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Revision Of Hatch Act Now Before General Assembly

Bill Permits Faculty Activity In Politics

Members of the College faculty and employees will again be permitted to actively participate in politics if the bill amending the Hatch Act, already passed by the State House of Representatives, receives the approval of the Senate.

The bill had already been approved by the Senate, but because of slight changes made by the House, must be returned to the Senate for final approval.

The new legislation will permit college employees to run for local, state, and federal offices, participate in management of campaigns, and use official authority or influence to effect the nomination or election of any candidate for office.

Although the amendment would eliminate some of the restrictions now imposed on College employees by state rulings, they would still be subject to many provisions of the Hatch Act which makes it illegal to deprive anyone of employment made possible by relief appropriations of Congress because of race, creed, or color, or to solicit or receive political contributions to beneficiaries of federal relief funds.

The original Hatch Act, as interpreted by the attorney-generals of Ohio and Minnesota, stipulated that instructors in all land-grant colleges, of which Penn State is one, and in schools being assisted under the Smith-Lever Act and the Bankhead-Jones Act, would be subject to all provisions as stated in the Hatch legislation.

The bill has been in the hands of a House committee since early Summer.

Opera's Mimi Likes Singing To Student Audiences Best

"I enjoy singing for college audiences as much as, if not more than, for any other in the world," Miss Hilda Burke, Metropolitan Opera soprano, who will sing the role of Mimi in tonight's performance of Puccini's "La Boheme," said last night.

Sitting leisurely in the lobby of the Nittany Lion Inn, she explained that in numerous concert tours over the country she has found college students among the most receptive.

"This performance in English," she continued, "will be even better because it presents a very enjoyable story in a more understandable way than the Italian version does."

"This type of trip, in fact, should help the operatic field to have young people understand and appreciate opera more. It should lead to more performances of the type, but hardly until after the war is over."

"The war will affect the business chiefly with regard to travel. After it is over, though, more people will probably have learned to appreciate it through a few tours like this one."

Travelling ahead of the rest of the company of nearly 70, today Miss Burke will be the guest of Phi Mu Alpha, national music honorary.

Crowd Of Students, Townsman, Picket Local Movie House

"The gal who stopped a thousand shows" stopped another one last night at the State theatre.

A crowd of nearly 100 students, townsman and faculty gathered in front of the theatre immediately following the first showing of Margie Hart in "Lure of the Islands" to demand vocally and in written form that the picture should be stopped at the 1,001st showing.

Picketers Bill Anderson and Hank Derbyshire expressed their feelings by parading back and forth past the box office carrying a sign hardly dried that read: "This show positively smells." Later they were joined by an unidentified student whose placard bore the expression, "Right off the Cob!"

So disgusted with the quality of the picture were the marchers that they immediately went to a nearby stationery store and purchased materials for the signs and began their picketing while the lettering was still wet.

"One picture with onions coming up!" "We want a rain-check!" These expressions best revealed the feeling of the crowd that began booing inside the theatre and continued the heckling outside.

"We didn't make it!" was the quick come-back of the theatre managers, who also sensed that they had drawn a "lemon."

Speaking for the managers, Mr. B. F. Moore, district manager for Warner Brothers in western Pennsylvania, said that you don't get business. "If we did we wouldn't"

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Speaks To Pledges



Dr. Arthur C. Wickenden, educator and author, will be main speaker at the Interfraternity Pledge Banquet, at the Nittany Lion Inn, Sunday evening, October 11. Dr. Wickenden will speak at Chapel at 11 a. m. Sunday.

At the present time, Dr. Wickenden is Director of Religious Activities as well as Interfraternity Council adviser at Miami University, Ohio.

"He was selected," according to Joseph V. Sweterlitsch '43, chairman, "because of his vast experience in the two fields concerned: religion and fraternity life. Since the banquet is sponsored by the IFC and PSCA, the selection seemed most fitting."

Author of several books on religion, Dr. Wickenden is also well acquainted with war-time problems. During World War I he was wounded in action while serving as a sergeant in the 12th Machine Gun Battery.

Seven Officers To Be Elected By Frosh, Junior Classes Today

'44 Vice-Presidential Candidates



William Shoemaker



Robert M. Faloon

Frosh Customs Lifted For Collegian Dance

Contrary to rumors circulating about the campus that couples will be admitted free to the annual Collegian Dance tomorrow night, Gordon L. Coy '43, Collegian editor stated last night that no one will gain admittance to the dance unless a ticket is presented at the door.

Tickets may still be obtained with the purchase of a one dollar service subscription or with a student subscription for one dollar and fifty cents.

Charles H. Ridenour '43, Student Tribunal chairman, in cooperation with the dance, announced that only freshmen attending the dance will be exempted from dress and dating customs starting tomorrow at 5:30 p. m. Any infraction of this ruling will be severely dealt with by Tribunal, Ridenour warned.

150 Affected By Ath Hall Epidemic

Dormitory surveys show that more than 150 women were affected in the recent short-lived epidemic in Atherton Hall. Campus medical authorities refused to make any statements.

Returning after a week's trip, Joseph P. Ritenour, College Health Service head, stated yesterday that the likely cause for such an outbreak was contamination of the food rather than fermentation. "Just as there are outbreaks of colds in the upper respiratory system, so a germ could have spread around and caused this gastric condition," he observed.

Quieting any rumors about the possibility of the water supply being at fault, Dr. Ritenour pointed out that the supply is checked regularly, according to rules of the State Board of Health.

As far as food poisoning is concerned, the doctor said that for the first time in the history of the College, all food handlers connected with the Penn State dining commons were required to be examined thoroughly by Health authorities and to have the Wasserman and Mantoux tests.

Enlistments Reach 14.5%—Galbraith

Approximately 14½ per cent of Penn State's male students are now enlisted in various branches of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps Reserve, according to a student recruiting report released yesterday by Prof. Robert E. Galbraith, FAWS.

The report, covering enlistments completed before Oct. 1, lists a total of 667 students who have been recruited through the College's reserve program facilities. This figure does not include 132 students who have already been called for active duty either through graduation or through withdrawal from college. Leading all other branches in number of enlistments is the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps with a total of 490 students. However, this number includes 127 students who have entered the Army Air Force Enlisted Reserve, and 10 in the Signal Corps unit on campus, since enlistments in both branches are made through the AER quota.

A partial list received from the Marine Corps includes 25 Penn State students as enlistees to date. Five students have signed up for the Navy V-5 Flight Training program, and 42 have entered the Navy V-7 Deck Officer (Continued on page four)

Hemlock Looper Loops Through Lupine, Michigan

LUPINE, Mich., Oct. 8—Timbermen here complained of the ravenous appetite of the Hemlock Looper as he ate his way through Michigan forests en route to State College.

Getting healthy on a white pine needle diet, the Looper expects to be at Penn State where it will be guest at Bunyan Brawl, annual dance of the forestry society to be held in Rec Hall October 23.

Looping so much has thrown the worm off its course, since last reports were filed from Salt Lake City. However, the Looper may be bearing to the North so it can enjoy a better variety of pine and hemlock meals.

AA Books Ruled Out As Voting Credential

Today's the day.

Freshman and junior classes today choose seven student leaders in elections being conducted in Schwab Auditorium lobby between 9 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Behind the scenes, opposing clique members will spread out over clearly defined town and campus districts, following up weeks of planning and three days of concentrated campaigning with a final effort to herd their classmates to the polls.

The College Elections Committee, meanwhile, held its final preliminary meeting last night to lay down definite eligibility rules for voting.

Matriculation cards will be the only credential necessary for junior class members whose names appear in the Student Directory of 1941-42, the committee decided. Other juniors will be required to obtain notes from the Dean's Office.

Both first and second semester juniors will be permitted to vote, Donald W. Davis '43, Elections' Committee head, reminded last night.

Since not all freshmen have been issued AA books, the committee decided to eliminate them as one of the frosh credentials. Matriculation cards will be the only proof of identification necessary.

Davis, anticipating a record one-day vote when Penn State's two largest classes troop to the polls today, urged students to vote as early as possible and thus help eliminate the final dinner-hour rush.

"Voting today is more important than ever before," he reminded, "for the student leaders chosen in this election will be called upon to make increasingly more important and far-reaching decisions."

Flashes . . . Late News

MOSCOW — Russians pounded the Nazi left flank near Stalingrad, destroying 2,000 German soldiers and 18 tanks, but the besieged defenders were pushed back in several sections of the city.

LOS ANGELES—Capt. Donald E. Brown, son of Joe E. Brown, Hollywood comedian, was killed in a plane crash during a practice flight here.

WASHINGTON—A Jap cruiser and several other vessels were hit by Allied airmen in the Pacific. Several other ships were also reported to be severely damaged.

LONDON—The Nazis are conducting a terror campaign in Norway in an effort to seize all arms and ammunition possessed by Norwegians. Fearful of a possible invasion by the Allies, the Germans are dealing death sentences to all holders of arms. Forty-one persons have already been executed in Norway.

CHUNGKING — Wendell Willkie left Chungking for the United States yesterday. He brings with him a six-point plan to Roosevelt from the Chinese people. It is possible that he may stop in India, although his trip does not call for any such visit.