



## Ridenour, Ramin Drop From Race For AA President

With the announcement that Charles H. Ridenour has withdrawn from the race for president of the Athletic Association, three remaining candidates for that post intensified campaigns before elections Monday.

Robert F. Ramin, varsity basketball player, also reported he will not be a candidate for the secretary-treasurer position, leaving four other juniors to compete.

Elections will be conducted in the first floor lobby of Old Main from 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday. If the leading candidate does not have a simple majority of all votes cast, final elections between the two leading candidates will be held Tuesday.

"The same election code recently approved by Cabinet for All-College elections will be in effect for the AA election," said James W. Ritter '42, present head of the organization.

"That means no cars will be used, and poster destruction prohibited. Only men are eligible to vote upon presentation of matriculation cards and athletic books," he added.

Vieing for the presidency are Allen B. Crabtree, wrestler; Bernard A. Plessner, track man; and William T. Richards, boxing captain. All-candidates for offices are juniors.

Candidates running for secretary-treasurer include Herschel D. Baltimore, basketball; Jesse J. Cohen, boxing; Leonard O. Frescoln, track, and Robert J. Koch, lacrosse.

Main power of the Athletic Association president is his duty to help select managers of all sports. A proposal to change the committee which chooses cheerleaders is the only important issue of the campaign.

## Snowballs Loaded With Horseshoes Hard On Windows

Odd how the snow brings back youth to the old, decrepit college boys, isn't it? They even resort to their old boyhood tricks like dropping a rock or two into the snowballs they throw.

Of course, there is an occasional one who throws the regulation missile, a semi-hard sphere approximately two and three-quarter inches in diameter, but horseshoes were the thing in East Fairmount avenue's window breaking spree yesterday.

To this add a slight tinge of coke bottle, a peeled potato or so and you have the ideal lethal charge for modern warfare on and around the campus.

For a true picture of the damage done by a single snowfall, consider the running score of the windows broken. Fraternity rivalry resulted in 95 punctured panes at SPS and 83 of the same at the house of the winners, SPE. The SPE boys were the only ones who had to wear their overcoats during dinner.

The battling was carried to campus yesterday when the ROTC Engineers' regiment successfully defended its position on the steps of Schwab Auditorium until called to its four o'clock by Major Mills because he was peeved when he lost his hat while crossing "No Man's Land."

## Quick Henry, Grab The Vitamin Pills! Axis Jolts Food Prices To New Heights

Fraternities are beginning to tighten their dietetic belts. They must do so because certain foods are becoming difficult to obtain and food prices are climbing steadily. It would seem that this is only the beginning.

A recent survey of local retail and wholesale merchants brought these facts home quite vividly. None of the merchants interviewed would venture to estimate the increase in fraternity food costs, yet, significantly enough, each agreed that present prices are at least 15 per cent higher than those of last Winter.

To add to the fraternity man's woes, is the fact that practically all canned goods will disappear from the market in the very near future. National defense, you

know. Canned soups are already on the way out. Fraternity cooks have been unable to order them in quantity for some time.

One local coffee representative says that his company now produces 15 jars of coffee at a cost equivalent to the price of one can.

The Jap has completely spoiled tuna fishing, and that commodity is now scarcer than new tires. Fresh fish are destined for a similar fate, at least for the duration, or until the Axis submarines along the coasts are eliminated.

Bananas, if you can get them, cost more than double the price paid for them last December. The reason: ships are being pressed into service for the Allied supply (Continued on Page Two)

## Portfolio Selects Contest Winners

Three winners and five honorable mentions for the recent Portfolio contest were released last night by Bernard M. Weinberg '43, editor of the campus literary publication.

John L. Walton's '42 essay was selected by the judges on the Portfolio staff as the outstanding entry. The manuscript was titled "I Believe."

Second place in the contest which closed last month was awarded to the story "Black Diamonds" submitted by Ross B. Lehman '42, Daily Collegian editor. Gershon M. Goldberg '45 took third place with his poem "Toy Soldier."

These winners received new Spring publications from several New York publishing houses as prizes for their places in the competition.

Honorable mention was awarded to Doris H. Boyle '42 for her story "Benedictine Brain," Florence I. Jaffy '44 for her story "Paycheck," Peter J. Keffalas '44 for his inspiration poem "My Country 'Tis of Thee," Edith L. Smith '43 for her short story "The Lace Ruffle," and Robert M. Kidd for his entry "Prelude to Summer," also a short story.

All eight of these contest winners will be used in Portfolio to be published for next week, said the literary's editor.

## Speaking Contest Entrants Meet

A preliminary meet of undergraduate students interested in the All-College Extemporaneous Speaking Contest will be held in 121 Sparks at 7:30 p. m. They must first register in 300 Sparks before 5 p. m. today.

Topics of current interest may be chosen from lists provided at the meeting or may be of the entrant's own choosing if they are approved by the committee in charge, Prof. Clayton H. Schug, public speaking chairman, announced.

Entrants will be assigned to one of 12 elimination sections at the preliminary meeting. These sections will meet in an assigned room 7:30 p. m. Monday. Entrants in each section will be given five minutes on their chosen topics. From each group one person will be chosen to speak in the semi-finals, scheduled at a later time that same evening, in 121 Sparks.

Six contestants chosen from the semi-final round will speak on Saturday night, April 11.

## Skiers, Hikers Brave Boards In Bare Lodge

Penn State's new Winter Sports Lodge, completed two months ago, is still bare of furniture. Committee funds do not warrant the purchase of many pieces and the calls to campus organizations for used furniture that can be repaired have gone unheeded, according to Ray M. Conger, in charge for the committee.

Plans are ready for landscaping the grounds and building a terrace in front of the Lodge as soon as the weather permits. In the meantime, Conger asks that any group that has furniture which may be used in the cabin contact him at his office in Rec Hall.

## 'What Kind of Peace' Topic For 2nd STCD Forum; 3 Profs Speak

"What Kind of a Peace Do We Want?" is the topic of the second and concluding demonstration forum sponsored by Forensic Council and the STCD class in Defense Forum Techniques, in 110 Home Economics Building, at 7:30 p. m. tonight.

Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien, department of public speaking, will preside over the forum with Prof. A. H. Reede, department of economics; Dr. G. E. Simpson, department of sociology, and Dr. J. Paul Selsam, department of history, as speakers.

These forums are being conducted to demonstrate how public forums may contribute to an understanding of war aims and objectives.

## Saroyan's 'The Beautiful People' Chosen As Next Players' Show

As their fourth and final play of their 25th anniversary season, the Penn State Players' will present William Saroyan's "The Beautiful People" in Schwab Auditorium April 15 and 16.

Saroyan, the unpredictable Armenian, who up until a few years ago was comparatively unknown, has been declared the most original and unfettered talent the American theatre has seen since Eugene O'Neill began to write.

First leaping to fame with his sensational short story, "The Man On The Flying Trapeze," Saroyan since has had four plays produced on Broadway within the past few years. One of these, "The Time Of Your Life," received both the Pulitzer Prize and the Dramatic Critics Award for 1940.

His latest success, "The Beau-

## AZ, Beaver House, Krimcon Top Fraternity Averages



RELEASES AVERAGES—Registrar Homer S. Hoffman last night released the group scholarship averages for the first semester, revealing that the All-College mark has dropped to a 1.39.

## 470 Fresh Apply For Summer Term

If present figures are any indication, this summer's freshman class will not reach the anticipated 1,000 figure. Registrar William S. Hoffman recently announced that to date only 470 applications for the wartime term have been received at his office.

June 8 is the date set for freshman registration for the accelerated three month semester. Of the total applications, 244 have been granted admissions with only 38 of these accepted and paid for.

According to Mr. Hoffman an accurate estimate of the situation cannot be made because of the absence of comparable figures from other years.

It is expected that a rush of late applications will come late next month as most of the potential freshmen have not yet completed their high school terms. This necessarily delays their decisions in regard to college entrance.

## Roethke Harvard Speaker

Theodore Roethke, assistant professor of English composition, will read from his own poetry at the Morris Gray Series at Harvard University's Widener Library next Tuesday, April 7. His reading will consist of excerpts from his book "Open House," and new material.

## Watts Hall Captures Independent Honors

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For the fourth consecutive semester, Alpha Zeta earned first place in the fraternity scholarship standing by compiling a house average of 1.94 for the first semester, according to averages released by Registrar William S. Hoffman. Among the social fraternities, Beaver House ranked first with an average of 1.67.

Krimcon rated first among the sororities with a 2.06 average for the semester, although one other woman's group, Cwens, sophomore activities honorary, compiled an average of 2.09.

Watts Hall with an average of 1.51, closely followed by the Pioneer Club with an average of 1.50 were the scholarship leaders among the independent men's houses.

The All-College average took a drop from 1.49 for the final semester of the 1940-41 term to a 1.39 average for last semester.

Only the composite records of All-College women, all fraternity, and fraternity women showed improvement over the preceding semester. The average for fraternity men remained unchanged at 1.24.

A composite fraternity average for both men and women jumped from 1.31 to 1.35, but still lacked points to equal the composite non-fraternity average of 1.42.

Changes in the All-College ratings from the second semester of the 1940-41 term to last semester averages are as follows:

	2nd	1st
Fraternity Women	1.53	1.81
All-College Women	1.64	1.68
Non-Fraternity Women	1.72	1.68
Non-Fraternity Men	1.61	1.42
All Fraternity	1.31	1.35
Non-Fraternity Men	1.58	1.35
All-College	1.49	1.39
All-College Men	1.44	1.30
Fraternity Men	1.24	1.24

## Late News Flashes...

**NEW DELHI**—The possibility of unfavorable reaction in the United States today delayed completion of a statement by leaders of the All-India Congress explaining why they are "compelled" to turn down Britain's offer of post-war dominion status for India.

**STOCKHOLM**—Three Norwegian ships bound for England from a Swedish port were reported sunk by Nazi submarines last night. These ships, part of a convoy of ten, were each listed at 10,000 tons. The ships had been anchored in Swedish harbors since the start of the war. Their embarkation seems to indicate that Swedish waters in the future may be unsafe for Allied ships.

**WASHINGTON**—The silencing of German-controlled radio stations throughout occupied France and Germany lead military experts to believe that a blanket air raid over this entire area was being carried out by the RAF last night.

**GEN. MACARTHUR'S HDQ.**—American and Australian bombing planes, continuing an unremitting aerial offensive against Jap invasion bases, bombed and destroyed 18 aircraft at the enemy airdrome at Salamaua in New Guinea yesterday.