

Debaters Engage Columbia In Radio Contest

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NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 19—
Penn State's debaters on tour, Gerald F. Doherty '42 and Bernard M. Weinberg '43, "take the air" at 1:05 p. m. tomorrow over local radio station WNYC, when they engage students from Columbia University in forensic competition.

The topic for this radio debate was changed yesterday from one concerning a post-war league of nations to, "Resolved that congressmen not in office should receive pensions."

In the face of this change, Coach Joseph F. O'Brien, associate professor of public speaking, who is accompanying the debaters on the trip stated, "I am confident that Doherty and Weinberg are prepared to meet this new question, despite the short notice on which it was given. They will take the negative side."

New York University plays host to the traveling debaters today when the teams meet to argue the air-force topic.

Before the assembled junior class at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., Tuesday afternoon, Doherty and Weinberg participated in a symposium forum on the subject, "What Is Youth's Part In The War."

"We need a spirit like that at a huge football rally. Let's give our troops the feeling that over a hundred million Americans support them to a man," Weinberg declared during the forum.

While two of their number are on tour, the "stay at home" debaters will not be idle. In 316 Sparks Building, at 8 p. m. today, Dickinson College, of Carlisle will meet E. Richard Booser '43 and Robert D. Baird '42 in a decision debate on the labor question.

This meeting climaxes a series of debates between the two institutions in the past several years.

Strains Of Music Fall Harshly On Ears Of Curious

A bedlam of misfit musical notes surge quite regularly from the new band room in Carnegie Hall. But it isn't the Blue Band that makes them. It's a new band composed of music students who are putting rhythmic theories to work—more or less.

Double B flat tubas have become so intimate with coeds that it's the latest fad to sport one in the best music circles. Besides, coeds look pleasingly different behind one of those masculine "tooters." It's quite the thing now to see a sweater-clad coed puffing away on trombones, too.

All this is the scene that would greet one if he should visit the "music-for-fun" students who have gathered a band which practices twice a week.

With about 50 members in the band, most of whom are coeds, the new organization has been formed because of the growing demand for women to lead bands and orchestras throughout the nation.

Fewer competent teachers will be available now that the draft is in full swing. Recent graduates with a major in instrumental music are usually the best trained in the business, regardless of age or experience, it was said.

The department of music has been planning for the utility of instrumentalists in the new conditions created by the war.

Marine Recruiting Officer Here Today

All sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in applying for the Candidate's Class for Commission in the Marine Corps Reserve will be interviewed in 311 Old Main today from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. by Lieut. Robert M. Port, recruiting officer.

The Marine Reserve plan is similar to the Naval Reserve program which permits students to graduate from college before going on active service. The quota set for the College is 25 seniors, 18 juniors, and 6 sophomores. For those making application today, physical exams will be given by a medical officer who will visit the campus next month.

Campus Observes Brotherhood Week

Brotherhood Week will be given added impetus when a radio listening group will meet in Grace Lutheran Church at 9 o'clock tonight to hear "Brotherhood—Fact or Fiction" on the Town Meeting of the Air program.

"Our Common Heritage" weekly session at Hillel Foundation last night marked the start of campus observation of Brotherhood Week.

Eleven representatives from varying religious denominations comprise the Interfaith committee which is sponsoring the programs. A special meeting with Roswell P. Barnes in Schwab auditorium at 7:45 p. m. Sunday, will close the week's events.

Members of the Interfaith committee are Maur Levan '45, Howard E. Wheeler '42, Irvin H. Kochei '45, Robert K. Walter '44, John Young '42, Walter N. Shambach '42, Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, Miss Ione V. Sykes, D. Ned Lingar.

Riding Club Buys New Horse, Better Facilities

Penn State Riding Club facilities are now adequate for carrying out its program, Dr. Henry L. Yeagley, club advisor announced last night.

The statement came after Dr. Yeagley had watched two instruction period workouts with a new horse, a 9-year-old sorrel hunter, formerly leader of the hunt at Frankstown Hunt Club, Altoona.

Although an excellent jumper as is shown by his being hunt leader, the horse has a quiet disposition making him useful for training beginning riders, Dr. Yeagley said.

Leyden Composed 'Victory Song' While Shaving In Old Track House

Thousands of Penn State Alumni and students have sung and re-sung Jimmy Leyden's "Victory Song" at football games and class get-togethers, but few know of the incidents responsible for its composition.

The story of its origin was told by the late Albert A. Hansen '13, Leyden's roommate, to Edward K. Hibshman, alumni secretary, several years ago.

According to Hansen, Leyden possessed a fine tenor voice, a remarkably sunny disposition, and a knack for composing tunes on the spur of the moment. One Spring morning Leyden arose singing a song about Penn State that sounded unusually attractive to Hansen. Leyden hummed it while shaving that morning.

"Where'd you get the song, Jimmy?" yelled Hansen.

"Just made it up," came the answer.

Monday, Tuesday Fixed For Student Registration For Short Defense Courses

Collegian To Award Outstanding Senior With Trophy At Mat Intercollegiates

The Outstanding Senior Trophy, presented annually by The Daily Collegian, will be awarded to a senior man at the wrestling intercollegiates to be staged in Rec Hall on March 14, it was revealed yesterday by Ross B. Lehman '42, Collegian editor.

Several prominent seniors will be chosen by the junior editorial board of Collegian and from the group one will receive the honor. Judgment will be based on the all-around merit of each senior, including the person's accomplishments during four years in College.

To win the award, a selected candidate need not be an athlete.

The winner will be chosen primarily for his services to the College and fellow students.

The award, a 15-inch golden statuette of Victory, will be given this year for the fifth time. It was first presented to Sol B. Miehoff in 1938. Joseph A. Peel received it in 1939, H. Clifton McWilliams, Jr. in 1940, and Jack W. Brand in 1941.

Junior board judges will make a complete investigation of each candidate's merits during his College career before the choice is made.

Inscribed on the trophy will be: "The Daily Collegian Award, Outstanding Senior, 1941-42."

STCD Catalogues Ready Tomorrow

Following the distribution of course catalogues tomorrow and Saturday, the Student Training for Civilian Defense program, consisting of 46 tuition-free, no-credit short courses, will get under way next week, the STCD committee announced yesterday.

Available at Student Union beginning at 4 p. m. tomorrow, printed catalogues will contain complete information on the objective and content of each of the 46 varied courses, the hours and location of classes, and the instructors in charge.

Registration for all courses will be held in Rooms 1, 2, and 3 in the basement of Carnegie Hall from 6:30 to 9 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday. Classes are expected to begin next Thursday. Arrangements for registration will be completed at a STCD committee meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Interfraternity Council will distribute catalogues to fraternities, WSGA and the dean of women's office to coeds, and the IMA and dean of men's office to IMA units and men's dormitories. Student Union's supply will be intended primarily for non-fraternity men not reached by the other groups.

The complete list of courses follows:

Aerial Photograph Reading, Auxiliary Police Training, School for Air Raid Wardens, Airplane Spotting, Aptitude Testing, Automatic Weapons, Building Inspection and Repair, Blackout Precautions, Community Canning, Company Administration, Camp Counseling, Choice of Consumers Goods, Community Organization and Leadership.

Community Recreation, Day Care of Children, Defense Forum Techniques, Defense Publicity, Explosives and Demolition First Aid, Farm Tractor Operation and Maintenance, Gas Defense, Home

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Late News Flashes...

RANGOON — Chinese troops have invaded Thailand, according to reports received from Rangoon last night. This report has received no confirmation from the Chinese Government at Chungking.

WASHINGTON — According to reports from General MacArthur's forces in the Philippines, new Jap troops have arrived at Olongapo, supported by heavy aerial reinforcements.

RANGOON — British officials in Burma admitted last night that Japanese spearheads have pierced British lines on the Bilin River and have crossed the river at several points. Present British defense lines are only 75 miles from Rangoon, strategic gateway to the Burma Road.

BATAVIA, JAVA — Five Jap planes were shot down yesterday in an attack on the vital Allied naval base at Soerabaja, according to reports received from Batavia yesterday. Last night the Javanese radio reported fierce resistance by Dutch defenders on Southern Sumatra, who are said to be battling against ten to one odds.

CHUNGKING, CHINA — Chinese Government officials reported last night that Japan has 100,000 troops in use on the Burma front.

Thespians Stage New Unit Show; Students To Report For Tryouts

Thespians packed their grease paint and costumes last night for another show for the soldiers at the New Cumberland army camp—and they were given a hearty army welcome.

It was Thespian Defense Unit No. 2 which played before an enthusiastic audience. Unit No. 1 made its first appearance at the same army camp a week ago.

Ted Clauss was master-of-ceremonies for the second unit. Among the feature attractions for the soldiers was a special coed chorus. The chorus included Joyce R. Brown '44, Sally E. Harshbarger '42, Mildred Johnson '44, and Aye-lien C. Wolf '43.

Other entertainers were Mike Kerns, monologist; Marce Stringer, song specialties; Mim Rhein, songstress; Don Taylor, specialties; and a trio composed of Miss Rhein, Helen Schmeltz, and Jimmy Leyden.

The only big problem hampering the Thespians now is weekly transportation to the army camps. Services of faculty and staff members' autos may be offered by contacting Charles M. Graff at the Central Extension office.

James McAdam, Thespian president
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Fresh Campus Party Opens Nominations For Class Officers

The Campus '45 party pried the lid off the 1942 All-College political soapbox last night as the freshmen conducted preliminary nominations. It was stressed that nominations will be held open until the next clique meeting within the next few weeks.

Candidates for nomination for president were Calvin G. Casselberry, Charles F. Hall, Louis McCormick, James A. McKechnie, and James W. Payne.

Present Campus '45 secretary, Ruth A. Embury, was chosen to run for the vice-president post. Others selected were Frank L. Hay and Gerald T. Karver.

Two coeds were selected to run for the secretary position. They were Margaret L. Good and Betty J. Lyman. Candidates for the treasurer's job were Joan M. Clark, James H. Hoag, Jr., and John L. Pfirman.

The platform committee which is now drawing up party policies includes Chairman Robert E. Becker, present vice-president of the party, Richard D. Collins, Jr., Wayne G. LaPoe, Joan E. Piolet, Robert A. Sheesley, and Mary Ellen Tone.

Gridiron Banquet Date Set By Sigma Delta Chi

Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism society, decided to stage its traditional Gridiron Banquet on March 17, Thomas P. North '43, president of the fraternity, announced last night.

Herbert J. Zukauskas '43 was appointed general chairman in charge of the affair by North. The president added that the banquet plans would be altered slightly this year because of the lack of time because of the change in the College calendar.

Garden Lecture Today

The third in the series of Victory Garden lectures will be held in Room 109 Agriculture Building at 7:30 p. m. today. Three talks will be given on subjects ranging from garden planning to growing flowers and vegetables.