

# Coal Miners Quit As Pensions Stop

PITTSBURGH—John L. Lewis told his coal miners last week that the coal contract has been dishonored. The operators, Lewis said, have refused to pay pensions. Lewis revealed the case to his followers for their reaction. More than half the miners laid down their shovels yesterday and quit work.

## Meyers Sentenced

WASHINGTON—Major General Bennett Meyers began a twenty-month-to-five-year sentence yesterday. A federal court convicted Meyers, the former air forces supply officer, of persuading a business associate to lie to a Congressional committee. Meyers' attorney, however, said he will appeal the case.

## Marshall Plan

PARIS — Western Europe's second Marshall Plan Conference has heard a plea from France for a permanent European organization. Britain then joined France in suggesting that Western Germany be included in the Marshall Plan.

## Russian Army Cut

LONDON — The Russian News Agency, Tass, says that the last of the senior age groups in the Red Army will be demobilized by the end of March. The agency in a dispatch from Moscow declared that after March 31st, the army will consist mainly of two age groups—those born in 1926 and 1927, who now are 21 and 22 years old.

# WRA, WSGA Hold Open Nomination

Nominations from the floor for WRA and WSGA officers will be accepted at an open meeting for all undergraduate women in 316 Sparks at 6:30 o'clock tonight, according to Lee Ann Wagner and Suzanne Romig, presidents of the two organizations.

Primary elections will be held Friday and final elections, March 23.

The nominating committees of the women's groups have released the following nominees and qualifications for office:

Pauline Globisch and Elaine Nelson have been nominated for president of Women's Recreation Association. Eva Davies and Frances Nichols, vice-president; and Gertrude Fetzer, Virginia Miller, and Helen Milligan, intramural chairman.

Women's Student Government Association nominating committee has put up Marjorie Gorham and Janet Lyons for president; Ann Fickenscher, Shirley Gauger, and Seely Snyder, vice-president; Joan Bergdoll and Marilyn Guillet, junior senator; Shillianne Bush, Helen Dicker.

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## News Briefs

### College Safety

The College Safety Committee requests student cooperation in suggesting safety improvements to alleviate hazardous situations at the College. Persons having suggestions should contact George Bearer, 2532.

### Part-Time Work

Students desiring part-time work during Easter vacation should apply at Student Employment Office, 420 Old Main.

### Belles Lettres Club

The Belles Lettres Club will meet in the northeast Lounge of Atherton, 7 o'clock tonight. Dr. Mason Long, professor of English literature, will speak on "Epitaphs."

### AVC Broadcast

Round table discussion sponsored by AVC will be broadcast over WMAJ, 9:30 to 10 o'clock tonight. The topic will be "Racial Discrimination." Prominent townspeople and faculty members will speak.

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JOHNNY LONG

## Greeks Sign 'Lefty' Long

When Johnny Long and his orchestra open the festivities of the Pan Hel-IFC Ball in Rec Hall April 16, the dancers will have a chance to see the only left-handed violin player in the country.

An accident caused Johnny at the age of five to temporarily lose the use of his right hand, and his teacher changed his violin so that the youngster could continue to practice.

After his hand healed, Long kept using the left-handed violin and now, bowing with the left hand and fingering with the right, he has become a proficient backward violinist.

### Songfest Finals

Long's band will be one of the many features of the "big weekend" dance. Finals of the sorority and fraternity song fests will be held at intermission with a 16-inch gold engraved trophy to be awarded to the winning male and female group.

Reigning over the ball will be a king and queen chosen by the fraternities and sororities. The coed chosen as the most beautiful in a contest conducted by the IFC will receive the queen's crown, and the sororities will reciprocate by choosing a king.

An added attraction in Johnny Long's band is Francey Lane, attractive vocalist, and the Beachcombers. Comprised of three men and Natalie Alcsna, Hawaiian singer, the Beachcombers joined Long in 1946. One of the members, Jerry Graff, was a former member of Fred Waring's chorus.

As an innovation at Penn State, admission price to the ball will include a corsage.

## Bursar Takes LaVie Fee From Soph Book Checks

Sophomore ex-GTs have been assessed a \$2.50 LaVie payment which has been deducted from current book refund checks available in the Bursar's office.

According to Ted Allen, class president, the amount has been deducted to cover a yearbook fee of \$1.25 for each of two semesters spent off campus.

He explained that every student must eventually pay \$10 for his copy of LaVie, presented upon graduation. This sum is usually paid in eight installments, one payment of \$1.25 per semester.

Since sophomores spent their freshman year off-campus, collecting \$2.50 now is necessary to bring their LaVie payments up to date.

Non-veteran sophomores paid the \$2.50 fee February 25. Allen emphasized that any yearbook payment made at a state teachers college was for that school's yearbook and in no way affects the \$10 total necessary for each student's LaVie at the Pennsylvania State College.

# Cliques Name Chairmen

## State Clique Elects Keller Brown To Head Lion Party

Robert Keller, Lion boxer and former campaign manager for the State Party, was elected State clique chairman at a meeting Sunday night.

James Bachman was named vice-chairman, Jane Fouracre was redesignated secretary-treasurer, John Hamer was elected Senior class clique chair-

man while Ted Allen will fill the Junior class chairman's post.

Abram Bosler, former chairman, resigned from his post and withdrew his name from the ballot because he is to graduate in June and because he felt that was one way in which new blood could be instilled into the party.

Plans for a party mixer were discussed. The next meeting was set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Keller reiterated the State party's policy of group representation, whereby no meeting of the party can be packed, as an individual voting meeting can.

The State party has accepted suggestions made by Ed Banyai, representing Pollock Circle and Nittany Dorms, as to prospective planks in the State platform.

## Senate Infringes On Rights—Meek

Refusal of the College to grant YPCA a charter is an "infringement upon the academic freedom of students," according to a statement by William Meek, YPCA president.

The statement was made in reply to the reasons given by the Senate Committee on Student Welfare for denying YPCA full recognition as a campus organization. The charter was refused on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the College during an election year to recognize a student political party or political action group. The College's policy has always been that it does not recognize this type of student organization.

YPCA contends that it has altered its constitution to meet objections that were raised when the Senate group first turned down the charter in December. Although YPCA has made itself a non-partisan group, new grounds were found, namely that this was an election year and political activity on the campus would be misunderstood.

"As college students are citizens of this country, it is our basic right to engage in political activity, especially in a campaign year," YPCA claims. Denial of full freedom for such student activity places limitations on the fulfillment of our obligations as citizens," the statement continues.

### Who's Who

Persons listed in "Who's Who in the News" who failed to pick them up at SU desk, may obtain them in 113 CH.

### Red Cross Results

After a week's drive Campus Unit American Red Cross has collected \$509.44. Returns from many campus dormitories, sororities, independent men's living units in town and in Pollock Circle and Nittany Dormitories have not been tabulated.

Alpha Gamma Rho	\$ 4.40
Alpha Omicron Pi	15.80
Alpha Tau Omega	5.22
Chi Omega	11.88
Delta Chi	15.85
Grange Dorm	4.95
R. M. Gerhardt	5.00
Irvin Hall	5.35
Lambda Chi Alpha	9.05
McAllister Hall	20.40
Phi Kappa Tau	15.00
Sigma Pi	15.25
Triangle	1.50
Women's Building	11.60
Previous returns	357.87
Total	\$509.44

## 'Forgotten Men' Back State Party

By Elliot Shapiro

Pollock Circle and Nittany Dorms, the self-styled "forgotten men" of the College, have formulated their own political platform. Representatives from every dormitory have drawn up a program that was presented to both the State and Lion parties.

Since the State party has accepted the program and the Lion clique has rejected it because of its "demands" for positions on the ballot, the men of the "Hill" will be expected to support the older party in the coming election.

The Lion party, according to a report made by Eugene Fulmer, temporary clique chairman, accepted in principle many of the planks that were proposed for inclusion in the platform. The Lion steering committee rejected the so-called "demand" that Pollock Circle-Nittany Dorms name five officers and two voting members of Cabinet or four candidates and three voting members.

Since the State party has accepted the platform, if they should win the election, the men on the "Hill" should have the representation on Cabinet they have long clamored for.

The ten-point program includes the following:

1. Representation on Cabinet as a dormitory area.
2. Backing of CORE, the Co-op, and Student Union.
3. Revision of the meat tickets.
4. Investigation of the disappearance of the \$5 veterans' allotment for supplies.
5. Reduction in rent in the dormitories.
6. Better conditions of student employment.
7. Better food in dormitory mess-halls.
8. Moving polling places closer to Pollock Circle on one of the two election days.
9. A larger recreation area for the dormitories.
10. Enlarged parking facilities.

## Theta Sigma Phi Honors Seniors

The Matrix Table, annual dinner held by Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism honorary, to honor outstanding coeds, will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn on Monday, April 12.

Speaker for the occasion will be Mary James Cottrell, Washington newspaper correspondent. Mrs. Cottrell operates a Washington news bureau which serves papers throughout the South, East, and Middle West.

Over 100 coeds who are outstanding in activities on campus will be invited. From their number will be chosen three top honor women, Quin Girl, Can Girl, and Matrix Girl. Quin Girl will be chosen by all coeds; the other two by Theta Sigma Phi members.

Committee chairmen for the Matrix Table are Mary Ann Pletcher, invitations; Roberta Hutchinson, publicity; Marjorie Mottley, finance; Jane Vetter, Helen Reed, entertainment; and Marie Thompson, decorations.

Harold E. Brown, Cabinet parliamentarian, will head the Lion party in the coming campaign.

The party, at the same meeting Sunday night, adopted unanimously a statement of policy.

Other officers of the Lion clique are Raymond Brooks, assistant All-College clique chairman; Lorraine Munz, clique secretary, and Morton Green, clique treasurer.

Thomas Yemm was named senior class clique chairman; John Benglian will be his assistant and Marion Holmes will serve as senior class secretary.

William Ballou will be the Class of '50 chairman; James Maccallum, assistant chairman, and Betty Lou Shelley, secretary.

The party is to be financed by a drawing of a radio. The drawing will be held March 24.

The statement of policy put the party on record as favoring better student government through a "systematic approach to all student problems." The Lion party will support high qualifications and service for student government officers.

Better student government for all students regardless of geographical location or fraternal affiliations, the statement continues.

Authority of the party is to be vested in the assembly. A steering committee is to have advisory and executive powers. Every member of the party will have one vote only. There is to be no proxy voting.

Lion candidates will be chosen in open assembly, on the basis of ability to carry out the program and student activities, as well as the All-College election code requirements.

## Women Debaters Take Top Honors

Women's Debate carried last week's top forensic honors in tying for first place with Elizabethtown, College in the annual Shippensburg tournament last Saturday. Each team won four out of six debates.

Men debaters won two of their six contests, as did Carnegie Tech and Lock Haven Teachers. Albright, Bucknell, Dickinson, Houghton of New York, and Shippensburg each won three debates.

Women's Debate was represented affirmatively by Jean Hootman and Christine Altenberger, and negatively by Janet Kurtz and Jo Fox. The affirmative team lost one contest to Elizabethtown College, and the negative squad lost one debate to West Virginia University.

Melvin Katinsky and Samuel Negley were the men's affirmative debaters, and Harold Krauss and Herman Latt were the negative representatives.

## Gilbert Adds Presidency To Other EIBA Offices

Harold R. (Ike) Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, was elected president of the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association recently. He now holds the posts of president, secretary and treasurer.

Charley Havens, director of athletics at Western Maryland, was installed as vice-president. The newly created office of chief statistician and director of public information was assigned to James H. Coogan, Penn State's director of public information.

After election of officers the association held a meeting and next year's EIBA tourney was awarded to the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut. Plans were also made for the 1950 tournament which will be held at Syracuse University.