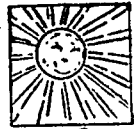




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Atherton Epidemic Rumors Halted As Cases Abate

Ritenour's Absence Delays Official Word

With few cases reported yesterday, the rumors of an epidemic in Atherton Hall were squelched by reliable authorities last night. Because of the absence of Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, head of the College Health Service, no official statement as to cause of the ailment or number of victims could be made.

However, approximately 50 cases were cited by the Health Service, which has been working in cooperation with the department of dining commons to determine causes. It was thought that food poisoning had been the cause. Abatement of such cases has made any indication of an epidemic seem doubtful.

First signs of the illness came Monday when several of the dormitory coeds took reports of what medical authorities called gastroenteritis to the Atherton Hall nurses and hostesses. Signs reading "Do Not Disturb" appeared in large numbers throughout the building, according to women in neighboring rooms.

The illnesses, which have proved to be of short duration, have been handled by dormitory nurses and the dispensary staff. Two students living in Watts Hall, who are graduate nurses, were appointed as deputy medical aides.

Evidence that the ailments were localized in the campus dorm was deduced from an informal Daily Collegian survey in which few isolated cases were reported in downtown living quarters. No persons were affected in McAllister Hall or Women's Building.

College health authorities stressed that adequate rest was most important in combating such sickness.

Late News

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS—For the seventh straight day Australian troops have moved forward up the Owen Stanley Mountains, in New Guinea, forcing Japanese columns back from their Fort Moresby objective. In the Solomon theatre, the Japanese seem to be driving for a show-down battle, having successfully landed additional troops on the Marine-held Guadalcanal island.

MOSCOW—In the 44th days of the fight for Stalingrad, bitter Russian resistance once again stopped every German onslaught within the fortified streets of Stalingrad. The Soviet midnight communique admitted one Nazi break-through but stated the advancing force was completely destroyed.

MOSCOW—The United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Admiral Standley, yesterday conferred with Joseph Stalin, prior to his return to America for a conference on aid to Russia, with President Roosevelt.

LONDON—German radios were off the air last night, an almost certain indication that the RAF was once again raiding Europe following Monday night's 200-plane raid on Essen.

NEW YORK—Short wave stations here have heard further Italian reports of the sinking of an American battleship in the Atlantic. The report is without verification from any other source.

Walking, Talking Abraham Lincoln Pops Up In Old Main

Abraham Lincoln strolled through Old Main yesterday.

Before the flashing of newspaper cameramen and the wide-eyed gaze of student onlookers, Honest Abe slowly mounted Old Main's first-floor steps, stopped at the landing, and looked at the Land Grant Mural as if it were a mirror.

The scene that stopped student traffic in Old Main yesterday afternoon was engineered by Public Information for publicity pictures planned for possible publication in a national magazine.

Actor in the role of our Civil War program was one of the College janitors, whose remarkable resemblance to Lincoln had been emphasized by a makeup-job by Robert H. Herrman '44, a member of the Penn State Players.

Abe's beard and mole were artificial, the top hat was a prop, but the famous name is really his—the College employee chosen for the publicity stunt was one Abraham Lincoln Garber Hite.

Debaters Meet; 19 Added To Squad

Actual preparations for the 1945-46 debating season will get underway when the 21 members of the forensic squad retained from last season, along with 19 new members, meet in 316 Sparks at 7 p. m. tonight. The topic under discussion will be "Problems of the Peace."

This topic is the general subject decided on for all debates and discussions this year, Robert S. MacNabb '45, student debate manager, said. The meeting is for the purpose of acquainting team members with the topic and its various ramifications and to initiate intra-squad debates, MacNabb said.

Added to the squad as a result of competitive tryouts last week, MacNabb released the names of 12 freshmen and seven upperclassmen who "made out."

John Audit, Paul Baer, Zelman Barson, Robert Boedecker, Raymond Britton, Martin Cohn, Moring Gollop, Arthur High, Sidney Levy, Samuel N. Neeley, Harry Reynolds, and Edmund Zemperelli are the freshmen. Upperclassmen are: Nathan M. Cohen '44, Henry Dymza '44, William Dymza '45, Bernard Feinberg '44, Gaylord W. Greenlee '45, Saul Kozack '45, and Stanley L. Siegel '45.

Movies Change Starting Time At Cabinet Request

Compromising with All-College Cabinet's request that downtown theaters begin evening shows at 6:30 instead of 7 p. m., Carl Bechdel, manager of the local movie houses announced that beginning tonight the theaters will start shows at 6:45 p. m. with the boxoffices opening at 6:30.

William S. Ivans '43, chairman of the Cabinet committee in charge of cutting down on student activities, stated last night that it is up to the students to cooperate by getting to theaters earlier to avoid last minute crowding. He explained that this new movie time is only experimental and that it will be up to the students to prove its worth.

'44, '46 Presidential Candidates Stress War Programs In Opening Addresses

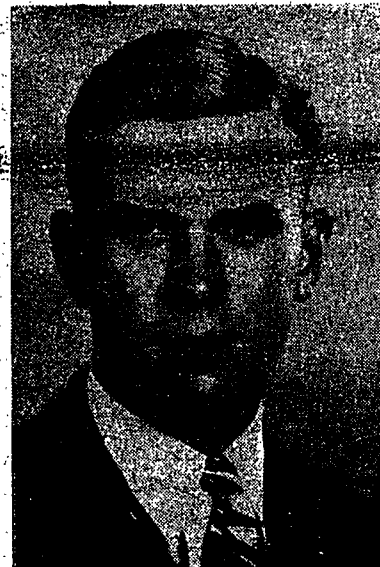
Presidential Candidates



Robert B. Davis '44 (I)



Jack R. Grey '44 (C)



Jack Berlin '46 (C)



Joseph Colone '46 (I)

Cwens Give \$5 To 'Campus To Camp' Fund

The campaign to send the news from "the campus to the camps" received a boost yesterday when Mary Grace Longenecker '45, president of Cwens, announced that her organization decided to contribute five dollars to the fund.

This brings to 23 the total number of subscriptions mailed to camps and training stations in all parts of the United States. More than 200 men were known to be stationed in these places when heard from last.

Penn State History Collection Boosted

Contributions by faculty members and alumni are increasing the collection of historical materials concerning the early days of Penn State as part of the Penn State Collection, according to Miss Gladys R. Cranmer, assistant librarian, in charge of the collection.

Recollections of Penn State of 50 years ago, as told by Dr. Francis J. Pond, class of 1892, are now being used by Dr. Wayland F. Dunaway professor of American History and College Historian, in the history of the College which he is compiling.

First Visual Aid War Films Will Be Shown Tonight In Schwab

"Target for Tonight", the first in a series of films relating to the various phases of the war effort, will be shown in Schwab Auditorium at 7 o'clock tonight under the sponsorship of the audio-visual aids service of the College.

Awarded the International Academy Award, the picture is open to all students, faculty members and townspeople free of charge.

The picture, an account of an actual air raid over Germany by the Bomber Command of the Royal Air Force, includes authentic photographs taken during the bombardment.

The program, which includes two war song shorts, "Anchors Aweigh" and "The Caissons Go Rolling Along", is presented by the audio-visual aid service in cooperation with the United States Office of War Information.

Elections Committee

An important meeting of the All-College Elections committee will be held today at 7 p. m. in 305 Old Main, according to an announcement by Donald W. Davis '43, chairman. All members are urged to attend.

500 Attend Official Campaign Sendoff

Penn State's Fall semester student political campaign is roaring ahead on all cylinders today.

The battle for votes that will be climaxed by Friday's election was officially opened last night by Donald W. Davis '43, Elections Committee chairman, at a mass meeting of freshmen and juniors.

Within a few moments after Davis declared the campaign open, student politicians of both parties swung into action. Publicity representatives of both junior class parties swept through town and campus buildings, putting up posters supporting their cause. A house-to-house vote drive had begun in one of the town "districts" by 7:30, a class of '44 clique leaders stated last night.

Almost 500 students, most of them "dinked" first-semester freshmen, heard three presidential and one vice-presidential candidate present their parties' platforms and goals at last night's political "first-nighter."

Leadoff speaker was Jack B. Grimes, Independent candidate for vice-president, pinch-hitting for Joseph Colone who was detained by football practice. Grimes, reviewing his party's platform, emphasized the necessity for "coordinating freshman class activities with the College war program as defined by President Hetzel."

"Upon our class falls the major share of the College's wartime program," Jack Berlin, '46 (Continued on page four)

Pledge Deadline Extended Today

Fraternities have until 5 p. m. today to enter names at the CA office of pledges who are going to attend the Interfraternity Pledge Banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn, Sunday evening, October 11.

Reason for extending the deadline, according to Joseph V. Sweterlitsch '43, chairman, was that many fraternities did not hold house meetings until Monday evening, after the original deadline was passed.

Two hundred and twenty-five reservations have already been taken for the banquet, sponsored jointly by the Interfraternity Council and the Penn State Christian Association.

Since dining facilities at the Inn are limited, fraternities are asked to return reservation lists as soon as possible to the Christian Association office, 304 Old Main.

Professor Hummel Fishburn, acting head of the department of music, will lead in the singing, while Prof. Robert E. Galbraith, Faculty Advisor on War Service, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Dr. Arthur C. Wickenden, director of religious activities at Miami University, Oxford, O., is the main speaker.

Charles E. Peck '43, head cheerleader, will lead the freshmen in cheers. Coaches Robert Higgins and Earle Edwards, School of Physical Education and Athletics, are scheduled to present football pictures on their return from the Lehigh game at Bethlehem.