

Infirmiry Cases Decline As More Use Dispensary

"Students seeking early treatment at the Dispensary under the new Free Hospitalization Plan probably accounts for the decrease in the number of bed patients in the Infirmiry," Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, head of the College Health Service, said yesterday.

Comparing the number of Dispensary cases from July to December, 1940, with those of the same period in 1939, Dr. Ritenour pointed out an increase of 36 per cent in striking contrasts to a 12 per cent decrease in bed patients in the Infirmiry.

Although he added that it is too early to draw any definite conclusions, Dr. Ritenour contended that this unusual trend was not expected, since budgetary plans estimated a 75-per cent increase in Infirmiry patients over the total for 1939-40 school year.

The apparent reason for the drop in Infirmiry cases is that students come to the Dispensary for treatment more frequently after the withdrawal of incidental Dispensary fees last year. The new plan which gives students free treatment at the Dispensary and a free week of treatment each semester in the Infirmiry abolished the payments.

A five-year survey also shows that Dispensary calls have increased from 19,613 in 1935-36 to a total of 33,769 for 1939-40. Since the beginning of the present school year, the Dispensary has recorded 14,603 visits, with an all-time monthly high of 5,384 calls set in October, 1940.

PS Club Snow Ball Dance Set For Saturday

Although there may be no snow for the occasion, the Penn State Club's sixth annual snow ball dance Saturday night in Rec Hall will be presented with all the spirit of old man winter.

Co-chairmen Robert A. Henkel '41 and William B. Loeber '43 have arranged a program of fun and frolic with Rex Rockwell supplying the music. Dancing will be from 9 to 12 p.m.

The dance will be informal, \$1 per couple, tax exempt, and no checking charge. The program will get underway after Charley Speidel's boys wrestle the University of Maryland.

Graduate Will Conduct Insurance Interviews

John D. Kennon '38, associated with the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York, will interview seniors interested in life underwriting as a career from 1 to 5 p. m. Thursday in Room 132 Liberal Arts. Interested students are instructed to see Dr. Charles C. Wagner, assistant dean of Liberal Arts, for appointments.

Kennon, '38 senior class president, went with Equitable in June of 1938. His first year he was the youngest group millionaire in the nation and has requalified this past year.

Local Men Honored

Articles by William E. Harkins '42, men's debate manager, and Mr. Clayton H. Schug, assistant professor of public speaking, appeared in the December 19 issue of The Bulletin of the Debater's Association of Pennsylvania Colleges.

Heads Health Plan



Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service, yesterday revealed a decided decline in the number of Infirmiry patients, possibly due to gratis Dispensary treatment students now receive under the Free Hospitalization Plan.

Baird Urges Peace Drive By Students

"The main purpose of this committee will be to let Congress know that some people in this country still want peace," Robert D. Baird '42, said in a preliminary meeting to organize an America First Committee on this campus last night.

Although no definite organization was considered, the group decided to push forward plans to petition Congress to prevent the repeal of non-intervention legislation and also create a more definite Penn State movement toward an armed but self-existent nation.

"We will suffer more from an economic standpoint," Baird added, "by lifting the present neutrality legislation and becoming involved in the conflict, than we could possibly suffer because of German retaliation against the United States in the event of a German victory."

Fraternity Cook Hurt In Serious Auto Mishap

Harold E. Pendleton, negro cook in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, was reported in a serious condition early last night in the Altoona hospital. He has been a patient since last Thursday when he was involved in a four-car crash which killed three persons and injured five.

Pendleton suffers possible skull fracture, laceration of the left knee and right hand, and scalp lacerations. The accident occurred on Route 220, two miles northeast of Bellwood.

Committee Split On Chapel Fund

A Cabinet decision on diverting part of the Sunday chapel collections from Penn State in China to another recipient was held up last night when H. Edward Wagner '41, a member of the investigating committee, charged that he "had not succeeded in attempts to participate in the investigation."

Richard M. Geissinger '41, chairman of the committee, presented a report recommending that collections continue to be sent to Lingnan University. The report was signed by Geissinger and A. John Currier '42, the third member.

In his protest Wagner said that he had understood that the report was to recommend that Lingnan be deprived of part of the funds. He added that he had not seen the report until he was asked to sign it just before the meeting started.

Cabinet voted to table the matter until the next meeting. Arnold C. Laich '41, All-College president asked for a more complete investigation of the proposed change.

The members also voted to recommend to the Senate Committee on Rules that the group of 50 student hunters be excused from paying cut fines for absences on December 2, the first day of deer season, provided they present proof they were in State College the previous day.

In his request for Cabinet's backing, Robert A. Wasser '42, chairman of the hunters' committee.

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Peters Appoints Political Board

Campus political wheels began rolling again yesterday when 13 seniors and two juniors were named by Richard C. Peters '41, chairman, to the All College Elections Committee which will govern elections to be held this spring. A meeting will be held within a week to determine the election dates.

Jean C. Stiles and A. Pat Nagelberg, the only juniors on the committee will automatically hold membership next year, with Nagelberg taking the chairmanship.

Peters appointed the following: H. Edward Wagner, Marshal D. Miller, William B. Bartholomew, Theodore Rice, George L. Parrish, W. Lewis Corbin, Mary Jane Dalton, L. Elinor Benfer, Bertha Black, Justine Lougee, Grace E. Rentscher, all seniors, and Jeanne C. Stiles and A. Pat Nagelberg, juniors. Arnold C. Laich '41 and Robert N. Baker '41 are ex-officio members.

James Says New Budget Will Be Same As Last

Coroner Blames Plumber's Death On Heart Attack

Coroner Charles Sheckler, Milesburg, in a statement to the Collegian last night, ascribed the death of William J. Smith, 56, a plumber employed by the College, whose body was found yesterday morning beside the old Branch Road school, to a heart attack and exposure.

Sheckler said an autopsy showed that his heart was considerably enlarged. Due to the cold, it was impossible to estimate accurately the time of death. Smith was last seen, according to Sheckler, near the school on Monday at about 7 p. m.

'No Cooperation' IMA Head Says

Lack of cooperation from member units has been chiefly responsible for the Independent Men's Association's poor record this year, W. Rae Herrmann '41, IMA president said last night in replying to The Daily Collegian's attack on the organization.

"We of the central council admit that there was some justification in the Collegian's charges," Herrmann said. "We realize that on the surface we have been slow in organizing athletic and social programs for the independent men."

"But the Collegian doesn't know the whole story," he added. He stated that a far-reaching IMA intramural program could not be placed in full operation because of the College's inability to grant the proper facilities.

"The central council is not an organization to dictate policies," the IMA head asserted, "but merely one to direct the activities of its units. Until recently cooperation from our units has been far from satisfactory."

"The outlook for the IMA is very bright," Herrmann contended. Attendance at the last Council meeting was good, he said, and unit interest in the IMA has begun to mount rapidly. Dean A. R. Warnock and Daniel A. DeMarino advisers, have expressed their confidence in the IMA's ability to aid the independent men, Herrmann concluded.

College May Receive Increase For Buildings

Special to the Collegian

HARRISBURG, Jan. 7—Governor James told the 1941 Legislature when it convened here today that his 1941-42 budget would be "virtually identical" to that now in effect but indicated it would include "imperative increases to open remaining buildings of the General State Authority program." He did not enlarge. The detailed budget will not be presented until February.

Speculation immediately arose about what effect this will have on the Pennsylvania State College and its request for an increase of \$1,194,000 over its 1939-41 appropriation of \$4,425,000. The request was for \$5,619,545.49.

The College this fall put into operation all of the buildings erected on its campus by the GSA even though some are incompletely equipped.

The Governor's statement suggested that he might recommend for the College some increase over 1939-41 to maintain and equip these new buildings, observers here believe.

It seems doubtful that the Governor will recommend for the College the full increase that it has asked. This, however, is only speculation and will have to wait until the Governor's budget is finally presented next month to be confirmed or disproven.

Even the presentation of the Governor's budget will not finally settle the College appropriation because the Legislature has the power to change it and the Governor has the power to reduce but not increase anything the Legislature may pass.

Late News Bulletins

Cairo—British and Australian forces drove on east past captured Bardia late yesterday afternoon and swept towards the number one city of the retreating Italian army, Tobruk. The valiant "army of the Nile" took over an abandoned Italian airport just a few miles out of Tobruk and found 40 disabled Fascist planes.

The Italian people were told of the British victories in Northern Africa yesterday but along with the report, Mussolini gave out confirmation of Italy's pledge to Germany to stand by them.

London—The second largest daylight bombing raid of the war on England took place yesterday afternoon as hundreds of Nazi planes swept over London in individual flights. The change to daylight raids instead of night bombing was thought to be due to the bad weather conditions in England and the English channel. The British broadcasting station was the center of most of the devastation as seven BBC technicians were killed while a broadcast was going on.

Washington — President Roosevelt yesterday appointed William Knudsen, former head of General Motors, and Sidney Hillman, labor leader, to serve as co-chairmen of the new department, Office of Production Management. The officials will attempt to put peace time economy on a war time basis.

Want A Date? Join Haitian Witch Cult

Do you have trouble getting dates? The Haitian peasant doesn't, according to Dr. George E. Simpson, acting head of the department of sociology. In a paper entitled "Haitian Magic," Dr. Simpson explains the easy methods by which a Haitian grabs himself the equivalent of our "steady."

He cites several methods of love-making. The first of these is to capture a certain small bird, remove its feathers, dry the body, make a powder of it, and take it to a witchdoctor to charm. After the powder is charmed the man puts it in a handkerchief and thrusts it in his beloved's face, immediately causing her to accept him.

Secondly, says Dr. Simpson, there is the mirror method. The mirror, having been charmed by a witchdoctor, is flashed on a girl

who is passing along the road. The third method, is to get some magic powder from the local witchdoctor and put it in the palm of the hand. When a man who has this powder shakes hands with a girl she will follow him like a dog.

Dr. Simpson also explains how the Haitian uses magic to get rid of an enemy. The peasant goes to a witchdoctor again, who summons the client's enemy to appear. If he sees the enemy's soul in his "terriner" or clay bowl, he tells the peasant to strike at it with a dagger. At this moment the enemy will have something inopportune happen to him, like falling from a tree.

In case the enemy should not break his neck in his unhappy tumble, he will probably be on the warpath. To protect himself from a foe, says Dr. Simpson, the

Haitian has his soul withdrawn from his body so that the enemy cannot get at it. To do this, the witchdoctor takes a loaf of bread, makes a hole in it while uttering a magical formula, and puts the bread in a black bottle.

The peasant carefully buries the bottle in a place known only to himself, thus foiling the enemy who can now do no harm except if he should happen to find the bottle. Dr. Simpson also explains about zombies, loup-garous, and other bad spirits, and tells how to become a "houngan" or witchdoctor.

About the only thing the Haitian peasant doesn't have is a charm against an unsuccessful football season, but he would if football were played in Haiti.