

Figures Of '43 Women Are In Excellent Shape, Health Service Reports

Penn State Freshmen women are in better shape than they were in past years—and we do mean shape.

According to statistical portraits drawn by the College Health Service, '43 women average 5 feet, 3.43 inches in height and tip the scales at 122.8 pounds. Since the last year's freshmen women weighed the same and were a half-inch shorter, it stands to reason that the present freshmen are in better shape.

And the freshmen males, well, the figures show that he is a little on the short, fat side, in comparison with last year's bedknived lads.

Freshmen men average 146 1/2 pounds in weight, two pounds overweight for their average height of 5 feet, 8.67 inches. Last year the greenhorns were two inches taller, but six pounds underweight. Which all goes to prove the old saying—"Never a perfect freshman."

Statistics also showed that both male and female of the species were 18 years old unusually healthy babies for their age, in fact, a lot healthier than their predecessors or the average American.

A method of cheaply producing a protein substance (threonine) essential to life has been devised by a Purdue University scientist.

Williams College has established a new course on basic Latin-American problems.

Collegians Expect \$100 A Month; Scorn Pensions

By Student Opinion Surveys

AUSTIN, Texas, January 15—College youth of this new year is faced with some of the most staggering problems of modern civilization, further, complicated by this nation's attempts to make itself a better place to live.

Unemployment continues to be a major U S problem, vying for attention with the war in Europe, which is bound to have its effect on business and on wages. On the first of February monthly Treasury checks will begin coming to many of the aged of the country, and by the end of 1940 nearly one million persons will be receiving benefits as the gigantic Social Security program assumes full stride.

The Student Opinion Surveys, national polling organization of the campus press, has tapped the college mind on two topics that may give a glimpse of America tomorrow: old age pensions and the income college youth expects.

Surveys' interviewees found the usual student optimism. Almost two-thirds of the collegians don't want the government to pay them pensions when they reach 65, and nearly 7 out of every 10 believe they will be able to earn \$100 a month or more as soon as they leave college.

The poll on pensions does not mean that students are opposed to Social Security for the needy. And college women differ with their male classmates. The Surveys found that the men are of the opinion they should not be beneficiaries, principally because they believe they will be able to take care of themselves. Most girls voted on the opposite side. Asked, "When you reach the age of 65, do you think the government should pay you a pension?"

students gave these answers

	Men	Women	Both
Yes	34	56	37
No	66	44	63

The Surveys' interviewees also asked this question of a scientifically-selected cross section of students in strict proportion to U S Office of Education figures representing the entire national enrollment, "How much do you believe you will be able to earn from your first job after you leave college?" Not counting those who had no definite idea as to their future incomes or girls who did not plan to work, these were the results:

\$75 or less	11 per cent
\$75 to 100	20 per cent
\$100 to 125	38 per cent
\$125 to 150	16 per cent
\$150 or more	15 per cent

These answers take on more significance when projected against the finding of the American Youth Commission, which indicate that even in cities, where wages are higher, the typical youth's weekly pay envelope contains about \$15.

LA School Opposes Grade Lowering Because Of Cuts

The School of Liberal Arts does not sanction the lowering of grades by instructors because of cuts, according to a recent statement by Dr Charles C Wagner, assistant dean.

In the same breath, however, Dr Wagner pointed out that according to college regulations an instructor has the right to exclude a student from class for too many cuts. Moreover, the number of cuts to be considered "too many" is left to the judgment of the individual professor. "Cuts may cause low grades indirectly, through missing material covered by bluebooks," Dr Wagner declared. "However, the School administration feels that grades should not be lowered for absence alone."

Nitany Skiers Lose Dual Meet To Cornell

Penn State skiers lost their first dual meet of the season to Cornell by a score of 300 to 250 at Cornish Hills, N. Y., last Saturday. Other Nitany skiers who participated in the meet were Chuck Hilferly, Phil Sussman, Hal Stout, and Kurt Goldmann.

The only first place won by Penn State was taken by Captain Max Peters who made the five-mile cross-country run in 40 minutes.

52 Students Join Pershing Rifles

Mont Alto Unit Set Up With 27 Members

Pershing Rifles, honorary for basic ROTC students, yesterday announced the initiation here of 52 students and the installation of a chapter at the Mont Alto Forestry School with 27 members.

A demonstration of the new infantry drill adopted last year will be given by Pershing Rifles in the Army next Tuesday for the Centre County chapter of the Reserve Officers Association. It was announced at the same time. The initiation of 27 Mont Alto students was conducted there on December 15 by the upperclass officers of the company here: Capt William S Shirra '40, Lieut. Rolland S Mangel '41, Lieut. William E Park, Jr '41 and Lieut. Robert N Baker '41.

Accepted Last Month The chapter here held its informal initiation on December 16 and informal ceremony on December 18 when 41 freshmen and 11 sophomores were installed.

Among the freshmen initiated were Harold V Adams, Kenneth D Bair, Robert K Barbour, Philip A Barnhill, Rudolph Bloom, Jr., Edward R Clauss, F Lloyd Conover, George E Conits, Jr., James W Davies, Jacob V D'Angelo, Joseph Edelstein, Robert Elser, Edward R Evans, Jr., Sheldon H Fanus, Louis E Fettig, Dean M Gettemy, Richard D Gill, James A Harwick, Thomas R Heidecker, Paul R Knight, Jr., Robert Koch, Robert W Lisle.

Other freshmen were Harold E MacHamer, Daniel L McCarthy, Raymond P Major, William A May, William W Middleton, Merle R Miller, James H Mollenauer, Clinton D Moon, Jr., Norman I Ostroff, Edward Pecham, Jr., Robert G Schimpf, Russel E Schloft, Paul S Shanoy, Jr., Eugene S Stull, III, William E Thomas, III, Jay W Thornhill, Joseph T Weber, and H Ray Wertz, Jr. Sophomores initiated were Harold J Berger, Ralph Blasinger, Charles S Burlingham, III, Samuel A Custer, Warren L Eisenberg, Walter Hibbard, Jr., William D. Huttlinger, Edward G Jackline, Earl R Levier, Hams G Ruthe, and Thomas Young.

LA Open

(Continued from page 1) Spanish, German, sociology, political science, local government, and extension service will remain in Old Main and the English composition building for the present.

Classrooms of the new unit will contain 1,539 seats, but the net gain in seating facilities will be reduced to 1,498 by conversion of classrooms to offices in the north Liberal Arts building.

Two large and much-needed lecture rooms, 10 and 121, will be made available for evening lectures through the opening of the building. The rooms will be utilized for engineering lectures next semester, while classes in LD 1 are slated to hold their last meeting of the semester in Room 10 on January 22.

Lack of equipment will probably prohibit use of the new speech laboratory on the third floor of the new unit this year, according to Watkins.

Basketball

(Continued from page 3) lead early in the opening stanza. Dead-eye Skibo shooting, however, together with the withdrawal of Captain Cliff McWilliams and Elmer Gross, combined to send the Tartans spurring ahead in the second period as the Lion offense faltered.

Ironically enough, the foul line, former happy hunting-ground of the locals, was the scene of their defeat. The Lions dropped only seven of their 15 charity tosses, while Tech sunk 11 in 16 tries.

Husky Henry Holets, sophomore football player, took scoring honors for the smoky city crew with a total of 13 points. Pacing the Nitany quintet were Kern Christman with 12 markers and Johnny Barr with 11.

The summaries

	fld.	fts.	fts.
Penn State	10	5	13-33
Christman, f	5	2	6-12
Klouse	0	0	0-0
Moffat	0	0	0-0
Barr, f	5	1	3-11
McWilliams, c	1	3	4-5
Grimes, c	0	0	0-0
Gross, g	0	1	2-1
Crowell	0	0	0-0
Racusin, g	2	0	0-4
Total	13	7	15-33
Carnegie Tech	fld	fts.	fts.
Alexander, f	3	1	1-7
Patton	1	0	0-2
Kirk	1	0	0-2
Holets, f	4	5	6-13
Stark, c	2	3	5-7
Sturgeon, g	1	2	3-4
Tumpane, g	0	0	0-0
Buice	0	0	1-1
Total	12	11	16-35

Score by Quarters
Penn State 10 5 13-33
Carnegie Tech 6 14 6 9-35
Referee—Art Orahman.

Bicycle polo is a new sport that has been introduced in several eastern colleges.

Health Service Finishes One Of Busiest Terms

One of the busiest Fall terms in the history of the College Health Service has just been completed, the director of the service, Dr Joseph P Ritenour, told President Ralph D Hetzel in his semi-annual report last week.

From July 1 to December 31 the health service had 14,603 calls against 12,773 a year ago. Since the first semester began, every month but September has been busier than any in the last four years. There were 261 hospital patients during the half year against 182 a year ago.

Epidemic Boosts Record December Health Service calls passed the 3,000 mark for the first time, going to 3,385 largely due to the epidemic of influenza. In four days of the epidemic, December 11 to 14 inclusive, the Health Service had 1,026 calls for all causes and granted excuses for 2,752 hours of class missed.

Dr Ritenour reported to President Hetzel that this year 1,449 freshmen, including 450 women, were given physical examinations. For the first time examination of both men and women was carried on simultaneously, men being examined in the Dispensary and women in White Hall.

Of 1,728 Mantoux tests given to freshmen, transfers and students from Mont Alto, 428 gave some indication of tuberculosis infection but X-Ray examinations of each were completed and not one active lesion was found, Dr Ritenour reported.

1838 Sport Permits The Health Service also noted an increase in applications for permits to participate in varsity, freshman, and intramural sports, granting 1,838 permits up to January 1. The number of students participating in sport was not quite this large as some were granted permits for more than one sport.

It was also reported that Dr Edgar S Krug, physician, is carrying on experiments in the Health Service to establish criteria for determining whether high blood pressure has its basis in organic or functional disorder.

The first All-American football team was announced in "Harper's Weekly".

Playwright Maxwell Anderson edited the University of North Dakota yearbook in 1912.

Beloit College has abolished semester examinations.

Players

(Continued from page 1) developed by the Chinese in the 13th century (Don't get sore Mr. Wilder, just give them a Chinaman's chance).

"The Circle of Chalk" is as different from other plays, as day is from night. The characters introduce themselves to the audience (as if the audience didn't have a program).

When a character is thinking to himself, he tells the audience about it. The Chinese don't allow you to imagine or to think about anything.

In this manner the play is definitely styled for a Penn State audience, especially since exam week is approaching.

"The Circle of Chalk," directed by James Doll, instructor in dramatics, blends the drama of the Far East so readily, that it can easily be digested by a western audience.

Combining mystery, intrigue, wisdom, and humor into one production which produces more slants than a Chinaman's eye, is the real art of the ancient theater.

At Cornell University, football receipts pay the expenses of all other sports.

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