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Committee Of 100 Denounces Alumni Association's New Plan

Open Letter Charges Group Is In Despair, Begging For Student Aid

Special to the Collegian
PITTSBURGH, April 4—Penn State's Alumni Committee of 100 threw another bombshell at the College Alumni Association today when it filed an open letter charging that "the Association finally has thrown up its hands in despair and now goes begging for student aid."

The letter, which was sent to H. Clifton McWilliams '40, all-College president, blasted against the Association's plan to make each student a life member of the Association by taxing him \$2 each semester he is in College.

"The plan to tax students is illogical and ill-advised," the Alumni Committee wrote. "For we repeat once more—loyalty is not a commodity that can be purchased and sold for so many pieces of silver, but rather an ingrained characteristic born of gratitude. And the strength of an organization is measured not in numbers but in interest."

Signing the letter were John A. Troanovitch '39, committee chairman, and Thomas A. Boal '39, treasurer.

Charges Listed

1. That the Association proposes to bring from each student a \$16 tribute and to give that student no right to say what shall be done with that money until after he is graduated.

2. That the system is a hoax and an ill-advised system of taxation without representation bound to lead to the perpetuation of an irresponsible alumni hierarchy.

3. That the Association would do no more with the approximately \$28,000 raised from the students than it now does with a \$20,000 subsidy each year from the College with which it has not been able to sell itself to more than a mere handful of graduates.

4. That the Association officers owe the students an explanation of what they have done to justify the boosts they received in their salaries last June while professors go pleading for an extra dollar in the payroll and the College goes on harping for an extra seat in a classroom.

5. That some of the plans of the Association for using the extra money are utterly silly and meaningless, especially those pertaining to a new student news section in the Alumni News and the "uncovering of subversive influences."

6. That the proposal of the Association to aid in the Student Placement Bureau is meaningless and dangerous, that the bureau has been established by the College for the students and that no student should be asked to pay a \$16 fee in order to get "assistance in obtaining jobs."

7. "Bankrupt in membership and in leadership, floundering in inaction and reaction, ignored by thousands of graduates and unwanted by many thousands of others, the Association finally has thrown up its hands in despair and now goes begging for student aid," the committee wrote.

ROTC Attitude Praised

A marked improvement in student attitude toward ROTC at Penn State during the past several years was praised by Col. Frederic G. Kellond, officer in charge of surveying components, Third Corps Area, who made his annual ROTC inspection here on Tuesday and Wednesday.

46 Practice Teaching

Forty-six seniors and graduate students from the department of agricultural education are practicing teaching for four weeks in 41 vocational agricultural schools. They will return to the campus on April 22.

DANTE'S 'NIGHT IN HADES' PROTEGES



W. Jerome Howarth '40 and Fletcher L. Byrom '40, co-chairmen of Interfraternity Ball.

'Night In India' Theme Of Interfraternity Ball

Non-Fraternity Students May Attend Dance; IFC Sing Finals Scheduled For Intermission

"There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight," according to Chairman Fletcher L. Byrom '40, and W. Jerome Howarth '40, when couples swing to the tunes of Gene Krupa's orchestra amidst the flaming background of a "Night in Hades" at Interfraternity Ball in Rec Hall at 10 p. m.

For the first time in the history of the Ball, non-fraternity students are invited to attend the dance and can secure invitations and booth reservations at Student Union or at the door during the dance.

Sheets of flame falling from the ceiling, devil's henchmen leaning out of "spooky" caverns, and dwarfed imps with sharpened pitchforks will color the festive decorations of the Ball. The bandstand will be enveloped in a huge circle of flame.

"Smooth" Music Slated
 Communications from Krupa assured the committee that he intends to play "smooth" music for dancing rather than interperse his program with the "jitterbug" variety.

The three IFC Sing finalists, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi, will compete for the Interfraternity Sing Trophy at intermission, and the winner will appear at the Drydock Club Saturday night, according to G. Warren Elliot, chairman of the committee, and Edgar V. Hall, manager of Drydock.

It was announced that Emmett W. (Dusty) Rhodes has been selected as editor of the fraternity handbook, upon which rapid progress is being made. A suggestion that in 1942 fraternity house presidents be elected to the Council instead of other representatives, was tabled for future consideration.

Drydock Club Will Start Student Survey Today

Postponed for a week until an adequate set of questions could be drawn up for presentation, the Drydock Club survey will start this afternoon and run until next Wednesday, Edgar V. Hall '41, manager of the club, announced yesterday. The survey will attempt to get the opinion of the student body on keeping the club open until the end of the semester.

The club committee also announced the entertainment for the club tomorrow night, a collegiate sing with Roy Rodgers as master of ceremonies. Featured in the sing will be winners of the Interfraternity Sing contest.

Seven Senior Beauties Chosen By George Petty

George Petty, famous Esquire artist, has sent in his choices of the seven outstanding senior beauties whose pictures will appear in the 1940 La Vie, Editor Thomas J. Finn announced today.

Those selected: Cicely M. De Silver, Margaret R. De Silver, Ruth E. Kennedy, Mary H. O'Connor, Marguerite R. Scheaffer, Jean G. Taylor, Mary R. Wirtz.

Phi Eta Sigma To Hold Bull Session Wednesday

Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary scholastic fraternity, will hold a social meeting at Theta Xi fraternity at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

"The Influence of Grades on Success after College" will be led by Registrar William S. Hoffman.

Cabinet Approves Plan To Reward Student Service

Student-Faculty Group Will Choose Recipients Of 15 Shingles Each Year

Acting on a recommendation first presented last January when the proposed IMA Hat Society was refused a charter, the All-College Cabinet approved a plan which would give recognition to those persons who are rendering great service to the College, at its meeting Tuesday night.

Under the present plan presented by a committee headed by Wallace H. Dunlap '40, the student government body would present a maximum of 15 shingles each year to students, who, in the eyes of a joint student-faculty committee are deserving.

Both men and women, regardless of class, would be eligible under this tentative arrangement to receive the awards. In his report Dunlap suggested that the plan be put into effect this year and that shingles be presented at inauguration ceremonies.

The proposed joint student-faculty committee would be composed of the dean of men, dean of women, Student Union treasurer, Collegian Editor, Collegian Women's Editor, junior class president, all-College president, a representative from the president's office, and the WSGA president.

The Cabinet also approved the Revolving Student Loan Fund Committee's plan for providing funds for deserving students. It is possible that an opera singer may be engaged to come to the College to help finance the student loans.

Pres. H. Clifton McWilliams appointed a committee consisting of A. William Engel, Jr., '40, Wallace H. Dunlap '40, Juanita M. Chambers '40, Thomas C. Backenstose '41, and Elinor L. Weaver '41, to present a report on the pros and cons of the proposed Alumni Association plan at the next Cabinet meeting.

The various committees also submitted reports on a new compensation plan, the student government convention and the elections.

A. John Currier Elected 1940-41 PSCA President

A John Currier '42 was elected president and Sarah P. Searle '42 was elected vice-president at the annual elections of the PSCA last week by the new Cabinet.

With the election of officers came the announcement that additional members of the Cabinet will be named shortly. In the meanwhile the group is formulating plans for the fiscal year.

Other officers elected are Miriam T. Miller '41, secretary, and Thomas H. Ainsworth '41, treasurer.

New Junior Blazer Goes On Sale Today; Lion Coat Display Opens April 13

A new Junior Blazer of blue gabardine will go on display today in the windows of the Athletic store, Co-chairmen Howard R. Alter and John H. Jenkins announced yesterday. The new blazer will be priced at \$4.95.

Also announced yesterday by Senior Class President David E. Peirson was the sale of Senior Lion Coats at downtown stores beginning next Saturday. The traditional Lion Coats will be sold for \$11.00.

Commenting on the new Junior Blazer, Thomas C. Backenstose, junior class president, said that he believed the new coat to be an improvement over those sold during the past few years, and "more nearly representative of what the average student wants."

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On the other hand, We Women, replaced now by Us Gals in most issues of the Collegian, was third choice for female readers, but ranked last in the estimate of men

Cabinet Votes \$800 From Classes; Collegian Adds \$100

Tom Waring To Sing With Glee Club In NYC

Soloist Will Also Appear At Concert Here On April 14 After Singers Return From Tour

Tom Waring, vocalist with his brother Fred's orchestra, will appear as guest soloist when the College Glee Club present the final concert of the tour in New York next Thursday, Sammy Gallu announced yesterday. Waring will also sing at the concert in Schwab Auditorium April 14.

Designed to give two weeks of intensive training to those who will direct the numerous WPA playgrounds and recreational centers this summer, the School will offer classes in crafts, folk dancing, games, dramatics, leadership, adult education, and nature.

Open lectures are slated in Room 121 Liberal Arts on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights, with students invited. Several state recreational leaders will speak.

Several College Departments and the School of Physical Education will cooperate in presenting the Training School courses, which will be under the supervision of the head of the state recreation department.

Engineers Set Open House Date

Annual Exhibition To Be Held Saturday, April 20

The annual Engineering Open House will be held Saturday, April 20, it was announced yesterday by Co-chairmen Jerome N. Goodman '40 and Michael Balog, Jr. '40.

The exhibition is expected to draw engineering authorities from within a radius of 75 miles. A special feature will be a concert by the ROTC Engineers' band under the direction of Prof. Frank Gullu in the new Electrical Engineering laboratory at 3:30 p. m.

Dean Harry P. Hammond announced a cooperating committee consisting of the following men: Robert A. Hussey, Earl B. Snaveley, Elmer R. Queer, John W. Breneman, Frederick C. Stewart, Burton K. Johnstone, and John S. Leister.

There also will be a display by the engineers' unit of the ROTC. Further plans will be announced within the next week, the co-chairmen stated.

Senator Nye Will Talk Here April 15

United States Senator Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota, sponsored by the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, will speak in Schwab Auditorium at 8:15 p. m. Monday, April 15, Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, chairman of Phi Beta Kappa committee, announced yesterday. Senator Nye will talk on "Can We Keep America Out of War?"

The prominent North Dakotan will come directly from Washington to make his address. Dr. Marquardt pointed out, Phi Beta Kappa is bringing the Senator here in answer to the expressed desire of students and faculty members to hear more nationally prominent speakers.

Phi Beta Kappa Sponsors Address By Legislator

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Collegian Readers Like Gossip Columns

Interest Survey Covers 1500 Students

Collegian readers like their gossip and read gossip columns in the Collegian more regularly than any other articles, features, or columns. Results from the first Collegian Reader's Interest Poll, taken during the mid-semester registration revealed that the Maniac and Campus News were most regularly read by both male and female readers of all material published in the Collegian. Approximately 1500 students were reached by the survey.

To male readers, general women's news is most unreadable and thus drew the highest number of "nevers." Sports statistics were "never" read by more women than any other Collegian item.

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Additional Funds To Be Solicited From Student Groups In Effort To Apprehend Taylor Slayer; Police Report 'Nothing New' As Hunt Continues

Endeavoring to raise a \$1,000 reward for the person or persons providing direct information resulting in the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Rachel Taylor, the All-College Cabinet of the Student Government Association voted \$800 and the Penn State Collegian added \$100 late yesterday.

Each of the four classes have contributed \$200 from their class funds toward the present \$900 total. Approval for offering the reward was granted by College officials and State Police following a vote by the Cabinet.

Every effort to reach the \$1,000 goal will be made by a committee of four headed by A. William Engel, Jr., Collegian editor, and consisting of All-College President H. Clifton McWilliams, Jr., Senior Class President David E. Peirson, and WSGA President Elinor L. Weaver '41.

Other activity groups will be requested to contribute any amount. Since the discovery of Rachel Taylor's horribly-mutilated body

Statement by All-College President H. Clifton McWilliams, Jr.

"It seems ironic that just a few weeks ago, Pennsylvania State College entertained other Pennsylvania schools at a student government convention, the outcome of which was the formation of the Pennsylvania Student Government Association, a landmark in the activities of Pennsylvania students. This venture was indicative of the real Penn State. Our publicity for that convention was scant and far between, and we felt indeed fortunate to rate a little article on an inside page.

"Then along comes a horrible tragedy, and Penn State's name is smeared over every paper in the country—in a light that is as untrue, and as contrary to conditions as they actually exist, as it would be to say the Republican Party will put up a Democrat for President.

"We have often observed how little stories start and like wild-fire sweep the community and with each repetition continue to grow, and how in each telling the facts of the case are distorted until they are entirely out of proportion. This thing has happened right under our very noses, but I firmly believe that the Penn State students have enough common sense to extricate the truth from the fantastic."

on the gravel roadway in front of the Lemont School Building last Thursday morning, the police have pursued over 200 possible

Letter Box

Mr. George Ebert, Department Head Grounds and Buildings, Dear Sir:

While there is still time, may we suggest that you do something about building an annex to Schwab Auditorium. It is of vital importance that we have extra seating space for the Saturday night (April 20) performance of our new Spring show "DANGER! MEN AT WORK" or "Don't Send Your Boy to Vassar."

On the Friday night (April 19) audience spreads the word that "this is THE show," there is no predicting what damage and due destruction will be wrought by the frenzied mob that will storm Schwab Saturday night.

It is in the interest of protection to College property and with a sense of obligation to our patrons, then, that we ask you to give this matter your immediate attention. We feel certain that the present accommodations will be inadequate.

Sincerely yours,
 The Thespian Club
 PS It's worth a couple of comps, George. See what you can do.

ROTC Infantry Band To Play Sunday Afternoon Concert In Auditorium

Director Frank Gullu will introduce his ROTC Infantry Band to Sunday afternoon concert-goers in Schwab auditorium at 3 p. m. Sunday. The Infantry Band is the second ROTC Band to appear on this year's annual complimentary concert series, being preceded by the Engineers' Band concert earlier in the season.

In addition to a rendition of "The Grenadier" by Richard Criswell, baritone soloist, the program will contain several marches, including the "University Grand March," and the "March of the Maines." The Band will also play a selection from the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore."

In addition to Director Gullu, officers of the Infantry Band are as follows: Fred Zaiden, librarian, Clair Wagner and Bruce Garner, student directors, and Paul Benner, custodian of equipment.

Navy Seeks Pilots Here

Lieut. Philip Allen, Jr., United States Navy, will spend next Monday and Tuesday on the campus interviewing seniors who wish to enter a course in aviation conducted by the Navy as a post graduate course. He will show a motion picture describing the life of the student naval aviator. Interested students have been asked to contact Lieutenant Allen at the Army on Monday.



TOM WARING