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## Promising Evidence Found In Campus Vandalism Case

Investigation of the wave of destruction at the College late Tuesday night continues as members of the campus patrol discovered promising evidence yesterday.

While identity of the culprits responsible for the enameling of the Nittany Lion shrine and damaging of other property at the College is being sought, workmen are removing the red coating from the Lion and are repairing the broken windows in McElwain Hall.

Besides, the empty enamel can discovered at the base of the Lion, new evidence uncovered yesterday includes a letter written to a student at the College and a sight of the possible vandal in the Pollock Circle area.

### Student Hears Crash

On hearing the crash of splintering glass, a student of the College rushed to the window in time to see a person rushing from the scene. His description is similar to that of the author of the letter.

The letter was allegedly written by a student at another school and Pennsylvania State Police have joined in the search for the vandal.

Damage committed Tuesday night comprises the enameling the Lion, smashing of 15 windows in McElwain Hall, and the smashing of automobile windows and windshield wipers.

Late AP News, Courtesy WMAJ

## Truman Doubts Depression Due

WASHINGTON: President Truman expressed belief that current price drops are nothing to cause alarm, and told his news conference that he thinks lower prices are just a levelling-off. Federal employment experts say that March and April are the months which will show whether the nation is heading for prosperity or depression.

### Taxicabs Roll Again

PHILADELPHIA: Taxicabs are rolling again in Philadelphia, although subway, bus, and trolley lines are still paralyzed by the strike. Mayor Bernard Samuel demanded an immediate settlement of work stoppage in a meeting with CIO and management officials, whom he summoned to his office.

### Hungarians Denounced

WASHINGTON—President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson have denounced the treason trial and conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary. The Hungarians are said to have been profoundly impressed by the statements of Mr. Truman and Acheson.

The American minister to Budapest, Selden Chapin, told of the reaction today as he journeyed home from his Hungarian assignment. Chapin said in Vienna that the Hungarian regime has been put on the psychological defensive. Chapin is on his way home for consultations but he has intimated that he does not plan to return to Budapest. The Hungarian government has listed him as persona non grata.

## BX Payments Set For Book Sales

Students who have had books sold through the Book Exchange may obtain their money beginning Monday.

Unsold books will be returned to the owners beginning on the same day, George Bearer, member of the BX board of control, announced yesterday.

Persons who submitted a schedule, intending to work in the BX, are being kept on file for future employment if needed, Bearer said.

Later scheduling of work hours will include as many interested students as possible.

## Sky Comes Down But Classes Continue

Perhaps Henny Penny was right when she thought the sky was falling in.

Hardly conducive to the study of the Liberal Arts was the thunderous roar heard on the ground floor of Sparks Tuesday afternoon.

Had the physicist invaded the hallowed sanctuary of the illustrious liberal artist? Were the chemists inventing a new explosive substance to blast the scholar from Sparks?

These thoughts were soon dispelled when the professors conducting classes near the southern exit of the building announced to their classes after a quick glance into the hall.

"The ceiling just fell outside the door of the class."

And, being professors, they did not hesitate to add, "The class will now continue."

## Oliver Speaks At LA Lecture

Speaking on the subject, "Between Peace and War in North Asia," Dr. Robert Oliver, manager of the Washington Bureau, Korean Pacific Press, will open the annual Liberal Arts lecture series Thursday.

Dr. Oliver will discuss the background and culture in China, Korea, and Japan; the influence of Russia; the wartime alliance of Russia and the United States; the blame for the present hostility; and prospects for the future.

After receiving his doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Wisconsin, the speaker was head of the speech department at Bucknell University. Dr. Oliver has also been associated with the Office of Civilian Defense and was chairman of the Department of Rhetoric at Syracuse University.

He was guest lecturer at the University of Korea and last year served as advisor to the Korean delegation to the United Nations in Paris. Author of four books on Korea, Dr. Oliver is also co-author of six books on speech.

The lecture series will open in 121 Sparks at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Other speakers in the series will be announced later.

## Enrollment Drops

Enrollment at the College has dropped to 9,338 students, representing a decrease of 500 from the first semester's record enrollment of 9,801, W. S. Hoffman, dean of admissions and registrar, has announced.

The figure includes graduate students, undergraduates and special students on the main campus.

## IFC Schedules Fraternity Sing

Plans for the annual IFC-Panhel sing have been tentatively completed, Tomas Yemm, chairman of the committee stated.

Groups entering the contest must have a minimum of 16 members. The Blue and White and a fraternity song will be the basis for the judging. The Glee Club rendition of the Blue and White must be used by all groups, so that judging can be on an equal basis.

### Finals

Finals will be staged during intermission of the IFC-Panhel Ball with the winner being presented a cup.

Jack Senior, IFC representative on the All-College spring week committee, reported to IFC that seven co-eds will be selected by three prominent Penn State faculty members this weekend. Over 35 entries have been entered in the contest so far.

From the seven co-eds one will be selected to reign as queen during the IFC Spring Week. Her name will be announced in the 40th anniversary issue of Froth.

### IFC Relations

Promotion of better interfraternity relations were also urged by Chapman. Exchange dinners and after dinner speakers were suggested as a means of furthering these relationships.

Plans were also inaugurated to establish a permanent system whereby judging for the outstanding fraternity can be made easier. Last year's cup will be presented to Phi Sigma Delta at the annual IFC banquet this spring.

To introduce new IFC representatives with older council members an informal mixer will be staged at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house on February 26.

### LA Council

Suggestions for improvement of the courses in the Liberal Arts School may be placed in the box on the bulletin board outside the office of the Dean.

Any feasible suggestions will be considered by the Liberal Arts student council in an effort to enable students to get more from their curriculum, according to Jean Moore, president of the council.

## 'Parlor Story'—Realistic Comedy

In spite of a theme that would seem to adapt itself more easily to a play of a serious nature, "Parlor Story," Players' Center Stage offering which opens a five-week run at 8 p.m. today, is purported to be a "humanized, realistic type of comedy."

Robert Kendall, dramatics instructor, is director of the production, assisted technically by Dorothy Scott and Oren Stein. Charles Cohen, who also has a role in the play, is stage manager.

### Local Interest

It was not without attention to the local scene that "Parlor Story" was selected as an arena production, since the problems of a hypothetical college, as presented in this production, could be those of any similar institution.

The plot of the play revolves around the selection of a college president, and the intrigues which result when politics and selfish-

ness enter the picture. The young romantic angle lightens the load of seriousness, supplying inevitable problems itself.

### Serious Undertone

The afore-mentioned serious undertone of the play is revealed in the character of Professor Charles Burnett. The thesis of William McCleery, the author, is that a man's true happiness can be attained without compromising his principles. Such a theory, profound as it may be, is nevertheless the foundation of a play which has entertainment as its goal, and which is not intended to stimulate too-serious thought.

Centre Stage, proven to be popular with both students and townspeople since its opening in the spring of 1947, operates week-ends almost continuously throughout the college year.

"Parlor Story" is Players' fifth Center Stage production. The

## 'Hell's Belles' Caper At Soph Hop Tonight

## NSA Continues Discount Plan

National Student Association received the green light from All-College Cabinet last night to continue work on its plan for a discount system for students at the College.

About 40 students attending the open meeting heard Ernest Ott, newly appointed chairman of N.S.A., explain the purchase card system to the Cabinet. Under the system, a student at the College would purchase a card for one dollar. This in turn would entitle him to discounts ranging from five to thirty percent from merchants belonging to the system.

Petitions for a \$200 loan to the World Student Service Fund, for \$135 to send eleven Blue Band members to an Intercollegiate Festival at Indiana P.a., and for increased allotments for the school student councils were also discussed. Under the Cabinet constitution, a ny appropriation over \$100 must be tabled one week before action can be taken.

Hell's belles—that will be the literal term to apply to coeds who attend Rec Hall tonight.

Along with the initial appearance of Skitch Henderson and his band, decorations in the theme of the "Devil May Care" dance, will accentuate Satan's realm at the Sophomore Hop in Rec Hall from 9 to 1 tonight.

The gala dance will inaugurate a weekend of dances, sports events, and houseparties which add up to one of the really "Big Weekends" of the school year.

Tickets for the Hop will go on sale today at Student Union and will be available at the door. Price of the ducats is \$4 per couple.

### Refreshments Served

Refreshments will be served at Rec Hall during intermission of the four hour musical extravaganza.

Henderson, although making his initial musical bow before State College dancers, is well known nationally both for his own original piano stylings and the work of his orchestral group.

The band has a long record of radio, recording, and motion picture appearances behind it. Nancy Reed and Andy Roberts will handle the vocal assignments for the ex-Artie Shaw, keyboard tickler.

## AIM to Assess Independent Men; Lawless Praises AIM Activities

AIM president William Prosser announced that an assessment drive, in which each independent man on campus will be assessed twenty-five cents, will begin March 3.

The assessment is necessary in order that AIM may carry out its various activities. All-College president William Lawless addressed the AIM body commending them on the work already accomplished but warned them that if AIM is to succeed it must succeed this year.

## Sneak Thief Robs KDR and Acacia

A total of \$114 was stolen from Kappa Delta Rho and Acacia fraternities between 3 and 5 a.m. Wednesday.

Robert Scott of Kappa Delta Rho saw the thief and describes him as about 5 ft. 6 in. tall, dark, of ruddy complexion, and of neat appearance. He wore a green shirt and a khaki jacket.

A man of approximately the same description was seen by James Etzel, of Acacia, who was studying late Wednesday night in his room. The man opened the door, but on seeing Etzel, turned and rushed down the steps. The halls were dark, and Etzel could not see him clearly.

Chief of Police Juba is working on the case.

### Bible Fellowship

IVCF staff member, Miss Barbara Dixon, will speak at the meeting of the Penn State Bible Fellowship in 417 Old Main at 7:30 p.m. today.

The burden of the success of the drive rests upon the independent men themselves. Lawless urged action by all independent men on campus and especially the 72 AIM representatives to make the drive a success.

### AIM Bulletin

Plans were also completed at the recent meeting for an independent newspaper to be known as the "AIM Bulletin". This eight page pamphlet will be a bi-monthly publication. Fifty dollars for initial costs were allotted by AIM for the paper.

Roger Rowland was appointed managing editor. In the planning stage now, circulation will include the Nittany Dorms, Pollock Circle West Dorms and Student Union desk, for independents living in town houses.

### Dinner Exchange

AIM social chairman, William Manus, announced that a Sunday dinner exchange plan will be inaugurated this Sunday. All interested persons should contact William Manus, 5051-Extension-268, or Sally Seabright, 5051-439 Simmons Hall.

## News Briefs

### PSCA Program

Religion-In-Life Week will be the theme of the regular Friday night program of the PSCA, heard at 7:45 over WMAJ.

### Job Opportunities

George N. P. Leich will deliver senior lecture in Schwab Auditorium at 4:10 p.m. today. His topic will be "College Recruitment and Job Opportunities."

### Phi Lambda

Phi Lambda, the College's chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, entertained its national president, John R. Hunter, alumnus of the class of '22, at a formal dinner in the chapter home Wednesday.