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Classroom Shortage Over, Claims Watkins; No 2nd Semester Courses Scheduled In Unfavorable Locations

Opening Of New Buildings Expected To Fully Alleviate Crowded Conditions; Changes In Size Of Class Sections May Take Place Next Year

The most crowded classroom conditions in College history, which forced Scheduling Officer Ray V. Watkins to a feverish search for rooms early this semester, will pass into history with the beginning of the second semester at 8 a. m. tomorrow.

Opening of the 15 classrooms of the new Liberal Arts unit, together with parts of Electrical Engineering, Education, Agricultural Engineering, and Agricultural Science buildings, will provide plenty of space to overcome the former classroom shortage, Watkins stated yesterday.

Second semester classes will not be scheduled in the water tower, slaughter rooms, sheep barns, library alcoves, and other unsuitable locations made necessary by the first semester shortage, Watkins declared.

\$606,059 Movable Equipment Plans Near Final Action

Delay In GSA Program Caused By Legal Tieup Over Financial Support

Assurance that the \$606,059 movable equipment program of the General State Authority would get under way here in the near future was received yesterday from two official Harrisburg sources by the Collegian.

Roger W. Rowland, GSA Secretary of Property and Supplies, declared in a letter to the Collegian, "This equipment program will move forward promptly at the present time and it is our hope to have all the equipment bought and installed before the beginning of the next semester."

A means of financing the equipment contracts has been the only drawback holding up occupation of the new buildings, according to the statement of David H. Diehl, Assistant Executive Director of the General State Authority.

"Last fall I took several conferences in Washington to enable us to let the present equipment contracts," Diehl declared. "The PWA would not participate in financing the movable laboratory equipment, nor would they allow us to use original funds to do so, thus necessitating other financial arrangements. This has taken considerable time due to legal complications, but now is completed. Bids are being taken for this equipment."

Although these delays might have seemed exasperating to undergraduates, Diehl said, they were not premeditated. He added that, as an "old Grad," he felt that Penn State was getting a wonderful break from the GSA program.

Jan Savitt's Orchestra Shows Accent On Youth And Experience In Swing

Swing music is young, and "shuffle rhythm" is even younger—so, it stands to reason that the top-notch give-outers of this "swing" stuff and also of "shuffle rhythm" would be a band of young musicians.

And that's Jan Savitt, Senior Ball maestro, whose Top Hatters will bring their scintillating "music with a shuffle" to Rec Hall two weeks from Friday. The Top Hatters, now reigning supreme over the Blue Room of the Hotel Lincoln in New York, are musicians whose ages average 24 years, with two of the lads not yet eligible to vote.

Ed Clausen, Savitt's second tenor man, is only 20 years old. Gene De Paul, the Top Hatters' ivory-burning piano player, has only been musically-minded the same length of time. De Paul is famous for his collaboration with Larry Clinton on the "Hezekiah" number.

Men Are Experienced Savitt's men, though young in age, have experience galore behind them, having been associated with many of the top-notch bands of the country—Glenn Miller, Bunny Berigan, George Hall, Woody Herman, Bob Crosby, Frank Dailey, Red Norvo, and Eddie Delange have all contributed swing experience to members of the Top Hatters.

L A Room List

Reminding the student-body that the terms North and South Liberal Arts have been abolished and that all rooms in the three Liberal Arts buildings are now labeled merely Liberal Arts, Scheduling Officer Ray V. Watkins yesterday announced that the location of LA classrooms by number is as follows:

In the north building, rooms 3 to 8 inclusive. In the new central building, rooms 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 121, 227, 228, 304, 305, 309, 312, and 315.

In the south building, rooms 12 to 18 inclusive, 124 to 128 inclusive, 233 to 237 inclusive, and 239.

Classes will be moved from White Hall, leaving there only classes in which demonstration facilities are required. Lectures Shifted Other changes will include the shifting of engineering lectures to the new Electrical Engineering building and the transfer of Agricultural Engineering classes from the horse barn to the new Agricultural Engineering building.

Despite new facilities, however, there will be little change in the size of class sections, Watkins stated, adding that such changes might be planned for 1940-41.

4,000 Skaters Use Rink; Conger Reports Profit; No Sunday Night Skating

More than 4,000 skaters have skated on the College rink since its installation a little more than two weeks ago, Ray M. Conger, director of the Student Recreation Board, announced yesterday.

Because of the misunderstanding regarding the hours which the rink is open, Conger stressed that there would not be skating Sunday night. Hours for skating are from 2 to 5:30 p. m. and from 7 to 10 p. m. each day except Sunday.

Military Ball Features Wilson Band Friday Night

Military Ball, annual ROTC cadet affair, is bound to break at least two precedents when Teddy Wilson's boogie-woogie piano sounds out in Recreation Hall Friday night.



TEDDY WILSON

Grade Sheet Necessary For Scheduling, Hoffman Again Reminds Students

As the last day of registration approached, William S. Hoffman, registrar, reminded students that a grade sheet, secured at the registrar's office, was necessary for the scheduling of courses.

Hoffman requested all students who have not secured their grade sheet to do so as early as possible today in order to avoid a last-minute rush.

Creaser, Home Ec Instructor, Kills Self Wednesday

Despondency Over Slow Recovery From Injuries Is Advanced As Motive

Delay in recovery from a back injury received last summer when she was thrown from a horse has been advanced as the motive for the suicide of Miss Marion L. Creaser, assistant professor of art education in the department of home economics, who was found dead in her automobile in a garage near her apartment at 11:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Miss Creaser's body was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. David A. Campbell, from whom Miss Creaser rented her apartment, when they returned from a party and found their garage occupied by another car.

Since the gasoline tank of her car was empty, it was assumed that she had driven into the garage quite a while previous to the hour the suicide was discovered, although she had been seen earlier in the day. Miss Creaser left no notes, but it was known by friends that she was despondent over her injuries.

Spent One Year Here Miss Creaser, a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, where for 10 years she was head of art work in the city schools, had been affiliated with the College approximately one year.

She was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1921, and obtained her master's degree in education at Columbia University several years later.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheckler of Milesburg investigated the case Thursday morning and announced that an inquest would not be necessary, pronouncing the case a suicide.

Trustees Elect Shields To Head Board In 1940

The College Board of Trustees recently re-elected J. Franklin Shields of Philadelphia as president for the coming year.

Members of the Collegian editorial staff will present students with mimeographed questionnaires as they complete their registration. Questions on the sheets are of the objective type and take only a short time to fill out.

The questions, which are similar to those asked by metropolitan newspapers of their readers, will give student readers of the Collegian an opportunity to show their preferences and dislikes of the various news columns, features and editorial matter now published in the Collegian.

Students are urged to participate in the poll, results of which will be disclosed in a series of special feature articles in a few weeks.

Thorne '41 Gets Award J. Lee Thorne '41, architecture, was awarded first prize of \$25 in the national sketching competition sponsored by the Scarab architectural fraternity at the University of Southern California.

Debate Fee Split, Hospital Plan Approved By College Trustees

10-Day Rushing Season Will Begin Tomorrow

Invitations To Parties Will Be Distributed Through Panhellenic Post Office At Student Union Desk

Twelve campus sororities will begin 10 days of concentrated rushing tomorrow, as the two-week silent period provided for in the Panhellenic Rushing Code ends today.

Under the code, each sorority will give five planned parties, the dates of which were scheduled by Harriet Singer '41, chairman of the rushing committee.

All party invitations will be distributed through the Panhellenic Post Office at Student Union desk. Those for this week's parties must be at Student Union by noon tomorrow, while invitations for parties from Monday until next Thursday must be at the desk by noon Monday.

Members of Panhellenic Association will distribute invitations to women in campus dormitories and town women will be called to come for their invitations. Rushes are requested to telephone acceptances or refusals to all invitations immediately, as a courtesy to sorority women who cannot complete party plans until they know how many will be present.

Reader Interest Poll Ends Today

Survey To Show Opinion On Collegian's Content

The first Collegian poll of readers' interest, which began yesterday at registration, will continue today at Rec Hall.

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The sketch was a water color portraying a sailing yacht on a stormy sea. Exhibitions of Thorne's work will circulate to various colleges and universities having chapters of Scarab.

Third Issue Of Portfolio Bigger And Better—Will Be Released This Week

Once again Penn State's literary lights have dipped into the printer's ink and gone to press with Portfolio, their branchchild. Barely two issues old, this magazine has lived up to and exceeded advance publicity releases and its third issue, due sometime this week, is being awaited—if not with bated breath—with more genuine interest than has been shown in a literary publication by Penn State's sophisticates for many a decade.

Choosing its contributors from Ag Hill to the Music Room, the current Portfolio will present articles and stories by Warren B. Mack of the horticulture department, William J. Hopwood '40, Robert L. Hertz '40, William D. Deibler '40, Alice Shuttis, graduate, James F. Holly, graduate, Ellen J. Ritts '41, Frank J. Lynn '42, Anne J. Lambrecht '43, and Hummel Fishburn of the music department.

This issue will also contain details of the freshman short story contest to be sponsored by Portfolio.

AT LONG LAST



Dr. Fletcher Named Dean Of Ag School

Successor To Dean Watts Will Be 4th Ag Hill Ruler; Began Work Here In '16

Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, until last Thursday acting-dean, became "officially" the head of the School of Agriculture when he was appointed by the College's Board of Trustees in Harrisburg 10 days ago.

Fletcher, who had been acting in the capacity of dean since the retirement of Dr. Ralph L. Watts on January 1, 1939, will be the fourth dean to "rule Ag Hill." His appointment also carries the title of director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at the College, which position he had also been filling since the Watts' retirement.

As stated by Amsworth before the semester holiday, the idea of the Fireside Sessions is to promote better relations between the faculty and the student body. The sessions are scheduled to continue until March 15.

Changes In Time Table Announced By Watkins

Announcing a number of time table changes, Scheduling Officer Ray V. Watkins yesterday pointed out that Commerce 46 will be given in place of Commerce 45 this semester, and that Sociology 15 will also be offered.

Two sections of Spanish 1 not listed in the time table will be available, Watkins announced. Liberal Arts 12 will be offered to women as a substitute course for ROTC.

German 1 and 3 are being offered during the second semester for the first time in many years, Watkins stated.

The following time table changes were released yesterday:

Table with columns for course numbers and times. Includes entries like 40 53, 12 54, 5 58 B, 29 58 B, 492 66, 262 75 A, 262 75 D, 262 75 H, 262 75 R, 262 75 W, 415.78, 426.78, 437.78, 500.78, 502.78, 503.78, 511.78, 434d.25, 525.25, 546.25, 551A.25, 568.25, 587.25, 2.40.T, 4.40.M.

Glee Club Will Share Student Fund; Health Assessment Increased To \$5; Student Placement Bureau Okayed

Name Change From College To University Fails To Receive Discussion; Payment Of Swimming Fee Is Restricted To Those Taking Course

An even split of the 50-cent debate fee between Debate team and Glee Club, effective next fall, was approved by the Board of Trustees at its recent meeting in Harrisburg.

Also approved in the precedent-setting session of the Board was an increase in the health fee from \$2.50 to \$5 per semester to provide for seven days free hospitalization and free dispensary service. Like the debate fee split, this new hospitalization plan will go into effect in September.

Establishment of a student placement bureau at the College became certain as the Trustees authorized Dr. Ralph Dorn Hetzel, president of the College, to take the necessary steps toward setting up such an employment service.

The proposed name change from college to university, however, was not discussed.

An amendment to the swimming fee regulation limiting payment of the \$1 a semester fee to those taking swimming courses was approved by the Board and will go into effect this semester.

The first step in the establishment of the student placement bureau here will be the selection of a competent director for the project by President Hetzel.

Adrian O. Morse, assistant to the president in charge of resident instruction, stated yesterday. He indicated that considerable time will be required before the plan can be put into operation.

The placement bureau question was first brought to the attention of the Trustees last October 13, when the Alumni Committee of 100 presented its plan for such a bureau. The plan was referred back to President Hetzel, who appointed a committee to draft a tentative setup for the placement service.

Harkins '41, Cramer '41 Suffer Serious Injury; \$400 Damage Estimated

Two College students were seriously hurt and one slightly injured early Friday when the car in which they were driving skidded into a pole at the intersection of routes 220 and 322 at Martha Furnace. A fourth student miraculously escaped injury.

The two students most seriously injured, John W. Harkins '41 and Berne F. Cramer '41, did not regain consciousness until several hours after the accident, but now are well on the road to recovery and are expected to resume school this semester.

Harkins suffered from a fractured left collarbone, broken nose, lacerations about the face and head, and body bruises. Cramer received a possible fractured skull, lacerations about the face and head, and body bruises.

Houghton W. Clark, Jr. '40, driver of the car, received cuts about the face and head and body bruises. Jack A. Sloan '42 was the uninjured passenger in the car. The student were all members of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Damage to the sedan, which was traveling toward State College from Port Matilda when it skidded into the pole, was estimated at about \$400.

'Kiss And Keep Healthy,' Says West Coast Doctor; Refutes Ritenour Theory

All youse guys and gals may indulge in promiscuous oscillation with unlesshed abandon—in fact the more abandon the better—without fear of passing-on that cold to the one and only, in spite of what killjoy Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour has said to the contrary.

Although Confucius didn't say so, no less an authority than Dr. L. "Cupid" Katzoff, eminent West Coast physician, created an international (well, intercollegiate anyway) sensation recently when he denounced University of California officials for contemplating a ban on kissing to stop the spread of colds.