

Conference Here

The College will play host in 1942 to the annual conference of the National University Extension Association.

J. Orvis Keller, in charge of Penn State's extension services, is retiring president of the Association. The convention will take place on May 18-20.

Rooming Inspection Delayed Indefinitely

Ritenour Says Old Rules Need Revision

Inspection of rooming houses for students has been temporarily halted after several houses had been investigated this summer, Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service, revealed yesterday.

"Because landlords do not know existing standard requirements and sanitary conditions are not satisfactory in the homes of those inspected, a new list of essential, detailed standards must be drawn up and presented," Dr. Ritenour said.

Landladies complain that they are not familiar with the housing inspection program and its requirements, but they are willing to cooperate, he explained. The inspection will not be continued until minimum rules are established.

The College Health Service, Student Housing Board, and the Senate Committee on Student Welfare were joint sponsors of the inspection, which followed a three-year drive to improve rooming conditions in State College. Dr. Warren B. Mack, head of the department of horticulture, is chairman of the Senate committee.

Danger of high rents which may result from improvement of rooming houses has acted as a check to drastic action by the College or the Student Housing Board, according to John M. Byerly '41, former president of the board.

The Student Housing Board was organized in 1939 and was recognized as an official medium in seeking better housing standards for independent men.

With the supervision of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare, a housing inspection program was proposed and accepted last year by Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, president of the College.

Inspection of the houses was to have been made by the College Health Service. An approved list was to have been published in The Daily Collegian and in the annual list of rooming houses by the Penn State Christian Association.

Plans for the new standards will be organized late this month, Dr. Ritenour said.



HOUSING CHAIRMAN for the Senate Committee on Student Welfare is Dr. Warren B. Mack, head of the department of horticulture. His committee supervised plans for the housing inspection which was temporarily delayed this summer.

IFC Will Operate Under New Laws

Interfraternity Council, governing body for men's fraternities, will begin operations this fall under a new constitution adopted last spring.

Included in the new constitution is a clause awarding the president and treasurer each a \$100 compensation. The officials previously served without pay.

Other changes in the constitution created two organizations to operate similar to the parent association. The two groups, made up of fraternity caterers and treasurers, will be coordinated in their relations with IFC by a Board of Control.

According to another new by-law, IFC's treasurer will be bonded for \$1000.

In a letter commenting on the new constitution, President Ralph D. Hetzel said, "If fraternity groups will accept it (the constitution) with a genuine desire to make the most of it, I feel certain that there will be a marked advance in fraternity fortunes."

Southern California area of the University of California extension division recently added 17 new instructors.

PSCA Council, Forum To Instruct Freshmen About Life At College

The Freshman Council and Freshman Forum, organized by the PSCA for men and women respectively have programs "designed to stimulate and inform freshmen about the College, the community, the nation, the world, religion, and social issues."

Each member of the Forum or the Council also becomes a member of a committee—dramatics, music, program, project, publicity, social, worship, membership, or cabin.

Among the first activities scheduled for freshmen interested in the groups are two cabin open houses at the Ralph Watts Lodge near Shingletown Gap. Women will meet for their trip at the Home Economics Building at 2 p. m. Saturday, September 20. Men will meet at the rear of Old Main at 1:30 p. m. the next day.

PSCA Performs Varied Duties

Under a permanent staff of five persons, headed by Harry W. Seamans, general secretary, the Penn State Christian Association serves to coordinate student activity and performs miscellaneous services for the student body.

Student organizations of the PSCA is governed by the Cabinet, of which A. John Currier, Jr. '42 and Sarah P. Searle '42 are co-presidents. Some of the activities of the PSCA are:

1. Publication of the Student Handbook. Fifty-eight students were on the staff of the latest issue. A call for candidates is made each spring.

2. An employment bureau. Jobs were found for more than 250 students last year. Miss Anna Mary Garner, assistant, and Miss Florence L. Gillespie, office secretary, are in charge.

3. Rooming information service. Available at the PSCA office, Room 304 Old Main, are lists giving addresses and prices of rooms for men in 246 homes in State College.

4. The student counselor program. Under Walter N. Shambach '42, 84 counselors and 16 alternates are ready to advise freshmen during Freshmen Week.

Last year, more than 775 students worked on 71 PSCA projects. These projects are organized under five commissions, the board of directors, the executive staff, and publicity and personnel chairmen.

Borough Starts Water Project

Main improvement in borough property and living conditions during the summer was the start of arrangements for the long-debated water improvement program.

Work on a dam in Shingletown Gap—the first step in the program—will probably begin sometime this month. Financing has been provided for by an agreement with Harrison and Company, Philadelphia bonding firm.

A pitometer survey, designed to reveal leakages and other faults in the local water distribution system, will start sometime this week.

Other improvements made during the summer included the paving of College ave. and N. Allen st., and the installation of a storm sewer on Calder alley.

A new, 12-inch water main was installed on Foster ave.

Campus Licenses Needed For Student Autos

Students who keep or operate automobiles on the campus are required to have them licensed by the Campus Patrol.

All students under 21 years of age must have their applications signed by their parents. Applications for permits, for which a 25-cent fee is charged, may be made at the Campus Patrol office, Room 320 Old Main.

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106 Counselors To Aid In Freshman Orientation

One hundred and six upperclass student counselors have the responsibility, in a series of Freshman Week meetings, of explaining Penn State to freshman men.

The first meeting will be held immediately after the welcome mass meeting in Schwab Auditorium at 8 p. m., Wednesday, September 10. Counselors will explain Penn State spirit, the fraternity rushing code, the rooming situation, advisory system, grading methods and student government.

Willard Granted \$100

Mary K. Willard, associate professor of chemistry, has received \$100 for purchase of equipment to study optical properties of crystals. The grant was made by Sigma Xi, honorary fraternity for the promotion of research.

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