at 3:10 p.m. today. The lecture will be in charge of staff members of the department of industrial engineering.

Dantscher And Warnock Deride Selling Suggestions

A contest begun by a letter to the editor of the Collegian early this week by Professor Nelson W. Taylor, department of ceramics, offering a seat to the Artists' Course series for the best solution to selling tickets for the Course, seemed almost without an answer as two College authorities blasted several theories for the solution.

In his Daily Half Column, Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock proposed a plan which he called the "ellipse function method." According to Dean Warnock, the plan is used by many psychologists for other purposes, and would require every applicant to be measured by the department of music as to capacity to appreciate the kind of music to be offered in the given series.

As a second step to his plan, Dean Warnock said that "every applicant would also be measured by the psycho-educational department as to aptitudes in transforming cultural stimuli into social usefulness." By allowing "one score to be the major axis and the other the minor axis, we multiply the major axis by one-half of the minor axis and then the product by 3410." This computation, Dean Warnock explains, will "give us the ellipse rating of each applicant and the fellow who has the biggest ellipse gets first crack at the tickets."

Mall Unsuitable

Walter F. Dantscher, director of publicity at the College, pointed out the unsuitability of a mall order plan, which has been the suggestion of many subscribers. "The difficulty with a sale conducted by mail resolves itself into the question who shall select whom to get what tickets and how will that person or persons successfully disprove, if not escape, the charges of favoring his sisters and his cousins and his aunts?"

"Moreover," continued, Dantscher, "how will he handle the applications if they total 1,500 or 2,000, as they might have this year, when the total number of seats is less than 1,400?"

Hillel Foundation Will Hold Chanukah Dance Tomorrow

The Hillel Foundation will sponsor a Chanukah Dance from 9 p.m. to 12 tomorrow night in honor of the annual celebration of the "Feast of Lights." Admittance will be by membership cards and to couples only. Non-members may attend by paying a 50 cent fee.

Dr. Josef Dunner, novelist and foreign affairs analyst, will address the Zionist Club of the Foundation on "Palestine in Progress" at the Hillel building on West Beaver avenue at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Tribunal Finds Only Two Freshmen Guilty

Only two freshmen, the smallest number Tribunal has penalized at any one meeting this year, were found guilty of customs violations. George U. Keating was caught without customs. He will wear four rulers around his neck and will carry a bundle of shoes, and will wear a sign, "NOT ONE FOOT WITHOUT CUSTOMS."

Charles Fox will bounce a rubber ball while he is on campus, and will carry a sign, "TRIBUNAL BOUNCED ME."

12 Will Vie In Amateur Hour Today

Each Contestant To Get Prize; Winner To Perform In Dry Dock

Twelve contestants will compete in the third annual Penn State Club Amateur Hour before what is expected to be a packed house in Schwab Auditorium at 8 o'clock tonight.

Every contestant entered will receive a prize and the winner of the contest, in addition to the main prize will be given a contract to appear in the next revue to be staged by the Dry Dock Club, newly-organized campus hot spot Bud Yanofsky '41, Thespian star, will be master of ceremonies and will introduce the contestants and award the prizes.

Entertainers who will try for first place and the contract for the next Dry Dock Club revue are: Mike Thrus Stanges, Jack Vos, John '40, magician, George Sumner '42, pianist, Kitty Jones '42 pianist, Leon Rabinowitz '43, impersonator, Mable Brodell '44, impersonator, Dean Clyde '43, singer, Joseph Salzo '41, wrestler singer, and Pat Allwater '40, tap dancer.

Boyd Bell a member of the Varsity Quartet, will sing at intermission, during which time a silver offering will be taken to finance prizes.

The winner of the contest will be determined by the amount of applause each entry receives from the audience.

AIME Dinner Slated Monday

College President, State Secretary Of Mines Will Speak To Local Chapter

John Ira Thomas, State Secretary of Mines, and Francis A. Thomson, President of the Montana School of Mines, Butte, Montana, two of the most outstanding men in the mining profession, will speak at the annual dinner meeting of the local chapter of the AIME, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, at the Nittany Lion Inn, Monday night.

The dinner meeting, slated to get under way at 6:30 p.m., is the largest meeting of the year, as the entire faculty and student body may attend. An instructive and entertaining program has been arranged by various committees. Tickets for the affair, priced at \$1.10, may be purchased at Room 113 MI building.

Secretary Thomas will speak on the subject, "Some Mineral Industry Problems in Pennsylvania." Dr. Thomson, who is chairman of the Mineral Industry Educational Division of the AIME, will talk on "Minerals in War" with some remarks on "Opportunities for Technical Graduates in the Mineral Industries."

Hetzl Appointed Job Committee Chairman

Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, president of the College, has been appointed chairman of the committee on religious cooperation in Pennsylvania's Job Mobilization movement by Walter D. Fuller, head of the "Give a Job" campaign.

President Hetzel's unit will coordinate efforts of various religious groups in the battle to reduce unemployment.

Poor's Mural Design Lauded

College officials were enthused this week over a preliminary design submitted by Henry Varnum Pool for the mural which he will paint next Spring over the stairs in the lobby of Old Main.

Poor's design has Abraham Lincoln, the signer of the Morrill Land Grant College Act, as the central figure standing with a young student who holds a tree about to be planted.

Since its arrival here on Tuesday, the preliminary sketch has been viewed enthusiastically by a great many officials of the College and by students, although it is worked out only in rough design and is without final color.

Prof Harold E. Dickson, of the division of fine arts, predicted that, as now conceived, the mural may become one of the great frescoes of modern times.

Pool accompanied his design with a written explanation of the treatment he has planned for the mural.

CALLS GIFT VOTE



Whole Class Will Vote On Senior Gift

Suggestions Due At S. U. Desk By Jan. 15

The senior class gift this year will be determined by a class vote to be held in connection with the all-College elections next May, David E. Pergrin '40, class president, said yesterday in announcing a committee to supervise selection of the gift.

The change, Pergrin said, will be made to remove the contention which has arisen in recent years when the gift was chosen by rising vote at poorly attended class meetings. Under the new system, the seniors will vote for the gift at the same time they vote for the all-College president and vice-president.

Six on Committee

Pergrin will serve as chairman of the gift committee. Other members are G. Warren Elliott, Jr. '40, A. William Engel, Jr. '40, W. Jerome Howarth '40, H. Clifton McWilliams, Jr. '40, and George E. Ritter '40.

Suggestions for the gift, Pergrin announced, may be turned in by any class members at Student Union desk before January 15. All suggestions will be studied by the committee, he said, and those suitable will be put up to a vote in May.

Gift suggestions already proposed include a scholarship fund, contribution toward a Student Union building, additional murals for Old Main, new units for the multiple observatory, and a contribution toward the new Lion Shrine.

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Congress Exempts Fraternity Workers From Security Levy

Tax On Non-Existing Wages Declared Unfair To Students Earning Meals; Dormitory Employees Also Excluded

(Special to the Collegian) WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—Special employment taxes required of college fraternities by the Social Security Act will no longer be required effective January 1, 1940, members of the Social Security Board stated today.

The special taxes have been a sore spot to fraternity managers since the initiation of the Act in 1935. The cancellation was brought about by a special Act of Congress.

As practically all fraternity student employees receive meals in payment for their work, and do not get any remuneration whatsoever, the managers contended they were paying a tax on wages which did not exist.

Walters Exempted

The exemptions, which apply to all student employees in dormitories as well as fraternities, were a part of the Social Security Act amendments of 1939. Student workers will be exempted from all Social Security Act jurisdiction, according to the measure.

Any service with remuneration of less than \$45 and service performed by a student who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes at a school, college, or university, is exempt from assessments.

The treasury department has promised to issue regulations on the status of fraternity treasurers and fraternity presidents before the amendment takes effect.

College To Make Life Easier For Left-Handers

The southpaws get a break! In an effort to satisfy the needs of left-handed students here, a number of left-handed tablet arm chairs have been ordered by the College for use in the new buildings.

Suitability of the new seats for use will be tested by southpaw students as soon as they are installed in Central Liberal Arts. If found suitable, more of the seats will be ordered.

About 5 percent of the 5,000-odd seats ordered under the equipment contracts are expected to hold left-handed arms, according to Scheduling Officer Ray V. Watkins. This figure corresponds almost exactly to the proportion of students who write with the left hand.

Each classroom will be equipped according to size, with only a few of the new seats in the smaller rooms and several rows in the larger lecture sections.

PSCA Frosh Hear Messner

Sherwood (Woody) Messner, regional secretary of the Student Christian Movement, spoke on "Religion As An Integrating Force in Personality" at the weekly meeting of the Freshman Commission in the PSCA rooms Wednesday night.

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Poor's letter in full appears below. First, I want the design to bring a sense of great spatial extension and ordered movement across the wall. Second, the main drama of the design will be in the light itself, with the farming and industrial regions of the state each lying in the light which most characterizes it. Using the general costume of about 1860 and having as its main theme the building of Old Main, I want to express the relation of the College to the agricultural and industrial life of the state—but to do this by putting them in their simplest terms so they become in a sense symbols. I prefer that the human and permanent qualities expressed in the figures themselves become of much more importance than the illustration of any particular event, or the accuracy to any exact period. I want Lincoln to be a symbol of hope and faith, more than just a part of the design because of his historic signing of the Morrill Act. I want his face and figure to express also doubt and tragedy, and the full fruit of what he hoped would be expressed in the figure of the young student holding a tree to be planted. In the center background is Old Main under construction, and extending to both right and left on that same plane will be much activity of men on scaffolds, horses dragging stone boats, etc. In the foreground left will be a group of farmer students working in their experimental plots and arguing over their work. The immediate foreground is warm ridged earth with winter rye in rows. Back of this group will be students judging cattle and working in corn fields, on the extreme left a Pennsylvania barn yard. (Continued on Page Four)

Esquire Artist Asked To Pick LaVie Queens

Petty Will Be One-Man Judge Of Senior Beauties; Riley Given Advisory Post

ANNOUNCEMENT Senior pictures not taken by 4 p.m. next Monday will not appear in the 1940 LaVie. It was announced yesterday by Thomas J. Finn, Jr., '40, editor of LaVie.

George B. Petty, renowned Esquire artist, has consented to select the final "La Vie Beauties," according to word received yesterday by Thomas A. Finn '40, editor of the Yearbook.

Endeavoring to alleviate campus criticism of the selections, Finn requested Petty to assume the role of one man judge of Penn State's queens.

Pictures of approximately 30 coeds, probably to be selected in a student poll, will be sent to the famed artist from which six or eight will be chosen. A bust portrait and an informal full-length snap of each girl will be used.

Other efforts to improve the 1940 LaVie over previous years include the addition of H. Ridge Riley, sports editor of the department of public information, as advisory member of the staff. Members of the All-College Cabinet have offered their services to aid the improvement.

Plans for the yearbook also include an informal presentation with an attempt to break-up the monotony in certain sections. Careless errors will be eliminated by thorough checking.

IFC Head Elected To National Post

Frank C. Anderson, Jr. '40, IFC president, was elected vice-chairman of the National Undergraduate Interfraternity Council at the National Interfraternity Conference in New York's Hotel Biltmore last week end.

Scholarship chapter officers training schools, deferred rushing, and counteracting "distorted versions of fraternity life as portrayed in picture magazines and movies" were among the subjects discussed by the 400 delegates to the 31st annual conference.