

# Plans Progress For Student Government Confab

## Poponoe Survey Advises When, Where To Propose

The proper time, the proper place! Here's the answer to the question which will arise in the minds of many coeds this leap year when they want their man to "pop the question."

According to Dr. Paul Poponoe, former chapel speaker and director of the Institute of Family Relations, in his survey of 1043 proposals, the girl who dates a man with a car has the best chance of leading the well-known path to the altar.

The home hasn't lost much of its attraction either, for 23 percent of all proposals consist of bending the knee in the little parlor. However, man still believes in hurriedly asking her to be his soulmate while they are strolling in the park or sipping their sodas in a restaurant.

Chances for a belated proposal are very slim if you expect him to "will you be mine" while he is on vacation, traveling, or at a dinner or dance. And as far as getting him to make it a binding contract, by letter or telegraph, the averages make it practically nil.

On the other hand, Dr. Poponoe points out, if a coed expects her beloved to use a romantic technique in his approach, she is due to be disappointed.

In this survey, it was shown that such little incidents as looking into a furniture show window at the local store may give him ideas and arouse his courage.

**Queer Proposals**

On the unusual side—one man proposed as his girl, frightened by rattlesnake in her path, stepped back into his arms. Another proposed after he had finished a slab of gooseberry pie at a picnic and was introduced to the girl who made it.

A third popped the question to a young teacher when he heard that a school near his ranch was vacant. He wrote urging her to apply for it, adding that if she got it he would be very glad to wed.

## 1st Statewide Ski Meet Slated Here

### Events Are Scheduled For Both Men, Women

The first All-State ski championship meet in the history of Pennsylvania will be held on the Ski Trail this Saturday and Sunday, providing there is sufficient snow. A postponement date for the following weekend has been set in the event that there is no snow.

In addition to many prominent skiers from all parts of Pennsylvania, several well-known ski clubs of northern New York are expected to enter the medal competitions. The meet is open to both men and women, with separate events for each.

Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third places in each event, as well as a gold medal award for the man who amasses the highest total of points. Only qualifications for entry in the meet apply to Penn State students. They must be bona fide Ski Club members.

Schedule of events is 3 p. m. Saturday—six mile cross-country run, 10 a. m. Sunday—Downhill for men, followed by Downhill for women, 1:30 p. m. Sunday—Slalom for men, followed by Slalom for women, 3 p. m. Sunday—Jumping.

The College of Emporia was the first U. S. college to receive a Carnegie library.

## Pergrin Announces Completed Program For State Parley

Fourteen out of the 82 colleges and universities invited to the Pennsylvania student government convention to be held here on March 1, 2 and 3, have already accepted, and many more questionnaires are expected before the deadline on Saturday.

David E. Pergrin '40, convention chairman, announced that the committee had completed plans concerning the discussions which will feature the convention's three-day confab.

In an effort to better understand the problems of student government, the representatives will discuss such topics as student-faculty relations, athletic management, and student union buildings.



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The student groups will attempt to study honor systems used by many schools during final examinations and advance constructive ideas toward the development of social and recreational privileges.

They will discuss the plan of adopting student government forums and the use of student committees to confer with faculty members on curricula changes.

Tentative arrangements include a dinner to be held at Frances Atherton Hall, Friday, March 1, and a closing banquet scheduled for the Nittany Lion Inn, Saturday, March 2, with various faculty members attending both gatherings.

## Women's Debate Squad Schedules Three Trips

With three debate trips scheduled for the second semester, the women's varsity debate squad will meet Pittsburgh February 13, Washington and Jefferson, Mount Mercy, and West Virginia February 19 to 22, and Cornell and Syracuse March 18 to 21. Bucknell will debate here February 7, Swarthmore February 29, Ohio Wesleyan March 5, Gettysburg March 6, and Ursinus March 7.

Bucknell will debate the freshman women February 27, Gettysburg will debate March 6, and Washington and Jefferson March 11. These three matches are scheduled to be held here.

Commenting on the convention, H. Clifton McWilliams, All-College president, said, "The form of student government here is as effective as any college or university student law-governing body can be. It is more or less simple in structure, but at the same time a very unified form of government."

"Because of this," he continued, "we believe that we can aid other schools throughout the state in the betterment of their organizations. On the other hand, Penn State government will undoubtedly benefit from plans and ideas submitted by other representatives."

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