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## Lions Face Mules In Season's Opener

Launching the first postwar season, the Muhlenberg "Mules" move into New Beaver Field tomorrow to meet Coach Bob Higgins' 1945 edition of the Nittany Lions.

Coach Larry Rosati hopes to avenge last season's 58-13 defeat in this sixth contest between the two schools. The Mules, who dropped four out of five tilts to the Lions, have one game under their belts, a 28-8 defeat by a stalwart Swarthmore squad.

Promise of an exciting game is had as the boys wearing the Cardinal and Grey work most of the time from a T formation and possess a strong passing attack. Their lone touchdown against Swarth-

### Pep Rally

A "Beat Muhlenberg" pep rally is being sponsored by the Penn State Spirit committee of All-College Cabinet at 8 o'clock tonight. The rally will begin either in front of the Lion Shrine or in Recreation Hall, in case of rain.

Blue Band, cheerleaders, and hatmen will all be present to assist in the program. Highlight of the evening will be the introduction of Coach Bob Higgins by Michael Lynch, All-College president. Coach Higgins will in turn present several of his players to the student body.

Blue Band will lead the procession of the student body by way to Pollock Road to the Jordan Fertility Plots, near Grange, where a bonfire will be built.

more came via air.

According to freshman coach Marty MacAndrews, who witnessed Muhlenberg's initial setback, Robert Ferrel, Mule quarterback, who tossed the scoring aerial, is a dangerous passer with a dead eye and a good arm. Not only is he a good passer, MacAndrews added, but he's plenty rugged playing the full 60 minutes of the Swarthmore game.

A passer needs a receiver, and end Joe Staudinger is the man to watch. Staudinger made a circus catch of Ferrel's heave for the touchdown, besides snaring a few more.

"Muhlenberg has an advantage over us," said MacAndrews, "as they have played a game. Rem-

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## Initiation Date Set For Phi Beta Kappa

Prof. R. D. Anthony, president of Phi Beta Kappa, announced that the date for initiation into Phi Beta Kappa has been tentatively set for October 9.

The following coeds will be initiated at that time: Flora Bor, 2.64, senior, Arts and Letters; Joan Nancy Huber, 2.82, graduate, Arts and Letters; Mrs. Helen Wilde Sartz, 2.50, senior, Arts and Letters; and Janet Virginia Shaffer, 2.70, graduate, Arts and Letters.

## AAUW Gives Banquet For Foreign Students

Foreign students on campus will be the dinner guests of the American Association of University Women at its first meeting this fall. The International Fellowship dinner will be held at the Presbyterian Church, 5:45 p. m. October 4.

Reservations for the banquet must be made by tomorrow. Foreign students who want to attend the dinner should see or call Mrs. Harriet Nesbitt, 311 Sparks. The price of the dinner per person is \$1.10.

### Attention Fresh!

Freshman men and women are requested by Tribunal and Judicial to wear their green dinks and hair ribbons to the football game tomorrow.

## Blue Band Reorganizes For Muhlenberg Game, Says Prof. Fishburn

The newly reorganized Blue Band will play at the Muhlenberg-Penn State football rally to-



HUMMEL FISHBURN

night and at the game tomorrow, announced Director Hummel Fishburn.

"I do not feel that there is yet enough material to go back to the old uniformed crack marching outfit," he said. "The present band will perform as in the past two years, simply as a playing group from the stands," added Professor Fishburn, who is starting his sev-

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## IFC Sponsors Lawn Contest

All fraternities are eligible to enter in the Lawn Display contest being sponsored by Interfraternity Council for Homecoming weekend. The house whose display is judged the best for originality, fitness for occasion, general display, and design will be awarded a trophy for permanent possession.

Only two rules govern the entries:

1. A maximum of \$10 is to be spent by each fraternity.
2. All displays must be up by 8:30 p. m., October 5.

Judges for the contest include: James B. Helme, professor of fine arts; John V. Roy, assistant professor of fine arts; and Walter W. Trainer, supervisor of landscape construction and maintenance. The name of the winning fraternity will be announced at the Penn State-Colgate football game.

John Brooks heads the decorations committee for the Homecoming weekend contest. Assisting him are Harry McMillan and Jack Sack.

## NROTC Gets New Skipper

Captain William McGarry arrived at the College Monday to assume the duty of commanding officer of the Naval ROTC unit at the College.

Captain McGarry, who was born in Arkansas, entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1923, graduating in 1927. A veteran of 22 years in the Navy, his sea duty has consisted of service on battleships, cruisers, and destroyers.

For two years, the new skipper attended a post-graduate course at Annapolis, and two more years were spent at a post-graduate school in Paris, France. The latter was attended by naval officers from various countries, including Rumania, Poland, and Japan.

Captain McGarry's last year and one-half of sea duty was in the Pacific as commander of Destroyer Division. Before that, there was a year and one-half of duty in the European-African Theater of Operations.

The new commanding officer returned to the United States in August and is now taking over his first shore duty in the past eight years. On his chest, as evidence of his active naval career, he wears a galaxy of service stripes, including the Bronze Star medal and a commendation ribbon.

## Debaters To Compete In Term-End Contests

Debaters are forever being accused of arguing on either side of a question without any real convictions one way or the other. To give them a chance to really present their own views, Term-End Public Speaking contests have been devised.

The freshman half of this contest will be presented by Allan Grossman, Eugene Fulmer, Bob Drucker, and Harold Krauss in 316 Sparks, 7 p. m. Tuesday. Joseph F. O'Brien, Mrs. Harriet D. Nesbitt, and Lynn Christy will act as judges.

The varsity men will each be given ten minutes in 121 Sparks, 7 p. m. Wednesday to persuade the audience, especially Judges Paul R. Beal, E. Richard Booser, and Eugene T. MacDonald. Varsity contestants include Bob Kagan, Jim Jones, Sandy Rafsky, Leroy Harts, Ken Harshbarger, Fred Kecker, Phil Bockley, Bill Karn, Martin Lennig, and Malcolm Goldstein.

The subject, ever popular with debaters, is compulsory military training. Awards, consisting of gold gavel keys, will be presented the winners by Chairman Otis Castleberry, Tuesday, and Moderator John H. Frizzell on Wednesday.

The public is cordially invited to both contests.

### Ventresco Ineligible

Ralph Ventresco, fullback, was declared ineligible to play in the football game tomorrow by the Senate Committee on Athletics today. Read letter to the editor, page 3.

## BMOC's, BWOC's Match Wits (?) We Hope!

The council of experts has been selected, and Lou Bell promises a performance rivaling that of Clifton Fadiman in getting "information please" from the contestants in the "Battle of the Sexes" in 121 Sparks at 3 p. m. Sunday.

The women quiz kids include Madge Rohrbaugh, Russella Adamitz, member of Owens, sophomore honorary; June First, Dry Dock chairman; and Helen Hatton, Collegian editor.

The mental giants on the men's side include Jack Davenport, eighth semester president; Al Forsyth, ASTP representative; A/S Bob Foote, president of Phi Kappa Psi; and Mike Lynch, all-college president.

## Play Tickets Go On Sale

Tickets for Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit," to be presented by Players in Schwab Auditorium, 7:30 p. m., October 5 and 6, will go on sale at Student Union Monday.

The show promises to give some interesting effects in lighting, set, and make-up. Elvira and Ruth, as spirits, will appear to be dipped in one color, wearing costumes, wigs, and make-up of the same shade. Ruth (Sydney Friedman) will be a Blue Lady in the production, and Elvira (Dee James) will be the Lady in Lavender.

The set for "Blithe Spirit," designed by Hazel Scott, will be modern, appropriate to the brittle humor Playwright Coward injected in his show. Exotic colors predominate, with coral living-room walls and turquoise insets. A purple hallway will be seen from the living room.

Three abstract murals, done by Maurice Hymowitz, decorate the walls. One will cover a whole wall in the living room; the other two will be an indistinct pattern in the hall. In addition, a large picture in a blue mirror frame, painted by Lee Shane, will grace the fireplace.

Painting of the set, supervised by Margaret Witt, will be done by means of a spray. Lighting will be very fluid, establishing the mood of the play. Miss Witt, in charge of lighting, feels that the experimental efforts will be very effective.

Props for the show present a big problem technically, especially in the final scene when the two spirits begin to throw vases, pull pictures from the wall, and knock over furniture. This in itself doesn't seem like much of a problem, but when one realizes that all this must be done by remote control, with no one actually touching the objects, he will concede that achieving the task will really be a feat.

### Parmi Nous Elects

Vaughn Stapleton was recently elected president of Parmi Nous, upperclass men's activities honorary. Other officers elected include Herbert Mendt, vice-president, and John Seavy, secretary-treasurer.

## Poll Shows 3-Semester Plan Favored

By LARRY FOSTER

A surprising 55 per cent of the students approached by Collegian in a cross-section poll were in favor of the College retaining the present three semester program.

The question of whether or not the College should revert to the old two-semester-a-year plan is currently one of the leading issues on campus. President Ralph D. Hetzel has recently asked an all-faculty committee, that has been studying the best plan of term arrangement, to consider whether the College should return to the two-semester program about July 1, 1946.

Collegian endeavored to get an accurate cross-section poll among students who represented various

factions. Approximately one out of every forty students enrolled for the summer semester was approached. Of that number, two-thirds were men students, and one-third were coeds.

Among the male students questioned, 70 per cent are fraternity, and 30 per cent are independent, and of the total, 52 per cent are ex-GIs. The results proved startling, in that 60 per cent of the coeds favored retention of the three semester program, and of this 60 per cent, 100 per cent said they would return for another summer semester.

It is believed that the ex-GIs would be the students most affected by a return to the two semester

program. Most of the students interviewed, and especially the coeds, had the veterans in mind when they made their decision. Surprisingly enough, the ex-servicemen split their vote, 50 per cent taking opposite stands.

### Men Split Vote

Approximately 52 per cent of all the men students approached are not in favor of the three semester program, while 48 per cent ratify it.

Although the final decision lies with the faculty, it is interesting to learn the students' viewpoint because their future plans will be directly affected by the forthcoming ruling.

Following are some student

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## 114 Students Receive Degrees

### Seven Seniors Attain 2.4 College Averages

One hundred and fourteen seniors will receive degrees at the commencement on October 18.

Members of the honors group, those graduates having an average of 2.4 or better are: Flora Bor, Ephriam H. Catsiff, Betty G. Coplan, Helen V. Hatton, Michael R. Lynch, Fay E. Young, and Florence M. Zankel.

Those receiving the degrees of bachelor of arts are:

School of Liberal Arts  
CURRICULUM IN ARTS  
AND LETTERS

Mary T. Barroa, Helen L. Bautman, Flora Bor, Otis L. Castleberry, Betty G. Coplan, Mildred L. Garth, Charlotte Geller, June Gross, Mary E. Haines, Helen V. Hatton, Betty L. Hornick, Gloria M. Kaufman, Margaret B. Kimsey, Audrey R. Kreeger, Joyce E. Levine, Joseph P. Mayers, Helen Beth Orange, Marguerite M. Quick, Sanford E. Rafsky, Barbara K. Ritzmann, Dorothy E. (Continued on page seven)

## Khaki-clad Engineers To Invade Dry Dock

"Army Night" invades Dry Dock Saturday with the boys in khaki presenting an evening of jive and sweet music. The Army Engineers are featuring the Slagle Sisters, singing "Tot'em Tom Tom" and other peppy numbers.

AST John Warfield, as master of ceremonies, has a specialty trio for the 30-minute floor show. Bob Herman will hold down the piano bench while Jim (Dusty) Lowe and Jack Jessel jazz the clarinet and drums.

Program chairman Dick Bradley has included the Hicks, Kitwell, Bunce, Shaw quartet and Stan Burris, master magician, with his assistants, Robert Sieu and Ralph Temples. After weeks of practicing and playing for the Lock Haven USO last week, the band promises an evening of smooth music.

## ISC Sponsors Formal; Stars V-12 Quartette

"Pigskin Prom," Independent Student Council's semi-formal dance, scheduled for Recreational Hall from 9 p. m. to midnight, October 6, will feature selections by the V-12 quartette of Barracks 37 during intermission.

In answer to several requests the Navy vocalists, MacHale, McKim, McNabb, and Martin, will repeat the tribute to Lieutenant "Okinawa" which they presented at Dry Dock two weeks ago. Also on the intermission list of entertainers is Ruth Davey, who has sung on a nationwide hookup. Martin Lennig will be master of ceremonies for the affair.

Tickets, \$2.50 per couple and \$1.25 for stags, will be sold only at the door, according to an announcement made by the ISC dance committee. Booths for fraternities, barracks, alumni, and visitors from Colgate are \$3 each and may be reserved with Robert Moore, 3995.

Brad Hunt and his orchestra are being imported to supply the music for the affair. Members of ISC are asking for volunteers to aid in hanging the blue and white streamers and balloons. All interested in helping are asked to call Shirley Levinson, 124 Atherton.

### Football Tags Ready

Beat Muhlenberg signs for both upperclassmen and freshmen to wear in their coat lapels may be picked up at the Athletic Store today and tomorrow before the Muhlenberg game, Gordon Miller, Penn State Spirit Committee chairman, announced.