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Student Welfare Committee Approves IFC Import Petition

Student Welfare Association has approved a petition submitted by George Chapman, IFC president, permitting fraternities to house "imports" for the Junior Prom weekend.

Only those fraternities which ordinarily housed imports in former years will be allowed the privilege again this year.

Permission was requested for such action on the part of the Association because of the large influx of out-of-town girls for the weekend's festivities and the acute shortage of rooms.

At last reports more than 700 imports were expected on the campus for the "big weekend," and less than 150 rooms were available.

George Bearer, president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, was presented with the Alumni Association cup, symbolic of first prize in the lawn display contest, at the IFC meeting Wednesday night.

IFC proxy Chapman also appointed a judicial committee to enforce the council's dating code provisions. Prof. Ken Forster was named faculty advisor, and the other members are George Bearer, Robert Boedecker, George Chapman, David Simms, and Thomas Yemm.

William Bickford and James Bachman were appointed to the IFC-AFC banquet committee. Frank Terkoski was named a one man committee to coordinate activities with the International Relations Club.

Blue Band Fanfare, Fast Alma Mater, Hum's Own

The thrilling fanfare used to announce the arrival of Penn State's famous Blue Band on the field at half time is a tradition started by the music department's own Hum Fishburn.

This spine-tingling introduction to the band's mad dash down the field is taken from the first phrase of the Alma Mater, done in fast time.

Trumpets and trombones, interspersed with bursts from the percussion section, stand in front of the band to deliver their prelude and fall into position with the rest of the group as they start their hundred yard sprint down to the opposite goal post.

All of which brings in the old Penn State quip that the football team is composed of the boys who just weren't quick enough to make the Blue Band.

Players Present Two Shows For Junior Prom Weekenders

Two Players productions, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" and "Skin of Our Teeth," will provide entertainment for theatre-goers over Junior Prom weekend. Tickets for both shows will be on sale at Student Union beginning Monday afternoon.

"Skin of Our Teeth"
Millions of people have escaped something or other by the "skin of their teeth," but the Antrobus' in Thornton Wilder's comedy are the only ones who have been escaping disasters by the "skin of their teeth" for 5000 years.

Hit of Broadway in 1942, the philosophical comedy will be presented by Players in Schwab Auditorium November 11, 12, and 13. The deathless Antrobus family and their maid, Sabina, cavort through time from the Ice Age to the present. In each age catastrophe looms and civilization is threatened. Each time, however, man escapes by the "skin of his teeth."

"Skin of Our Teeth" uses the largest set ever used by Players with an added extension to the regular stage. Among the members of the cast are a dinosaur and a baby mammoth.

Tickets are 60 cents for Thursday night when seats are unreserved and \$1 for reserved seats on Friday and Saturday nights.

Truman Speeches Vital in Victory

President Harry S. Truman's re-election to the White House today was regarded as a "triumph for the spoken word."

Joseph F. O'Brien, professor of public speaking at the College, says "there seems to be little doubt that President Truman's 275 speeches delivered within a two-month period had a heavy impact."

While other factors entered into the result, Professor O'Brien also feels that the seven to eight million people who heard the President were pleased both with his hammering at the issues and his "down-to-earth" approach.

Lines from the Lion

City of Brotherly Hate.
Dear Gang,

Sure wish I could get back to that fresh mountain air and water at State College. I can see why there is such a delinquency rate here. Drinking Philly water would drive anybody to the bottle, even Lions.

I talked to George Munger yesterday, he's pretty confident of a smashing victory but then remember so was Dewey and you all know what happened!

He is a picture of joy except when the mail came in this morning. There were notices from Nittany students warning the Penn coach that there were only 30, 26, etc. hours left before the hour of doom and he is now starting to believe them. He'd better.

Groundkeepers at Franklin Field are certain of a Lion victory so they have replaced the metal goal posts with wooden ones to make it easier for students to carry home souvenirs.

I'll sure be lonely on the field tomorrow without those three lovely lassies leading cheers.

See you in the Hotel Ben Franklin after the game.

For the glory,
THE LION.

Smoggy Atmosphere Produces Foggy Grid Yogis

Fame is slapping the borough of Coraopolis, Pa., in the face these days.

The tiny steel town located just 12 miles from Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle thought it had enough renown while Phil Gundelfinger, Jr., sports writer of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and football yogi de luxe, was its only prognosticating product.

Now, however, a second grid-iron crystal gazer from the same town has come along to further besmirch its reputation. The other local product is Red Roth, Daily Collegian sports writer who also attempts to select football winners.

Gundelfinger undoubtedly is one of the nation's worst grid forecasters having a percentage of less than 400. Roth's attempts are slightly less futile, but he has consistently led the Collegian predictors in reverse week after week.

The red-haired Collegian reporter still insists the smog around his home town has nothing to do with either his or Gundelfinger's foggy predictions.

IFC Leads All Major Colleges Scholastically

The College has once more leaped into the national spotlight with the announcement by the National Interfraternity Conference, in ratings released this week, that fraternities at Penn State lead the nation's major colleges and universities in scholastic averages.

The IFC members here were ranked fourth highest in the United States, but the three colleges which topped the local school's scholastic record were all judged "minor universities."

Men's Straw Hats Needed by Players

Men's straw hats are urgently needed by the Penn State Players for their production "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," now in rehearsal, officials in charge announced today.

The play, which takes place in the 90's, will be presented on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13, at the Centre Stage, Woodman Hall, under the direction of Robert Reifsnnyder.

Anyone wishing to loan a hat or two for the production is asked to call the dramatics department, 6711, extension, 362, immediately.

Hungry Pig Provides Prommers With Left-Handed Bandleader

In the whimsical world of music, there have been such singular attractions as one-man bands, pianists who stand on their heads to play, and trumpet-blowing seals.

Johnny Long, who brings his orchestra to the campus one week hence, owns a distinction equally rare. He pushes a violin bow with his left hand.

Long will supply the rhythm for the annual Junior Prom, which will detonate "houseparty" weekend in Rec Hall the night of November 12.

The ex-Blue Devil bandsman gained his distinguishing talent through the grace of a humble and presumably hungry pig. The rotund animal bit the six-year-old Long on the left hand, severing several tendons. Since Long had already begun his fiddle lessons, his teacher restrung his instrument to permit him to reverse the usual technique.

The rest of the success story may be familiar to most Nittanians, for Long's group played at the Panhel-IFC ball a scant seven months ago.

When the southpaw pizzicato artist entered Duke University in 1931 as an English major, he organized a band to provide a measure of cheerful atmosphere in the campus dining halls. After his graduation in 1935, Long, with the aid of his college mates, bowed his way to national recognition.

Then came his 1940 "Shantytown" record, a date at the President's birthday ball of 1941, and the war, which brought Long the usual welter of camp appearances.

One of Long's newer singers is 21-year-old Janet Brace, whose reported fondness for meat and potatoes hasn't any noticeable effect on her 95-pound scale reading.

With the Beachcombers, Long offers a real import . . . Natalie from Hawaii . . . who joins four males in a vocal group. Unconfirmed war-time intelligence reports said that Natalie never learned to "Hula" in Honolulu, but had to acquire the gentle tremble after reaching the States in 1946.

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"Beat Penn" issues of the Daily Collegian will be distributed to students in the stands at Franklin Field before tomorrow's Penn-Penn State fray.

Distribution points on campus and in town will not be served tomorrow morning, but Collegians will be available at Student Union for the stay-at-homes.

Smoker Opens Penn Weekend

Tonight's pre-game smoker in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia at 8 p.m. will officially open the Penn weekend festivities being planned by various alumni and student groups.

The smoker, sponsored by the Penn State Club of Philadelphia, will feature movies of the 14-14 Penn State-Michigan State game. The Blue Band and the cheerleaders will also be there. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$1.

The schedule for tomorrow night will be highlighted by an informal dance for students and alumni to be held in the Bellevue-Stratford ballroom from 9 p.m. until midnight. The Penn State Alumnae Club is making arrangements, and Clyde Emerson and his band will play. Tickets at \$2 per person are on sale at the Alumni Office, 104 Old Main, or can be purchased at the dance.

The Alumni Association has established headquarters in the Bellevue and will set up a central information booth in the lobby of the hotel for the benefit of alumni and students.



Johnny Long

Trailing the Penn State council were fraternities at the University of Cincinnati, Dartmouth, and North Carolina.

Ratings are released by the conference semi-annually. The present ratings represent the standings of all universities in the country possessing an IFC at the close of the spring semester of 1948.

Sends Letter

The above findings were made available in a letter sent to Arthur R. Warnock, Dean of Men, and George Chapman, IFC president, by Ralph W. Wilson, scholarship counselor of the NIC. Colonel Wilson is a retired regular army officer and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

"Fraternities at Pennsylvania State College hit pay-dirt, and that can not be denied. Many an empty scholastic pocket has been filled with golden nuggets from the land of the Nittany Lion," Col. Wilson stated in his letter.

Alpha Epsilon Pi is the leading chapter on the campus in regard to scholastic achievement. Alpha Gamma Rho placed second, and Beta Sigma Rho occupied the third slot, according to the conference report.

Top Independents

The fraternity men average at the College is 1.497 compared to an all-college men's average of 1.395. Thirty-two of the 40 chapters listed in the ratings released equalled or bettered the all-college men's average. Five others were less than one-tenth of one point below that 1.395 mark.

Late AP News. Courtesy WMAJ

West Chalks Up 2 UN Victories

PARIS — The Western powers won two victories yesterday in the United Nations General Assembly on international atomic control.

The first victory came when a Russian plan was rejected and the second unfolded when the assembly voted overwhelming approval of the so-called Baruch plan for establishing effective international regulations.

WASHINGTON — Approximately five hundred thousand persons are expected to greet President Truman when he arrives in the Capital at 11 a.m.

Mr. Truman will greet his Washington friends today from the north portico of the White House. Amplifiers will carry his "thank you" message to thousands expected to gather across the street.

WASHINGTON — At least 32 American Air Force men have lost their lives in a number of plane crashes during the past 48 hours and 13 others are missing.

Two B-29's crashed on Wednesday, one in Britain and the other in the ocean off the Azores. Thirty-one men were killed in the accidents. A jet fighter plane crashed and burned yesterday in Germany, killing the pilot. A Navy patrol plane carrying 12 men is missing somewhere in Alaska.

LONDON — Nine years ago King George and Queen Elizabeth of Britain admired the magnolia shrubs growing at George Washington's home in Mount Vernon, Virginia. They were promised some.

Today, four of the magnolia shrubs are on their way to Buckingham Palace in London as a gift from the Mount Vernon Ladies Association.

Quarantine regulations and the war delayed the shipment.