

Defense Courses Provide Wage, Job Increases

A total of 1,145 men and women in Pennsylvania industries who recently completed engineering defense training courses offered by the College extension service have received promotions or wage increases, according to Dr. Joseph W. Bird, in charge of personnel for the special program.

Dr. Bird's report is based on information supplied by workers themselves in 50 cities who have taken courses under the first two government-financed programs. This work was offered tuition-free to help supply technically-skilled workers urgently needed for key defense industries.

Penn State is now launching its fourth program, offering courses to more than 14,000 workers in 114 cities and towns of the state.

Dr. Bird's report revealed that 1,385 of the students were unemployed at the start of the first program and 701 at the start of the second. A total of 111 are now unemployed.

"The decrease in unemployment may have been due to present labor conditions," Dr. Bird said, "and our figures are not submitted as proof that students secured jobs or were upgraded wholly as a result of taking the College courses."

The largest number of men to secure better jobs were from the Pittsburgh district where 452 in 20 cities reported an increase in salary or position. In 11 cities in central Pennsylvania, 311 were upgraded; in the Wilkes-Barre district, 141; Allentown, 120; Erie, 109; and Philadelphia, 12.

Coeds Offer Dating Hints To College Men

Never beg for a date is the advice University of Utah coeds offer men are urged to sweep women off their feet. They are further cautioned not to be too prompt for dates.

A new method of meeting "profs" has been devised at Evansville College. At a Big and Little Sister party a treasure hunt with clues leading to professors' homes was used.

Although Carnegie Tech coeds maintain that slacks are comfortable and practical, men label them as, "disgusting and eccentric."

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De Witt, Vocalist, Stars With Savitt's Top Hatters



TOP HAT SWING—Jan Savitt and his orchestra will swing into State College two weeks from tonight, November 7, to play for Soph Hop. Dancing will be in Rec Hall from 9 p. m. until 2 a. m., and will feature the vocal harmony of the four Top Hatters.

Officials Support PSCA Campaign

With the kick-off dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn at 5:30 p. m. Sunday evening 450 workers will begin a five-day drive for funds to support the PSCA program for the remainder of the year. Administration officials last night indicated their support of the campaign.

President Ralph D. Hetzel said, "I am greatly interested in the plans which are being inaugurated for enlisting the financial support of the student body in behalf of the Penn State Christian Association. I believe we can count upon the hearty participation of all those who believe with us in this vital force on our campus."

"Thinking students who have faith in a well-rounded program of education will lend support to this organization which belongs to the students themselves. I recommend to every student this opportunity to share in the work of the Association."

Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, expressed her approval of the association by pointing out, "The work of the PSCA cannot be measured by statistics nor appreciated by mere words. That which goes into the making of human personality does not adapt itself readily to analysis nor to display. In this connection one real task is the orientation of freshmen in group meetings and in personal interview during Freshman Week and later."

"Perhaps the greatest contribution of this organization is in keeping always before us the vision of a better world and the obligation of college people in hastening it."

In a recent discussion group, University of California coeds were told that the best way to meet a man is to drop your books in passing and then let him do the rest.

Featuring the four Top Hatters and Allan De Witt, vocalist, Jan Savitt and his 16-piece orchestra will inaugurate Penn State's "name band" season at Soph Hop two weeks from tonight, November 7.

Co-chairmen R. Kemp Noble '44 and Jack J. Bard '44 have announced that dress will be formal, with dancing scheduled for Rec Hall from 9 p. m. until 2 a. m.

As for Savitt's background, the band has gained its popularity in a little over three years. In 1939 the orchestra made a tour of barns, ballrooms, and theaters throughout the East and near Midwest, winding up with a nine-month stand at a prominent New York hotel.

Savitt stylizes his music with a distinctive off-beat, known familiarly as "shuffle rhythm." The title, Top Hatters, was tagged to the band while playing in Philadelphia. Exiting from a concert one evening, Savitt was photographed in top hat and white tie regalia. When fans saw the picture in the morning papers, they began to call him the top hat band leader, and eventually his orchestra became known as the Top Hatters.

Meat Judgers Win Fifth Place

Penn State's meat judging team placed fifth in the American Royal Livestock Show held in Kansas City, Tuesday, it was announced by the team's coach, William L. Henning of the Animal Husbandry department.

"George R. Krupp was the highest individual scorer for the team," continued Henning, "and placed fifth in the entire contest with a score of 826 out of a possible 900."

Krupp was second in the pork class with a score of 283 out of a possible 300, and sixth in beef with a score of 366 out of 400. In this event, Krupp was closely followed by James H. Swart '42, who scored 356, and James A. Kennedy, scoring high with 353.

The teams that defeated Penn State in the finals of the contest were as follows: Oklahoma A & M, 2491; University of Minnesota, 2452; University of Nebraska, 2444; and University of South Dakota with a score of 2420.

Other State men in the contest were Donald S. Gaige '42, Robert S. Christ '42, John A. Smith '42, and Almon K. Birth '42, all contributing to the final team score of 2411.

Work On Lodge To Start Nov. 1

Construction on Penn State's long awaited Mountain Lodge which was scheduled to begin October 1 has been delayed and will not get under way before the first of November, it was announced last night by Ray M. Conger, instructor in charge of recreation.

The well, which is 106 feet deep, is complete and has been pumping at the rate of 40 gallons a minute. H. O. Smith, contractor, has not been able to start construction because the power lines have not as yet been put in leading to the lodge site.

Conger stated that in all probability the lodge will be complete by the middle of December, in plenty of time for the use of skiers. Plans for the cabin call for a rustic exterior and one large social room inside with fireplace. Future plans will include a large kitchen and dormitories for both men and women. The lodge will be available to any student group, Conger has announced.

Teach English Correctly—Gates

Stop sugarcoating education if you want high school students to learn to read, write, and speak correctly, advises Prof. Thomas J. Gates, head of the English composition department at the College.

Advocating a return to old-fashioned straight teaching of grammar, punctuation, and spelling, Professor Gates expressed disapproval of any tendency to treat young people of high school age as children.

"Teaching them to use slang terms and colloquial English is teaching them what they already know," he said today.

Students who are approaching manhood and womanhood are old enough to call commas and periods by their right names and to use them properly, whether they are going to college or not, Professor Gates added.

"Making a distinction in the kind of English taught to the non-academic and the academic pupil destroys the first principle of American education, which is equality of opportunity," he said.

Without a knowledge of grammar, students who are confronted with an incorrect expression have no means of knowing what is wrong or how to make it right, he pointed out.

"Spelling has apparently gone completely out of fashion," Professor Gates declared. "I presume that choral reading or appreciation of the movies has displaced it in the curriculum. It is a rare student who guesses right on more than half of the words included in the English placement test at Penn State."

Declaring that most students do not even recognize slang and colloquial expressions as unfit for formal use, he added that many young people who converse wittingly with their intimate contemporaries are tongue-tied in the presence of their elders or large groups.

Urging a return to the Greek ideal of thoroughness in gathering and organizing facts, he contrasted Athenian youths who had to know their subjects before delivering orations with today's students who are often encouraged to write descriptions of sunlight playing on the dew.

"The modern boy can develop his imagination as well by digging for facts as by dripping with dew," he declared. "Organization, or at least orderliness, can be taught."

Like spelling, paragraphs have also gone out of fashion, he observed. Yet learning to paragraph, like learning to draw, requires merely attention, practice, and discrimination.

In addition, teachers should instruct their pupils in using the dictionary for pronunciation, he believes, and should force them to use it if necessary.

Wyland Urges Youth Make Wise Job Choice

Since America is one of the few countries where young people can choose their own work, youth should guard that privilege by choosing wisely.

"Youth can avoid disappointment by eliminating wishful thinking about jobs for which they have neither the talent nor the physical requirements," Miss Mary Jane Wyland, associate professor of education at the College, said today.

Miss Wyland recommended that youthful job-hunters consider the following things before making a selection: their own attitude toward the plain, everyday tasks which are a part of the job the length of time necessary to prepare for the work, and whether their own talents fit the particular job they are seeking.



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