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COMPLETE CAMPUS COVERAGE

Proposed IMA Hat Society Refused By All-College Cabinet, But Rewards For Deserving Students Suggested

Survey Shows Majority Of Students Disfavor New Hat Society; Committee Recommends List Of Qualifications On Tapping Future Members

After several months of intensive consideration concerning the need for a new hat society, the All-College Cabinet voted against granting a charter to the Independent Men's Hat Society at its meeting Monday night.

College Cabinet Approves Budget For Senior Dance

The Senior Ball budget was approved with the same stipulation that applied to Soph Hop, namely, that if the dance did not make a profit no compensation would be awarded to members of the Ball Committee.

The committee also strongly recommended to the Cabinet that when the existing hat societies tap new members in the future, they should publish a list of the qualifications which each person possessed.

As a solution to the present situation, the committee proposed that in order to give recognition to those persons who are rendering great service to the College, the student government body should present shingles to the students, who in the eyes of a joint student-faculty committee are deserving.

The Cabinet then voted to refuse the charter, and at the same time balloted to approve the suggestion of publishing a qualification list of new members tapped by the existing hat societies.

The plan of awarding shingles to deserving students was tabled, and a committee consisting of Ernest D. Berkaw '40, chairman, Sarahell Shirm '40, and Dunlap was appointed to work out the mechanics of such a proposal.

Student Affitude, Warnock Friendly To Book Exchange Poll Reveals No Student Opposition; Committee Sets Date, Forms Plans

Encouraged by results of a poll of student opinion which revealed no opposition to a student book exchange and by the friendly comment and suggestions of Dean Warnock, the book exchange committee announced that January 25 to February 1 and February 5 to 14 have been set for it.

Glee Club Honors Grant Who Takes 6-Month Leave

Approximately 80 members of the Glee Club attended their annual dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn, Wednesday evening, in honor of Prof. Richard W. Grant, head of the department of music, who is going on sabbatical leave to Hawaii during the second semester.

Samuel G. Gallu '40, president of the Club, presented a set of music encyclopedias to Grant in behalf of the Glee Club personnel.

Krynine Named Fellow Of Geological Society

Dr. Paul D. Krynine of the School of Mineral Industries has just been honored by election as a Fellow of the Geological Society of America.

Flu Claims Second Death In Week; Eight Students At Paul Frey's Funeral

The death of Gladys L. Erb '36, State College resident, at the Bellefonte Hospital on Wednesday morning brought to two the number of deaths from pneumonia flu in less than a week.

No more sudden sicknesses have been reported since Paul K. Frey '42 died suddenly last Sunday morning. His funeral, held from his parents' home in Emmaus yesterday afternoon, was attended by eight students who lived with him at 311 S. Burrows street.

They were Richard J. Blake '42, Walter J. Brethauer '42, Samuel A. Custer '42, Walter Kennedy '42, George Schenken '41, Benjamin L. Seem '42, George Waltman '42, and Lewis J. Yost '40.

A College employee, Mrs. Virginia Scott, of the department of public information, was suddenly taken sick with pneumonia on Wednesday.

Classes Will Utilize More Room Space

New Buildings Will Have 40 Pct. Of Classrooms Open For Next Semester

Approximately 40 per cent of classrooms in the new buildings—including parts of Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Science, Electrical Engineering, and Education buildings, as well as the new Liberal Arts unit—will be utilized next semester.

Edward K. Hibshman, alumni secretary, submitted a report on the proposed placement bureau Hibshman stated that the committee held a meeting in Harrisburg last week, but that the results of the meeting were not ready for publication.

WSGA Proclaims Coed Leap Week In February; Formal Dance March 1

WSGA has proclaimed last week in February as "Leap Week" for all coeds and the annual formal WSGA dance in Rec Hall from 9 to 12 p. m., March 1, will culminate this period of love in reverse.

Rex Rockwell's band will play, Gail F. Pope '41, dance chairman, stated Wednesday night. The following committees were named—Jean C. Craighead '41, decorations, Catherine C. Albert '41, chairman, Darline A. Neuhauser '41, invitations, Ruth W. Barbery '42, chairman, Dorothy H. Field '42, publicity, Dorothy F. Beam '42, chaperon transportation.

"Leap Week" committee announced by Anne M. Boron '42, chairman, is Helen L. Camp '40, M. Elizabeth Baker '41, Vera L. Kemp '41, and Elmor L. Weaver '41.

Dr. Fred Pierce Corson, Dickinson President, Will Address Chapel Sunday

Dr. Fred Pierce Corson, president of Dickinson College, Carlisle, since 1934 will speak in chapel, Sunday, on "Following the Command of One's Own Development."

Besides being an author, Dr. Corson was a member of the World Peace Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Governor's Committee for Revision of the Constitution of the State, the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Formerly a minister, Dr. Corson studied at Dickinson College from which he received an A. B. degree in 1917, Drew University, Syracuse, University of Maryland, Western Maryland College, Allegheny College, Franklin and Marshall College, Gettysburg College, and University of Pennsylvania. He is also a member of Kappa Sigma, Phi Beta Kappa, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

New Oriental Mystery Will Open Tonight

'Circle Of Chalk' Shows Stark Chinese Realism

The curtain parts, a hush falls over the audience, a gong sounds, and "The Circle of Chalk," the most realistic and weirdest drama ever to come out of the Orient will be unfolded before the eyes of Penn State "footlight fanatics" in Schwab Auditorium at 8:30 tonight and tomorrow night.

Thelma R. Kluger '41 will be starred in the role of Hai-Tang, a beautiful Chinese maiden, who has the wrong slant on how a girl should support herself Exotic. Hai-Tang "just doesn't live right," for which she almost pays the supreme penalty, death.

Hai-Tang is double-crossed by Madame Ma, excellently portrayed by glamorous Florence Marquardt '40, who with all her Chinese cunning frames Hai-Tang with the most gruesome of all crimes, murder.

Ch'ang Lin, Eugene N. Scheffel '42, as the brother of Hai-Tang, causes his lovely sister unbelievable distress, but returns in "her hour of need," in one of the most dramatic court room scenes ever displayed on any stage.

Madame Ma has a husband of whom she is non too fond, especially when her lover Ch'ao, played by Herbert Doroshov '40, can be induced into romantic moods.

For the western world, this melodrama is as new as television, in fact it has only appeared on the American stage four times. But its merit can be revealed by the fact that Luise Rainer is considering it for her Broadway appearance during the Winter season.

If this happens, it will be the first time that Penn State has ever received preference over boisterous Broadway.

Another feature of this play is the unique costumes which the characters will wear. James Doll, instructor in dramatics, who is directing the production, also designed the Chinese clothing and the sets. Each character is perfect.

Federal Departments Offer Many Employment Prospects; Applications Must Be Received By February 5

Civil Service Commission Will Give Examinations; Seniors And Graduate Students Asked To Consider Appointments As Junior Professional Assistants

WASHINGTON, Jan 18—Announcement of the consolidated Civil Service examinations for junior professional assistants for work in the U. S. Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies sets February 5 as the date when applications for examination must be on file with the Civil Service Commission here.

Senior and graduate students are advised to investigate the desirability of applying for examination. Students are not eligible for appointment until they complete their course and have a bachelor's degree, but they may be examined this spring and can then complete their qualification immediately on graduation.

The announcement lists 28 optional subjects, and an applicant can be examined in only one of the optional subjects.

Prompt attention in preparing the application is suggested because some students may need time for obtaining the required certificates of residence.

Copies of the announcement will be available at the President's office, or at offices of the different deans, and will give full directions for obtaining application forms. Further information may be obtained from, and applications should be mailed to, the

British Dislike War, Enter Half-Heartedly

"I don't think the English people as a whole really want to fight, but they are accepting it half-heartedly," declared Tony Scott, British student who is visiting the United States to study American education methods.

EXOTIC HAI-TANG



Thelma R. Kluger '41, who plays the role of Hai-Tang, glamorous Oriental siren, in the Penn State 'Players' 1940 stage debut, "The Circle of Chalk," when the curtain rises in Schwab Auditorium tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30 p. m.

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Savitt's Band Signed To Play At Senior Ball

Orchestra Will Receive \$1,350 For Engagement

Jan Savitt and his Tophatters, the lads who made "shuffle-music" what is it today, were signed this week to play for Senior Ball dancers in Rec Hall on Friday night, February 23, co-chairmen David J. Morgan and James R. Sauser announced yesterday.

Savitt and his "Quaker City Jazz" music are breaking all records at present in the Blue Room of the Hotel Lincoln in New York City. Booking for the band was made through William Shaw, Consolidated Artists' Corporation.

The Tophatters, with singing sensation Bon Bon and featured songstress, Carlotta Dale, were contracted at \$1350, which is \$350 over the price paid last year's Senior Ball band Duke Ellington. Tickets this year will probably be \$3.85, the co-chairmen said.

A young band, capable of pleasing both the smooth and jitterbug music lovers, Jan Savitt's outfit is definitely on a rise which will probably carry him to the top in the thing called swing. Late recordings by the Senior Ball maestro include "Stop It's Wonderful," "720 In The Books," "It's A Wonderful World," "Honestly" and "El Rancho Grande."

Before the engagement here, the Tophatters will play Junior Prom at Cornell.

Ice Freezes On College Rink But Is Too Rough; Fraternities Imitate Plan

Continued efforts to give the College a skating rink by flooding the six tennis courts near Rec Hall had some success this week as ice froze Tuesday and Wednesday. "The surface," however, was too rough for skating.

The College also faced difficulty from a leak in the court surface which sent a steady stream of water across the road between the courts and the men's dormitories. This was repaired Wednesday.

Meantime, while the College was still experimenting with its rink, five fraternities successfully flooded a areas adjoining their houses. These were Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Zeta, Phi Mu Alpha, and Phi Kappa Phi.

34 Students Report For Handbook Editorial Staff

Thirty-four candidates have reported for the editorial staff of the 1940 Student Handbook it was announced yesterday.

Students who have reported are Mildred L. Austry '43, Sara M. Bailey '43, Gladys E. Fitting '43, Dorothy E. Holmes '43, Betty Ann Newcomer '43, Aida Snow '43, Lila A. Whoolery '43, Dorothy H. Field '42, Betty Jo Patton '42, Martha Powers '42, Dorothy I. Rhoads '42, Betty Rose '42, Doris E. Tollen '42, Betty L. Zeigler '42, Justine Lougee '41, Marie B. Somers '41, Isabel Stanisky '41, Robert E. Andrews '43, Parker W. Finney '43, Jacob C. Karnofsky '43, C. Philip Moore '43, John A. Baer '42, John Basara '42, Philip Laterman '42, Ross B. Lehman '42, William J. McKnight '42, Robert MacFarland '42, Stanley J. PoKempner '42, William Reagan '42, Michael Sabella '42, and C. Norris Smith '42.

A meeting of the staff at which preliminary assignments will be held in Room 312 Old Main at 7:15 p. m. Tuesday, Adam A. Smyser '41, editor, has announced.

Baker To Edit Coedition; Hyder, Business Manager

Coedition, women's weekly paper, appointed M. Elizabeth Baker '41, 1940-1941 editor, in elections held last week. Louise Hyder '41, was named business manager, and others chosen were Beth M. Swope '41, managing editor, Darline A. Neuhauser '41, feature editor; Norma P. Stillwell '41, sports editor, A. Dorothy Goldschmid '41, circulation manager, and Harriet Singer '41, senior business staff member.

New junior editorial staff members are Eleanor P. Heckman, Roberta J. Kelly, Betty Jo Patton, Margaret R. Roberts, Arlene K. Smith, and Beverly B. Wilson. Junior business staff elections will be held next semester.

Pergrin Presents Plan To Unite All Student Governing Bodies Of State In Convention To Be Called Here

McWilliams Appoints Committee Of 7 Seniors Headed By Pergrin To Discuss Plans; Tentative Arrangements Call For 3 Days Of Open Forums

Tentative plans for the student governing bodies of the various colleges and universities in Pennsylvania to meet in a convention here March 1, 2, and 3 were presented to the All-College Cabinet by Senior Class President David E. Pergrin Monday night.

The outline for the state-wide gathering met with enthusiastic approval of Cabinet members.

Present plans show that the three-day gathering would focus on exchanging ideas on student government through numerous forums. Administrative officials of the College and several prominent educators and newspapermen are slated to speak at the banquet meetings.

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The committee, headed by Pergrin, consists of Jane A. Romig, Mary H. O'Connor, Juanita M. Chambers, Clarence H. Evans, A. William Engel, Jr., and Grover C. Washbaugh, all seniors.

Pergrin conceived the idea after attending the holiday convention of the National Student Federation of America.

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Grant Going To Hawaii

Music Department Head Will Study Native Music

Professor and Mrs. Richard W. Grant will leave Monday on a semester's leave of absence which will take them to Hawaii where Professor Grant will undertake an investigation of native Hawaiian music at the request of the National Association of Music Educators.

The Grants will motor across the continent and will investigate the status of musical education at several colleges and universities enroute. They will travel the Southwestern route and plan to arrive in Los Angeles in time to sail on February 5.

Hummel Fishburne, associate professor of music will be in charge of the department of music during Professor Grant's absence. Professor Grant was guest of honor at the annual Glee Club banquet Wednesday night.

It has been previously planned that the Grants would travel around the world, investigating the status of music education at various foreign universities, but the war in Europe changed their plans. They plan to spend three months in Hawaii.

New English Literature Course Will Be Offered During Second Semester

A new introductory course for freshmen and sophomores in English Literature will be offered next semester to replace the present courses numbered 1 and 21. It has been announced by William S. Dye, head of the department of English literature.

The new course will be called English Literature 25 and will embrace introductory reading in both American and British literature. Included in the reading will be novels by Scott, Hardy and Mark Twain, short stories, essays by present day commentators; selections from outstanding poets and occasional lectures on important personalities and literary themes.

It has been stated that the change was facilitated because the department did not consider it necessary for students, who had no intention of taking any further literature, to take the specific courses offered as prerequisites to American and British literature. The purpose of the course, it has been announced, is to differentiate between the two branches of literature.

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GSA Inspector Sees Completion Of Work By June

Last Three Contracts Will Delay Installation

"It'll be June before we can expect to wind up all the equipment contracts," declared Joseph R. Ryan, resident General State Authority inspector yesterday, making his first estimate of a date for the program's completion.

Contracts 16, 21 and 22, the last three awarded, will hold up completion of the equipment installations until early summer, he declared. Citing the fact that shop drawings had not yet been approved on these contracts, which call for special electrical equipment, Ryan pointed out that fabrication and installation must wait until the drawings are completed.

Work on the seating contract is about 75 per cent completed, Ryan stated, but counters, lockers and cabinets to be installed by the same contractor are still in the process of fabrication.

Completion of contracts 18 (Chemistry-Physics laboratory tables) and 20 (Mineral Industries equipment) should be accomplished by about March 15, according to Ryan, while contract 19 (Agricultural Science equipment) will not be finished until approximately April 15.

Landsberg Talks Tonight

Dr. Helmut Landsberg, professor of geophysics, will lecture on "Practical Applications of Geophysical Research" in a meeting sponsored by Sigma Xi, honorary research society in 107 Main-Engineering Building at 7:30 p. m. Friday.

Hughes Edits Yearbook

H. Herbert Hughes '26 has supervised the issuing of the Minerales Year Book, 1939, compiled by the United States Bureau of Mines.