

**\$1000 Goal --
March of
Dimes**

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

One Dime - Two Smiles



OFFICIALLY STARTING the campus "March of Dimes" campaign, President Ralph D. Hetzel contributes the first dime toward the \$1000 goal set by Collegian. Accepting the first link in the "mile of dimes" is Lt. Edward H. Blackburn Jr., campus chairman.

'Plumb Bob Ball' To Feature Campus Owls In Rec Hall

"The Plumb Bob Ball," an informal dance sponsored by the campus American Society of Civil Engineers, will feature the Campus Owls in Recreation Hall, 9:30 to midnight, Saturday. Tickets, at \$1.50 per couple, will be on sale at Student Union Friday and Saturday, or at the door. They will also be sold by Ronald Hartman, Barracks 22, or Donald Schuller, Sigma Phi Alpha.

For non-engineering students, the ASCE explains that a plumb bob is a little weight of lead or other heavy material attached to a line and used by builders, etc., to indicate a vertical direction.

Hartman, president of the society, is also general chairman of the dance. He will be assisted by Margaret Bitner, invitations; John D. DeLong, decorations; Walter Goldstein, booths; Salvatore Rocci, checking; Marvin Kudroff, publicity; and Donald Schuller, tickets.

Faculty guests for the dance are: Dr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Hetzel, Miss Charlotte E. Ray, Dean and Mrs. Arthur R. Warnock, Dean and Mrs. Carl P. Schott, Dean and Mrs. Harry P. Hammond, Prof. and Mrs. Royal M. Gerhardt, Prof. Raymond O'Donnell, Capt. and Mrs. William T. McGary, Comdr.

X-G-I's Elect New Officers

X-G-I Club recently elected Eugene Fuimer, vice president; Thomas Lander, treasurer; John Schwartz, secretary; Herndon Page, corresponding secretary; Robert MacGregor, chaplain; Thomas Turnbull, historian.

The offices of president and executive committee will not be open for elections until next semester. At present, Wesley Turek heads the club and William Deutsch, Paul Gift, and Mervin Wilf are on the executive committee.

This evening's meeting, held at 8 o'clock in 121 Sparks, will feature nominations for X-G-I Club. Key Awards given to outstanding first semester and all-club member. Names for the awards will be submitted from the floor to be acted on by the executive committee. The winners will be announced at the February 5 meeting of the Club.

and Mrs. C. M. Holcombe, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. M. P. O'Connell, Prof. Lawrence Perez, and Dr. Gerald Rohrich, advisers to the ASCE, and their wives will also be guests.

Sigma Delta Chi Initiates Eight

Sigma Delta Chi, national honorary journalism fraternity, initiated eight men at the home of Prof. Franklin Banner, head of the department of journalism, Sunday.

New members are: Jackson Reid, NROTC, Thomas Kelley, Herman Friedman, Jerome Facher, Edward Hobart, Robert Adamson, Barren Pitenger, and Albert Green.

After the formal initiation, a dinner was held in the State College Hotel for the new actives. Guest speaker was Walter Lister, managing editor of the Philadelphia Record. Mr. Lister spoke on opportunities for jobs for college journalism graduates. He thought that for the next 18 months jobs would be rather scarce. However, he expects prospects for jobs to improve at the end of this period.

Guests at the dinner were Louis H. Bell, director of Public Information; Donald W. Davis, associate professor of journalism; Frederic M. Marbut, associate professor of journalism; Eugene Reilly, editor of the Centre Daily Times.

Registrar

William S. Hoffman announces that over 480 former Penn State students who have been discharged from the Armed Services have already been accepted for the spring semester beginning March 8. Students have been accepted according to the greatest number of semesters completed at the College. Selections are now being made from the second semester groups.

Dry Dock Opens In Parish House

Players Feature 19th Century Motif In Friday's Show

When the curtain goes up on "The Curse of Gold" in Schwab Auditorium Friday and Saturday nights, the audience will be viewing Prof. Henning Nelms' second attempt at playwriting.

Professor Nelms' first complete original show was also a melodrama. This play, entitled "Only an Orphan Girl," was originally produced in Houston, Tex., in the Spring of '40 and has since had three long runs in neighborhood playhouses.

Collected from Old Melodramas "The Curse of Gold" is really a collection of the best scenes from over 100 popular melodramas of the last few decades. Among the titles listed in the bibliography for this play are "The Drunkard," "Perils of the City," and "The Thirst of Gold or the Sea of Ice and the Flower of New Mexico." From the latter, Professor Nelms gleaned the idea of the dual title, "The Curse of Gold or the Broken Chain."

Shortly after he arrived at the College last semester, Prof. Arthur Cloetingh, head of the dramatics department, asked Playwright Nelms to stage his "Only an Orphan Girl" in Schwab. Looking over the records of past performances of "Players," Professor Nelms decided that the College would better appreciate a production on a larger, more spectacular scale than "Only an Orphan Girl."

From the interest and amusement which outsiders have shown while attending the early rehearsals of "The Curse of Gold," this show should fill the call for an entertaining and spectacular show. More than 150 students are in the cast and on the behind the scenes crews working toward the success of the production.

Crews Work Hard

The five complete changes of scenery in the four acts makes "The Curse of Gold" a huge undertaking for the construction, paint, and stage crews. Costumers and make-up artists not only have to decorate the speaking cast but must also make the ushers and refreshment salespeople look the part of 19th Century citizens.

In addition to his two plays, Director Nelms has written "A Primer in Stage Craft," which is being used as a text in one of the drama courses. All his works were published by the Dramatists Play Service. At present he holds a contract with this company calling for a melodrama suitable for high school production.

Upperclass Honoraries Tap 24 Outstanding Men

Parmi Nous and Skull and Bones, upperclassmen's honoraries, tapped the following men at the Lion Shrine Friday night.

Parmi Nous: Charles Appleman, Charles Arnold, Jack Branigan, Harold Griffith, Richard Griffiths, David Lundy, Donald Rider, Michael Rosenberger, George Sample, Frank Schneider, James Sheehan NROTC, and Wesley Turek.

Skull and Bones: Frank Brown, Robert Foote NROTC, Walter Funk, Lee Gaumer, Stephen Green, Bronco Kosanovich, Richard Light NROTC, Warren Neiger, William Nugent NROTC, Joseph Steel, Mervin Wilf, and Stanley Ziff.

Veterans

... whose letters of eligibility are satisfactory may receive refunds of their \$5 evaluation fees at the Bursar's office. In addition, some \$10 advance incidental fees are ready at Bursar's office.

Committee To Investigate Possibilities Of White Hall

Dry Dock will be temporarily re-opened in the Episcopal Church, it was announced at the All-College Cabinet meeting Thursday night. The opening night has been set for next Saturday, according to Robert Foote, chairman of the committee in charge.

The church was selected for Dry Dock because no campus buildings are available for recreation of both men and women students on Saturday nights. While the church is being used for this purpose, a committee of coeds will investigate further the possibility of opening White Hall for Dry Dock.

4500 Register For New Term

Approximately 4500 students currently enrolled at the College plan to return for the Spring semester, it was learned today.

A compilation of pre-registration data shows that 2449 men and 2130 women students intend to register for the term beginning in March. Veterans in the group number 1075.

Major purpose of the pre-registration ruling, College officials explained, is to provide a basis for the impending survey of housing facilities in the community.

The data obtained, according to Daniel A. DeMarino, assistant dean of men and men's housing advisor, will be classified by dormitories, fraternities, rooming houses, and other places of student residence, and checked against the capacities of these facilities.

Only war veterans who were formerly enrolled at the College can be admitted as new students for the Spring semester and their enrollment, DeMarino points out, will depend largely on their ability to find a place in which to live.

Explaining the purpose of the survey, DeMarino added:

"President Hetzel has fixed a definite objective. It is that when the semester opens in March, there will be no veterans without rooms and no rooms without occupants. It will require the closest kind of teamwork to achieve that goal."

Deferments Due February

Fee deferment applications for the spring semester must be filed at the Office of the Bursar on or before February 5.

Standard application forms are available now at the Bursar's office. These are to be filled in and signed by the student's parents.

"The total amount deferred in any semester may not exceed 60 per cent of the fees over and above senatorial scholarships, or other exemptions," stated Bursar Russell E. Clark. "For students who do not live in dormitories, the deferment may not exceed \$50; for women residing in college dormitories, the deferment may not exceed \$150."

Deferments for the spring semester are due and payable by April 15 and May 15. That portion of the fees which is not deferred is payable March 29.

When exceptional circumstances make it necessary for a parent to make late application for deferment, a fee of \$5 will be assessed to cover the expense involved in making the necessary adjustments.

All Men Students

... who filled out the pink housing forms and have since moved or contemplated moving should register their new local addresses in the Dean of Men's office.

Mary Faloon is chairman of this committee, assisted by Woodene Bell, Alice Hooper, Florence Porter, and Priscilla Wagner.

Also at Cabinet meeting, Thomas Lannen reported that the College Board of Trustees will discuss the building of a bulletin board when they convene Saturday. The bulletin board must be approved by the Trustees before it can be erected.

Fourteen bunks in Navy barracks are available for Winter Fantasy weekend, according to James Sheehan. Anyone who would like to reserve one of these bunks for a serviceman may contact Sheehan, phone 3992. Frank Schneider reported that there are no vacancies in fraternities.

Through the efforts of Cabinet, the Boalsburg Auto Company has offered to run chartered busses to the Ski Lodge for 15 cents per person. This price includes both the 15 and 30 passenger busses.

Cabinet abandoned attempts to have campus mail deliveries on weekends following a report from the committee that the post office is not able to make extra deliveries.

Cabinet asks that no student activity schedule meetings for February 26, as this date has been set for the mass religious meeting sponsored by PSCA. The group also voted to support the UNRRA campaign for used clothing.

Arthur R. Warnock, dean of men, appealed to Cabinet to support Grounds and Buildings in their effort to keep students from walking across the grass where fences have been erected. Late winter and early spring, according to Dean Warnock, is the important time to keep off the grass if we are to have green lawns in summer.

College Officers Consider Use of State Schools

The possibility of using any available facilities of Pennsylvania's fourteen State Teachers Colleges to aid the College in caring for the great number of veterans and other students pressing for admission, was considered at a meeting of the officers of these institutions at the College yesterday.

Dr. Francis B. Haas, superintendent of the State Department of Public Instruction and chairman of the board of Presidents of the Teachers Colleges, and President Ralph D. Hetzel of the College were authorized to name a committee representing both groups which will give further study to the problem.

Dr. Hetzel pointed out that there are now nearly 3000 applicants for admission to the College in March, of which more than half are veterans, and that facilities are available for only 800 of this number. While first preference will go to veterans, Dr. Hetzel said many veterans will be among those denied admission. He expects this situation to be aggravated in September.