

Leitzell Requests Bus Law Ruling

Burgess Wilbur F. Leitzell reported to Borough Council last night that he has asked Borough Solicitor Paul R. Campbell to submit a ruling concerning the validity of the ordinance abolishing the bus stop on College avenue.

Leitzell, in making the recommendation, referred to the section of the State Vehicle Code defining parking, pointing out that the definition of parking includes the actual loading or unloading, and the question presumably turned on the point of whether or not the borough council could prohibit buses from unloading or loading on College avenue. Leitzell also expressed himself as opposed to the idea of a loading platform on the north side of College avenue.

Later in the meeting, Councilman H. L. Stuart moved that the solicitor be asked to draw up an ordinance repealing the section of the ordinance which abolished the bus stop. After a heated debate, the motion was lost by a vote of 4-3.

Council voted to change the fine for parking overtime in metered areas from a flat \$10 plus costs to a sliding \$2 to \$10 fine plus costs.

David I. Finkle '41 was refused his request to have a \$4.25 fine for parking against traffic returned.

Air Express Begins Package Delivery Here

Delivery of packages by air express to and from State College began yesterday when the Railway Express Agency initiated its new service in connection with the pick up of mail by plane.

Most of the packages are dropped from the plane by small parachutes at a height of about 60 feet. Others that do not necessitate special care in landing are dropped in the mail bags.

The "feeder line" through State College is connected with the Pittsburgh airport. When packages are picked up here they are taken there to resume their flight on the larger airlines.

Express sent from here by plane is limited to 35 pounds each flight because of the plane size and the difficulty in picking it up.

Rachel Taylor Murder Selected As Biggest News Story Of 1940

The murder of coed Rachel Taylor was selected as the biggest campus news story of 1940 by the staff of The Daily Collegian in a poll conducted yesterday.

Each year the Collegian follows the lead of the major press services in selecting its ten most important stories of the past year.

Student registration for the draft rated the second largest headlines. National defense took the third place spotlight with the announcement that 10,000 men will be trained by the College on campus and through its undergraduate centers.

Reorganization of the student government had been selected as the most important story of 1939. The first ten stories of 1940 were:

1. The unsolved murder of Rachel Taylor '43, for which \$1000 reward was raised by students.
2. The nation's first peacetime draft. 1,574 students registered here on October 16.
3. Selection of the College to train 10,000 industrial workers in the national defense program.
4. The painting of the mural in

Moral: All Is Fair In Love And War

There must be truth in the saying, "Don't take things too seriously," but evidently Woodrow W. Bierly '38, ex-Collegian feature editor and reporter for the Lancaster Intelligencer-Journal, didn't know the proverb.

Assigned to investigate an inside tip on openings in the detached enlisted men's branch of the United States Army defense program, last week Bierly "sold" himself on the new army plan and unexpectedly enlisted for three years.

Departing after he had become one of the newspaper's ace reporters, the former Collegian member who is noted for his orthodox behavior, turned the tables on his more eccentric friends when he said as he enlisted, "The city editor gave me the assignment, but he didn't know he couldn't trust me."

\$3000 Blaze Hits Alpha Sigma Phi

Damage amounting approximately to \$3000 was caused Sunday morning when a fire broke out from a pile of hot ashes in the furnace room of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Starting in the furnace room and spreading to the coal bin, the fire filled the fraternity house with smoke before John R. Savidge '41 discovered it and summoned the fire department. Savidge was forced to lie on the floor as he telephoned because of the density of the smoke.

Coal gas forced the firemen to don gas masks as they entered the house in pairs to fight the blaze. The fire was hastily quenched, but not before it had eaten away the supplementary flooring and supporting beams under the dining room. Kitchen equipment and the top flooring in the dining room were ruined by flames, while smoke damaged furnishings throughout the house.

The lighting system was extensively damaged when the fire spread in the wall petitions of the dining room, kitchen, and rooms upstairs. Fire insurance, however, will cover all the damages reported.

Old Main by Henry Varnum Poor.
5 Penn State's soccer team completes its eighth year without defeat.

6. Boxing team wins Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing title and retires the Baltimore Sun trophy.

7. Free hospitalization plan made possible through \$2.50 annual increase in health fee.

8. The Penn State Collegian becomes The Daily Collegian.

9. New campus buildings are fully equipped and opened for use.

10. Penn State is elected to head the Pennsylvania Student Government Association following its conference held here.

Stories finishing behind the leaders were the election of Arnold C. Laich '41 as All-College president, the departure of Col. Ambros R. Emery from the ROTC Corps, the selection of football captain Leon Gajewski on the NEA and Liberty Ail-American teams, the adoption of a new fraternity rushing code, enforcement of the IFC dating code, and the division of the debating fee to include the Glee Club.

College Asks Governor James 'Youth Legislation' For \$5,619,545 Sum Before Congress

Special to the Collegian

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—There is every indication that "youth legislation" will command particular attention during the new session of Congress.

Although only one amendment to the Selective Service Act directly affecting college students was referred to the Senate Military Affairs committee during the 76th Congress, an impressive array of proposals—calling for every form of change in Selective Service administration—are already drafted and undoubtedly will be presented during the next few weeks.

At one extreme is the proposal to grant blanket deferment to all college men to extend until their graduation from the particular course in which they are enrolled. At the other end is the proposal to defer only medical and dental students.

(NOTE: Key educators here are outspoken in the belief that the selective service problems of colleges will be magnified greatly next year. They admit privately that, because of widespread inconsistency now becoming apparent in the decisions of local boards concerning the deferment of college students, remedial legislation is becoming increasingly imperative.)

There is growing support among legislators here for a proposed amendment to the draft act calling for the deferment of a college student until the end of the particular year in which he is called for service.

Big Group Quits Youth Congress

The National Student Federation of America of which the College is a member, one of the founders of the American Youth Congress and representing a hundred college student councils, withdrew from the organization by a three-to-one vote on the issue of the Youth Congress' alleged radical tendencies, at a convention held in New Brunswick, N. J. last week.

At the same time the federation refused to affiliate with the International Student Service, an organization that offered to give financial aid to the distressed N.S.F.A. if the two groups merged. The I. S. S., with which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has identified herself in an honorary capacity, was accused of having too many radical supporters, and an uncertain membership and policy.

Arnold C. Laich '41 and Robert N. Baker '41, Penn State delegates to the convention were not present at the vote for the withdrawal from the A. Y. C., but did vote against the affiliation with the I. S. S.

Laich was appointed chairman of a Commission on Student Participation in Curriculum Changes and in that capacity he heard many suggestions which he intends to include in a report to the All-College Cabinet.

Drivers' Class Opens

The third Driver Training Class of 1940-41 will start in the State College High School at 7 p. m. tomorrow it was announced yesterday.

Deferment Blanks Due At Bursar's Office Today

Deferment blanks for payment of fees are due at the Bursar's office by 5 p. m. today, and the deadline for filing of conflict exams will be 5 p. m. tomorrow in the Registrar's office. The conflict exam schedule will be released January 15.

Petitions for exemption from the 48-hour cut fine rule, extending before and after vacations, must be handed in by noon Saturday, A. R. Warnock, dean of men, has revealed. The petitions may be given to either Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, or Dean Warnock.

College Atmosphere Was Plenty Cold To Convicts

Bored by routine activity in their usual surroundings, five individuals who "didn't like the place," sought collegiate atmosphere by making a New Year's visit to the Penn State campus. Their trip was cut short by Deputy Warden Johnson and guard I. R. Baumgardner of Rockview penitentiary.

Four hours earlier the quintet had strolled away from a prison holiday movie and left the institution grounds via an eight-foot wire fence.

The penitentiary officials had little trouble in recapturing the criminals who came to college. They were discovered in the woods near the Nittany Lion Inn.

Two days later two other inmates escaped the Centre county branch of the Western Penitentiary by simply walking from their work. Both were caught within 48 hours.

Deadline For C&F Booklets Changed To January 15

Due to numerous requests the deadline for handing in blanks and fees for the Commerce and Finance employment booklet has been extended to January 15 instead of last Friday as was previously announced.

Sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi, professional C and F fraternity, this booklet is for Commerce and Finance seniors and economics majors.

Late News Bulletins

Washington—The 77th meeting of the Congress of the United States was held yesterday and officially declared Franklin D. Roosevelt President for four more years. President Roosevelt, in accepting the motion, gave a 4000 word speech. His words, concerning the future of the world, were the most momentous ever spoken by any President according to critics. Roosevelt pointed out that we must support all those countries who are keeping war away from our shores.

Cairo—The news of the capture of Bardia by British and Australian forces is not yet known by the Italian people in Italy. The rest of the world, however, learned last night the actual figures

Name Change Not Listed For Discussion

The College has asked Governor James for a biennial appropriation of \$5,619,545.49—an increase of more than a million dollars over the sum granted two years ago—it was revealed last night by Samuel K. Hostetter, assistant to the president in charge of finance.

It is believed that James will present his budget to the 1941 Legislature sometime in February. However, there is a possibility that he will include it in his opening message to be delivered at the initial meeting of the legislative body today.

The Legislature has the final voice on exactly how much money the College will be given for the coming biennium. It will base its decision on the budget submitted by the Governor who, in turn, determines his figure after inspecting the College's request.

The question of changing the name of the College from The Pennsylvania State College to The Pennsylvania State University is not at present scheduled to be brought up for discussion during the session.

Included in the budgetary request is \$110,000 for the construction of three new agriculture buildings. If the money is granted \$50,000 will be used to build a two-unit dairy stable, \$35,000 for a new horse barn and \$25,000 for an agronomy service building. Construction would probably start early next fall, Mr. Hostetter said.

The appropriation decided upon by the Legislature will be for the 1941-43 biennium which starts July 1. The appropriation now in use is \$4,425,000 and was granted two years ago.

Fifty thousand dollars of the current request is a "matching appropriation" for the school of Mineral Industries. It is intended to be matched by Pennsylvania industries with an equal amount of money. The entire sum would be used for research.

A matching appropriation of the same amount was included in the present College appropriation when it was set by the Legislature in the spring of 1939.

Gates Reward Refused

Four claimants to the \$5000 reward offered in the Fay Gates murder were informed the day before Christmas that not one of them was entitled to the sum. Centre county commissioners decided that information given by them was not instrumental in the arrest and conviction of Richard Millinder.

concerned in the capture of the town. At least 70,000 men were taken prisoners and the British gained much booty in the form of tanks and long range guns. The "army of the Nile" is now moving toward the city of Tobruk which is located 65 miles west of Bardia under the leadership of General Ivan Mackay who led the Australian troops in the invasion of Bardia

Belgrade — Yugoslavia reported last night the defeat of a small Grecian force about 24 miles south of Tirana yesterday. The victory itself was not important but the appearance of several German tank troops was alarming to the Greeks.