

Players Provide Culture, Diversion For Students

(Editor's Note—This is the eighth in a series of articles concerning the organization of prominent campus groups. It is published in conjunction with the new All-College Cabinet movement to foster more school spirit.)

In an attempt to provide cultural entertainment for students at the college, The Penn State Players organized to give dramatic presentations of various types and give all students a means of self-expression by teaching them the essentials of acting and staging.

Membership in Players is made up of four classes—active, associate, alumni, and honorary members. Associate members must be regular students at the College and have four points, received for working on productions. Active members must have at least sophomore standing and a total of ten points. Members of the board of control and faculty members of the division of dramatics may be made honorary members, and alumni members are graduate actives in the organization.

Any person desired by the organization may be made an honorary member of Players, provided that they are not undergraduate students. Honorary membership is considered a mark of appreciation for a favor granted to Players or for some special contribution in the field of drama.

Varying numbers of points are given depending on the amount of work a student puts on a production. Actors may receive from one to four points, determined by the importance of roles. Technicians receive two points for crew work,

three for assistant managerships, and four for managerships. Book holders, assistants to directors, and assistant designers each get four points.

Before the casting of each show, an eligibility committee meets to determine the number of points given for each part. This committee is made up of the Players' director, director of production, and officers of the organization. The report of the committee is put on file in the director's office and is not released until the show has gone into production.

Eleven departments provide wide diversity for a student working to become an active member of Players. The departments are acting, advertising, assistant to director, bookholder, construction and stage crew, costumes, designing, electrical crew, painting, playwriting and properties.

A board of control has custody of Players' finances and approves all budgets, advises on matters of policy, and makes appointments for various technical positions. Members of the board are dean of the Liberal Arts school, head of the division of dramatics, business manager of the College, members of the dramatics staff, student officers of Players, and senior managers of the various departments. Arthur E. Cloetingh, head of the division of dramatics, acts as director of Players and as chairman of the board.

This semester Players has 27 associate members and 34 active members. Student officers are: William Morton, president; Libby Peters, vice president; Jean Swartz, secretary, and Joseph Mayers, treasurer.

Reith Interviews; PSCA Calendar

Patricia Reith, representative of the American Friends' Service Committee, will be on campus Sunday and Monday to interview students and speak to student groups.

Miss Reith works in localities where the war has made shortages of housing, increases in population, etc. She will recruit students for summer jobs, such as running a recreation program for children of defense workers and miners; and also health, education, and recreation work in Mexico.

The Penn State Christian Association will cooperate with the Roger Williams Fellowship of the Baptist church at 6:15 Sunday, when Miss Reith will speak. She will also speak at an open meeting for all students and faculty in 304 Old Main at 7 p.m. Monday. Interviews may be scheduled with Miss Reith by making an appointment at the PSCA office.

Other PSCA activities for the week include:

Today—The First Semester Club will hold a weiner roast at Fairmount Park at 5:30, with a softball game, camp-fire, and treasure hunt. Tickets will be sold at the PSCA desk until 5 o'clock. The group will meet at the rear door of Old Main.

PSCA student cabinet and board of directors will go to Ralph Watts Lodge for dinner and a weekend cabin party. The group will meet at the back door of Old Main at 3:30.

Tomorrow—Under the direction of Marjorie Blackwood, Claire Morrison, Helen Turnbull, Annabel Wig, and Lee Yeagley, PSCA will sponsor a party for the younger children of Millbrook. The Ellen H. Richards Club will be in charge of refreshments.

Tuesday—Second Semester Club will stage a mixer in the Hugh Beaver Room, with Violet Gillespie, social chairman, in charge.

Wednesday—The First Semester Club will sponsor the Morning Watch Service in Hort Woods at 7:20 a.m. A special litany, "The Sacrament of Friendship," written by several of the freshman students, will be read. Ruth Shields and Blanche Liddicott will be in charge of the service, which will be held in the Hugh Beaver Room in case of rain.

The Inter-Faith Council will hold a dinner at the Ski Club. Reservations should be turned in by Tuesday and persons interested in attending should meet at Old Main at 5:30 p.m.

Now, if our returning soldiers could just turn over to the wife the points they have left over!

Amount of Rainfall Normal for Month, Neuberger Claims

"Did you ever see so much rain in your life?"

If this has been your favorite question the last few days, don't worry, you're normal—or at least your memory is, according to Dr. Hans Neuberger, College meteorologist.

"You see, though the weather has been quite normal so far this month, most persons are apt to feel that the amount of rain is unusual," he explained. "That's because a person's memory is queer—a sort of one-sided proposition. It recollects the bad, and eliminates the good."

Dr. Neuberger said that thus far this month 2.27 inches of rain has fallen and 4.04 inches is normal for the month of May.

"If you really would like to see rain you should have lived in 1894 when 9.45 inches were recorded for May. This is the highest known precipitation for that month," he stated.

April, too, was a normal month as far as precipitation goes, the meteorologist added. Approximately 4.3 inches fell; while 3.48 was normal. "Old Sol" was right on the job, however, with 185 hours of sunshine recorded for the so-called "month of showers." March hit a new high in Dr. Neuberger's books with 171 hours of sunshine to its credit.

But if you're really interested, why not listen to the College weather broadcast? Each morning over station WSJO the observer on duty broadcasts his observations between 7:45 and 8 a.m. The station, located above the Mineral Industries building, is manned either by Dr. Neuberger, or his assistant, George Keller, freshman geo-physics major.

Brazil Donates Collection

A collection of semi-precious gems, both in the cut and uncut stage, has been presented to the School of Mineral Industries at the College by the Brazilian government.

The presentation was made through the office of Dr. Antonio Jose Alves de Souza, general director of the National Department of Mineral Production, Rio de Janeiro. Dr. Souza is chairman of the Brazilian section, Pan American Institute of Mining Engineering and Geology.

"Mother" Dunn, giant center and now a medico in Hawaii, was Penn State's first all-America football player in 1906.

Chapel Dr. Smith Speaks

Dr. C. Ralston Smith, of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, will speak in Chapel on "The Source of Eternal Youth."

Dr. Smith matriculated at Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1929 he entered the ministry at Asbury College, Kentucky. He worked his way through college, took an active part in athletics and the glee club. He served as class chaplain for two years and was president of his class in his senior year.

While studying at Princeton Seminary, Dr. Smith received the Hugh Davies Prize in Homiletics, given by the faculty to the best preacher in the class. After being ordained at the Olney Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, he served as first assistant pastor under Dr. Clarence E. Macartney in Pittsburgh.

AYD Chapter to Form

An organization meeting of American Youth for Democracy will be held in 228 Sparks at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Edward Abramson, assistant professor of sociology, and Walter Coutu, associate professor of sociology, will speak at the meeting. In addition, a student speaker will explain the aims of AYD, what it has done on other campuses and what it can do at the College.

Active on approximately 40 campuses in the nation, AYD doctrines forbid racial or religious prejudice and hatred.

PSC Plans Dorm Dance

The Penn State Club will hold a Dorm Dance at Mattil's, 506 W. College avenue, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., tonight. Admission is free to all members. Refreshments will be served.

Six new members were initiated Tuesday. They are: Dale Newell, Kohn, Edward Trabold, George Dagher, Donald Harris, and Vernon Leininger.

Summer Session Bulletin

A bulletin for the 1945 Summer Session is now available and may be obtained at the office of the Director of Summer Sessions, 102 Burrows.

The dates of the summer sessions are as follows: Inter-Session, June 11 to June 29; Main Session, July 2 to August 10; Post-Session, August 13 to August 31.

Penn State played in the Rose Bowl for the first and only time in 1923.

Navy V-12 News

There was a slight change in uniform this week. Though some lowbrows inferred that the campus was invaded by a milkman's convention, the trainees agree that summer whites are the thing for May.

We can't blame this next item on the whites, but we can blame it on the season. At Dr. Dickerson's lecture on courtship Monday night a 15-man platoon of sailors with Jim Sheehan as ranking-officer was present. Fred Cline, Ernie Rose, Bill Berringer, "Lee" Schlagel, and 10 others must be considering seriously the dreadful step. Or perhaps they just want to be well informed.

Something new was tried by Barracks 36 last Saturday when it held a barracks cabin party at the PSCA lodge. "Happy" Trisler contributed a song about himself, Dave Wagoner directed entertainment, and Mr. Reitz helped Lt. Kimball as chaperone.

Our 12 candlepower spotlight is focused this week on Frank Nelson of Barracks 26. Even though he seldom wears his ribbons he's one who really could do so with a great deal of justification. With 35 months in the navy, 18 of them spent at sea, he has a real record.

His ship, the battleship Tennessee operated in the Aleutians and the Marshall-Gilberts area of the South Pacific. In one action where Frank was manning his station as firecontrolman he helped in the sinking of an enemy submarine. His battery scored hits with the first salvo at 12,000 yards after the sub had been driven to the surface by destroyers laying depth charge patterns. "Lard" now rests on his oars and works for a distant commission here at the unit.

X-G-I Club Elects

Members of the X-G-I Club recently elected Wesley Turek, vice-commander; Harry McMillan, adjutant; Ernest Goodling, finance officer; Robert McGregor, chaplain; and Jack Sack, historian.

The group is planning to give a dance for all ex-servicemen at the Elks Club on May 25.

Ex-servicemen attending college under the GI Bill of Rights apparently mean business. At the College, a study shows that the 72 enrolled last semester bettered the all-college average of the student body in the year preceding America's entry into the war.



LET'S HAVE A PICNIC!

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| Sunshine Krispy Crackers 1 lb. 18c | Candy Bars |
| Boscus Peanut Butter 33c | Coca Cola |
| Potato Chips 24c and 29c bags | Rolls of All Kinds |
| California Oranges ... 57c doz. | Olives, Assorted Sizes |
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