

## Reader Festival Expanded

Rather than confine the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Reading Festival to poetry, opportunities for prose and drama readings have been included.

This is a change from the Eastern Intercollegiate Reading Festival, limited only to the field of poetry.

In an invitation sent to 75 Pennsylvania colleges and universities, each school was asked to send five representatives to the first state reading festival, May 4 and 5. This festival, the first of its kind in the state, has been initiated by the speech department of the College.

This program is arranged, not as a contest, but for teachers and students who have a deep interest in the reading of literature to have an opportunity to share their interests and talents.

Among the colleges intending to participate are Beaver College, Dickinson College, Franklin and Marshall College, University of Pittsburgh, University of Pennsylvania, and all of the Pennsylvania state teachers colleges.

The five students sent from each college will read a prose narrative; poetry; a group of lyrics; Shakespearean sonnets; and drama.

Edward Armsby, Ted Breining, Ted Mann, Gladys Lou Miller, and Francine Toll will represent the College in this festival.

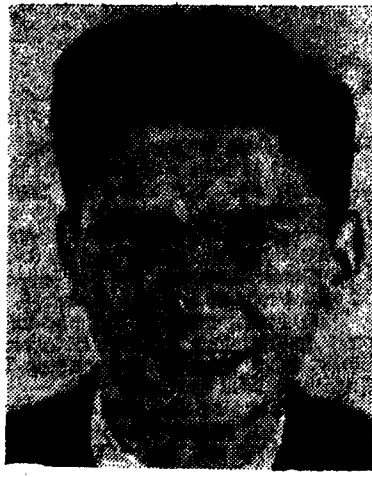
In addition to the scheduled hours of readings during the two days of the festival, social plans include a banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn, a tour of campus, and an informal coffee hour.

Mrs. Harriet D. Nesbitt, assistant professor of public speaking, is chairman of the festival. William Hamilton, assistant professor of speech, is on the festival committee.

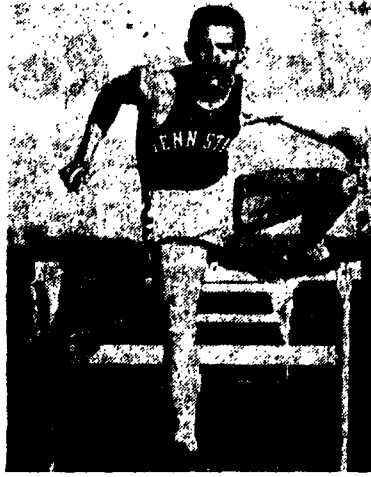
## Lion Class Presidents, AA Chief



Harry Kondourajian



James Balog



James Gehrdes

## Lion Party Sweeps Election

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"The candidates worked hard and I think that they deserved to win," said the victorious clique chairman, Mort Snitzer. "I want to thank everyone who voted for us and put our party into office," he continued.

When asked to what he attributed the overwhelming success of the Lion Party, Snitzer said "I guess we just had the best men running for office."

### Senior Class

In the Senior Class election, Lion candidate James Balog scored the closest win of the two-day election as he took the office with 560 votes as against 446 for Robert Keller.

Another close race was recorded in the vice-presidency. Joseph Reinheimer received 122 more votes than State candidate Francis Eshleman, but in the Senior Class secretary-treasurer race, Lorraine Stotler almost doubled Joel Fleming's 335 votes by polling 637.

One hundred and twenty four votes separated Harry Kondourajian, Lion party, from David Owen, and about the same margin separated vice-presidential winner John Erickson, from John Meszaros and secretary-treasurer Rudolph Valentino from Virginia Diver.

### Hard Campaign

"This was as hard a campaign as I ever fought," said Ted Allen, All-College president elect. "I didn't expect such a decisive victory."

A total of 2936 students voted this year, which is an increase of 736 over last year's vote.

Although the voting was finished at 5:30 p.m. yesterday, the Elections Committee didn't release the results until 7:10 p.m. Paper ballots which were used for a portion of the second day's voting slowed the counting procedure.

### Waiting

Many of the candidates were waiting for the results outside of the Student Union office and when Bill McLain announced that the Lion Party had swept every office, the Old Main hall was silent for a moment and then broke out into victorious Lion cheers.

As McLain read off the totals of the elections, the State Party members, who had seen defeat in only 3 offices in the last four elections, turned away from the celebrating Lions and moved toward the doorway.

"I guess you could attribute our defeat to a lot of things," said Robert Gabriel, State candidate for the All-College presidential post. "We put up a good fight, but we just couldn't take care of all of the things that had to be done."

According to the results of the A.A. elections in which only men were allowed to vote, a total of 2195 men voted.

### Cold Spring Drill

Ten years ago on April 2, the football managers had to shovel snow off the field so that the team could hold its initial Spring practice.

Textbooks are so scarce in Finland that a student must present a certificate from his professor stating that he needs the book for his work before he can buy it from a bookseller, according to reports received at the WSSF Headquarters here.

## 27 Men Initiated By Tau Beta Pi

Tau Beta Pi, engineering honorary, recently initiated 27 men. A banquet was held at the State College hotel after the initiation.

Those initiated were James Adams, Joseph Allinger, Stoddard Burg, John Cramer, Richard Drabic, Wayne Fenton, Gilbert Friendman, Kermit Harner, Calvin Hesser, Calvin Lewis, Richard Manchester, Robert Mays, John Miller.

Logan Moorehead, Michael Nakonechny, John Nott, George Oehmler, Norman Pomerantz, Richard Pulling, Wayne Rockwell, Ronald Saxton, Charles Schellhase, Bennie Slupek, Malcolm Stauffenberg, Donald Stock, Donald Tanner, and Frank Terkowski.

## Blue Band Gives Spring Concert

Displaying a completely different organization from the one of the football season, Blue Band, conducted by James W. Dunlop, will present its first concert of the semester in Schwab Auditorium 3:30 p.m. Sunday. The doors will open at 3 p.m. and there will be no admission charge.

The present Blue Band numbers 12 girls among its membership. Ninety pieces make up the present group and include flutes, piccolos, oboes, bassoons, saxophones, basses, and percussion instruments.

The program will open with the Star Spangled Banner, followed by "My Hero" and "The William Tell Overture".

Selections from present day show music include melodies from Carousel.

## AIM To Sponsor Quartette Contest

Independent groups wishing to enter the AIM sponsored barbershop quartette contest are requested to leave names and phone numbers at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

First round eliminations will be held Sunday at the independents "April Showers" mixer in the PUB with the finals to be run off in May.

Originality is encouraged in the quartette presentation of songs. Prizes will be given to the best group.

## Oehmler Heads Eng. Council

George Oehmler was elected president of the Engineering Student Council for the year. As president, he will represent the council and the students of the School of Engineering on All-College Cabinet.

The other officers elected were Harold Bowditch, vice-president; Jesse Kehres, secretary; and Fred Auch, treasurer. Prof. Lawrence Perez was selected as faculty advisor.

Mr. Oehmler is a sixth semester student in industrial engineering, a member of Tau Beta Pi, and a pledge of Sigma Tau, engineering honoraries. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity, and is serving on the house cabinet for the second year.

Beside his interest in student government, Mr. Oehmler has musical inclinations. He is a member of the chapel choir and the Statesmen quartet, and a past member of the Glee Club, and Glee Singers.

He succeeds Milton Stone as president of the council.

## Scholarships--

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The John W. White Scholarships in Spanish amounting to \$50 each, are made to residents of the United States for proficiency in Spanish, and/or to residents of a Latin-American republic for proficiency in English. Application may be made in Room 300, Sparks Building.

## Armed Convoy



## The Safety Valve

Letters to the editor must be signed for inclusion in the Safety Valve, although names will be withheld on request. Telephone numbers and addresses must be included to facilitate verification of authenticity of signatures. Letters exceeding 200 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations.

### Facts or 'Party-Line'?

TO THE EDITOR: Re "War or Peace" in the April 5 Safety Valve.

I have read similar articles until my eyes are sore. They "talk" but say little. Granted that they have a point about the secrecy of "The Atlantic Pact," what about the "... tiny clique of Wall St. ...", "... these parasites and exploiters ..." phrases? This sounds suspiciously like the old "party-line." Again: It seems as though Wall street has pulled out of the Republican party and is now behind the Democrats. Amazing versatility, wot?

In short, the writer has lost a good point by overcrowding it with trite "commie" phraseology. Also, I have never seen specific incidents cited to back up these accusations. Remember that, to thinking people, facts speak louder than name-calling.

Yours for clearer, more precise name-calling.  
—Name withheld.

### Monetary Incentive

TO THE EDITOR: With all the campaign speeches and big talk about politics this week and eagerness to attain a high position in government on campus, some individuals make us wonder whether reaching such a goal means any more to candidates than merely personal prestige and satisfaction.

Until recently we had been among the many Penn State students who know little about such matters, but it has come to our attention that a monetary incentive is another reason for such spirit and party politics.

Out of curiosity we are asking the Inter-Class Finance Committee or a similar group for the issuance of a complete statement on expenditures, such as salaries to All-College officers, class officers, dance committees, etc. We feel such an announcement would be of interest to all would-be student voters.

—Signed by 13 Coeds.

Although such an announcement was already too late to interest voters, it shall be made in one of next week's Collegians.