

Mrs. Hetzel's Fund Aids Students In Emergencies

Have you ever been hungry, penniless, with the next prospect of a meal too far away to satisfy the jumping nerves of an empty stomach? Or have you ever strained anxiously over a textbook knowing that glasses were needed but not knowing where to get the immediate money to buy them?

These and other similar emergencies have occurred at Penn State. They were major though temporary problems for students and might have resulted in serious consequences were it not for Mrs. Hetzel's Loan Fund for students.

Amounts up to \$10 are loaned with no interest being charged. There is no delay in granting loans which are strictly confidential. Russell E. Clark, College Bursar, is in charge of finances and may be contacted at any time.

"Much of the money for the fund comes from student organizations," Mrs. Ralph D. Hetzel pointed out yesterday. Commenting upon the name of the student aid she said, "Only the idea was mine and the name has been kept merely to promote confidence in the fund as a stable organization which exists from year to year."

"We want to keep the fund as personal as possible," remarked Mrs. Hetzel. "It is a part of the purpose of this undertaking to dispel the feeling of impersonality in this large college."

To date \$158 has been placed in the hands of students facing immediate needs. This money has been used for food, eye-glasses, commencement expenses, imperative trips home, doctor bills, and a job interview.

At present there is \$452 in the fund, mostly donated by student organizations. Contributions came from the following sources: WSGA, part of proceeds from Christmas Good Will Campaign—\$78.25; Student Book Exchange, entire profits—\$40.72; WRA, appropriation from 1939-40 budget—\$100; Pan-Hellenic Council Benefit Bridge; Campus Committee—\$28.90; Town Committee—\$85.10; Newcomer's Association Alumnae; appropriation from 1939-40 earnings—\$25; Junior Service Board of WSGA; benefit movie—\$22; and personal gifts—\$75.

"The inspiring thing to me is that the students are not interested simply in the money but are eager to help themselves and are looking for jobs. Those who have used the fund are very self-respecting. It is my hope that everyone will make the fund a part of his Christmas program. May the students find it possible to continue to help each other," Mrs. Hetzel said.

Debaters Chosen For Annual Meet

Penn State will be represented in the annual Westminster Tri-State Debate Tournament by William E. Harkins '42, David R. Benjamin '41, Gerald P. Doherty '42, and Walter A. Weiss '41, it was announced today by Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien, coach of the men's debating team.

Other schools participating in the symposium, to be held Saturday at New Wilmington, Pa., include Pittsburgh, Carnegie Tech, West Virginia, Western Reserve, Bethany College, Baldwin-Wallace, Mount Mercy, Saint Francis, Lock Haven State Teachers College, Geneva, and Waynesburg.

The tournament will be held in competitive style on the topic, Resolved: The nations of the Western Hemisphere should enter into a permanent union, immediately.

Last year Penn State placed second in the Westminster competition. Professor O'Brien hopes to present an equally capable showing.

Blasingame Gets Goodrich Award

Prof. Ralph U. Blasingame, head of the department of agricultural engineering, recently received an award for distinguished service in the agricultural field. The award was presented to him at the World's Fair in New York by the B. F. Goodrich Company.

At the ceremonies which took place at the Goodrich exhibit, Professor Blasingame spoke on advances in the mechanization of farming. "The young man of the farm today," he said, "must of necessity be and is a thoroughly competent mechanic who understands the internal combustion engine and how to make it operate equipment under almost any conditions."

It was also pointed out by Blasingame that the design of modern farm machinery is such that it would be possible to release the young men of the farm into military training if necessary, and the old men and even the girls could carry on the farm work with this modern equipment.

PhD Survey Lists Only Six Jobless

In a survey on the number and present employment of doctors of philosophy for the ten-year period 1930-31-1939-40, it was found that out of a total of 224 granted doctorates here only six are now unemployed. The survey was conducted by the Graduate School in cooperation with the American Council on Education, Washington, D. C.

Oddly enough, the number of people entering academic work and non-academic work exactly balanced at 109 each. The academic group of 109 is distributed among 63 colleges and universities, with 40 teaching, or doing either research or administrative work at Penn State. The majority entering academic work are doing research.

Among the non-academic group of 109, the survey finds 17 employed in public services, 92 in private employment, with only three engaged in sales promotion or similar work, while seven hold administrative positions. Penn State is represented by PhD's in such far-off places as Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, as well as throughout the United States.

Thespians To Give Show On Road Trip Next Week

The Thespian show, "The Balloon Goes Up," will take to the road next week when presentations of the revue will be given in Altoona and Harrisburg, George L. Parrish '41, president of Thespians, announced yesterday.

The first road show will be held at the Roosevelt Junior High School in Altoona on Monday evening. This will be followed by a one-day layoff; then the company will travel to the state capitol to perform at the John Harris High School on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The show has been lengthened considerably and revised for the two trips, Parrish stated. Particular stress has been given to add local color and the Glee Club will sing Fred Waring's "The Hills of Old Penn State." An important addition to the cast is Andrew P. Szekely '43 who will play several symphonic arrangements at the piano.

Mountain Lodge Plan Progresses

The Penn State Recreation Lodge—gift to the College from the class of 1939—is reaching the stage where workable plans have been made after more than a year in which no action was taken.

The "mountain lodge," as it is commonly known, was decided upon by the members of the class at a mass meeting in the spring of 1939. An election was held but in such a way that charges of "illegal voting" and "railroading" were freely circulated.

A petition for a revote was presented to Student Board (forerunner of All-College Cabinet) but the Board, by an 8 to 2 vote, killed the request and the lodge was accepted by the Board of Trustees.

A Recreation Planning Board, consisting of students and faculty members, was appointed. Plans were drawn up. The only hitch was that the lodge, as then planned, would have cost more than twice the amount of money in the gift fund.

This left the matter up in the air and the situation was unchanged when the class of 1939 left the College.

However, Ray M. Conger, instructor in physical education and in charge of College recreation, took an interest in the project and began to revise the plans.

The new plans call for a less pretentious building. However, they are unofficial and must be approved by the Grounds and Buildings Committee of the Board of Trustees before definite steps can be taken toward construction.

These plans are for a lodge 30 feet wide and 60 feet long. A balcony, five feet wide, will run the front of the building over a stone-paved terrace. Construction will be mainly of masonry and timber. Provision will be made for the addition, in the future, of a kitchen and two dormitories, one for men and one for women.

It is planned to build the lodge on a 40-acre plot, about 600 yards on this side of the Ski Trail and five miles from State College. Facilities will be present for skiing and hiking. Electricity and an adequate water supply will be easily available.

The main obstacle in the path of construction in the near future is that the lodge still requires more money than is in the class fund which, on October 31, was \$5,358.14. The land will cost approximately \$1,000, leaving a little over \$4,000 for the mountain lodge itself. There are two alternatives: obtain more money or reduce the plans.

When completed the lodge will be open to all students and will be an integral part of the constantly expanding recreation system. It will probably be in charge of the Recreation Committee or a special group.

Chemistry Professor Gets Sigma Xi Grant

For the promotion of her work on the optical properties of nitrophthalimides, Mary J. Willard, assistant professor of chemistry, was recently awarded a sum of \$250 from Sigma Xi, national society for the promotion of research in special scientific fields.

The grants-in-aid, announced by Prof. George A. Baitzell of Yale University, secretary of the society, are given to allow the continuation of important pieces of research which otherwise might have to be abandoned.

The funds for the Sigma Xi grants-in-aid come from small contributions made by thousands of Sigma Xi members throughout the country. For that reason grants-in-aid from this society are doubly valued by the recipients because not only do they allow work to be done, but they represent the financial contributions of scientists to the promotion of scientific research.

Course In Canadian Economics To Be Offered

A new course on the economics of Canada will be offered at the College next semester to meet student interest occasioned by increasingly close ties between the United States and its northern neighbor.

The course will be given by Dr. Donald M. Marvin, former statistician for the Royal Bank of Canada, who joined the faculty here this fall as associate professor of economics. Dr. Marvin is a past vice-president of the American Statistical Association.

In announcing the new course, Dr. Carl W. Hasek, head of the department of economics and sociology, revealed also that courses in foreign exchange have been revised to cover current war-time conditions.

Art Work Shown In College Gallery

Pi Gamma Alpha, honorary Fine Arts fraternity, has two sets of paintings on exhibition in the College Art Gallery. Both the original American prints and the Pennsylvania Academy student work exhibit will be on display until Saturday noon, December 14.

The set of original American prints is a specially chosen collection of 30 original etchings and lithographs on loan from the Associated American Artists of New York, it was announced by Prof. J. Burn Helme, head of the fine arts division.

This exhibit is part of a plan by this group of artists to increase nationwide interest in the ownership of fine originals. Such artists as Peggy Bacon, Thomas Benton, and John Stuart Curry are cooperating in this drive to stimulate ownership, and these artists are offering any of their original prints for five dollars.

The second exhibition is a very interesting group of 37 oil paintings and 19 black and whites by students of the Academy of Fine Arts. This student work was done in competition for the Cresson Memorial Scholarship during the past year.

At The Movies

CATHAUM
"Little Nellie Kelly"
STATE
"South of Suez"
NITTANY
"Turnabout"

Co-ops Attract Thrifty Students

Students belonging to co-operative houses are finding it financially easy to arrange for their rooms, board, and social and cultural education without a dozen or so retail business firms taking fat profits out of their worn purses.

Under the direction of the College Cooperative Society, the Nittany Co-op and the Allen Street Co-op were given a charter in October. The two co-ops in State College also belong to the Eastern League which is a part of the Co-operative League of the United States of America.

Through shrewd planning, men and women have set up a system whereby living expenses for both have dropped to the wholesale price level.

Although women occupy the co-ops, men obtain their meals there and divide the maintenance work equally. While the women do the cleaning and help prepare salads and delicacies under the direction of an employed cook, the men, believe it or not, subject themselves to the grueling task of washing dishes and waiting on tables. As manual labor is more in line with their work, to the men is given the task of general repairing and daubing about.

Upon acceptance into the co-operative houses, each member is required to buy two shares in the organization for five dollars apiece. Whenever the finance committee has a surplus of money, it graciously declares that each member shall receive a patronage dividend, according to the number of shares he has purchased, thus allowing the struggling student to tighten his purse strings a little more.


Regarding membership, any one can join if the nomination committee approves of his attitude, interests, and if the person has need of the cooperative living program to make his college education possible. Membership is extended to all, regardless of race, nationality, religion, social position, or political opinion.

IFC Will Act Tonight On Revised Constitution

A revised IFC constitution will be read for the action of the Council at its meeting at 7 p.m. tonight, to be held at Phi Kappa Tau.

The giving of Christmas baskets to the needy by fraternities will also be discussed, it was announced by President H. Edward Wagner '41.

John G. Dixon '41, editor of La Vie, will present a new plan for La Vie pictures of fraternity men, suggesting individual rather than group pictures.



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