

Graduates Receive Numerous Bids For Employment, States Placement Director

"Seven or eight jobs are waiting for every qualified Penn State graduate," points out George N. P. Leetch, director of the College Placement Service, in a report of the bureau's first year of operation.

"Industrial concerns have learned to respect the type of men and women which the College produces. Technical men especially are welcomed with open arms," stated Mr. Leetch.

The College Placement Service director said that his office plans to begin its second year of continuous service in a few days. The bureau moved into its present offices in March 1943.

During the past year the College Placement Service has served three purposes—place graduating students, find part-time employees, and help available alumni.

More than 76 companies have sent representatives to the campus with the purpose of interviewing students. Some of the firms stretch across the nation, while others have only one small plant located in Pennsylvania.

A number of the large companies which have sent men to State College are General Motors, Westinghouse, RCA, General El-

ectric, Eastman Kodak and many aircraft firms. Smaller companies come from Williamsport, Johnstown, Erie, Harrisburg, Lock Haven, Pittsburgh, and other Keystone cities.

Mr. Leetch is emphatic in his belief that students should plan for the future. He said that he would be glad to talk over possibilities of work with any student.

"Too many seniors wait until the week before graduation and then hunt for employment. Women students in particular are at fault in this respect," declared the College Placement Service director.

"There is a large opening for part-time work here on the campus," Mr. Leetch said. "All students who are interested in part-time employment should register at the office, 204 Old Main, immediately. Those who did so last semester are reminded to turn in their new schedules."

Mr. Leetch made it clear that he serves only as coordinator for placement activities carried on by the chairmen in the various schools. The chairmen are as follows: Dr. J. E. McCord, Agriculture; Dr. G. C. Chandler, Chemistry and Physics; Dr. C. O. Williams, Education; Assistant Dean

R. M. Gerhardt, Engineering; Prof. H. B. Young, Liberal Arts; Dr. D. F. McFarland, Mineral Industries; Dr. L. M. Jones, Physical Education and Athletics; and Mr. W. A. Calvert, extension services.

During the last few months Mr. Leetch has been making extensive trips throughout the state to localities where there are centers of Penn State graduates. He plans to enlist the aid of these men in helping find employment for College graduates.

So far the placement director has made 27 trips. He still intends to visit 15 more sections of the state. The system is slowly being put into operation.

"Approximately 25 students come into my office each day seeking information or employment. However, marriage, locality, or pay often prevent certain students from accepting positions stated Mr. Leetch.

The placement service head believes that the College Placement Service will play an important part in the employment of students after the war. At the present time Mr. Leetch and his staff, Miss Gay Stephens and Lois Kreamer, plan to "meet the needs as they arise."

Students Believe Peace After War Only Temporary

College students are not optimistic regarding the possibilities of permanent world peace, according to Joseph F. O'Brien, professor of speech at the Pennsylvania State College, who added they are hopeful, nevertheless, of a more lasting peace.

Professor O'Brien, who is coach of the men's debating teams at Penn State, bases his conclusions on wide association with student groups in public speaking activities.

"Students, in their debates, forums, and other discussions, exhibit great realism and practicality," he said. "While all of them want to avoid future wars, the majority admit the difficulties of obtaining permanent peace."

Contrary to their pre-war discussions when many advocated isolationism, he pointed out that college students now agree that international cooperation is the only solution. They seek in debate, he said, to find the road to an enlightened post-war policy.

"Even the men debaters who are facing induction," he added, "agree that war is not the ultimate evil."

Debate Team Meets Syracuse

Taking the negative of the topic, "Should the Accelerated Program Be Continued After the War" the men's debate squad will meet Syracuse in 121 Sparks at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday. The contest will be the first with Syracuse in several years.

Ottis L. Castleberry and Louis L. Ullman will be debaters for Penn State, with Martin Cohn as affirmative floor leader and Theodore D. Horner as negative floor leader. Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien will preside and Alex Reisdorf will be secretary and timer.

The debate will be of the parliamentary session type, which opens with debate of constructive speeches by the two affirmative and two negative speakers. Following this the affirmative floor leader offers a formal resolution in favor of the affirmative and speaks briefly in its behalf.

The negative floor leader then follows the same procedure, after which the discussion again proceeds. The debate closes with a vote on the resolution by the audience.

We'll soon be sitting on the porch to see who's walking by to see who's sitting on the porch.

Clinic Advises Lowering Entrance Age For Frosh

A stepped-up program in high school to permit admission to college of 16 and 17-year-old students was advocated today by George F. Castore, graduate assistant in the psycho-educational clinic at the College.

The suggestion, he explained, was based on the results of a battery of tests he administered to a group of 48 "experimental freshmen" who entered Penn State at the end of three and one-half years in high school and to freshmen who entered after four years of high school. Scholarship, knowledge of current events, attitudes, and optimism were measured.

"Every test result was in favor of younger students entering college," according to the Penn State graduate assistant. "With wartime demands necessitating quick training," he added, "it seems wasteful to insist that a student take a specified number of years to complete pre-college work when the same results can be achieved in a shorter time."

'Penn State Engineer' Scholarship Is Awarded

For the first time in the history of the "Penn State Engineer," a scholarship has been presented to Gunther Cohn, sixth-semester mechanical engineering major.

This award, amounting to \$50, is to be given once every two semesters to a member of the Junior class majoring either in engineering or chemical engineering, according to members of the "Engineer" staff.

The following personnel changes have been made recently: Bob Peterson, managing editor; Bob Kimmel, associate editor; Howard Amchin, business manager; Walter R. Berg, executive director; and Harry Bell, office manager.

Portfolio Elects Edit, Business Staffs

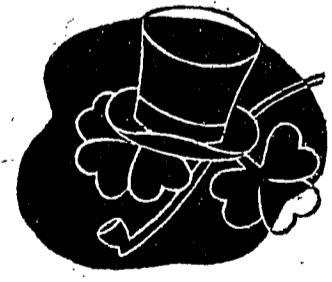
"Portfolio" elected editorial and business staffs at their last meeting. Rozanne Brooks will head the editorial staff consisting of Ruth Constad, Victor Danilov, Robert Kimmel, Lee Learner, and Jacqueline Socol.

Theodora Rappaport was elected advertising manager, and she will be assisted by Sydelle Buckwelder, Lois Cohen, Lee Freedman, Shirley Levine, and Jean Lobell.

The next issue of the literary magazine will be published near the 20th of this month.

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