

## Groff Describes Chaos In China In Recent Letter

"My prayer is that China may some day have stretching across her areas, north to south and east to west, a great binding force such as the state universities in America," declared "Daddy" Groff in a letter to Stevenson W. Fletcher, dean of the Agriculture School, which arrived recently from Lingnan University in Canton, China.

Describing the difficulties under which the students entered this school year, Mr. Groff revealed that there is no communication between Canton and Hongkong and that the dreaded cholera has almost isolated Canton.

"The whole atmosphere is darkened by the present world chaos, and a day at a time is quite sufficient for present living," he writes. "The cost of living is steadily rising and the problem of most families at present is to keep the wolf from the door."

He pictured the problems the university is faced with at present—experimental work in agriculture is practically non-existent, the soil is worn-out in many sections, and individual conservation has been disrupted.

"Our present agricultural problems are quite different from yours," "Daddy" Groff asserted. "Here at Canton we are giving the younger boys, now cut off from higher education, a chance to keep their feet in the ground, learn as much as they can from nature and their own initiative, and above all become food producers.

"The effect upon the people's livelihood, of depleted, worn-out soil is tragically evident when transportation, individual industry and conservation are disrupted. China, is, above all, fortunate in the everlasting energy and resourcefulness of her agrarian population."

Throughout his whole letter Mr. Groff stressed the importance of helping to maintain food supplies for the people in and around Canton.

He asserted that through these trying years, he has felt much closer to Penn State than ever before.

"I am sure, too, that emanating from Penn State is a clearer vision and understanding of the great world issues which Christian mission, whatever their field of service represent," he said. "The few foreign students now in residence at Penn State must help to broaden this vision."

University of North Dakota is completing a plant for experimenting with two of the state's natural resources—sodium sulphate and lignite coal.

### Publication Calendar

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The calendar above shows the dates on which Collegian will publish during the period of the Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations.

### Speaks On Defense



Dean Edward Steidle of the School of Mineral Industries, urged in an article for the Collegian that our government carry out certain vital plans regardless of who wins the European War.

### Steidle Urges Improved Defense

"There are plans that should be carried forward by our government without delay, irrespective of whether Germany or Great Britain wins the war," Dean Edward Steidle of the School of Mineral Industries has said.

In an article prepared especially for the Collegian, he continued:

"The domestic production of strategic minerals should be carefully reviewed, both in this country and in the western hemisphere. Those operations in this country which give reasonable promise should be encouraged by the Government through loans for development, especially technical service, and contract purchases of outputs.

"The government should also support more research in government bureaus and the leading schools of mineral industries on new techniques, especially new processes for the extraction and use of fuels, metals, and non-metallic products from low grade deposits. Control of the sea assumes a new meaning but we must make the country as self-sufficient with regard to the indispensable minerals as modern technology will permit."

### Students To Run Skating Sessions

Although the skating party of two sessions beginning at 7 p. m. and 9 p.m. Saturday evening is sponsored by the new Recreation Committee, three students, Harry A. Masters '42, Howard L. O'Lighter, and C. Walter York '42, will be in charge.

Music records suitable for roller skating rhythm will be provided for the occasion through the use of a loud speaker system.

Any talented skaters who are interested in helping as hosts and instructors are to contact Ray M. Conger or Max Dercum, committee members, or the three students now in charge.

A crowd of at least 300 is expected at the party. To prove the popularity of roller skating parties in the past, Conger said that the average attendance in previous years was 300 in afternoons and 200 during night sessions. The first party, scheduled by a physical education group two years ago, drew a record crowd of 525 students and faculty.

### Engineers On Trip

A group of thirty-two civil engineering and architecture students made an inspection trip to the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem steel company yesterday. Accompanying were Professors Clinton L. Harris, Royal M. Gerhardt, Louis A. Richardson and Charles A. Elder.

## Freshman Election Code

The complete freshman election code as approved by the All-College Cabinet Tuesday night has been released today by H. Leonard Krouse '42, chairman of the Freshman Elections Committee.

### FRESHMAN ELECTION CODE

#### ARTICLE I

##### Time of Voting

Voting will extend from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, December 16. The polls will be open through the lunch and dinner hours.

#### ARTICLE II

##### Place of Voting

Elections will be held in the first floor of Old Main.

#### ARTICLE III

##### Eligibility for Office

All candidates must not have received a below grade at the eight week period to be eligible for election to office.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Method of Nomination

Any regular freshman student meeting the above requirement shall be eligible for nomination for a class office.

To be nominated, a candidate must file a petition with the chairman of the Elections Committee by Friday noon, December 6.

A candidate for the position of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, or historian, must have a petition containing the signatures of 100 voters in his or her class, of which 25 per cent must be women.

Accompanying the petitions must

be a statement of the platform. The Freshman Election Committee shall approve all platforms, but shall reserve the right to censor any provisions which it may deem ridiculous.

Pictures suitable for reproduction should accompany petitions of candidates for all class offices.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Campaign

The campaign will open 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, with a Freshman mass meeting. All candidates are required to be in possession of their approved petitions before their campaign may be started.

For each party that has running for a major office, the All-College Cabinet, through the Elections Committee, will supply posters containing the party platform and pictures of the major candidates.

There will be no other expense whatsoever incurred for campaigning.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Eligibility

To be eligible to vote, voters must present their AA books and their matriculation cards which will be checked with the dean's list procured before election. AA books will be punched by checkers and the voter's name will be crossed off the list.

Those who have lost their AA books or matriculation cards may be eligible to vote upon presentation of a note from Dean A. R.

Warnock's office certifying that they are regularly enrolled freshman students.

Two year agriculture students in their first year may vote for the freshman offices.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Party Affiliations

Party affiliations, if any, of each candidate will be placed upon the ballot. It is not necessary, however, for each candidate to have a party affiliation.

One approved member of each party may be stationed at the rear exit of the first floor lounge of Old Main to check their lists of voters. No conversation with the voter will be permitted. Party chairmen may examine these lists every hour for no longer than five minutes.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Violations

Penalties of 20 votes will be inflicted for violating the following:

1. Electioneering in Old Main while voting is in progress.

2. Conversation by party checkers with voters before voting.

3. House to house canvassing prior to the stipulated time for campaign.

4. Faulty petitions or ineligible candidates.

5. Unfair campaigning following an initial warning.

6. Use of cars or posters other than those provided by the committee.

H. Leonard Krouse, Chairman Freshman Elections Committee

### Library Exhibit Includes Old Historical Documents

Notices of the Declaration of Independence, the death and burial of George Washington, and accounts of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln are included in

an exhibit of newspapers, documents, and manuscripts being exhibited at the Library until November 25. Mrs. Sally S. Carey, chairman of exhibits, has announced.

News of the Revolutionary War against the British is printed in a newspaper exhibit. Counterfeit

copies of the famous Ulster County Gazette of January 4, 1800 contain tragic news of Washington's death.

Copies displayed of the New York Times and Harper's Weekly for 1865 carry the news of Lincoln's assassination.

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