

Cornell Professor Will Give Midyear Graduation Talk

The speaker for the midyear commencement exercises will be Prof. Charles L. Durham, head of the classics department at Cornell University, it was announced yesterday.

The commencement has been set for January 28, a week before the start of second semester classes.

The graduating class is expected to be approximately the same size as at the last midyear commencement when 223 candidates were awarded bachelor's, master's or doctor's degrees. The present class will be made up almost equally of graduate and undergraduate students.

This is an unusually large number of candidates for the midyear commencement, which is by far the smallest of three—regular session, summer and midyear—held annually by the College.

Professor Durham is a veteran educator with almost 50 years of academic service. He is the present incumbent of the John Wendell Anderson distinguished professorship at Cornell. Except for periods spent in studies abroad and a brief tenure as vice-consul in Geneva, Switzerland, he has been associated with Cornell continuously since 1896.

Net Profit Of \$5 Shown By Talent Night Report

Showing a profit of approximately five dollars, the financial report for the Penn State Club's Talent Night held December 19, was released last night by Arthur Peskoe '41.

This year, instead of the usual collection asked of the audience, admission was charged.

The report showed that the only income was from the paid admissions. This amounted to \$77.40. Advertising, prizes, payment of a master of ceremonies and an accompanist, and rent were the expenditures listed, adding up to \$72.60.

Galbraith Will Speak

"Smart Writing" will be discussed by Robert E. Galbraith, associate professor of English composition, at a faculty coffee hour sponsored by Grange Dormitory Friday night, Sylvia P. Schmidle '42, president, has announced.

Defense Teachers Here Today, Tomorrow For Final Instructions

The 300 special extension instructors who will have charge of actual teaching in the engineering defense classes sponsored by the College have been summoned to the campus to attend a conference tonight and tomorrow morning, it was announced yesterday.

With the training course ready to start in 40 cities during the next nine days, the conference is intended to give instructors an opportunity to obtain assistance from resident instructors and to gain complete information on the program.

Classes were started in Pittsburgh last Monday when 1,350 men—nearly 400 more than were expected—met for the first time. Present indications are that the original forecast of about 8,000 applicants will be fulfilled. This represents more than half of the

T. Dorsey Officially Signed For '41 Ball

Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra have been signed to play here for Senior Ball on February 28, Co-Chairmen Thomas C. Backenstose '41 and William J. Shevock '41, announced yesterday.

The official statement came as an anti-climax to a report yesterday in Collegian's gossip column, "Collegiana," that Dorsey was already signed and the date had been listed in Variety Newspaper's band bookings column. The committee verified this.

They explained that Dorsey had been arranged for during Christmas by the committee which, they said, had been appointed but not announced.

On its basis of information from Variety, Collegian interviewed William H. Bartholomew, senior class president, late Thursday afternoon.

"All I can say is that Backenstose and Shevock have been named co-chairmen," Bartholomew said. "If you want any more material, see them."

College then telephoned Shevock who did not want to release any information without first consulting Backenstose.

"Call Tom if you want any information about the orchestra," Shevock said. "I don't want to say anything unless Tom and Bill are in favor of a release at this time."

Backenstose was then contacted.

"We don't have any okay or confirmation," Backenstose said. "I went into Neil Fleming's office and found out that he had not heard anything about a confirmation being received from the agency in New York City. I'm

going to see him tomorrow (Friday) to find out if he had any further word."

Yesterday afternoon Backenstose and Shevock said that they had decided to release the band and to confirm Variety's report.

T. Dorsey has attained an excellent record concerning dances at the College. His music for Senior Ball in 1938 attracted 1280 couples with a \$2,004 profit. Seven hundred and fifty-six couples attended when he was booked for Junior Prom in 1939 and the dance netted a \$214.57 profit.

The maestro can swing it "hot" as well as "sweet" and has the knack of being able to satisfy both ends and the middle of the average dance crowd—those who like it hot, those who like it cold, and those in-between.

Van Zandt Asks Funds For College Coal Research

Special to The Collegian

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10—A bill to have the federal government appropriate \$100,000 annually for the Pennsylvania State College to carry out extensive research in the use of anthracite and bituminous coal and the development of by-products was introduced to Congress today by James E. Van Zandt, representative for Pennsylvania.

The bill is designed to expand the already established Mineral Research Laboratory at Penn State by having the federal government appropriate money for a cooperative research program in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The laboratory has so far been sponsored in a limited program by financial aid of the state and the coal producers of Pennsylvania.

With aid from the Federal Government, as provided in Congressman Van Zandt's bill, an extensive research program on the constitution, mining, preparation and utilization of coal would aid in lowering cost of production, in obtaining greater efficiencies of utilization and finding many new uses for coal.

At this moment, according to Congressman Van Zandt, neither government nor private agencies is spending any large sums of money on coal research. From the standpoint of labor the development of new uses for coal will have a beneficial effect on the entire industry, and especially in the 23rd District where coal mining is one of the principal industries.

Civil Service Announces Metallurgical Positions

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced vacancies in the positions of metallurgical engineer and metallurgist, in connection with the National Defense Program. Persons are needed to fill positions in the Bureau of Mines.

Applicants must have completed a four-year college course with major study in certain scientific subjects. They are required to have responsible experience in metallurgy or metallurgical engineering. Salaries range from \$5,600 to \$3,200 a year. All applications must be in Washington by December 31, 1941.

Book Exchange Opens January 24

Tentative dates for the operation of the book exchange, a non-profit student organization, are January 24 to January 31 and February 3 to 7, David I. Finkle, senior adviser of the committee in charge announced last night.

Gerald F. Doherty '42 and William P. McFadden '43 were named co-chairmen by William B. Bartholomew, senior class president. Books will be received in Room A on open dates.

Correct book lists are being sought and compiled from the seven schools by the committee.

The committee will resell books at a greater profit to each student than he can obtain in book stores. Fees for this service will be five cents both to the seller and buyer. Whatever profit the exchange makes will be donated to a worthy cause.

This is the fourth year of existence for the exchange. Last year over 1200 books and \$2500 were handled at an estimated saving of \$500 for the student body.

Committee members assisting the co-chairmen are: Betty A. Bischoff '42, Sybill R. Martin '41, George M. Rumsey '43, Benjamin L. Seen '42, Robert A. Wasser '42, and Gilbert D. Zuccarini '43.

Russian Group Meets

The Penn State Russian Society will hold its annual Christmas celebration in the Sandwich Shop in Old Main at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. The group will observe the Greek Orthodox Christmas which fell on January 7.

Think You're Smarter Than Your Profs?

If you've ever felt smarter than the "profs" and longed to watch them squirm under a barrage of questions, now is your chance.

At Alpha Lambda Delta's "Information Please" program, Robert E. Galbraith, associate professor of English composition, will give an oral bluebook to Hummel Fishburn, associate professor of music education; John R. Fredland, instructor in English composition; Warren B. Mack, head of the horticulture department; and Charles S. Wyand, assistant professor of economics.

The place: Room 121, Liberal Arts.

The time: 3 p. m. Sunday.

The winners: ???

Snow Ball Dance First '41 Informal

Snow and snow balls—even though there is none in sight climatically—will typify the spirit of the Penn State Club's informal Snow Ball Dance to be held in Rec Hall Saturday night from 9 p.m. to midnight.

This, the sixth annual dance sponsored by the club, will feature the popular music of Rex Rockwell and his orchestra. The dance will be an informal affair and is scheduled to begin after the wrestling matches starring Charley Speidel's proteges and the University of Maryland squad.

Formerly called the Penn State Club's New Year's Dance, the affair will employ colored lighting and other features for the pleasure of the dancers, the committee stated last night.

The admission price for the dance has been set at \$1 per couple. This admission price includes both tax and checking.

Handbook Staff To Get Keys And Pins Sunday

Keys and pins will be awarded to the staff of the 1941-42 Freshman Handbook at the PSCA Project Council meeting in the Hugh Beaver Room at 4 p.m., Sunday.

John A. Currier '42, president of the PSCA, and Harry W. Seamans, PSCA secretary, will present keys to Stanley J. PoKempner '42, editor, and David E. Wagenseller '41, business manager, and pins to Betty Jo Patton '42, associate editor, and Marjorie L. Springer '41, advertising manager.

Debaters To Face Six Opponents

The Penn State debating squad, confident after winning the first Westminister debate tournament this year, will see plenty of action next week when they engage in six debates, William E. Harkins, men's debate manager, announced yesterday.

Their first encounter will be at St. Francis College, Loretto, when Paul R. Decker '42 and William C. Ritzel '42 will meet a negative team to debate the question, "Resolved: That the nations of the western hemisphere should enter into a permanent union." Mr. Harold P. Zelko, instructor in speech, will accompany the debaters to aid them in the non-decision tilt.

An extension debate with the same school will be held on Thursday at Centre Hall. Donald L. Williams '42 and John R. Wishart '41 will uphold the negative side of the same question.

The team will meet Bucknell at State College Tuesday and will travel to Lewisburg Thursday for an exchange trial debate. The other two entanglements will be with Lock Haven State Teachers College on a home to home basis, Tuesday. The debate at Lock Haven will be broadcast over the Williamsport radio station.

Gray's Article Reprinted

A Reprint from The Hispanic American Historical Review, Volume XX, November, 1940, has just been issued of a twenty-three page article by Doctor William H. Gray of the Department of History entitled "American Diplomacy in Venezuela, 1835-1865."

Late News Bulletins

Washington—Congress pondered over part of the proposed national defense bill covering the repairing of British warship in the United States, yesterday. The bill was proposed on the basis that if the United States was to be the arsenal for democracy, they should, aside from building ships for them, repair their damaged war vessels.

President Roosevelt would not commit himself on the amount of money he proposed to ask Congress for aside from the defense bill quota at a newspaper reporters conference yesterday afternoon. The defense bill appropriation that Roosevelt asked Congress for recently, underwent a great variety of opinion yesterday by congressmen from all over the United States.

Berlin—An envoy from Russia was in Berlin yesterday conferring with Aloph Hitler. They drew up a new treaty between the two

countries but very little news was released. It was believed, however, that they settled the Russian-German boundary line through Poland and set up a trade agreement between the two powers.

Athens—The Greek "mountain men" drove on to a new position deeper in the interior of Albania yesterday. They captured a large town that had been blocking their route of attack to Valona and were expected to move on toward that city within the next few days.

Cairo—The British-Australian army continued their plans of besieging the city of Tobruk yesterday afternoon. They plan to hurl a blitzkrieg attack, using planes, tanks, and armored cars, at the city.

Chicago—William Hoppe, the greatest billiard player of all time, collapsed when about to enter into a tournament to defend his championship title yesterday afternoon.