

College Category Perplexes Professor

By Anne Kovalenko

"It is a source of continued surprise to me that an institution with facilities like those of Penn State should be called a college instead of a university," Prof. Robert J. Clements, new head of Romance languages, asserted recently.

"I know of no other institution in the country offering the Ph.D. which bears the title of college."

As a result, he continued, prospective employers very logically underestimate the qualifications of Penn State students and give preference to university graduates.

Dr. Clements, who was instructor and then assistant professor of Romance languages at Harvard for seven years, has also taught at the University of Chicago and at the University of Illinois. At Harvard he was secretary for the Committee on Educational Policy for three years.

"I am delighted with Penn State," he commented. "The campus is beautiful and I was truly surprised to find so many facilities here."

The new head of Romance languages is rather heavy in build and average in height. He has

dark hair and wears dark-rimmed spectacles.

After receiving a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, he did graduate work at the University of Bordeaux in France and the University of Florence in Italy.

"I enjoy playing tennis and chess," Clements remarked, "but I might add that I haven't had time to indulge in either for almost two years."

Clements is the author of a book dealing with the literary theories and practices of poets of the French Renaissance. Published in 1942, the book has been commendably reviewed in this country, France and England.

Author of numerous articles for literary journals, the professor is now at work on a book about Michelangelo, to be finished this winter.

At the beginning of this semester, the Romance Language department, whose new offices are in 300 Sparks, discarded its former division system (French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese) and was unified under a single head.

"This unity will facilitate the department's efforts to build up a graduate program," Clements stated.

At present Clements is chairman of the French Renaissance Section of the Modern Language Association of America. A member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, he is also secretary of publication for the Mediaeval Academy of America.

Engineering Council

Engineering student council elected Alexander Petrowski vice-president, and George Besenaris treasurer at a meeting held Tuesday. George F. Bearer is president.

Blue Band Garb To Arrive Soon

New uniforms for the College's 80-piece Blue Band have been ordered and should arrive in time to be worn at the Colgate football game next Saturday, said Prof. Hummel Fishburn, director.

Professor Fishburn described the uniforms as being conservative and on the order of naval officers' uniforms. The outfits are blue with white trimming and with gold buttons on the coat. "Penn State Blue Band" appears in blue on white arm patches.

The band director also stated that the half-time routine tomorrow will honor Junior Prom and houseparty dates. The West Virginia band, directed by Bernard McGregor, will take the field at intermission.

Barnet Hails—

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ing to Abram Bosler, prom chairman.

Three Teams Play

Three Nittany Lion teams play host to visitors tomorrow afternoon. Penn State gridgers clash with West Virginia in New Beaver Field at 2 p.m. An overflow crowd of 20,000 is expected to witness what promises to be one of the top football games in the East.

The cross-country meet with Cornell will start during the first quarter of the football game and will finish before the half. At 1:30 p.m., the Penn State soccer team will challenge the Navy booters in the baseball field behind the New Beaver Field east stands.

Saturday night's calendar is loaded with 34 fraternity house-party dances. Decorations stressing Fall and Halloween will be common at the many open and closed dances. Other themes include the Bowery Ball, Pink Elephant, Lost Weekend, and Holiday in Mexico.

News Briefs

Golden Anniversary

The Beta Theta chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary at a formal dinner to be held at the Nittany Lion Inn at 6:30 tonight. Mrs. Arthur Anderson, past president of National Pan-Hellenic Council will be the guest speaker.

Kappa Delta was founded October 23, 1897 at Virginia State Teachers College in Farmville, Virginia. The present organization has grown to include 24,882 members and is represented on 72 college campuses.

IWA Meets

There will be a meeting of the Independent Women's Association in 104 Temporary Building at 7 o'clock Monday, according to Sylvia Schenfield, publicity chairman. All independent women are invited.

Critique

All students interested in doing advertising sales and make-up are asked to attend a meeting in 9 Carnegie at 7 o'clock Tuesday. Ed Hinkle, business manager, will be in charge.

Choir Elects Officers

Recently elected officers of the College Choir are Maynard Hill, president; Jacqueline Heckert, vice-president; Shirlianne Bush, secretary-treasurer; and William Glenn, chapel committee representatives.

Esquisse

Esquisse, Architectural Club elected officers for the coming year. Robert A. Christensen is president, Bruce Sloan, vice president; Mary R. Armes, secretary; Eleanor Speare, historian. A meeting of the executive staff and club members will be held in 303 Main Eng at 7 o'clock Wednesday.

Hillelzapoppin'

Hillelzapoppin, Saturday night dance of the Hillel Foundation, will start at 9 o'clock tomorrow night and continue to midnight, said Frances Glass, social chairman. All students are invited.

Nittany-Independent

William Bollum was elected sophomore Clique chairman of Nittany Independent at a meeting Tuesday.

There will be a meeting open to old Clique members as well as sophomores in 10 Sparks at 7:30 p.m. Sunday announced William Wilson, temporary Clique chairman. During the meeting committee heads will be notified of their selection.

Russian Club Forum

An open forum on "The Slavonic people's place in the United States Today" will be held by Father Constantine Auroroff, Russian instructor at the College, at the initiation of new members of Alpha Rho Omega on Sunday, 304 Old Main.

The purpose of Alpha Rho Omega is to promote the learning of the Russian language by encouraging students to take courses in Russian, to organize a Russian Chorus and to acquaint students with literature, music and customs of the Slavonic people.

Oxford Debaters Differ on Politics

By Seymour Barash

Although the Honorable Anthony N. W. Benn and Sir Edward C. G. Boyle, participants in the Oxford debate at the College agree that the danger of war can not best be averted by an all-purposes Anglo-American alliance, they are not in accord as to the success of the Labour Party in England.

When the two Oxford University graduates were interviewed on the stage of Schwab Auditorium after the formal debate, they presented opinions of both Labourites and conservatives. The Honorable Anthony Benn is a candidate for Parliament on the Labour ticket. Sir Edward Boyle does not belong to any political organization.

Asked about his party affiliation Sir Edward told of the tremen-horn-rimmed glasses and did not replay immediately. Then laughingly, he said, "I'm conservative, you see. But I don't belong to any party."

"Is the Labour Government succeeding?" the two debaters were asked.

Sir Boyle replied that he did not think it was a success. He added that he felt a democratic government would have achieved just as good or even better results than the Labour government has.

"The long-range plan of the Labour Party has not had time to become effective," Benn maintained. He pointed out that the shortage of manpower was also hampering the program.

"You know," the Parliamentary candidate said, "we are still using prisoners of war as laborers in England. They are almost like slaves. However, we do not have enough Englishmen to supply our industries."

According to Boyle Labour government is losing a portion of its support. The Honorable Anthony Benn said that the Labour Party, since it came into power, has not lost an election.

The two debaters were asked to compare the food situation in England and the United States. Sir Boyle told of the tremendous difference in food consumed by Englishmen and Americans on all levels. Benn said that the average American eats in one meal what an Englishman eats in a week.

Both debaters agreed that in Oxford University and Cambridge the Labour Party does not have the support of the majority of the students. "But," the Honorable Anthony Benn said hastily, these schools are attended by the rich."

How To Distribute Time

In advising sophomores how to distribute their time and derive best results from the College, an upperclass counselor suggested that the day be divided into thirds.

"One-third of the time," he advised, "should be spent on studies, one-third on extra-curricular activities and one-third on women."

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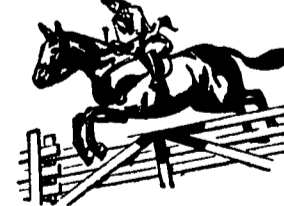


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