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## Academy of Sciences Honors Dr. Whitmore for Leadership

Dr. Frank Clifford Whitmore, dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics at the College, was officially notified on Friday of his election to membership in the National Academy of Sciences. He was one of 29 leaders in American science to be elected at the spring meeting of the Academy.

The Academy, meeting at Washington, D. C., for its first spring session since 1941, also elected Dr. Peter Kapitza, director of the Institute for Physical Problems of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. at Moscow, and Dr. Sydney Chapman, chief professor of mathematics at the Imperial College of Science and Technology at London, as foreign associates. These elections brought the total membership to 390 and the total of foreign associates to forty-four. Election to the Academy is the honor most prized by scientists.

Dr. Whitmore's election also brought him membership in the third of America's three major scientific societies. He already holds memberships in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston and the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia.

Dean Whitmore, who was president of the American Chemical Society in 1938, is well-known among chemists for his chemical publications, and a year ago was awarded the Willard Gibbs Medal, the highest chemical honor in the nation. In 1938 he was awarded the William H. Nichols Medal of the New York Section of the American Chemical Society.

The Penn State chemist has served as consultant to numerous industrial groups and to federal agencies, including the War Production Board, the War Relocation Authority, the National Defense Research Committee, Office of Production Research and Development, and the Quartermaster General's Office.

He already was a nationally-known organic chemist, teacher, and administrator when he was called in 1929 to become dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics at the College. At that time he was head of the chemistry department at Northwestern University. Prior to that he had taught at Williams, at Rice Institute, and at the University of Minnesota.

## New Rec Hall Wing To Include Pool, Bowling Alleys, Gym

A swimming pool, bowling alleys and a small gymnasium are included in the plans for the south wing addition to Recreation Hall.

Approved by Carl P. Schott, Dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, the plans have been sent to Harrisburg to be checked by the state architect before construction begins. The proposed swimming pool is to be used for teaching purposes and the varsity swimming team, Dean Schott said.

**Planned Facilities**  
In the three-story addition will be four handball courts, enlarged locker facilities, class rooms, laboratories for students of the School of Physical Education, a trophy room, offices for the faculty, and team dressing rooms.

Dean Schott pointed out that the state may ask for modifications in the plans. High construction costs may make prohibitive the four proposed bowling alleys but space has been allocated for their erection at a later date if necessary.

Room for 4800 baskets and 560 lockers on the first floor will double our present locker accommodations, Dean Schott said. Arrangements have been made also for faculty, team, and physical education major locker areas.

## SU Committee Asks For Petition Names

Beginning today, the all-college Student Union Committee will circulate a petition in an endeavor to get at least 4000 undergraduates' signatures by May 11. The petition may be signed by anyone who is sixth semester or below.

By signing the petition, the student indicates that he is willing to pay a fee of \$5 per semester for membership in the Student Union when it becomes a reality. Seventh and eighth semesters are ineligible because they will have graduated before the Union project is completed.

For facts about Unions, read "The Story of Student Unions" on page 3.

## Cabinet to Study Housing, Prices

At the suggestion of an unnamed student delegate, Cabinet moved to investigate the operation of the OPA in State College, specifically in connection with the "outrageous rooming prices," at its meeting Thursday night.

Ted LeFevre was appointed to check with the local OPA as to its ability to deal with these problems, and a committee of George Donovan, Lawrence Foster, Charles Willing, and the unknown student visitor to "discuss situations of interest to campus welfare," including housing.

Also at the meeting, President Vaughn Stapleton made the following appointments for the Moonlight Magic dance May 24: Robert Foote, chairman; Robert Waltenbaugh, decorations; and Richard McAdams, publicity. (Continued on page five)

## Students Elect Queen, Maid

### Six Coeds Vie For Title; Committee Selects Court

Final elections for May Queen and Maid of Honor, to preside over the May Day festivities, are being held in the first floor lounge of Old Main from 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 5 today. All students may vote in this election. Finalists for queen are:

Roslyn Gahuse, Jeanne Hirt, Nancy McGeary, Sally Pollard, Betty Rank, and Barbara Smith. Maid of Honor finalists are: Grace Fuchs, Lois May Heydt, Camilla Lovett, Jayne Pollard, Nancy Romig, and Mona Smulyan.

The May Day festivities will be held on the front campus at 1 p. m. on Saturday, May 11. This program, presented by the women of the College under the auspices of Women's Student Government Association, is a revival of a custom started in 1914 and discontinued during the war years.

Ann Berkheimer is chairman of the committee. At a mass meeting in Schwab auditorium at 7 p. m. Thursday night, the May Queen, Maid of Honor, two attendants from each class, 20 honor women, two heralds, and two jesters will be announced.

the festivities, and her assistants are Jean Nelson and Suzanne Romig.

Candidates for queen were chosen from the senior women, while candidates for Maid of Honor were chosen from the freshman women, in primary elections last week.

In addition to the Maid of Honor, the May Queen will have as attendants two women from each class, to be chosen by the May Day Committee.

There will also be a Hemlock Chain which consists of a chain of hemlock carried by senior women to form a lane through which the queen and her court will walk.

## Mortar Board Plans Carnival

The Mortar Board "Parking Lot Prom" to be held on Friday night will be the scene of the first carnival type entertainment to be held at the College in recent years.

Doughnuts and cokes will be sold at a Mortar Board refreshment stand, and sororities will sell everything from popcorn to candied apples at their respective booths.

Strip tickets for the affair may be purchased in front of the Corner Room Thursday and Friday and at the dance. The parking lot in back of the Sigma Chi fraternity will serve as the dance floor for the prom.

Committee members include Barbara Smith, chairman; Nancy Bartch, sorority booths; Woodene Bell, tickets; Joan Schearrer and Sally Pollard, publicity.

## 100 More Trailers Okayed For College

The Federal Housing Authority today approved 100 additional trailers for housing veterans attending the College and their families.

This brings to 267 the total trailers expected to be available for the Fall semester.

College officials said the addition would make it possible to accommodate 1,107 veterans in September. This includes 840 single men who will be housed in prefabricated dormitories now being erected.

More than 150 new trailers already have been set up above Windcrest, the veterans' housing community on campus.

## Cabinet To Consider Spring Elections

Whether or not elections for class officers for 1946-47 should be staged this June was tossed about like a political football at the last meeting of All-College Cabinet.

Joseph Steel, chairman of the constitution committee, suggested to Cabinet that elections be held this Spring, as was the custom before the war when student government was on the yearly basis.

## Critics Praise Kiss and Tell

"A well-regulated farce," said Theater Arts, "fast, furious and eminently satisfying" . . . "fresh and funny," said Life, "a stage full of witty dialogue" . . . when "Kiss and Tell" first opened on Broadway. "Kiss and Tell" will come to Schwab Auditorium May 10 and 11 as a Players production.

Corliss Archer (Meg Marcy) is the leading lady, a spirited 15 year old who tries to act a sophisticated 19. On her trail is Dexter Franklin (Robert Stabley), the boy next door . . . "a gawky but engaging youth who's favorite expression is 'Holy Cow'," says the author F. Hugh Herbert (no relation to the Hollywood Herbert.)

"He's so crazy about her," is the comment of Dexter's mother while Corliss' mother agrees, "Yes, poor dear, and how she loves to torment him."

But Corliss works her wiles on one Pvt. Earhart (John Landy) who has "eyes like Tyrone Power" in the first act, Don Ameche's and Charles Boyer's in the second act . . . "you know . . . sort of sleepy and tender and noble."

Helping out in the love interest is Lenny Archer (Joseph Vispi), "a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, who smokes a pipe without looking silly . . . and writes the most beautiful letters," according to Mildred Pringle (Gloria Trovatioli). The fact that they are secretly married adds in no small measure to the complications which ensue.

A comedy element all by himself is Raymond Pringle (John Serff), the local brat and salesman of articles ranging from can openers to True Love Stories. At (Continued on page five)

## SU Meets Tonight

The third meeting of the All-College Student Union committee will be in 405 Old Main at 6:30 tonight. All sororities, fraternities, and independent organizations are urged to send representatives. Other students may attend at will.

## Faculty's Second Tea In Atherton Hall Today

Faculty women and wives of faculty men will hold their second annual tea from 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon in the lounges of Atherton Hall.

The following women have been asked to receive guests: Mrs. R. D. Hetzel, Mrs. S. K. Hostetter, Mrs. J. O. Keller, Mrs. A. O. Morse, Mrs. H. P. Hammond, Mrs. L. E. Jackson, Mrs. F. D. Kern, Miss Charlotte E. Ray, Mrs. C. P. Schott, Mrs. Edward Steidle, Mrs. M. R. Trabue, Mrs. C. C. Wagner, and Mrs. A. R. Warnock. Mrs. E. B. Forbes, Mrs. H. A. Everett, and Mrs. T. E. Gravatt will pour.

Guests will be introduced by Mrs. D. W. Davis, president of the State College chapter of the American Association of University Women and by Mrs. H. W. Loman, president of the State College Women's Club.

Catering for the tea will be done by students in institution administration courses at the College.

Steel read the following amendment to the constitution, which must have two additional readings, before it can be put to an official vote by Cabinet.

Following the reading of the suggested amendment, Cabinet members went into a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of having Spring elections, with the sentiment being about even. Dissenting members thought that politics are too corrupt at present for elections, that there is not sufficient time for cliques to choose the best candidates and interest the student body in getting out to vote, and that Spring elections do not give the veterans who will be returning in the fall a voice in student government.

On the pro side of the slate, Cabinet members thought that Spring elections would speed up the operation of student government in the Fall, and would be in keeping with the policy of the new constitution, which the committee is converting to the yearly basis, with elections in the Spring.

### Student Reaction

In an effort to determine student sentiment on the question, Collegian interviewed the following students, chosen at random from the student body.

WALTER FALKENBERG, eighth semester: "I think it would be a good idea. It would give the students an opportunity to get to know each candidate and therefore hold a better election. Then everything would be right in gear and ready to operate when the students get back in the fall."

STANLEY ZIFF, eighth semester: "I think holding elections in June is a good idea. It used to be done that way. With officers changing every semester there isn't much efficiency. There would be more efficiency and more work done if officers stay in for a year."

MARIAN BRYAN, eighth semester: "What about returning veterans who might make good officers? Also, they won't be able to vote or have a 'voice in government,' so to speak."

ED SOZA, seventh semester, NROTC: "I've always thought officers should be elected at the end of the semester so that the new officers could go in at the beginning of the semester, get organized, and start working immediately. I think it would be better for officers to hold office on the semester rather than the yearly basis."

SALLY BERNSTEIN, sixth semester: "I can see one advantage in that the person elected for a year will have a chance to do something instead of leaving cabinet just as he is getting started and learning cabinet procedure. The disadvantage is, though, that if a person is incapable he would be in office for a year and would prevent someone more capable from taking over the position."

ISOBEL LOGAN, sixth semester: "No, I am against it because it is unfair to returning ex-GP's who will come back to find their class officers already elected."

MARY BETTS DOBSON fourth semester: "It sounds like a good idea but it doesn't make much difference to me. What if the officers elected don't come back?"

ROBERT GROSSMAN, fourth semester: "It's O. K. from the efficiency standpoint, but it doesn't make provision for those students who will be returning next fall from the armed forces."