

Fisburn Discusses 'Boys In Blue'

Every minute that Penn State's famous Blue Band spends on display is preceded by an hour's work, according to Prof. Hummel Fishburn, bandmaster of the fast-stepping "boys in blue" since 1939.

"The Band's soldier-like precision—as you call it—is practically inherited," Fishburn began with a smile. "You see, way back in 1914 the band was organized by W. O. Thompson, a former bandmaster in the United States Army. In fact," he added, "we were known as the Cadets until 1939, when the name was changed in recognition of our distinctive blue uniforms."

All band formations are planned on cross-section paper at least a week before they are presented, according to Fishburn. On the Tuesday before each game, the band members walk through the formation as it has been completed on paper and explained at a preceding chalk session. During each remaining night before the game, the 90 Blue-Banders practice the formations with instruments.

"After each game," the band's master-mind added, "the band members are shown moving pictures of their drill, just to make sure that any marching errors don't creep in more than once."

While Fishburn is responsible for most of the band's innovations, he is quick to adopt suggestions from students. "The 'James Lick,' that jived-up song and yell we've been using this year, is a classic example," he reflected. "It was dreamed up by Walt James on the train going to the Pitt game last fall.

"It's not band policy to have anyone but a drum major in front of the Blue Band," the Blue-Bandmaster stated, "but when someone like Eddie Anderson, last year's twirler, comes along, he needs only to show his merit." A girl twirler with enough ability might even break the Band's bachelor-club tradition, Fishburn admitted.

"I guess I'd better get some serious practice started," Fishburn remarked as he arose slowly, "or you'll be hearing something really different this weekend. It sounds like the boys in the next room have started the 'James Lick No. 2.'"

Triple Feature Scheduled For Observatory Tonight

Students will have an opportunity to observe a celestial phenomenon tonight and tomorrow night which occurs only once in every four or five years, according to Dr. Henry L. Yeagley, associate professor of physics.

Three planets — Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter—are in such an unusual position in the sky at present that they can all be observed at once, Yeagley stated. Students may view them from the College Observatory which will be open tonight and tomorrow night from 9 to 10 o'clock.

In previous years students had to wait until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, Yeagley commented, to observe this triple-feature showing of the heavenly bodies.

Alderfer Boosts Borough Units

Preserving and strengthening local governments in the present emergency is one of the best ways to maintain democracy, according to Dr. Harold F. Alderfer, professor of political science and executive secretary of the Institute of Local Government.

Calling the 2,500 local government units in Pennsylvania the "anchors of democracy," Dr. Alderfer declared yesterday that these are the "last level of government in which the ordinary man can be a part."

Pointing out that many former functions of municipal and county units, such as direct and work relief programs, have been taken over by state and national governments, he advocated improving conditions in local units as a means of keeping the powers still left in this "integral part of democracy."

The only way to keep the smaller units in good condition, he said, is to institute improved methods of administration, budgets, accounting, reports to the public, control of debts, and assessment and collection of taxes. He also suggested the need for improving personnel by giving jobs through merit alone and by making careers in local units desirable.

Commending the Public Service Institute at Harrisburg for its organization of schools to train people for local jobs, he added that the borough manager idea should be given consideration by municipalities throughout the state.

KDKA To Broadcast Soph Hop Program

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broadcast the major football games. We know the students will make every effort to give us their best so that we can present the atmosphere of the Blue and White of Penn State to your alumni and friends throughout our listening audience in our broadcast scheduled for Friday, November 7, beginning at 10:30 p. m.

Serving as a prelude to your classic game with Syracuse, and the opening of your famous Houseparty weekend, we are hoping this year to combine the talents of Penn State with one of the nation's top bands, selected by your Soph Hop Committee, Jan Savitt and his orchestra.

We are going to do our best to make the listening audience enjoy everything we do and say from State College. Kindest regards, Bill Sutherland

McCue On Forensic Council

To fill the vacancy left when Herbert L. Berger '42 did not return to school this fall, All-College president Robert D. Baird '42 has appointed John B. McCue to the Forensic council. This announcement was made at last night's meeting of the group. Dorothy K. Brunner '43 was elected secretary of the group.

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Thespian Show Ready To Go

"What's Coming Off?" musical revue to be presented by Thespians in Schwab Auditorium Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock, is in near-performance shape with only a general rehearsal tonight and a dress rehearsal tomorrow night scheduled before it is presented to the Soph Hop-Houseparty audience.

Starring Leon Rabinowitz, Marce Stringer, Mim Rhein, Ted Clauss, and football stars "Pepper" Petrella and "Mike" Kerns, the production will be made up of original skits, chorus dancing numbers, glee club vocalizing, individual specialties, a girls' trio, a mixed quartet, and a girls' sextette.

The skits are "\$21 Dollars a Month and All Beans," a parody on army life; "A Cup of Coffee, A Sandwich, and Yoo-Hoo," in the setting of a college town diner in the post-midnight hours; and "Dr. Jerkyl, Why Don't You Hide?" a take-off on the classroom situation.

Specialties include Rabinowitz in "Too Much Cloth"; Stringer "giving out" with her version of "Jim"; Mim Rhein singing "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes"; Stringer and Kerns in an original "I'm A Lover"; "A Night At the Opera" with Jan Hartz, Don Taylor, Stringer, and Rabinowitz; the trio of Ruth Shanes, Helen Schmeltz, and Jan Hartz singing "Blue Skies"; and a sextette number.

Three dancing choruses, using a total of 18 girls and 12 boys, are featured in a new arrangement of Jimmy Leyden's "Hot Dog Man" number, hit of last spring's Thespians' show which has been popularized by Fred Waring; a football routine using the 20 voice glee club as accompaniment; and a tap dance number starring Bud Malott.

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with 508. Other council candidates and their votes were John H. Ferguson, sticker candidate, 449; Homer Ishler (D), 285; Fred Banks (D), 231; and Morris I. Fromm (D), 123.

Edith H. Anderson (D) had 695 votes to lead the balloting for school director. Others were Edward H. Jones (R), 632; Gordon G. Kissinger (R), 488; Elizabeth C. Robinson (R), 425; W. B. Keerer (D), 49; and C. Gail Norris (D), 388.

Lederer was far ahead of his opponent in his other candidacy—for justice of the peace. Lederer had 726 votes in the two precincts, and Charles Henderson (D) had 390.

I. C. Holmes (R), the only candidate for constable, polled 1,005 votes in the north and east districts.

T. R. Kemmerer (R) led the balloting for auditor as he polled 785 votes. His only opponent, William Garner (D), got 364 in the two precincts reporting.

For tax collector, P. B. Meek (D), with 617 votes, had a narrow lead over his Republican opponent, Fred Bender, who received 599 ballots.

Charles S. Rokey (R) was elected judge of election in the north precinct. He got 211 votes to 167 for Jessie Arnold (D), his only opponent on the ballot. In the east precinct, Charles M. Thompson, who ran on both tickets and was the only candidate, polled 688 votes for the position.

W. S. Wieland (R) was voted inspector of election in the north precinct where he got 240 votes to 163 for C. S. Myers (D). Claire B. Porter (R) gained the position in the east precinct, polling 433 votes to the 282 cast for Walter Hoy (D).

Industry-Education Conference Here, Nov. 13

A conference for the consideration of problems of mutual interest to industry and education will be held here on November 13, Dean H. P. Hammond of the School of Engineering announced yesterday.

Sponsored by the College and a committee on education of the National Association of Manufacturers, the conference will provide informal discussion in three fields: national defense training, adjustment of the individual to college or to industry, and post-war adjustments of education and of industry.

A Bet's A Bet—They Stuck To It

Penn State sportsmanship passed a serious crisis last night when two students, Jack W. Beighley '43 and Samuel F. Lamb '44, crawled on their hands and knees from their house to Co-op corner, two blocks away, to pay off a bet to Kehl Markley III '44.

Anyone who saw the losers with the large crowd following them hurrying up Allen street at 6:30 p. m. realized that it had turned into a race which Lamb, rated as an also-ran at the start, won by two lengths. His backers were paid well by two-to-one odds placed on him early in the race.

The bet, made a week ago, resulted from an argument over an unknown blue book grade and ended with its payment, to Markley's satisfaction, by the running of the race last night.

Griffith '37 Gets Air Corps Promotion

J. H. Griffith '37 has been advanced in rank to the temporary grade of captain with the Army Air Corps, Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga.

He was commissioned in the Reserve Corps upon his graduation from Penn State and spent a year as a Reserve Officer on active duty and under the terms of the Thomason Act received his commission in the Infantry, Regular Army in 1938. From 1938 to 1940 he served as an officer in the Regular Army and in 1940 was graduated from the Army Air Corps Flying Schools.

Betts Compiles Unique Spellers

A unique series of spellers has just been published by Dr. Emmett A. Betts, director of the reading clinic and Mabel Louise Arey, clinic supervisor of speech correction at Indiana State Teachers' College, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Covering grades two to eight, the series contains 3,778 words selected to fall within the speaking, reading, and writing vocabulary of the child and to meet his immediate and future needs.

After careful study of existing spellers, Dr. Betts included words of universal value and what he calls "crucial" words—that is, words that may not be used often, but may be essential in a particular situation, such as applying for a job.

Unique features of the series include placing words in grades to form a "book-to-book" maintenance of spelling abilities, using "dictionaries" in the back of the book as an integral part of the spelling program, emphasis on individual needs as well as class needs, the use of readable stories containing the words to be learned, and the use of illustrations which contribute to the meaning.

Four Colors Stump Mathematics Expert

Four colors will suffice to color any map in such a way that the same color will never fall opposite itself in the neighboring "state" or "county," Professor Frederick W. Owens, head of the department of mathematics, has told a freshman survey class.

Yet despite the fact that no map has ever been found for which more than four colors are required, the validity of the general statement has not been proved mathematically. The theorem was cited as an illustration of that phase of mathematics known as topology, in which field there has been rapidly increasing interest.

"The furthest mathematicians have yet been able to go in dealing with the problem of coloring an outline map is to prove that if there is a map which cannot be colored with four crayons, it must have more than 31 'states,'" Dr. Owens declared.

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