

PS Club Offers Varied Program

To provide a means of recreation, both athletic and social, for the Penn State men who do not enjoy the privileges of a fraternity—this is the purpose of the Penn State Club as set forth by their charter.

The largest single organization of its kinds, the club last year had a membership of 275; no fraternity men may belong. Dues are 50 cents per semester.

Last year members enjoyed hikes, hay rides, dorm dances, parties, bowling parties, picnics and the club entered teams in intramural sport competition. Magazines are available in the clubroom, and a combination radio-phonograph with the latest recordings is provided for the enjoyment of members.

This year the club has a varied program to offer, including picnics, dancing classes, All-College New Year's Dance, and a joint Penn State Club-WSGA freshman get-together. The last event will be the first on the schedule and is slated for September 20.

The Club Dating Bureau will function again this year for the benefit of members only. The clubroom is located at 321 Old Main and guests are welcome.

College Radio Station Literature Can Do Good

Did you know that Penn State has its own radio station? The College station is located back of the University Club and is operated by a staff made up of students who hold amateur radio operator's licenses.

The station has three transmitters and broadcasts on three short wave bands. Any student who is a radio "ham" and wishes to join the staff of W8YA should write a letter of application to Gilbert C. Crossley, department of electrical engineering, stating his desire to become a member of the staff, past experience, and local address.

Club Prexy



Theodore Rice '41 is president of the Penn State Club, the largest organization for independent men on the campus.

Anti-Nazi Comedy Billed By Players

"Margin For Error," described by Frank S. Neusbaum, assistant professor of dramatics, as a "satirical anti-Nazi comedy," will be this year's first Players show and will be presented on Dad's Day, October 5, Professor Neusbaum announced yesterday.

He also announced that all students desiring to try out as actors, actresses, and technicians may still sign up at Student Union today and tomorrow. Technicians include scene builders and painters, designers, electricians, costumers, property men, and stage managers.

The tryouts, Professor Neusbaum emphasized, will determine not only the cast for this first play but will be considered in casting future Player shows.

"Margin For Error," will inaugurate Players' 21st season on the campus. The play was written by Clare Boothe and ran on Broadway last season.

"The play concerns a German consul in a large American city," Professor Neusbaum explained. "He isn't a very likeable person and becomes thoroughly hated. Finally he is murdered and from then on it's a fast and furious 'Who done it.'"

Students Will Be Trained For Public Service Jobs

At the opening of the fifth year of its service this month, the Institute of Local Government is planning to expand its program to train students for public service, according to Dr. Harold F. Alderfer, executive secretary of the Institute.

Selected students will be given apprentice work in local governments between their junior and senior years. While some of this work has been done in the past, it is hoped that a greater number may be able to obtain a variety of work in their home town and county governments.

These students are taught such subjects as political science, economics, accounting, sociology, civil engineering with emphasis on municipal planning and zoning, landscape architecture with emphasis on city planning and civic design, and certain tool subjects such as public speaking, report writing, and statistics.

After their graduation, an effort is made to place them in government service, in quasi-governmental agencies, or in graduate schools of public administration.

Bennett College for Negro women, Greensboro, N. C., received gifts totaling \$445,000 in the last year.

Students Battled With Old Cannon

Two harmless little cannons, now squatting on their concrete beds in front of the Armory, gaze stolidly at developments on the campus and reminisce of the many battle fields they surveyed in the dim days of the eighties.

These members of the "Old Guard" did not, however, limit their experience to the dust of the march and the playing of the national anthem with colors flying. They took an intimate part in conflicts between the "Town Muckers" and the "Old Main Rats," rival bands of students which sprung up as a result of separate housing quarters.

One spring day in the late eighties, legend runs, the "Town Muckers" felt the urge for excitement at the expense of their rivals. Organizing a parade, they maneuvered about the terrace fronting Old Main and taunted the inmates with cries of "Government Paupers," and "Rats."

After this show of spirit the "Townies" were satisfied and returned to their haunts on Beaver Avenue where they roomed in what was named by the Old Main Rats, Fort Shivery. The residents of Old Main then took up the battle. Hauling out their heavy artillery they gathered a representative collection of rubbish, tin cans, and garbage, and rammed it down the weapon's muzzle.

Aiming the deadly implements at the lodging of their enemies, a bead was drawn in approved military style, the records show, and after the addition of powder and the application of a match, amid a thunderous roar the two stalwarts belched forth their questionable contents. Because ammunition supplies had been exhausted, the barricade was lifted, but a notable military victory was gained by the "Old Main Rats."

With the imbedding of the impedimenta of war in concrete bases, College authorities have doomed the cannon to a life of inactivity.

Anthracite Coal Mining Confined To Small Area

Pennsylvania's great anthracite industry, whose production in 1939 was valued at more than \$187,000,000 is confined to an area of little more than 480 square miles in the eastern part of the state.

"Mining has been going on there," states Dr. W. M. Myers, of the Mineral Industries Experiment Station, "for over 125 years, and the reserves are adequate for over 300 years more at the present rate of production."

Dr. Myers pointed out that during the years of production, the average depth of anthracite mining has become progressively greater, while the thickness of the coal beds has declined. Such conditions impose extra costs and difficulties on the industry, he said.

Depletion of Pennsylvania Minerals Is Still Local

Depletion of Pennsylvania's mineral resources is still a local matter and not general throughout the state, according to Dr. William M. Meyers, assistant professor of mineral economics and technology.

"The most conspicuous feature of the problem is the exhaustion of the highest grade and the most accessible material," says Dr. Meyers, who has been studying the depletion and conservation of mineral reserves in this state, as well as the economics of mineral industries here.

The School of Mineral Industries is now studying methods of making the lower grade materials useful to industry.

"Conservation is intelligent utilization of these materials rather than miserly hoarding," Dr. Meyers stated. "The production of coal, for example, from the earliest record to the present has exceeded 10 billion tons. Obviously, this has depleted the original endowment."

Good Driver Necessary In Combine Operation

The tractor driver plays an important part in the successful operation of a combine, particularly when a heavy crop of straw is being handled, said Vernon S. Peterson, extension agricultural engineer, today, in discussing some of the problems of harvesting grain crops this year. If down grain or green weeds are encountered, either the ground speed or width of cut must be reduced to insure clean threshing.

Small pieces of green weeds are difficult to separate from the crop seed, and tailings should be reduced to a minimum to prevent their return to the cylinder where they are chopped finer. The machine must be run at rated speed and a sufficiently strong blast of air supplied to life the material as it passes over the chaffer, Mr. Peterson said.

Three hundred students at Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich., took part in a college circus.

Centers Reduce Education Costs

Six years ago any Pennsylvania high school graduate who could afford to spend four years away from home while obtaining a college degree had to forego the advantages of a higher education. Today, thanks to the College, the situation is different.

For today a system of independent graduate centers enables a student to obtain the first two years of college at slight expense. After his work at one of the centers the student may transfer to the college of his choice.

Four centers—at Altoona, DuBois, Hazleton, and Pottsville—are maintained by the College. Altoona is the newest having been in operation only a year. Another center was located in Uniontown but will not be continued this fall because of insufficient students.

Not only have the centers lowered the cost of a four-year college education, but they have specifically aided each student by setting up programs of study that provide the best possible foundation for future work.

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