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Eight Committees Named To Make Definite Plans For State Meeting Of Student Governing Bodies Here

Invitations Will Be Mailed Today To All Colleges In Pennsylvania For Convention March 1, 2, 3

Thirty-two persons were named to eight sub-committees of the All-College Cabinet's convention committee by Senior Class President David E. Pergrin yesterday as plans for the state-wide gathering of student governing bodies showed rapid progress.

Invitations to the three-day confab to be conducted on this campus Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 1-3, will be mailed to all Pennsylvania colleges and universities today.

Definite arrangements for the convention were outlined at a meeting of the Cabinet committee Friday night.

The purpose of the proposed association of the student governments of the various colleges and universities, which is expected to be established here, is not only to benefit existing student governments, but to aid in organizing student self-government bodies where there is no present system, Pergrin explained.

Although open forums and discussions will feature the convention, other social and athletic entertainment will be provided. The WGA dance is slated for Friday night while the Cornell boxing meet and Pitt basketball game highlight Saturday's sport activities. An informal party is scheduled for the Drydock following the basketball game.

The 32 members of the eight committees appointed to aid the general convention committee of seven are as follows: Orientation—Junata M. Chambers '40, chairman, Sarabell Shrum '40, Frank C. Anderson '40, Quentin W. Couch '40, and Donald G. Lerch, Jr. '40.

Registration and Finance—George E. Ritter '40, chairman, Howard G. Anderson '40, Eleanor Benfer '41, Wallace H. Dunlap '40, W. C. Howarth '40, John J. Long '42, and Janet R. Reese '40.

Entertainment—Jane A. Romig '40, chairman, Eloise F. Rockwell '40, Ernest D. Berkaw '40, Edgar V. Hall '41, and Samuel G. Galu '40.

Publicity—A. William Engel, Jr. '40, chairman, Helen L. Camp '40, M. Elizabeth Baker '41, and Robert H. Lane '41.

Reservations—Clarence H. Evans '40, chairman, Michael Balog '40, and Thomas E. Backenstose '41.

Sports Reservations—Grover C. Washabaugh '40, chairman, Robert E. Schuler '40, and Joseph F. Meyers '40.

Besides Pergrin, Miss Chambers, Miss O'Connor, Miss Romig, Evans, Engel, and Washabaugh are on the Cabinet committee, appointed by All-College President H. Clifton McWilliams.

Fraternalities Cooperate With PSCA In Conducting Lenten Vesper Services

Lenten Vesper Services, a series of religious worship during Lent, are being prepared by the PSCA and cooperating fraternities and sororities, it was announced yesterday by Walter N. Shambaugh '42.

There will be a series of five services beginning February 20 and ending March 19. Several fraternities and sororities will combine their plans for the vesper services and meet the same night. It is also expected that several living groups will cooperate.

The actual vespers will begin at 8:45 p. m. but there will be informal music beginning at 8:30 p. m. in the Hugh Beaver room of the PSCA office. This will be the fourth of such services conducted on the campus.

Reber '42 Wins Prize In National Competition

Lloyd Reber '42, architecture major, recently won the second prize of \$25 for his design of "A Shore Restaurant," submitted in the national competition sponsored by the Beaux Arts Institute of New York.

Harold G. Wilson '41 received first mention for his design in the same competition. Over two hundred designs were submitted from schools throughout the country.

Teddy Wilson Will Play For Military Ball

Dance Held For First Time In Recreation Hall

Teddy Wilson, formerly Benny Goodman's ace piano player in the famed quartet and trio, has been signed to play for Military Ball in Recreation Hall Friday, February 9, it has been announced by chairman Arthur M. Skibbe '40.

Wilson, who gained national acclaim as swing pianist with Goodman, will bring his all-colored orchestra for the annual ROTC cadet dance, which is being held in the more spacious Recreation Hall rather than in the Armory as formerly. Featured with the band is songstress Jean Eldridge.

Despite the relative newness of the band as a whole, Teddy has long been noted in swing circles as "The Phenomenon of the Piano" for his tricky arrangements on the keyboard. He rose from the comparative obscurity of a Negro professor's son to the "ivory tickling" member of the Goodman group which included Gene Krupa, Lionel Hampton, Teddy and the King of Swing himself.

Robert R. Blumenstein '40, in charge of decorations, has stated that the cadets and guests will dance amid a profoundly military setting. Instead of the customary frills and bows of satin, the floor will be surrounded by armed guards and field pieces.

Members of the committee, in addition to Skibbe and Blumenstein, are E. Gilbert Radcliffe, Charles M. Parkin, Grover C. Washabaugh and Leonard S. Wilhelm, all seniors.

Whitmore Appointed To State Committee On Job Mobilization

Dr. Frank C. Whitmore, dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics, last week was informed of his appointment to serve on a sub-committee of the newly-formed Job Mobilization Committee. The sub-committee of which Dean Whitmore is a member is known as the Committee on Research Laboratories.

Governor Arthur H. James recently named Walter D. Fuller, president of the Curtis Publishing Company, as chairman of the Job-Mobilization Committee, the purpose of which is to develop ideas and suggestions for the expansion of industry in Pennsylvania and thus to stimulate employment. It was Fuller who selected Dean Whitmore to serve on the sub-committee.

Connor '05 Heads Group

Charles W. Connor '05, general superintendent of the Neltus mine, American Rolling Mill Company, Neltus, West Virginia, was recently elected president of the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute.

Student Activity Leaps To Climax As Final Examination Period Nears

Van Ormer Gives Advice To Worried Students On How To Study For Tests

No matter what kind of an exam is ahead, you'll probably get your best mark by studying for an essay test.

Your grade will be better if you get at least five six hours sleep the night before a final no matter how much cramming you have to do. Best thing to do if you've kept up with the course is to go to an early movie and then home to bed.

You can help your grade by being relaxed and unexcited when you take an exam. Last minute glances at your notes are a don't, they'll only excite you and confuse you. Leave notes at home.

The best way to study for an exam is to study general ideas and principles, putting things into your own words so you're sure you understand them.

If you're still after that good grade, make your examination book appeal to the instructor. Write legibly and when possible, answer questions in outline form or at least underline your main points. Any bluebook-laden instructor will look on such a bluebook with favor.

If you want a good grade in an objective test, read every question twice before answering because you may miss a phrase that changes

SEMESTER GRADUATES

will be listed in the Friday issue of the Collegian, which is the final edition of the first semester. No issues will be published next Tuesday or Friday. The first Collegian of the second semester will be published Tuesday, February 6.

Special Box Office Opens Today For 'Gone With Wind'

Reserved Seat Tickets On Sale At 9:30 A.M. For Feature Attraction

A special box office next to the Nittany Newsstand on W. College avenue will open at 9:30 a. m. today for the advanced sale of reserved seat tickets for the long anticipated showing of "Gone With The Wind," which opens Friday, February 2 for a week's showing at the Cathaum Theatre, the management has announced.

This office will be open from 9 a. m. until 9:30 p. m. until the end of the engagement, February 8. Matinee prices will be 75 cents and evening prices \$1.10 with all seats reserved. Purchasers may buy any number of tickets at one time, it has been announced.

Only two performances of the Margaret Mitchell story will be shown daily, at 1:30 p. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The show will be presented exactly as it was in its premiere showing in Atlanta in its entirety.

While this engagement is limited, the management has stated that the production will not be shown anywhere except at advanced prices, at least until 1941.

New Course Announced In Engineering Mechanics

A new lecture course in engineering mechanics, based on the general theory of mechanical vibrations, has been announced for the second semester by Dr. Rudolph K. Bernhard, head of the department of engineering mechanics.

As a two hour course, it will include demonstrations, studies in the laboratory, and assigned readings, and will demand for its prerequisites Mechanics 1, 2, 3, 4.

Kinsloe Attends Confab

Prof Charles L. Kinsloe, head of the department of electrical engineering, is attending the mid-winter meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in the Engineering Society Building in New York City. The meeting began yesterday and will close Friday.

Dr. Ritenour Warns Students To Watch Health During Exams

Faced with the spectre of two recent pneumonia flu deaths, which were at least partly attributable to a weakened condition of the victims then they contracted the disease, the College Health Director, Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, yesterday warned students to consider their health first during examination week.

Diseases, particularly pneumonia and colds, are contracted when resistance is lowest, Dr. Ritenour warned in urging students to watch their sleep and their diet during the exam week strain.

The whole meaning here again, pass over questions you aren't sure of and come back to them after you've done those you do know.

These are methods which science has found tried and true, Dr. Edward B. Van Ormer, assistant professor of psychology, told the Collegian yesterday in an interview on advice to students who are beginning to worry about last minute cramming.

Student Body To Determine Senior Gifts

Poll To Select Two Final Ideas For Class Present

Following a new procedure, seven senior class gift suggestions will be put up to a poll of the entire student body next month, from which two will be selected for a final vote by the seniors at the All-College elections in May.

The arrangement for deciding how more than \$5,000 in class funds will be disposed of was decided on by the class gift committee and will mark the first time a senior class has selected its gift through a general election.

Gift suggestions to be voted on are the donation of funds for additional library books, new units of the multiple observatories, an extension of the murals by Henry Varnum Poor, additional funds for the All-College Cabin, a Lion Shrine, an ice skating rink, and a scholarship fund. Other ideas may be proposed at the poll next month.

Under tentative arrangements the preliminary gift poll will be conducted at Student Union next month, and will be open to students from all classes. Suggestions will be listed in the order preferred by the gift committee with space provided for further ideas.

After the poll, two outstanding suggestions will be singled out and placed before the senior class at the May All-College elections.

Movie Course Set For 2nd Semester

Clothing Opens Theater Study For All Students

The first time in history, Penn State students will have the opportunity of taking a course in which they will be able to gain an appreciation of the movies and the theatre.

During the second semester, the department of dramatics, under the direction of Prof. Arthur C. Loebing, will offer a three-credit course open to all students, which will deal with all angles of the present day screen.

Great directors like Ford and Capra will be discussed, in order to give the student a general perspective into cinema behind the scenes.

The new course, Dramatics 61, will also deal with authors, such as Eugene O'Neill and Maxwell Anderson, whose plays are the "smash hits" of present day civilization.

Dramatics 61 will be taught by the entire staff of the dramatics department, each instructor teaching the branch of the theater in which he is most specialized.

Over 1,000 Skaters Use Ice Rink During 5 Days; New Schedule Released

More than 1,000 skaters have paid admissions to the new College ice rink in the five days it has been open since sub-zero weather struck North America. Paradoxically, however, the freezing weather which by its absence prevented use of the rink early last week has now stuck with such vigor that it is keeping warm-blooded skaters away.

Figures available up to Sunday night showed 630 paid admissions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, while evening admissions for four nights, Thursday to Sunday, had totaled 292. The largest attendance was Saturday afternoon, when 280 persons skated without overcrowding the rink.

Under a new schedule the rink, which covers the six tennis courts nearest Rec Hall, is open two periods daily, from 2 to 5:30 p. m. and from 7 to 10 p. m. Each day from 4 to 5:30 p. m. half of the skating area is roped off for practice by the College hockey team.

At 10 o'clock each night a ice-surface, and workmen are kept busy during the night spraying on new layers of water.

To avoid injury, unorganized hockey games and games such as crack-the-whip have been prohibited on the rink. If the number of skaters grows considerably, admissions, now open to all comers, may be restricted to students.

General State Authority Now Ready To Begin On Contracts For Movable Equipment Here

DINK-REMOVER



GEORGE W. ELLIOTT '40

'43 Customs Are Lifted

Frosh Will Doff Dinks At 6 P.M. Tomorrow

The day of the man with the blue dink and the black tie who always had a supply of matches will be over at 6 p. m. tomorrow, G. Warren Elliott '40, Tribunal head, decreed today.

In winning the gymnastic inter-class meet Friday the freshmen demonstrated an over-abundance of school spirit and along with the excellent cooperation recently given to Tribunal by the Class of '43, this is reason why after 6 p. m. tomorrow, customs will be discontinued.

Elliott complimented the frosh on their excellent school spirit at athletic events, and their efforts in upholding Penn State tradition.

Only one more Tribunal meeting will be held during the remainder of the semester, that for the purpose of establishing customs for next year's Class of '44. Elliott hinted that additional customs may be added to Tribunal's code, but no statement could be issued until after the last meeting.

Any celebration that the freshmen may desire to hold regarding the removal of customs will be entirely up to the Class of '43, Elliott stated.

Art Exhibit To Display Forth Modern Prints; Begins Next Monday

A loan of 40 large prints from the Museum of Modern Art, comprising the most important College art show this year, will go on exhibition next Monday in the College Gallery, 303 Main Engineering. The show will continue until February 17.

The prints were especially assembled for the summer exhibition of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

In connection with the display, the second in a group of fine arts lectures will be given by Elsie H. Fletcher, of the department of fine arts. Miss Fletcher will give a gallery talk about the prints in the show at 7:30 p. m. on February 14.

Westlake Will Lecture

Harold Westlake, professor of speech, will speak on "A Practical Approach to Some Hearing Problems" in Room 405 Old Main at 7:30 p. m. today. The lecture, which is sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa, is open to the public.

Local Project Is Part Of 7-Million Dollar Improvement Work, Captain Roger W. Rowland Of GSA Board, Says

Original Appropriation Was Requisitioned Last Spring, Held Up By Political Tangle Until Now; 76 State Institutions Are Affected By Program

Special to the Collegian. Harrisburg, January 22.—The General State Authority is ready to commence its \$606,059 project for movable equipment in the 11 new buildings of the Pennsylvania State College, Captain Roger W. Rowland, secretary of property and supplies and a member of the 10-man State Authority Board, announced yesterday.

"We're all ready to advertise for bids and have the specifications drawn," Rowland declared, speaking of the \$700,000 program and improvement program of which the local project is a unit.

Inauguration of contracts to be awarded under this project will bring the first installation of movable equipment in the new College structures. Installation of fixed equipment has been under way since last May, when \$505,928 worth of fixed equipment contracts were awarded, and will not reach completion until June.

The College administration requisitioned an appropriation of \$725,000 for movable equipment from the General State Authority last Spring. The grant, however, became involved in the GSA political jangle and "was held up" for many months.

Funds required for the \$700,000 GSA program, which affects 76 of the 84 State institutions elected or expanded under the Authority's original \$65,000,000 construction program of 1937, will be obtained through sale of 4 per cent bonds to the State employees' and school employees' retirement funds.

Dr. Charles C. Wagner, assistant dean of the School of Liberal Arts, pointed out that the measure must first be recommended to the executive committee then the faculty, and finally the Senate, where it will be referred to the committee on courses of study. Many factors, including the possibility of additional instructors, must be weighed before the course can be accepted, Dr. Wagner stated.

The course, designed to give students experience in applying for jobs, was recommended to the administration of the School of Liberal Arts by resolution of the School Council.

Meanwhile, a resolution on exemption from finals for "3" students, another project of the Liberal Arts group, was judged incomplete by the Council at its meeting last Thursday night and was referred to committee for redrafting.

Landsberg To Establish Local Weather Bureau; Will Release Daily Report

Unique in the history of the College, a weather bureau has been established by the Geophysical Laboratory of the School of Mineral Industries for State College and vicinity, Dr. Helmut Landsberg, in charge of the bureau, announced yesterday.

The report, to be released daily through the Student Union office, will cover the sky aspect, precipitation, temperature and wind velocity expected during the day. Included also will be statistics on the weather for the use of students enrolled in the Civil Aeronautics Authority course and special weather reports for automobile drivers.

Savitt Quit Symphony For Radio Dance Band

Play in your own backyard—that's usually the safest way to get along in this world. But it's also the slowest Jan Savitt, Senior Ball band leader, ranks as one of America's topflight dance orchestra leaders because he didn't take that advice.

The leader of the Tophatters, who come here for Senior Ball on February 23, might now be one of the greatest concert violinists in the world, had it not been that he climbed the fence from his backyard, concert work with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, into the job of musical director of station WCAU in Philadelphia.

One of Savitt's duties at the studio was leading a studio dance band. After he had been sent to KYW, Jan began to experiment with the harsh, brassy tones of his "house band" and eliminated them to make the forthcoming music easier on the ear and definitely more danceable. Thus was born the famous "shuffle rhythm" which is gaining the Tophatters more popularity every day at the Lincoln Hotel where they are now playing.

Tickets for Senior Ball will be priced at \$3.85, co-chairmen David J. Morgan and James R. Sausser announced yesterday.