

## Charlie Spivak Set for February 8 All-College Dance

### Hill, Hemler Sweep Freshman Elections In First Independent Victory

#### Rose, Erskine Place Second; Only 379 Vote

Claiming its first victory in campus politics, the Independent party swept freshman elections by a comfortable majority. Heading the ticket of the newly formed Independents, Charles Hill copped the fresh presidency by a vote of 221 to 105 for Robert Rose, Key candidate. Nittany's Jack Smith trailed with 52 votes.

Ruth Hemler, Hill's running mate won the Independents' second office by topping Marjorie Erskine, Key, 198-110. Pat Kinkead, Nittany candidate, fell into third place with 71 votes.

"The results of the freshman elections are indeed gratifying and I wish to sincerely thank those who supported me at the ballot-box," stated President Hill, following his election Wednesday. "I wish also to thank the party workers who so unselfishly gave of their free time to put the Independent party across," Hill added.

Miss Ruth "Rusty" Hemler, newly elected frosh secretary issued the following post-election comment: "As for Charlie's statement, me too. I am very happy that we won, and wish to assure you that we will do our best, with your cooperation, to have the freshman class well represented in campus activities."

Only 379 freshmen elected their semester officers in an election free from heavy penalties for violations. The only infraction of the election code was the use of a car for campaigning by the Independents, for which they were docked two votes from each office.

Votes were counted and penalties determined by the All-College Elections Committee, headed by Charles Appleman. The Elections Committee functions in all semester elections and consists of Woodene Bell, Jack Branigan, Charles Hurd, Clyde Metzger, James Payne, Robert Spitzer, Robert A.S. Matt Szezyler, and Ruth Wilson.

#### Ex-GI's Receive Vet Post Loan

The Phillipsburg Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has placed the sum of \$1500 in the hands of the College for use of an emergency loan fund for ex-servicemen. The money will be loaned to the ex-servicemen for purposes not ordinarily covered by government and college loans now available.

The money has been placed in charge of Russel E. Clark, College bursar. To obtain a loan, the needy veteran goes to Robert E. Galbraith, the Veterans Administrator, and makes an application for it. He then takes the application to Mr. Clark, who gives him the money. The fund has already helped one ex-serviceman get back to his home in Texas for Christmas.

It is understood that the loans are only to be used in cases of extreme necessity such as alien being failing to arrive or some other such immediate need.

The Phillipsburg Post is the first outside organization to send money to the College for this use and more money will be available as needed.

#### Hit-Run Driver Strikes Coed

Alyce Joyce Chattaway, a first semester student from Charleston and 1945 Women's Rifle Champion of Ohio, was the victim of a hit-run accident at the corner of Beaver avenue and S. Allen street at 8:50 p. m. Tuesday.

The driver of the car did not stop. Two passers-by, J. Cash Snyder, of State College, and Dean Fetterolf, of Boalsburg, carried Miss Chattaway into Dunk's store at the corner and summoned a physician. She was then removed to the infirmary for observation. F. A. Johnson of the State College police force investigated.

#### Frosh Note: Customs Off

Merry Christmas, frosh. You have just been granted your Christmas wish. 'Tis the decree of Judicial and Tribunal that this day shall be remembered, for as of 8 o'clock this morning no longer can it be said "You can recognize a freshman by the wearing of the green."

Top kids, you can throw away the fired name card, ditch the wilted ribbon, dye the dirty white socks, carry a cigarette lighter, trade in the sedate black bow tie for a flowing Windsor knot, roll down those pant legs, and don a Stetson chapeau. No more must you look behind that tree before you call for your date. No more must you button and bow to all upperclassmen.

It's all a thing of the past, and now you can claim the blue and white as your official colors, a soothing change from Kelly green even for an Irishman. However, it's only fair to be truthful and give "credit where credit is due." It wasn't just the Christmas spirit that moved these two august bodies to such a decision.

The freshmen themselves are to be commended for their average of 75 in a bluebook which even the upperclassmen agree was a "stinker." So, frosh from Judicial and Tribunal, a Happy New Year to you, a new year minus customs.

#### Don't Bring Ills To College

"Don't come back to College if you are sick," urged Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service.

He emphasized that students who become ill while at home for the holidays should remain at home, rather than bringing their illness back with them.

If a student must remain at home longer than the allotted time, he should bring a statement from a reputable physician who has been taking care of him. This statement should be presented at the health service, where an excuse for classes missed will be issued.

Dr. Ritenour cited, as an example what not to do, the story of the boy who became ill while spending a weekend at home, but who returned to the College because he believed he was better. This, the doctor explained, was very flattering, but it endangered both the boy and other students by the spreading of germs and colds.

#### Retired Prof., Knandel, Dies

H. Clyde Knandel, former head of the department of poultry husbandry died in Lancaster Tuesday after a six week's illness.

With the College 30 years, the late Professor Knandel received his B.S. at Cornell University. Prior to his appointment here as an extension specialist, he served as instructor in poultry husbandry at the Bristol Agricultural School in Massachusetts.

In 1920 Professor Knandel was made head of the poultry husbandry department of the College and remained with the school until his retirement in 1944.

#### State College Preserves Christmas Tree Legend

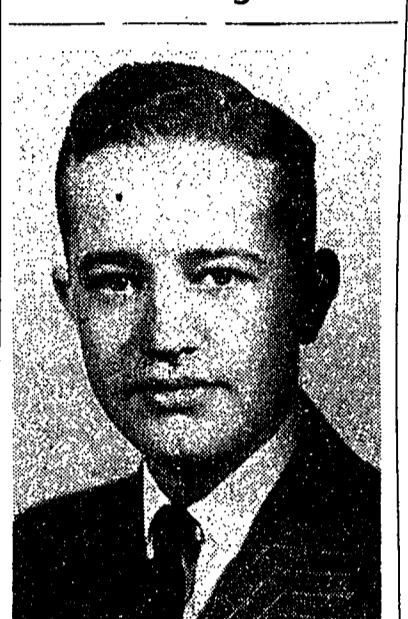
A Christmas tree, tall and full and stateliest, with shimmering lights, hid in its needles and piles of new fallen snow on its branches.

Thanks to a group of civic minded and Christmas spirited organizations there is one at the Main Gate of the College.

Sponsored for the tenth year by the State College chapter of the Elks Club, the tree was brought out of the mountains in a truck loaned by the West Penn Power Co. Then, on the spot provided by the College's grounds and building department, men from that department wired the tree in place and decorated it with strings of outdoor lights offered by the Alpha Fire Co.

According to one legend, the first Christmas tree in America was a furry balsam set up by an old German minister near the altar of his church. He trimmed it with berries and pine cones and

#### Edward Wagner



#### Trust Honors State Veteran

The first student loan fund or scholarship fund in memory of a Penn State alumnus who lost his life in World War II will honor First Lieutenant Harry Edward Wagner of the class of 1941.

Lieutenant Wagner, a native of Harrisburg, was killed in action in Normandy on June 28, 1944. He had participated in the invasion of France on June 6, jumping into enemy territory with an airborne infantry regiment that had been attached to the 82nd Airborne Division.

The funds approved at the recent meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, was established as a \$400 loan fund by his mother, Mrs. Maude B. Wagner, of Harrisburg. She will make additional contributions annually and eventually the fund will amount to \$10,000 and become a scholarship fund.

The income from the investment of the scholarship fund is to be awarded in amounts determined by the Board of Trustees to students who reside in the Harrisburg area with awards being limited to male students for their junior or senior years.

As an undergraduate, Wagner was president of Interfraternity Council, president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic fraternities. He also was a member of Lion's Paw.

#### Simons Receives Title For Work on Fluorine

Dr. Joseph H. Simons, professor of physical chemistry at the College, has been given the title of Director of the Fluorine Laboratories. He received the title in recognition of his work in that field.

The change in title, which was approved at the recent meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, was made with the understanding that the Fluorine Laboratories will continue to function as an integrated part of the School of Chemistry and Physics.

Dr. Simons, who first came to the campus as a visiting professor of chemistry in 1939, long has been recognized as an authority on fluorine, with which he has been working since 1920.

#### Dishwashing Doesn't Soil Paws of Nittany Mascot

The stately Nittany Lion gave a guttural growl. "When I'm not being a mascot," he muttered into his mane, "I'm just a housewife."

The lanky six-footer who cavorts at Penn State football games in a somewhat moth-eaten lion's skin leads a multiple life even now when football season is over. Taking graduate courses at the College, he is also a part-time instructor. And since his wife is also a student, the housework in their three-room apartment sometimes has to be shared.

Donning an apron and helping with the dishes is somewhat of a come-down for the King of Beasts. But Mrs. Lion says her husband is pretty amiable about it all, except when he occasionally lets out a protesting roar.

The current mascot, like the original mountain lion who started the legend, is a native of Centre County. He was born in State College when his father taught at the College, but he left here at the age of two months. He came back again as a freshman but did not

#### Students Pay Fee Deposit

Present students of the College planning to return next semester are required to pay a \$10 deposit, according to an announcement from President Hetzler's office.

The deposit is to help the College determine the enrollment for the spring semester which begins early in March. This plan will facilitate the registrar's admitting the largest number of applicants. The date of payment will be announced after Christmas.

Those who decide not to return and later change their minds will be re-admitted only on the basis of a priority list of admissions applicable to new students. Those paying the deposit and failing to return will forfeit the deposit.

The deposit will be credited to the student on his bill for fees for the semester. Veterans enrolled under the G. I. Bill of Rights will have the deposit returned in cash.

William S. Hoffman, registrar of the College said that it is difficult to estimate the number of students who will be admitted for the coming semester. It is expected to be between 600 and 1000. The size of the class will depend on the number graduating, the number flunking out, and the length of the continuance of the ROTC program.

The first on the list for re-admittance or acceptance has always been veterans, both male and female. No new girls will be accepted except those who were promised in May and who were admitted for the fall term, but because of the lack of rooms, they were requested to wait until the spring semester. Their number will not total more than 31.

There are more coeds graduating this term than in previous years. There are 100 women in the graduating class.

When asked how many have applied for admittance for the coming term, Mr. Hoffman said that it was up in the thousands. During the month of November he received more than 7000 letters of application as compared with 1600 requests last year at the same time.

#### Audio Visual Aids Offers New Projection Course

The Audio-Visual Aids Library will present its second five-weeks course on the use of the sound projector beginning January 14.

Philip Manino, film technician, will teach the class, which will be free to staff members but will cost other students \$5. Staff members will be given preference in the class, which will be limited to eight.

"The course, which includes five hours of supervised instruction and five hours of practice, will meet for the first time in 5, Central Library, at 7:30 p. m., January 14.

#### Surprise

Do you like your Collegian full or newswier, longer—a la Centre Daily Times? This, our special Christmas edition, is the first special Collegian to grace Student Union since last year's holiday publication.

If the shock is too great, relax—the new year will find Collegian once more a tabloid.

#### Sweet Trumpeter



CHARLIE SPIVAK

begin his career as lion until his senior year in 1943.

Last year the student-Lion was serving in the Navy during the football season, but he returned this fall with his wife, an architect student. They were married during the summer of '45 after a romance which began when she lived in a dorm next-door to his fraternity house, and was driven to nightmares by a lion's head which gaped at her from the window sill across the lawn.

Being a lion's wife has its disadvantages as the current mascot's wife can testify. At the first game this fall she attracted more attention than the players when the lion came bounding into the stands, sat down beside her, and wrapped his paws around her.

When her amused neighbors asked, "Who was that?" she replied in great disgust, "That was my husband!" And she is even less amused when he tries the same tactics with the cheerleaders.

There are a lot of difficulties connected with being a lioness, Mrs. Mascot will agree. But if anyone should ask her her favorite song, she has her answer ready. Of course, it's "Hail To The Lion."

#### 'Colyum' Dean Tells Formula

Practice, practice! Don't give up there is no substitute for writing thousands of words in learning to write.

That's what the dean says. "The dean is Arthur R. Warnock. He is both dean of men, and dean of writing at the College. During the years he has been counseling Purple Quill and progress through the College he has been expressing a hobby. For 23 years he has been writing his Daily Half Colyum for the Centre Daily Times.

He believes in helping other writers, too. Speaking on the recent Purple Quill and experience with writing advice and encouragement to both members of that literary club, and to all embryo writers.

The non-professional creative writer, writing for his own pleasure, must work long to acquire skill that is gained only through training and experience. He should learn to write clearly, the first sign of the master, before he should attempt any fancy writing. And even though it seems hard to the college student, he must have something worth-while to write about.

Still, the dean repeats, there is no substitute for practice.

In commending the purposes and work of the Purple Quill Literary Guild, Dean Warnock said, "I am a convinced believer in the frequent association of those persons interested in creative writing and art."

#### Speech Prof. Returns Following Navy Service

Mr. Ralph Richardson has returned to his former position as speech instructor after sixteen months service with the U. S. Navy.

After having attended San Diego boot camp, Chicago pre-radar school and Oklahoma A & M, he became a radar technician.

According to Mr. Richardson, the only time he left the States was when he was assigned to teach radar at Ward Island, Texas, locally known as "Weird Island." While there he served with the U. S. Navy Tech. Training Command as an Aviation-Radio Tech. 2/c. Among his many students were several ex-Penn Slaters.

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#### Coeds Receive 2 O'clocks; Fraternities Plan Parties

Charlie Spivak, "the man who plays the sweetest trumpet in the world," and his orchestra will play for the first post-war semi-formal ball in Recreation Hall, 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.; February 8. This announcement was made today by Vaughn Stapleton, chairman of All-College Cabinet's dance committee.

Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, has granted all coeds 2 o'clock permission to attend the ball. Fraternity houses have also been granted permission to hold house parties for this weekend.

This is the first time Charlie Spivak has played at the College since 1943, when he was featured at the Sophomore Hop. Cabinet's dance committee plans to reproduce the big weekend Spivak's first appearance created.

Spivak is the nation's outstanding sweet band of 1945, according to the poll conducted by the bible of popular music, "Downbeat." This selection was made over such competition as Tommy Dorsey, Harry James, Duke Ellington, Sammy Kaye, Hal McIntyre and Vaughn Monroe.

Jimmy Saunders, featured vocalist with Spivak's band, was recently discharged from the armed forces. Before entering the Army, he toured the country for eight months with Harry James.

As yet, no theme for the ball has been selected. All suggestions should be sent to Vaughn Stapleton, Theta Chi. Booths may be reserved by calling Joseph Cerroni, Sigma Phi Alpha.

Those assisting Stapleton with arrangements for the dance are: Mary Faloon, finances; Guy Newton, publicity; Eric Hunter, invitations and tickets; Jack Branigan, decorations; Albert Greenberg, ball queen chairman; and Joseph Cerroni, booths and programs. Sub-committees will be named after the Christmas holidays.

#### Snow Helps Sailors To See Upstairs Of Coed Dorm

'Twas the first day of the big snow and all over campus not a creature was stirring except those suckers with eight-o'clocks. A group of girls from E. Fairmount, who fortably 'went fraternity' this semester, from A. T. O. to be specific, were battling their way past Barracks 22.

A few of the more gallant of the "swabjockeys" (quote Cassius) were snowballing the poor defenseless coeds from their balcony. When one turned to protest a blow she had received in a flank attack, she failed to see the steps in front of her. The expected thing happened. Books flying in all directions, the poor gal landed at the bottom in a heap.

Kidnapping the girls offered to carry her home if they only had their rubbers on, but their joking stopped when they saw she was really unable to walk. In true Navy tradition 3 of them came to the rescue and the much-envied coed was carried in style the 3 blocks back home.

The tale doesn't quite end here. At the door, it was discovered she couldn't walk the flights of stairs up to her third-floor room so the hostess waived the "no-standing-no-men-past-first-floor" ruling and the NROTC boys continued chivalrously upstairs with their burden, much to the amazement of the other inmates who were just getting up.

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#### Two Faculty Members Return From Europe

Two faculty members have recently returned from Europe, where they did post-war scientific work.

Dr. R. Adams Dutcher, head of the department of agricultural and biological chemistry, left this country in August and served as a scientific consultant to the foreign economics administration and the Office of the Quartermaster General. He was stationed in the American zone of occupied Germany.

K. J. DeJuhaz, professor of engineering research, visited England, Germany, Austria, Italy, Denmark, and France, inspecting laboratories and engineering plants. He left the United States in July.

#### Glee Club

... at its regular Tuesday meeting elected the following officers: John Holmes, president; James McKecknie, manager; Virgil Neilly, secretary.

#### College Opens Vets' Counsel

In connection with the Veteran's Counseling Center at the College, a Veteran's Counseling Service opened on Monday in Harrisburg under the administration of the Central Extension Office.

The counseling service will assist veterans in the Harrisburg area who are seeking training under the provisions of Public Laws 16 and 346.

Named vocational appraiser and director of the service is Mrs. Hazel I. Stoll, who previously served with a special training unit at Indianapolis Gap Military Reservation. She is a graduate of Albion College and has taken graduate work at the Women's Medical College, University of Michigan.

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#### Alum Stages Christmas For Calcutta Veterans

It was Christmas in Calcutta. Painted ping pong balls and burnt-out light bulbs decorated the scrawny Christmas tree, but no one thought it looked forlorn. There were tropical flowers blooming on a terrace outside the room where it stood, but the battle-weary men from forward areas in Burma and India didn't mind. At home it was time for the Yule log to be burning, but in India they turned on the fans.

At the American Red Cross club, "Jungle Dream"—named by some of the men at a nearby rest camp, they were singing Christmas carols.

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#### Baritone Star Sings Concert

A concert by Richard Bonelli, Metropolitan Opera Company baritone, will be the second Artists' Course program, in Schwab Auditorium at 8 p. m. January 10.

Bonelli was born in Port Byron, N. Y., and grew up in Syracuse, where he attended the university as an engineering student. He began his musical career when the dean of fine arts at Syracuse persuaded him to give up engineering and turn to singing.

The singer studied in Europe, and made his operatic debut in Modena, Italy, in 1929. Later he sang with the Monte Carlo Opera Company and finally made an extensive tour of Europe.

Following this trip, Bonelli was engaged by the Chicago Civic Opera Company, where he sang for six years before making his debut with the Metropolitan in "La Traviata."

#### AAUP Chooses Rhodes To Head State Chapter

Professor Leland S. Rhodes of the civil engineering department, is the newly-elected president of the Penn State chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Dr. Corliss R. Kinney, of the fuel technology department, is vice-president. Secretary is Dr. Evan Johnson Jr., associate professor of mathematics. Mrs. Willis W. Taylor, assistant professor of music education, is treasurer. These officers, elected last week, will serve for four years.

On the executive committee are Dr. Bruce V. Moore, retiring president; Dr. Francis J. Teschan, chairman of the Association's national committees on membership, and organization and policy; Professor Louis J. Bradford, chairman of the standing committee on faculty welfare; and Professor Louis A. Bradford, chairman of the standing committee on instructional programs.

Dr. Roy D. Anthony of the School of Agriculture, Dr. David C. Duncan, School of Chemistry and Physics, and Professor William L. Werner, School of Liberal Arts, are delegates-at-large.