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New Committee to Investigate Nittany Dorm Food Situation

William Lawless and Edmund Walcavage, co-chairmen of this semester's second food committee, met yesterday with Mildred A. Baker, supervisor of food service, for a preliminary discussion.

Miss Baker said she regarded as serious the fact that so many men have expressed dissatisfaction with food service in Nittany dining commons. If the men are found to have a just cause for complaint, she will do everything possible to remedy the situation, she added.

Lawless-Walcavage

Lawless, all-College president, believed the food situation important enough to warrant the appointment of himself and Walcavage, all-College secretary-treasurer, as co-chairmen of the committee.

"We are working toward a definite plan for the solution of this problem," Lawless said.

It was learned that conferences with other officials would be arranged as soon as possible.

The food matter flared into the open at Thursday night's Cabinet meeting, when Paul Kritsky, Nittany Dorm councilor offered petitions signed by 1364 men, complaining that food and service had not improved substantially as a result of the original Cabinet committee's investigation.

Register Complaints

Kritsky served on the first committee's sub-group dealing with food and lines. When the committee stationed itself in Nittany commons during serving of an evening meal October 18, 364 men registered specific complaints.

Richard Schlegel, committee chairman, later issued a full report stating that remedial action had been taken on the major items.

Late AP News, Courtesy WMAJ

Lie Detectors May Aid Probe

WASHINGTON — Following a closed meeting of the House Committee on un-American activities, Karl Mundt, acting chairman, announced yesterday that lie detector tests may be used in the investigation now in progress concerning missing State Department documents. Alger Hiss, one of the suspects, has resigned his post as head of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace after being given a three-month leave of absence by that organization.

World Tension Eased

PARIS — UN General Assembly President Herbert Evatt believes that international tension has eased somewhat as a result of the Paris meeting which ended Sunday. The Australian foreign minister told newsmen: "The temperature is not yet normal, but the fever has abated."

Rent Control Needed

WASHINGTON — Tighe Woods, federal housing expediter, yesterday told a group representing consumer interests that rent controls will be needed until Congress acts.

Foreign Students To Discuss U. S.

Foreign students at the College will be guests of the American Association of University Women at a meeting in the high school library at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Eight foreign students will participate in a panel discussion comparing their preconceived impressions of the United States with their present impressions. Dr. Kent Forster, associate professor of history, will be moderator. The students participating will be: Soli Bapuji from India; Cesar Calderon, Puerto Rico; Wan-tzu Chang, China; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Greenhill, Australia; Marie Hughes, Chile; Mary Anne Kun, Austria; and Ram Thaker, India.

Foreign Schools Expand Work

American students will have a chance to study overseas next summer under programs developed in both Great Britain and Norway.

In cooperation with the Institute of International Education and the British Council, nine British universities are expanding their program of summer schools and provision is being made for an intake of American students larger than previously. The schools will be recognized by the Veterans Administration for GI Bill of Rights grants.

The British summer session will continue from July 10 until Aug. 20. Tuition will range from \$216 to \$264 and round-trip transportation will cost between \$330 and \$450.

Summer sessions will be held at the University of Oslo from June 27 to Aug. 6 with headquarters for applications in America at St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn. Cost will be about \$300 for tuition and between \$320 and \$400 for transportation.

Information on the British schools can be obtained from the Institute of International Education, 2 W. Forty-fifth street, New York City.

Druids Taps 17 Athletes

Druids, sophomore men's athletic honorary recently tapped 17 varsity athletes at an informal tapping meeting.

Dean Kissell, acting president, stated that the newly tapped athletes will undergo informal initiation this week with the final ceremonies scheduled for the steps of Old Main at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Newly tapped men are Hal Borek, cross-country; Clarence Buss, soccer; Owen Dougherty, football; Coleman Gainburgh, tennis; Russ Herman, track; George Kelly, wrestling; George Kline, track; Robert Kunkle, golf; Stanley Lagonosky, basketball.

Harry Little, soccer; Robert Longnecker, cross country; Vincent O'Bara, football; John Reiss, wrestling; Ted Roderer, track; John Smidansky, football; Edward Sweeten, swimming; Kenneth Weiss, basketball.

'Guard Valuables,' Warns Capt. Mark

Capt. Philip A. Mark of the Campus Patrol has issued a warning to all students living in fraternities, sororities, and dormitories to safeguard their valuables with utmost endeavor during this pre-Christmas season.

According to Captain Mark, thieves and vandals seem to thrive on pre-vacation days. They calculate that if they make their forays prior to vacations, the deed will be forgotten until the vacation fades away into history.

"Valuables should be kept locked in a closet or in a locked room, at least some place where they are not accessible to intruders," says Captain Mark. He warned all people possessing valuables to be especially on guard before leaving on vacation.

'Parlor Story'

All candidates for the advertising staff of "Parlor Story," Players' next Centre Stage production, will meet in the Dramatics Office, Schwab Auditorium, 7 p.m. tomorrow. People are needed in art and poster work especially.

Patrolmen Sense Emergency by Erotic Lights

When the lights all over the College suddenly start to go on and off, it's not a power shortage, it's a Penn State original—an emergency call to all Campus Patrolmen.

A patrolman seeing a flashing light knows this as a sign to call the office at once for new instructions about some unforeseen emergency.

The idea was originated in 1937 by George Ebert, director of the physical plant. Until that time there was no way for the office to reach patrolmen out in cars or walking their beats.

The campus patrol captain, Mr. Ebert and the director of grounds and buildings got together to figure out some means to contact the patrolmen under a plan similar to the one in town where a flashing red light atop the traffic standards flashes on and off. It was from this meeting that the present system arose.

Today if a patrolman is needed for some emergency, the patrol office notifies the power plant. Here a special switch is thrown which automatically blinks all lights in the buildings. From here all the rest is simply a matter of routine procedure.

German Department Sponsors Annual Christmas Songfest

Wurfl Leads Sing Since First in 1930

For George J. Wurfl, professor emeritus of German at the College, the 1948 Christmas season will begin tonight.

It will begin at 7 p.m. when approximately 500 voices join in the singing of the German Christmas carol, "O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum," as a part of the 19th annual German Christmas sing.

First Sing in 1930

Professor Wurfl, happy that the German sing is becoming a Penn State tradition, looks back with pleasure to the first sing in 1930.

"The sing was started by the department of German in the interest of those students enrolled in German courses," Dr. Wurfl recalls. "The idea was to instruct them in German songs, music, and customs through the medium of group singing."

Professor Wurfl says that at that time the group created a minor disturbance in the North Liberal Arts Building (north wing of Sparks Building) by practicing the songs in classes every day for two weeks.

'Natural' Conductor

When the idea was suggested, Professor Wurfl was the natural faculty member to conduct the sing since he had been born and reared in Germany. His native city of Munich has long been internationally known for its Christmas music.

Professor Wurfl points out that while Christmas is observed in Germany and in the United States in much the same manner, the German people are not acquainted with Santa Claus. German children know, however, that if they are good, the Christ Child will bring them gifts.

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Pi Gamma Alpha Pledges 17 Members

Prospective members of Pi Gamma Alpha, Art Honorary, were pledged Wednesday night by Jo-Marie Jackson, pledge hostess.

Bill Ammerman, Angelo Bigatel, Nellie Chirico, Stuart Frost, Edna Griffiths, Marie Hahn, Carl Kohler, Frank Lombardo, Jack W. Long, Bob McCartney, Don McHenry, Malcolm Moore, Sam Natoli, Barbara Roberts, George Williams Smith, James B. Smith.

Picket Line To Continue In Barber-NAACP Fight

Picketing of the six State College barber shops entered its fourth consecutive day this morning, as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People promised to continue their "crusade" through Friday.

While spokesmen for NAACP, which is directing the picketing, said the action already had brought results, barbers declared their business actually had increased since the picketing began Saturday.

Author to Speak On State Caves

Dr. Ralph W. Stone, noted lecturer and author, will speak to members of the Nittany Grotto and all others who are interested in 110 EE at 7:30 p.m. today. He will speak on Pennsylvania caves and will illustrate his lecture with color slides.

Dr. Stone, who is a retired state geologist and president of the National Speleological Society, is best known for his book, "Pennsylvania Caves."

Besides receiving academic degrees from Hamilton College and Harvard University, Dr. Stone has written 18 books and contributed 270 papers to technical journals and newspapers. From 1901 to 1921 he contributed 50 reports on geology and mineral resources as geologist of the U. S. Geological Survey.

NAACP also charged that barbers were taking longer than usual to finish each customer's haircut.

Picketing Continues

NAACP announced yesterday that picketing will be carried on from 9 to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and 4 to 5 p.m.—described as "crucial hours." The boycott will continue, the group said, until Christmas vacation.

The picket lines also will operate throughout the first week following Christmas vacation, it was learned.

After a mass rally in front of Old Main Saturday, some 250 supporters of the boycott marched down the Mall and through the town, passing the six barber shops. "Jim Crow must go," was among the chants heard.

Observing the parade, Chief of Police John R. Juba declared it "orderly."

An estimated 300 supporters of the NAACP-sponsored action took part in the hour-long rally.

After 13 student leaders and two faculty men gave verbal backing

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Notebook Drive To Continue

The international notebook drive which was to have been concluded yesterday, will be continued until Thursday. The drive is sponsored by the Red Cross College Activities Committee on this campus.

The need for educational supplies for German and Austrian students is great; notebooks, notebook fillers, and pencils are needed urgently for the college students in Austria and Germany, workers emphasized.

A contribution from students at the College will be a constructive factor in enabling a student of these countries more easily to pursue his education, said Jack Low.

All living units are asked to have a box near their entrance in which the notebooks, fillers and pencils can be placed.

Members of the Blue Key Hat Society will pick up the boxes Thursday evening. After the collection, Pennsylvania State College stickers will be placed inside each notebook so that the receivers of the contributions will know that the items were sent by American college students of Pennsylvania State College.

News Briefs

Student Handbook

Students who have already indicated interest in working on the Student Handbook and others who would like to work on the publication are asked to attend a meeting in 401 Old Main, 8:15 p.m. today.

Christmas Program

Club "51" and PSCA are sponsors of a Christmas program to be presented in 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m. today.

Belles Lettres

Belles Lettres Club will meet in Simmons Hall lounge instead of Atherton Hall lounge at 7 p.m. today. Ben Euwema, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, will address the group and refreshments will be served.

Dickens Presentation

The time for the presentation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" by the Dramatics 101 class has been changed from 8 to 7 p.m. Thursday. It will be given in the Little Theatre, Old Main.

Players Tryouts

Tryouts for "Dark of the Moon," Players production will be held in 405 Old Main, 7 p.m. today.

Scabbard and Blade

In addition to those men named last Thursday's Collegian, five more were initiated into the National Society of Scabbard and Blade by Co. H, 1st Reg., last Thursday. These men include Dominick J. Abrunzo, Joseph H. Bedell, Robert S. Keller, Earl F. Spencer, and Wilbur J. Stauffer.

Pre-Med Honorary

Alpha Epsilon Delta, pre-medical honorary, recently initiated Robert V. Dermott, Stanley N. Levick, Joseph P. Viglione and Robert B. Wenner.

Chem Eng Society

The Chemical Engineering Society recently granted membership to 90 applicants. The society is planning a field trip and a talk by a representative from the General Electric Co., Plastic Division, for its post-holiday activities.