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Army Reduces ASTP From 900 To 300 Men

Recent Graduation, Transfer, Few Replacements Presented as Reasons by Lt. Col. Guy G. Mills

Army Specialized Training Program unit receiving instruction at the College has been reduced from 900 to 300 men, according to Lt. Col. Guy G. Mills, acting ASTP commandant.

Graduation, transfer of personnel, and few replacements were given as reasons for the reduction by Lt. Col. Mills. As a result only six fraternity houses are being used as barracks by the Army at the present time.

Three hundred and seven ASTP men graduated recently in the first all-military commencement exercises in the history of the College. Of the graduates, 175 received certificates in basic engineering and 62 in basic surveying. In the advanced field, 14 completed work in chemical engineering, 19 in civil engineering, 14 in electrical engineering, and 23 in mechanical engineering.

All basic students were sent to various Army camps and units. Advanced men were assigned to branches of the service where their specialized training can be utilized.

The reduction followed an official announcement from the War Department cutting the ASTP from 145,000 to 35,000 men in order to meet combat manpower requirements.

"Those ASTP students on the campus are studying advanced courses in civil engineering, electrical engineering, pre-medical and pre-dental work," pointed out Lt. Col. Mills.

The commandant stated that one-third of the men now stationed at the College belong to the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program. More men in this group are scheduled to arrive at the College during the summer.

"Tests for the ASTP were given throughout the nation last Wednesday. The program is designed primarily for 17-year-olds who have completed high school and have not yet registered for the draft. It is estimated that approximately 100,000 are eligible." (Continued On Page Two)

Herbert, Learner Discuss IFC, College Papers At CA Frosh Meeting

BMOC representatives and all freshmen men will meet in 304 Old Main at 7:30 Monday evening as guests of Freshman Men's Council.

Steve Herbert, substituting for Charles Reeder, president of Inter-Fraternity Council, will present the rushing rules, purpose of the IFC, and suggestions as how to make up one's mind when asked to pledge. As the second speaker, Lee Learner, editor of the "Collegian," will discuss the methods of editing and publishing a college paper. Margaret Good, chairman of the elections committee, will conclude the talks with an explanation of campus rules governing elections and voting.

Robert Barefoot was recently elected president of Freshman Men's Council, replacing Bill Morris who was inducted into the Army. At this meeting of the council a vice-president will be named.

In addition to the speeches and elections, the meeting will close with a sing and refreshments.

Collegian Candidates

All freshman and sophomore candidates interested in trying out for Collegian editorial or advertising staff should report to 8 Carnegie Hall, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Lee H. Learner, editor-in-chief, announced.

IFC Prexy Announces Return Of Houses To 15 Fraternities

Fifteen fraternity houses have been returned to the College by the Army Specialized Training Program, announced Charles Reeder, IFC president, at the Interfraternity Council meeting this week.

The future of the former barracks is unknown. Some college officials believe that ASTP will occupy a number of the houses in the near future. Others think the houses will be returned to the fraternities. However, nothing definite has yet been decided.

Houses which have been released to the College are as follows: Acacia, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Kappa Pi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Chi Sigma, Alpha Zeta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Epsilon Pi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Phi Sigma, Gamma Sigma Phi, Tau Phi Delta, Theta Chi, and Phi Sigma Delta.

The ASTP still occupies six fraternity houses. They are: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Sigma Rho, Delta Sigma Phi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Theta Xi.

Cecil J. Wilkenson, chairman of (Continued on page five)

Hetzel Visits Harrisburg, Meets College Presidents

President Ralph D. Hetzel and Samuel K. Hostetter, assistant to the president in charge of business and finance, were in Harrisburg yesterday to meet with presidents from the University of Pennsylvania, Temple, and University of Pittsburgh to discuss mutual problems of state-aided institutions.

Players Present 'Janie' Or Why Fathers Leave Home

Necking, a practice not totally unknown at Penn State, comes in for its share of treatment in Players' production of "Janie" in Schwab Auditorium on April 14 and 15.

Prof. A. C. Cloetingh, director of the show, had the following to say about the relationship of necking, "Janie," and Penn State: "It certainly strikes home since plenty of it goes on around Atherton Hall. I am very broad-minded about it, but I wish students wouldn't be so ostentatious in their necking. I can understand students necking in the movies, they have so few places to go, but it is very disconcerting when the girl looks as if she is trying to crawl into the boy's ear." (Mr. Cloetingh asked the reporter to add that he was speaking facetiously, not seriously.)

In addition to presenting this delicate sociological question, Players have continued to break precedent by casting a little girl in the role of a little girl, instead of a football player wearing a yellow wig, and a southern lady in the role of a southern lady, instead of a d— Yankee. Continuing in this vein they are looking for members of the armed forces here at State to play the part of members of the armed forces.

The little girl will be played by Susan Watson, who was discovered by Prof. Cloetingh in typical Hollywood style. Miss Watson was walking down the street; Prof. Cloetingh saw her and said, "There is the little girl for my play." And so it was . . .

Miss Watson is 12 years old, in the seventh grade of Junior High, pretty, and talented. "I like acting with college students because I learn so much. I think my role is typical of young people of that age." Notwithstanding her dramatic experience, Miss Watson regards acting as merely a hobby. This youngest Players' ambition is to be a Marine nurse.

The southern lady will be played by Grace O. Clayton whose native habitat is North Carolina. "I find it more difficult to speak like a southerner on the stage since it is easy to use an accent that sounds too affected." Miss Clayton ascribes this difficulty to the use of standard English in other dramatic productions.

A large attendance of refugees from Atherton Hall is expected to attend the performances to find out what necking is all about.

97 Students Elect Bell Eighth Semester Prexy

Cannon Shares Honors with Lion Winner; New Party Fails to Swing Majority to Their Ticket

James Bell, Lion, received 97 votes this week for eighth semester president over his opponents, Gordon Rodger, College, who received 74, and Horace Smith, Key, who received 54, bringing to a close All-College elections for seven semesters.

Color was added to the election when, in the last days of the campaign, a new clique, christened the New College party, was formed. Complying with the College Elections Code, the new party nominated candidates for a majority of the semesters.

College candidates sacrificed three votes each for turning financial reports in late. Lion candidates were penalized one vote for failing to comply with qualifications in the financial reports they turned in.

First semester elections will be held later this semester, Margaret L. Good, All-College Elections Committee chairman, announced. Election results were:

Eighth Semester

President:
James Bell, Lion 97
Gordon Rodger, College . . . 74
Horace Smith, Key 54

Treasurer:

Joseph Cannon, Key 84
Joan Miller, Lion 73
Rita Rokasz, College 67

Seventh Semester

President:
Dean Moyer, Key 39
Stephen Herbert, Lion 26

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18 Colleges Participate Here in Ninth Annual Debaters' Convention

With the topic, "Problems of a Lasting Peace" as its theme, the Pennsylvania State Debaters' Convention will have its ninth annual meeting here March 24 and 25.

Twenty-one teams from 18 colleges will be represented at the convention, one of the first student legislative assemblies in the United States. Anyone wishing to do so may attend the general meetings of the convention, which will be held in 121 Sparks.

Proceedings of the convention are modeled upon those of a regular legislative session, with delegates assigned to committees to work on bills pertaining to the general subject before the assembly.

Presentation of the bills drafted by the committees will be made to the convention, which will vote upon them. Bills drafted are released to the press and usually are sent to the State Legislature and to Pennsylvania's (Continued on page eight)

Cwens Sponsor All-College 'Shamrock Shuffle,' Feature Campus Owls

Campus Owls will swing out in White Hall from 9 to 12 o'clock tomorrow night when Cwens sponsor the first All-College dance this semester, Shamrock Shuffle.

Howard Millikin, acting Tribunal chairman, has decreed that freshman men may attend the dance. In true Leap Year fashion, coeds will do the honors, and tickets may be bought for \$1.10 from any Cwen member or at the door.

Informal dress will be the style and all shades of green will be in vogue. Shamrocks, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, will be the keynote of decorations, according to Betty Jane Drouse, chairman of the dance.

Proceeds of the dance will form a Cwen scholarship, stated Ann Louise Decker, president of the national women's activity honorary. Winner of this scholarship will be announced at the end of the semester when new Cwens are tapped.

Thespians Set "Semi-Name Band" Dance After Show

"Time to Dance," the Thespian show coming to Schwab Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. March 25 will be augmented by a Thespian "semi-name band" dance in Rec Hall from 9 to 12 the same night. Dance prices per couple are \$1.65 for civilians and \$1.10 for service men.

Impresario George Q. Graham and his Thespian cohorts, putting aside the thoughts of self-destruction that plagued them earlier this week, have started rehearsals for the production of the show which they promise will stand the campus on its ear.

The highlight of the production will be a 26-piece symphonic jazz band led by Jimmy Burden who "plays in the Dave Rose fashion." The band's five numbers will be the overture, original by Burden; St. Louis Blues, Blue Room, rumba number, and Once Over Lightly, a Thespian original.

A Thespian newcomer, Betty Wisner, will sing three tunes and do a tap specialty. According to the enthusiastic Mr. Graham, "She has more talent than I've seen around here in a long time."

The ever-present Thespian legs will be in evidence in three numbers staged in conjunction with the band, including the popular Paper Doll.

If this entertainment lineup is not enough, students have George Q.'s following assertion, "The show that we are doing is not in the ordinary style."

Anticipating the question, "What is a semi-name band?" a Thespian big-wig gave the following definition:

"A semi-name band is like Dorsey or James only it ain't. Since semi means almost, it is sort of almost a name band that we are bringing in from out of town to put on the "Time to Dance Weekend."

USO Holds 'Fatigue Frolic,' V-12 Band Plays For Dance

To the tunes of the Navy V-12 orchestra, "Fatigue Frolic," the first USO sponsored dance of the new semester will be held in the Armory from 8:30 to 12 o'clock tomorrow night. To strike a Saint Patrick's Day theme, the Armory will be decorated with evergreens, large paper-cut shamrocks, and green lights.

Under the direction of band leader Nick Ayrossian, the fifteen piece Navy V-12 band is preparing a series of new tunes and will introduce their arrangements at the dance. Some of the newest numbers include "Don't Believe Everything You Dream," "I Couldn't Sleep A Wink Last Night," "When They Ask About You," and other equally popular tunes of the day.

To add further to the enter-

tainment of the evening, a floor show will be presented. Those on the program include Mim Zartman, Betty Lyman, and Priscilla Schautz, a dance trio; Betty Wisner, vocalist; and Tony Hale and Priscilla Schautz, a dance team.

Informality will predominate throughout the evening. The GSO hostesses, who will be on hand to serve as dancing partners, will be dressed in sports clothes of colors appropriate for the Saint Patrick's Day theme. Both boys and girls will be requested to wear name tags, which will be distributed at the door.

Refreshments will be served by the hostesses, and as usual the "coke bar" will be in operation.

All servicemen on campus have been invited by the USO to attend "Fatigue Frolic" tomorrow night.