

## Navy To Swear-In Eligible Students As Reservists

### Exams And Interviews To Be Ended Today

Successful candidates for the Navy's Reserve V-1, V-7 program who have been "coming in a steady stream" will be sworn in to the U. S. Naval Reserve at 4:30 p. m. today, according to Lieutenant Daniel Dean.

Dean was also pleased that the percentage of Penn State men who passed the physical exam was so high. Nearly 50 percent of the students who applied passed the test, as compared to 25 percent in most other colleges.

Interviews and examinations will conclude today in 305 Old Main for all seniors, juniors and second semester sophomores who are interested in the V-7 program. "Men seeking to enlist in the Navy air force can take their preliminary exam today," Lieut. Dean said. If they succeed in passing the preliminary exam they will be furnished transportation to Philadelphia by the Navy Flight Selection Board to take the final exam at a later date.

Lieut. Dean also assured four-semester men who enlist in the V-1 program that the examination held in March for transfer to the V-7 program will not be too difficult.

It was his opinion that there would be very little math or physics on the test.

Since the mental exam is country-wide, men from Penn State should find very little difficulty in passing it successfully.

In the advent they fail the test they could transfer to Class V-5 Naval Aviation or be sent to sea for six months, earmarked as Officers Training School material.

## Blakeslee Named Senior Spoon Man

With approximately half of the ballots sent to members of the senior class returned and counted yesterday afternoon, Jerome H. Blakeslee was named Spoon Man, top honor post in Class Day exercises, December 16.

David J. McAleer was named Cane Man; Robert J. Perugini, Barrel Man; William S. Ivans, Pipe Orator; and Bernard A. Plessner, Class Donor.

Balloting was done by the preferential system with each first place vote counting five points, second four points, third three points, fourth two points, and fifth one point. Total points for each of five top men were:

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| Blakeslee | 806 |
| McAleer   | 712 |
| Perugini  | 576 |
| Ivans     | 567 |
| Plessner  | 483 |

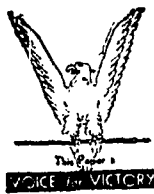
Ballots were counted under the supervision of members of Associated Student Activities office.

McAleer, acting as class president, Plessner as Donor, Prof. John H. Frizzell, College Chaplain, and Prof. William S. Dye Jr., head of English literature department, will select valedictorian and salutatorian for commencement exercises December 17.

### Zimmerman Withdraws

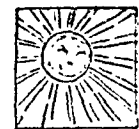
Marlin Zimmerman '44 withdrew his nomination for Interfraternity Council president last night in favor of Larry T. Chervenak '44.

Candidates still remaining in the race for the IFC presidency include Chervenak, Theta Xi; Henry Keller; Phi Kappa Sigma; Daniel M. Krider, Theta Chi; and Albert A. Swan, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Election of the Interfraternity Council head will be conducted at Monday's meeting of the fraternity representatives.



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## Third Political Party Created At Convention

By LARRY T. CHERVENAK

A third party was baptized, a political clique was buried, and 28 candidates for student office were announced officially for the first time last night, as Penn State staged its first political convention before 49 of Penn State's 6,000 students.

Cracking student political custom wide open, George Washington Smith '44 took the spotlight for the evening by announcing his candidacy for All-College president on the Victory Party, and naming Robert Dennison '44 his running-mate.

Calling his new political group "a party born out of this war," Smith promised "a vigorous and victorious fight over two organized opponents."

Smith's announcement of a third party climaxed an interest-packed session that, a few minutes before, had brought official word that the sophomore class Independent Party had not even entered candidates in the race.

The lack of opposition virtually assured the Campus '45 candidates of election, barring a major political upset. Candidates now apparently slated for sophomore class offices are Clifford M. St. Clair, president; William P. Douglas, vice-president; Joan E. Piolet, secretary; and C. William Sick, treasurer.

Final surprise of the evening was the announcement that a coed, Dorothy K. Brunner '44, would run for All-College vice-president on the Independent slate. In the first of a series of addresses by the presidential nominees, Larry Joe, '46 Independent candidate, called for a student government which would be "supple and ready to adapt itself to new conditions at a moment's notice." Bud James, Joe's Campus party opponent, agreed that the changing war conditions required quick action, and called for complete student cooperation.

St. Clair, speaking without an opponent, stressed the importance of a two-party system and expressed the wish that it be brought back to his class's political system. Leadoff candidate for the senior presidency, Robert B. Davis (I), included in his speech a special plea to the non-fraternity man "to realize the power he possesses, to realize that he is in the majority, and

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## LATE NEWS FLASHES!

LONDON — American shock-troops are reported to have driven into the outskirts of Casablanca, and the fall of the city is believed imminent. In the harbor, the French battleship Jean Bart is burning as a result of an Allied action against a French naval flotilla in which British and American air and sea forces are credited with sinking or damaging nine destroyers. Meantime, U. S. troops are said to have crossed the frontier of Tunisia in a drive toward Lilya to trap the Nazis. Admiral Darlan, who was captured by the Americans in Algiers, may change over to the side of the Allies if it is rumored. At Bizerte, which is expected to be attacked soon by the Americans, the landings of Italian troops to reinforce the weak French garrison have been reported.

CAIRO — Allied planes are delivering heavy bombing attacks on Marshal Rommel's fleeing forces, slowing their retreat. British troops are hot in pursuit of the Axis armies attempting to prevent their escape by pinning them against the coast.

## Collegian Staff Plans 'Special Extra-Special' Penn Game Coverage

Out to prove to the students the service rendered to them by The Daily Collegian, members of the staff last night drew up plans for "The Philadelphia Story," a special issue which should set a new high in "away" football game coverage.

Penn Staters migrating to the Quaker City this weekend for the Lions' tussle with Penn were assured by Paul I. Woodland, new Collegian editor, that Saturday's issue will pass all other attempts at giving Coach Bob Higgins' followers last minute news and service on a grid game played on foreign soil.

Since next Tuesday at All-College Elections students will begin voting for or against the proposed Collegian Check-Off system, Woodland explained just exactly what this plan will accomplish.

The Check-Off set-up guarantees the following points:

1. Daily publication for the duration of the war and a much enlarged and improved daily after the war.
2. Collegian will be distributed to every student. All will be entitled to a copy every day.
3. Circulation will be handled at numerous pickup stations throughout the town and on campus. Stations will be set up in the fraternity and boarding house districts as well as in downtown restaurants and stores. Papers will be available before breakfast each morning at these places. Under this distribution plan circulation difficulties of the past will be nullified.
4. Collegian will be able to acquire much enlarged and improved coverage on national and international news, vitally important to all College students in war times.
5. Finances necessary for Collegian publication will be provided by the College.

### Collegian Commissions

Collegian solicitors may pick up their commissions on subscriptions sold during the Fall campaign at Student Union starting today. Philip P. Mitchell, business manager, urged that all persons entitled to the checks pick them up at once.

## Air Force Reports Steady Flow Of Candidates

Going into the second day of a short three-day visit to the Campus, the Army Air Force's Examining Board reported a steady flow of applicants to their office in 401 Old Main yesterday.

Examinations for the Air Force Enlisted Reserve Corps will be given today and tomorrow at 8 a. m. and again at 1 p. m.

Galbraith reminded students to come into his office for their Enlistment cards if they have already taken the oath. They were also reminded that candidates failing to fill out required papers before the Board leaves Thursday will have to go to Harrisburg for final steps in their enlistment.

### PIKA Elects

Charles A. Lockwood was elected the new president of Pi Kappa Alpha last night. Other officers chosen were John R. Church, vice-president; Robert Fitz, treasurer; and William F. Aull, house manager.

## State Appropriation Ranks 11th; Inbred Faculty Does Not Exist!!

By DAVID SAMUELS '43 (Ex-Maniac Columnist)

Yesterday's farewell "Old Mania" column asked: "Why does the land grant college of the second largest state in the Union receive the lowest appropriation?"

The Administration replied that Penn State does not receive the LOWEST appropriation but ranks eleventh of the 52 land grant colleges.

Statistics from the U. S. Office of Education were presented to support this belief. These figures showing the eleven land grant colleges receiving the largest appropriations—plus the rank of the states according to population—follows:

| College           | Appropriation Rank |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Univ. of Cal.     | \$8,220,593 5      |
| Univ. of Illinois | 5,454,711 3        |

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| Univ. of Minn.     | 4,558,929 18 |
| Louisiana State    | 4,122,383 21 |
| Ohio State         | 3,976,928 4  |
| Univ. of Wisconsin | 3,633,777 13 |
| Cornell            | 2,865,935 1  |
| Michigan State     | 2,526,517 7  |
| Missouri           | 2,407,353 10 |
| Purdue             | 2,400,730 12 |
| Penn State         | 2,267,317 2  |

These figures are based on 1940 census and show that Pennsylvania—the second largest state in the Union—must be content with a state appropriation below that of Louisiana which ranks twenty-first according to population.

The report also reveals that the College ranks eighth in enrollment and seventh in amount of student fees obtained.

Another "distortion"—according to the Administration—was

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## Mountain Forces Enlarge Units After Four Month Enlistment Suspension

Mountain forces of the United States Army will be enlarged after a four months suspension of enlistments in this specialized division of the Army, War Service Advisor Robert E. Galbraith announced yesterday.

Students who have lived and worked in the mountains, are preferred, if they can ski they are desired even more by the Army.

Young men who can show evidence of exceptional fitness as raw materials, even though they have had no broad mountain experience will also be considered.

Men not of draft age, and others who prefer to enlist at a recruiting office rather than be inducted through their draft boards, should contact Professor Galbraith before enlisting.

Anyone facing immediate induction and wishing to join the Mountain forces are asked to see Galbraith as soon as possible.

Life magazine published a picture-story account of the routine

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