

# Alumni Turnout To Break All-Time Record

## Dinner, Football Game, Dance Mark Homecoming Festivities

Thousands of Alumni will continue to pour into State College today for the annual Homecoming Weekend, fulfilling expectations of the largest Alumni turnout in the history of the College.

Festivities, which began yesterday at noon, were hampered by an unexpected downpour of rain in the afternoon and evening. This forced postponement of the Alumni Golf Tournament and cancellation of the pep rally.

Highlights of today's activities include the Alumni luncheon at Rec Hall honoring the founders of the Cadet Band, the football game with Nebraska at New Beaver Field, and the Alumni Dance in Recreation Hall.

A complete schedule of the day's events released by Ridge Riley and Ross Lehman, of the Alumni Association, is as follows:

### SATURDAY

**Morning** — Alumni registration continues at Alumni headquarters in Recreation Hall.

**Alumni Golf Tournament** at the College golf course. **Hort Show** open all day to visitors.

**9:30-11:30 a.m.** — Home Economics Alumni coffee hour in Home Economics Building.

**11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.** — Alumni luncheon at Recreation Hall honoring founders of the Bugle Corps, Cadet Band, and Blue Band.

**2:00 p.m.** — Football game with Nebraska at New Beaver Field.

**2:15 p.m.** — Cross-country meet with New York University starting at New Beaver Field.

**8:00 p.m.** — Players present "Glass Menagerie" at Centre Stage. Tickets are available at Student Union Desk from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

**Thespians** present All-Alumni showing of "Welcome Willy." Tickets are available at Recreation Hall from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and for one hour after the game. They will also be on sale at the Student Union Desk from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. **Cider party** for Alumni at Recreation Hall.

**9:00 p.m.** — Alumni Dance at Recreation Hall featuring Gene Magill's orchestra.

Shortage of housing facilities has been a serious problem to the Alumni Association in handling the record-breaking crowds. Fraternity houses are utilizing every inch of space to take care of Alumni guests and indications are that all houses will be bulging.

The problem was somewhat alleviated by the spontaneous response of townspeople to an appeal by the Alumni Association for rooms in private homes.

**Alumni Honors Blue Band** In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Blue Band, four members of the original Bugle Corps and Cadet Band will be guests of the Alumni Association at the Alumni luncheon in Rec Hall. (Continued on page six)

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## Voting Plan Changes

### Rain Delays Lawn Display Appraisals

#### Judges To Rate Efforts Of Greeks This Morning

Old Man Weather, determined again this year that the judging of fraternity lawn displays would not be done under starry skies, sent forth torrents of the universal solvent last evening to drench the tediously conceived handiwork of nearly all the campus fraternities. The judging as a result was postponed until 10:00 o'clock this morning.

Hundreds of raincoated pledges and brothers, toiling with running sign paint and shorted electrical connections strove valiantly to preserve their interpretations of this year's theme: "Beat Nebraska—Welcome Alumni." Meanwhile, the judges, Prof. Cuthbert F. Salmon of the architecture department, Prof. John Y. Roy of the art department, and Ross Lehman of the Alumni Association, are preparing to readjust their critical talents for what is hoped will be a sunny review of the traditional displays.

#### Results At Game

The fraternities will learn how their efforts rated on originality, appropriateness to theme, and general attention-getting appeal during half-time at this afternoon's game.

If the corn strewn about the many lawns bearing displays is any indication, a bumper crop can be expected this year. Tractors, corn pickers, costumed farmers, and many variations of our own Nittany Lion bid welcome to the record number of alumni returning and are arranged in patterns probably causing a new high in consternation among visiting Nebraska fans. Competition for the Alumni trophy, awarded each year for the best display and now in the hands of Alpha Tau Omega, is keen.

### Trustee Group Holds Session

Members of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of the College met late last night at the College. It was their regular Fall meeting.

Chairman of the executive committee is James Mitholland, acting president of the College.

## State Party to Permit Voters To Cast Ballots in Lion Fashion

Aiming for a political comeback, representatives of the State party Wednesday night announced that the clique has abandoned its policy of representative voting.

Robert Keller, last year's candidate for Senior Class president, and Robert Gabriel, defeated All-College presidential hopeful last spring, announced the decision at a meeting before more than 250 freshmen women in Atherton lounge.

"There is no longer an apparent need for representative clique voting," Keller said. "After watching the Lion clique (which swept last spring's All-College elections) in operation, the State party feels that the danger that one or several groups may 'pack' a meeting is unfounded."

### Scene From 'Menagerie' Premiere



Dianne Scuderi, as Laura, and Charles Schulte, as Jim the gentleman caller, in a scene from Tennessee Williams' play, "Glass Menagerie," opened by Players at Centre Stage last night.

## Players Open 30th Season With Williams' 'Menagerie'

By BILL DETWEILER

Players opened their thirtieth season last night at Centre Stage with "Glass Menagerie," Tennessee Williams' Critics' Circle award drama.

The play is a family portrait with the setting in an alley tenement in the depression-dreary St. Louis of the 1930's.

The story is seen as the recollections of Tom Wingfield, whose mother, Amanda, clings to the shreds of her happier days as a Southern belle. Tom acts as narrator for the play.

As the story begins, Amanda, Tom and Laura, Tom's sister, are living in poverty. Tom has become restless as a worker in a warehouse, his real ambition being to become a poet. He reacts to the situation in none to pleasant ways, which his mother is constantly bickering about.

#### Inferiority Complex

Laura, although it can be plainly seen she does not wish to be, is the reason for the trouble. She is a crippled young woman who has drawn herself away from the world due to an inferiority complex.

Amanda believes Laura to be a beautiful young woman as she was in the old days in the South. And from there she sets out to make Laura a success.

She first tries to send Laura to business school, but Laura becomes "sick on her stomach" the first day and gives up, withdrawing herself even further into (Continued on page six)

Keller added that present State party policy in regard to eligibility of clique voters will, in the future, be similar to that of the opposing Lion clique.

Current Lion policy is to permit any student who has registered and appeared at two successive meetings full voting privileges. The only difference in the new State plan is that students of the various classes will be permitted to vote for clique officers of their class. Lion party members are permitted to vote for any clique candidate placed before the floor, regardless of the class in which they are registered.

Under the old plan of representative voting, no student was admitted as a voting member of the State party unless he had submitted a petition with 20 or more names of other students he intended to represent.

#### Explain Workings

Keller and Gabriel also explained the workings of the party to the freshmen group. They ran through its history, internal organization, and its differences from the campus's second political group.

Besides the minor difference in voting procedure, Keller also stressed the number of vacancies open in the organization to interested students.

"We are a party out of office," he said. "Therefore there is a good possibility that ambitious beginners will climb rapidly in the organization."

#### Lions Address Group

Rose Eifert, president of Leonides; John Erickson, junior class vice-president; David Schmuckler; and Huge Stevens addressed the group as representatives of the Lion party.

They also gave a short outline of the principles and history of their group.

Following the meeting, and expressing pleasure at the enthusiasm of their listeners, representatives of both parties said, in effect, "signs indicate a record turnout of freshmen at the November elections."

## Section 'NF' Open to Girls

Section "NF" in Beaver Field Stadium today will be open to freshmen and sophomore girls as well as sophomore men, Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, pointed out yesterday.

The section—in which flash cards are displayed to add to the color and spirit of the football game—had been planned as a no-girls-allowed section when the flash-card system was being arranged for this year.

However, student leaders decided after the first two games to eliminate the ban on girls in section "NF" when the distaff cheerers made what was termed "one of the best displays of College spirit seen here in years."

Ushers at today's game will (Continued on page six)

### Today . . .



### The Nittany Lion Roars

FOR Nittany cross-country and track coach, Chick Werner. Werner unveils his 1949 edition of the Lion cross-country team at New Beaver Field this afternoon. If past records are any indication of the season beginning today, this year's squad will again be one of the best in the nation.

The towering track mentor is noted for developing outstanding distance runners like Curt Stone, Jerry Karver, and Horace Ashenfelter, and top teams like the cross-country squad which captured the NCAA title two years ago. Many more years of success. "Chick."

## Medina Sentences Communist Leaders

Late AP News Courtesy WMAJ

WASHINGTON—Eleven top leaders of the Communist party were found guilty yesterday of plotting to overthrow the government by force. The men face maximum penalties of 10 years in jail and \$10,000 fines. Sentencing is scheduled for next Friday.

Immediately after the jury announced its verdict, federal judge Harold Medina sentenced the five defense lawyers to jail for contempt. Judge Medina also jailed Eugene Dennis, the top defendant, who had argued his own case. Their terms vary from 30 days to six months.

Attorney General McGrath called the outcome "gratifying", and members of both major parties here applauded the Communist conviction. Some called it a credit to the American jury system; others hoped it would start a crusade against all so-called subversive elements.

### Lewis Gives Plan

WEST VA — John L. Lewis introduced a plan for a 250 million dollar a week pool to help the CIO steel workers win their strike, Lewis, whose miners are striking, offered to contribute to such a pool, and he asked the AFL to join in. However, there has been no comment from federation chief William Green or CIO steel leader Philip Murray. (Continued on page six)