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Bids On Movable Equipment For New Buildings Will Be Opened By GSA On February 20, Loman Announces

Latest Group Includes Several Thousand Items Which Total Over Half Of \$611,000 Appropriation; Bids On Two Minor Groups Open On February 19

Bids on the first large group of contracts for movable equipment for the new College buildings—Group 40, laboratory and pharmacy equipment—will be opened by the General State Authority on February 20, Harold W Loman, College Purchasing Agent, declared yesterday.

Group 40 embraces several thousand items, the total expense of which will amount to well over half of the \$606,000 Authority appropriation for movable equipment here. The list of items for the initial group which affects every new building on the campus with the exception of the Library, required 250 pages of paper.

General divisions of the movable equipment in this huge group include balances, electric machinery, electric apparatus, furnaces and ovens, optical equipment, water and steam baths, and miscellaneous articles.

Bids on two minor equipment groups, beds and cots and mattresses, and pillows, will be opened by the General State Authority on February 19, Loman said. Bids on other groups have not been advertised for as yet.

Explaining how the contracts will be awarded, Loman pointed out that Group 40 has been broken down into 95 "lots," each dealing with a specific type of equipment. This arrangement, recently accepted by GSA officials upon Loman's recommendation, will enable each bidder to bid on any number of lots he wishes. Thus the contracts under this group may be awarded to one bidder, 95 bidders, or some intermediate number.

Bids Due Feb 20
"Although the bids are due February 20," the purchasing agent declared, "it is impossible to predict just how soon the contracts will be awarded. Bids must be carefully analyzed, since they involve a great deal of detail."

After the contracts are awarded, fabrication of many of the items will be necessary before they can be installed, Loman indicated. This may take from one to three months, and makes it inevitable that some of the contracts will not be completed until Summer.

Group 40 and the two minor groups on which bids have already been requested by the Authority are only three of a total of 46 groups included in the GSA movable equipment program, Loman concluded.

Teddy Wilson's Orchestra To Play In War Setting At Military Ball Tonight

Teddy Wilson's orchestra featuring Jean Eldridge, "The Phenomenon of the Piano." This is the billing for Military Ball in Recreation Hall at 9 p m tonight.

According to Chairman Arthur M Skibbe '40, the dancers will find themselves "behind the lines somewhere between here and there." In other words, the dance floor will be a scene of movement in contrast to the field of battle surroundings. The floor is to be surrounded by armed guards and military field pieces.

Something new, has been created by this year's committee, as it is the first time that Military Ball has featured a name band and also the first year the cadet affair has been scheduled for the spacious Recreation Hall rather than the Armory.

One-Credit Swim Course Scheduled This Semester

A new two-hour one credit swimming course, Physical Education 181, will be given during the second semester for the training of instructors in swimming, diving, life saving, and water safety.

Mrs Virginia A. Jeffrey, instructor in physical education, will conduct the women's class which meets in White Hall at 4 p m, Monday, by appointment, and Albert F. Michaels, instructor in physical education, will supervise the men's group in Glennland Pool which meets at the same time.

Engineering Open House Set April 13; Dance April 12

Balog, Goodman Chosen As Chairmen; 18 Are Named On Committees

Michael Balog '40 and Jerome N Goodman '40 were appointed at a meeting of the Engineering School Council yesterday to serve as co-chairmen of the annual Engineering Open House which will climax a week-end of "engineer" activities on April 13.

Eighteen students were also named to six sub-committees. April 12 was set as the date for the Engineer's Dance, which will be held in Rec Hall. The dance committee will be chosen in the near future.

Those appointed to sub-committees were Electrical Engineering—Charles D McCarthy '40 (chairman); Robert B Blanning '41, and Ralph B Stawbridge '42, Mechanical Engineering—Robert Gunder '40 (chairman), Walter R Hosterman '41, and John T MacGuire '42, Industrial Engineering—George R Keehn '40 (chairman), Richard M Geisinger '41, and George Yamas '42.

Civil Engineering — Ralph E Graber '40 (chairman), Albert G Butler Jr '41, and Louis Laushey '42, Architecture and Architectural Engineering—J Lee Thorne '40 (chairman), David L Garratt '41, and Charles Goldberg '42, Advertising—Arlene R Connell '40, Benjamin Crilly '40, and Robert M Moyer '40.

Speech Clinic At Erie

Herbert Koopp-Baker and Harold Westlake, professors of speech, conducted a speech clinic in the Erie public schools on Wednesday and Thursday. They were assisted by Miss Dorothy-Lou Airey and Eugene T McDonald.

Bon Bon To Present Tops In Singing At Senior Ball

To most swing fans, the name George Tunnell wouldn't mean any more than a can opener would to a penguin, but if we mentioned the name Bon Bon nobody who is really up on swing "stuff" would mistake it for anyone but the featured singer with Jan Savitt's Top Hatters.

However, George Tunnell and Bon Bon are really the same person and you'll hear the tops in modern song-styling if you're present at Senior Ball two weeks from tonight when he puts the lyrics to Jan Savitt's famous shuffle rhythm.

Savitt, who wound up a spectacular stay at the Hotel Lincoln in New York early this week; met his colored songster while they were both at Station WCAU that was before Savitt's sky-rocket rise to the top of the swing ladder. Bon Bon has been with the Top Hatters for the past three years.



BON BON

3-Day Details Released For State Parley

Program For Convention Includes Campus Figures And Daily Group Forums

With the arrival of favorable returns from many of the 82 colleges and universities, and with complete returns expected by the deadline tomorrow, David E Perge '40, convention chairman, released a tentative program today for the Pennsylvania student government conference scheduled here on March 1, 2, and 3.

Although all plans are subject to change, the convention committee has outlined a temporary schedule for the convention's three-day stay on the campus. On Friday morning, all representatives from the various schools will register, followed by a luncheon in the Sandwich Shop with probably Arthur R Warnock, Dean of Men, as the speaker.

Open Forum Friday

An open forum on student government, in the afternoon, and a dinner in Atherton Hall, featuring a prominent speaker, and the W. S. G. A. dance in the evening, will conclude Friday's activities. Including a new feature in the present set-up, the committee has decided to have round table discussions in addition to the forums. One of these discussions will start off Saturday's program, which will consist of another luncheon in the Sandwich Shop, with another campus dean as guest, a boxing match in the afternoon, and an evening banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn with President Hetzel as host.

Sunday morning, resolutions for the convention will be drawn up, officers for next year elected, and the 1941 convention site chosen. The convention committee will hold a meeting Monday to determine how to handle the questionnaires which they are receiving from delegates and to iron out other minor details concerning the student parley.

College Chapter Of Civil Engineers Praised Highly By National President

The local student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers has been commended by Donald H Sawyer of Washington, D. C., society president, for having excelled in conducting its affairs in an effective and meritorious manner during the academic year 1938-39.

In a letter addressed to Prof John S Lester, of the civil engineering department, faculty adviser of the student chapter, Sawyer adds that "inasmuch as a chapter's success can result only from ability, punctuality, and diligence on the part of its officers and members, the year's record speaks well for the character of the organization and of the membership."

Poor Exhibits 2 Studies For Old Main Mural At New York City Show

Two studies for the murals now being prepared for Old Main are included in a one-man show of work by Henry Hoopes Poor at the Rohn Gallery in New York City this month.

The studies Poor is displaying are of a forge scene originally planned for the mural and a conference table scene which he has decided on to replace the forge scene. This latter, according to Francis E. Hyslop, instructor in fine arts, is the finest work in the show.

Besides oils, Poor is displaying a group of Pennsylvania sketches, a group of drawings, and full size cartoons for the murals he painted in the Department of Interior Building in Washington.

Fletcher To Talk On Art Exhibition Next Wednesday

Current Showing Of 40 Prints By Modern Artists Is Finest This Year

The current exhibition of "40 Large Prints by Modern Artists," which is considered the best to show in the College Art Gallery, 303 Main Engineering, during the present academic year, will be supplemented with a gallery talk by Hartley Fletcher, of the department of fine arts, at 7:30 p m next Wednesday.

Miss Fletcher's talk, "Processes of Modern Prints," will be the second in the winter group of Fine Arts Lectures. Organized by the Museum of Modern Art, New York, as a traveling exhibition to be shown all over the United States, the exhibition will remain here until February 17. It includes 21 prints which the museum used in its tenth anniversary exhibition of "Art in Our Time."

The great majority of the prints are by the foremost artists of the last 50 years and all were deliberately chosen for their large size and bold character.

Among the artists represented are the Frenchmen Arp, Braque, Cezanne, Derain, Gauguin, Leger, Matisse, Redon, Renoir, Rouault, Toulouse-Lautrec, Vlaminck, and Vuillard; the Spaniard Picasso, the Germans Kollwitz, Nolde, and Max Ernst (who now lives in Paris and has become a leader of the Surrealists); the Swiss Klee, the Russian Kandinsky, the Americans Bellows, Charlot, Dehn, Wanda Gag, Grosz, Penninger, "Pop" Hart, Kuniyoshi, Pascin, Raphael Soyer, and Mary Cassatt (who spent most of her life abroad), and the Mexicans Orozco and Siqueiros.

Insects Depict Dictators, Humans Live Like Insects; Are Dictators Humans?

Seventeen years before Czechoslovakia ungratefully accepted Herr Hitler's invitation to become part of the "Nazi Nation," two Czechs, Kail and Joseph Capek, jolted the drama world by writing a play about insects.

The comedy was written in 1922, and, coincidentally, 1922 can also be recalled as the year in which two European gentlemen decided to increase the broadcloth industry by having their followers wear "black shirts" and "red shirts."

But insects, as yet, have not been classified as dictators, and dictators, as yet, have not been classified. Not realizing this, the Czech brothers persisted in writing, "The World We Live In," a play which attempts to show to the audience that the only difference between insects and dictators is that insects don't have dandruff, halitosis, punk tooth brush, and B O.

The Capek brothers decided that man could see the type of life that he lives by studying the life of an insect. As early as 1922, it seems, the Czechs had the premonition that it was possible to live the life of an insect, and, since March 15, 1939, they have been taking a practical course on their 1922 theory.

The Penn State Players will celebrate their 20th anniversary with this captivating production carved out of the strife and suffering of "dictator dictated" Russia and Italy in Schwab Auditorium on March 15 and 16.

Averages Used As Basis For Class Cutting

Professors Cooperating In Movement For Fairer Elimination Of Students

Local professors are cooperating in the movement to use scholastic average as a basis for eliminating students from over-crowded classes, College authorities stated yesterday.

At the same time, officials indicated that reports of arbitrary dismissal were being investigated and that professors not cooperating would be required to observe the rule in several cases of unfair "kicking-out," it was reported, adjustments have been made and students have been reinstated in the courses in question.

The problem of eliminating students from classes was discussed in an editorial, "Semester Pink Slip," published in the last issue of the Collegian. This editorial pointed out that "a few minutes extra time on the part of every instructor confronted with the problem" would mean a much fairer method of cutting down classes.

This semester marks the first time in a long period that the old College rule requiring scholastic criteria for reducing classes has been enforced. It was formerly the practice to allow each instructor to adjust his classes in any way he saw fit.

Honorary To Hold Dinner At Lion Inn

Advertising, Fraternity To Initiate At Banquet

Prof George Burton Hochkiss, New York University's noted authority on advertising, will be guest speaker at the annual initiation banquet of Alpha Delta Sigma, national honorary advertising fraternity, to be held at the Nittany Lion Inn at 6:30 p m Sunday, February 18.

The formal banquet will be preceded by the initiation as honorary members of David Knipe, Bethlehem Globe-Times, Col Charles C Curtis, Allentown Call-Chronicle, and C M Snyder, Reading Eagle. The undergraduate initiates will receive their pins during the banquet.

Prof Hochkiss will speak on "Current Trends in Advertising" at a meeting open to all students interested in advertising in Room 121 Liberal Arts Building at 11 a m Monday, February 19, under the auspices of Alpha Delta Sigma and the journalism department.

Dr. Forbush Is Speaker For Sunday Chapel

Dr. Bliss Forbush, executive secretary of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, will speak on "Only Human," in chapel Sunday morning. Dr. Forbush is also Vice Chairman of the Friends General Conference and author of "Towards Understanding Jesus" and "The Gospel of Mark."

As Geneva Travel Fellow, Dr. Forbush spent three months in Europe last Spring working with refugee groups in Germany, visiting International Centers in Switzerland, France, and Holland, and lecturing in England interested in education. Dr. Forbush is Chairman of the Board of the Baltimore Friends School and Trustee of Morgan College.

Collegian Business Staff Will Hold Meeting Today

The Collegian business staff will hold a meeting of all junior, board members and sophomore candidates in 313 Old Main at 5 p. m. today. Any candidates not in attendance will be automatically dropped from the sophomore board. C. Russel Eck '40, business manager, has announced.

Alumnus Elected Senator

James Grove Fulton '24, who has been elected to the State Senate from the 45th Senatorial District, was selected among the 3,000 outstanding young Americans by "Young Men of America." He attended Harvard Law School after graduating here.

Job Placement Bureau Is Expected To Start Work By Next Fall

New Booth Arrangement For Payment Of Fees Is Announced By Bursar

The Bursar's office yesterday announced an innovation in payment of fees for this year. The order of fee payments on February 15 and 16 will be according to alphabetical windows excepting that separate windows for deferred payments will be set up in the center.

The new order of windows from left to right are:
A to B
Blm to Cry
Cub to Fre
Fri to Her
Hes to Kev
All deferred
Kov to Mat
Mau to Pin
Pip to Sga
Sha to Tra
Tra to Zur

Two Auto Victims In Serious Shape Since Friday Crash

Cramer, Harkins Worse Than First Reported; Other Student Improves

An operation to relieve pressure on the brain of Berne F Cramer, College junior who has been in a critical condition since he was injured in an auto accident at Martha Furnace last Friday, was successful and he is improving rapidly at University Hospital in Philadelphia, it was learned in State College today. Meanwhile, John W Harkins, victim of the same accident, is making a slow but steady improvement in the Centre County Hospital at Bellefonte.

Berne F Cramer '41 and John W Harkins '41, who had previously been reported as recovering from an automobile accident which occurred last Friday, were in a critical condition this week.

Cramer, the more seriously injured of the two, was taken to the University Hospital in Philadelphia in an ambulance after X-Rays disclosed he was suffering from a fractured skull.

Harkins, who was suffering from a fractured left collarbone, broken nose, lacerations about the face, and head and body bruises, had lapsed into a semi-coma at the Bellefonte Hospital.

Houghton W Clark, Jr '40, the other injured student, was reported getting along well. Jack A Sloan '42, the fourth occupant of the car, escaped injury.

Club Plans Program

The Louise Homer Club will give a musical program in Mrs Gail B Pope's apartment in Atherton Hall at 7 p m Tuesday, February 20 with Harriet A Williams '40 in charge.

Gradually Expanding Program May Finally Include Undergraduate As Well As Graduate Assistance

Director, When Chosen, Will Be Allowed To Work Out Details Of Development; Liberal Arts Probably First School To Come Under Plan

See Editorial, "The Placement Bureau," on page 2

The Student Placement Bureau authorized last month by the Board of Trustees will begin a gradually expanding program by next September with its work starting as soon as a full-time director is appointed, it was indicated yesterday.

Indications were that the Bureau—which the Trustees gave President Ralph D. Hetzel blanket authority to create—would develop gradually under the guidance of the director with its first work in those schools of the College which do not now have adequate placement services.

Eventually the function of the Bureau would be expanded to include all schools, to make contact with all branches of employment, to offer service to alumni as well as to graduating seniors, and to coordinate the undergraduate employment and assistance work which is now handled by a great variety of campus organizations.

That the service will not be available for the present senior class was indicated by the announcement that it is likely to take several months to find a man equipped to serve as director.

The first school likely to be served by the new bureau is Liberal Arts which at present is the only one that has no placement service whatever. Plans for the Placement Bureau have been worked out during the past 10 years by several different groups, among these the Alumni Association, the Alumni Committee of 100, and a special committee appointed last Fall by President Hetzel, who had been considering the matter for several years.

No definite program, however, was placed before the Trustees at their meeting in Harrisburg on January 25 and 26, and President Hetzel, an ex-officio member of the Board, was given blanket authority to create the Bureau.

Although all schools but Liberal Arts now offer some sort of placement service the best organized is that established by the School of Education which has standard forms and a detailed procedure for its work.

Orris '39 Escapes Death As Training Plane Wrecks

William L. Orris '39, former student architect here, miraculously escaped death last week when his plane crashed and was completely wrecked as he was practicing solo aerobatics at the Flying Cadet Training Base in St. Louis, Mo.

Suffering from a fractured right leg, broken left hand, and minor cuts about the face, Orris will return to his training base after a few months recuperation. He needs only five hours to complete his cadet training and will be transferred for advanced flying to Randolph Field, Tex.

In connection with the new program, Dr Ritenour announced yesterday, the Health Service will publish a book of regulations governing its treatment and service. It will also seek to extend its present program to require each student to have two complete physical examinations, the one now required on entering the College and an additional examination of all graduating students.

First Aid Class Will Open To 20 Students This Term

A new First Aid class, conducted by Lorin Elder, will start next Friday, February 16. J. Orris Keller, assistant to the president, has announced that the class will be open to 20 students. Eighteen men completed the course at the end of the first semester.

Department heads who desire to have their staff members take the course have been requested to notify Elder.

Hitler Contributes Kriedl To Penn State Faculty

In these days of chaos and confusion in Europe, it isn't often that Herr Adolf Hitler does a favor for anyone. But, believe it, it's true, the "Beast of Berlin," has done something for Penn State.

When the Nazi invaders swept through Czechoslovakia in 1938, the industrial and research interests of Dr Norbert Kriedl were among the numerous things which the Germans destroyed.

Dr Kriedl, who was at the time in America supervising preparations of the Czech glass exhibit for the New York World's Fair, found that it wasn't "any use to go back" to his homeland. The glass specialist found, his life work in Czechoslovakia ruined and sought similar interests in this country. After a short time as consultant for a glass company in Dunkirk, N. Y., Dr. Kriedl came to Penn State as an assistant professor of glass technology in the School of Mineral Industries, where he is devoting his time to the application of phosphates to glass and other ceramic materials.

Speaking of the Nazi absorption of his fatherland, Dr Kriedl said he knew "that the German Anschluss would wreck the glass industry, Czechoslovakia's biggest enterprise, because it would put our experts at a disadvantage in the world market."