

## New ROTC Head Is No Stranger To College Life

Col. Arthur R. Walk, the new head of the Army ROTC at the College, is no stranger to academic life. He has been to four civilian schools, the Army War College and a host of other schools.



Col. Arthur R. Walk

The Colonel officially took over his duties as professor of military science and tactics on Jan. 1. He is in charge of the Army training program of approximately 1100 cadets, replacing retiring Col. Ben-H. Chastaine, who had been the Army ROTC head since 1946.

A soft-spoken man with a ready smile, Col. Walk heartily agreed that he was happy about being chosen for his new post. "I have always liked this part of the country," he said, "partly because I was originally a Pennsylvanian."

### Born in Chambersburg

Asked his first impression of State College, the Colonel replied, "I find the grounds here, of course, very beautiful." He added that he was impressed with the friendliness of his new acquaintances on campus and in town.

Col. Walk's service record includes action at the fighting fronts in both World Wars. Being graduated from Lafayette College during the First World War, he was sent to France in time to participate in the now-famous battles at the Marne, Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel.

Between the wars he attended a number of colleges, including Oxford, Stanford, Minnesota, Princeton and the Army War College. He holds a Ph.D. degree from Lafayette and an MA degree from Minnesota.

Upon his arrival at Guadalupe in 1943, Col. Walk was Chief of Staff of the 37th Infantry Division, a National Guard unit from Ohio. Later he took part in the assaults on the Solomon and Philippine Islands. The most severe action, he said, was in taking Manila.

Following the war, he was with the Sixth Infantry Div., which occupied Korea. Col. Walk had been with this unit while it was preparing for the final assault on Japan, which never materialized. Returning to the United States, he became Chief of Staff and later Commanding Officer of the Fifth Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, from which he was ordered to the College.

With the Colonel on campus are his wife and daughter. His three children are equally well acquainted with colleges. His daughter is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke; one son, a graduate of Princeton, is a teaching fellow at Harvard; the other son, a graduate of West Point, is serving as a lieutenant in Germany.

## Talent Recruiting Closes Tomorrow

Tomorrow noon is the deadline for entries in the Penn State Club Talent Show. Magicians, dancers, singers, comedians, impersonators, instrumentalists, combos, and others are asked to sign up at the Student Union desk in Old Main as soon as possible.

Cash awards will be given to the winners of the annual show which will be presented at Schwab Auditorium Friday night, Feb. 17.

## Church Calendar

**St. Andrews Episcopal**  
Regular services at 7:45 and 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

A supper will be given at 5:15 p.m. Sunday followed by the Canterbury Club program.

The annual dinner for all Episcopal students will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Those who plan to attend should call 3455 at once for a reservation. There will be entertainment and election of officers. No charge for the dinner.

### United Brethren

The student fellowship will hold a box social at St. Johns Evangelical church at 7:30 tonight. All members of the fellowship and other students are invited.

### University Baptist

The Roger Williams Fellowship will have a square dance with the Young Friends in the basement of the Baptist church at 8 o'clock tonight. In the event of a heavy snow, a sledding party will be held.

At 9:20 a.m. Sunday the Coffee and Doughnut Club will meet prior to the college student Sunday school class at 9:40 a.m. Regular worship service will be held at 10:40 a.m. From 5 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday the Fellowship will hold a supper meeting.

### Hillel Foundation

Dr. Henry A. Finch, visiting professor of philosophy from the University of Chicago, will be guest speaker at Sabbath Eve services tonight. Dr. Finch's address will be "Wisdom of the Heart: In Praise of Judah Halevi." Members of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity will serve as hosts and participate in the services.

## News Briefs

### Orchestra Rehearsal

There will be a full orchestra rehearsal in Schwab Auditorium at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

### BX Refunds

The BX is issuing 20 per cent refunds on school supplies until Jan. 17. Stubs dated until Jan. 6, will be honored.

### Phi Delta Kappa

Phi Delta Kappa, education honorary, will hold its annual ladies night affair at the Centre Hills Country Club at 7:30 tonight.

### Committee of Seventy

Harry K. Butcher, executive secretary of the Committee of Seventy, will speak on Philadelphia Politics at a meeting sponsored by the political science department in 316 Sparks at 7:30 tonight. Interested students are invited to attend.

### Kind Lady

Tickets for the next-to-last weekend production of "Kind Lady" at Centre Stage are on sale at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Prices are 90 cents for Friday and \$1.25 for Saturday. Refreshments are served on Saturdays.

### Radio Lecture

night on the subject, "Scientific speak on WMAJ at 9 o'clock tonight. Dr. Richard C. Raymond will speak on "Man and the 20th Century." His speech is the 11th in a series on "Man and the 20th Century."

### PSCA Work Camp

Painting of the Earleysville school interior will be continued as part of the Penn State Christian Association Work Camp tomorrow. Those who plan to take part should sign at the CA office in Old Main by 5 o'clock today.

### Newman Club

Two hundred new members were initiated by the Newman Club on Sunday. An informal ceremony followed by a mixer were held at Woodman Hall.

# Outstanding Seniors

## Mary Cohen

(This is the eighth in a series of articles concerning prominent senior men and women who have proven themselves outstanding in one or more fields of activity at the College.)

By MYRNA TEX

Many people find it hard to believe that anyone rates Pennsylvania over California, but Mary Cohen does and is seemingly quite proud of her home state.

She and her family took a trip to the coast two years ago to visit her brother in California. "Perhaps it was the adverse conditions that existed at the time which really prevented me from liking it there," Mary remarked. "A polio epidemic was in full force during that summer and it was good to get back home again."

It's good to have Mary home again, too. Although she lives in State College, she is spending this semester in Simmons so that she can live with her sorority sisters, the Alpha Xi Delta's, for a while. Mary is treasurer of the group.

She is secretary of Mortar Board, a member of the Hat Societies Council, and senior advisor to Alpha Lambda Delta, freshmen women's honorary.

Other activities of hers include the Rod and Coccus club, Iota Sigma Pi, women's chemistry honorary, Cwens and the Religion-In-Life Week committee. She served on the Agriculture Student Council during her sophomore and junior years.

Mary expects to graduate in June with a major in medical technology. She claims, however, that she isn't too sure of graduation now because that Ag-Bio-Chem lab she has on Tuesday and Saturday mornings is really rough.

### Work With Cwens

"I enjoyed working with Cwens very much," Mary remarked, "mostly because of the service projects connected with the group and the feeling of responsibility it gave me. I also enjoy group work and this, of course, afforded me the opportunity to do just that."

"In connection with Cwens, I think it is very important for sophomores to get out and participate in activities. They miss so much if they don't. One of the most advantageous results they can gain from activities is the ability to meet and talk with people."

"One thing I particularly feel the College needs is a new auditorium. Present conditions are not adequate for dramatics students. They do good work, but they don't have enough facilities and working space."

## March of Dimes To Begin Drive

The March of Dimes drive on campus this year will begin Monday and end January 31. The drive will be sponsored by the Physical Education School and Phi Epsilon Kappa, men's physical education honorary fraternity.

Dr. Arthur L. Harnett, faculty director and general chairman of the campus drive, urges all to contribute to the fund which is used to fight the crippling disease of Infantile Paralysis and to aid sufferers from the disease.

The committee in charge of the drive includes: Anthony Shumskas, chairman; Homer Barr, Ann Burlingame, John Dixy, Sally Dunfee, Barbara Jones, Robert McDougal, Charlotte McIntire, Robert Mackey, Dick Mays, Margaret Meyers, Jack Miller, Don Watkins, and Bernice Yerkes.

## Collegian Carries College Cartoonist

The Daily Collegian this week became one of the first college newspapers in the East to run cartoons of Richard Bibler, only syndicated college cartoonist in the country.

A junior at the University of Kansas, Bibler has achieved outstanding acclaim in colleges throughout the Middle and South West through his cartoons on various facets of college life. Featuring most of his work is a squat, buck-toothed college character called "Worthal."

Bibler has been acclaimed in collegiate journals as "probably the best college cartoonist in the country."

## Beaver Field --

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visitors' 30-yard line, sophomores are now in the end zone.

"Necessary Evil" "So, it is generally maintained that the sections allotted to the three classes this year are worse than those seats the respective classes occupied last year. As far as choice of seats is concerned, the present seating arrangement makes the student body appear—in words of one student leader—more or less as 'a necessary evil tolerated by the College, rather than the primary part of the College that it is.'"

"Prompted by student interests, the committee believes the students should be seated on the home side rather than the visitors' side, and should be seated in a solid block. This would keep the student body intact for the most effective cheering and for maintaining the best student spirit, because the close proximity in 1948 of seniors to the team bench would be resumed. The committee feels that when a student becomes a senior he should be seated directly behind his football team on the home side.

### Behind The Team

"The College saw fit a number of years ago to begin placing the student body—or part of it—directly behind the team. This was done toward better team support. The committee feels that the apparent lack of effective cheering and team support this year on the part of the seniors can be laid by-and-large to their being seated on the visitors' or east side, away from the team.

"Going further, we believe that—although it may be the alumni's team in certain ways—it is the students' team primarily, since the team is made up of their number. The students are the immediate persons interested; they live at the College and maintain a day-to-day interest in the team, in contrast to the alumni and general public, who are in many ways not as close to the team. Therefore, the committee believes that, since the west stands are the home side of the field, the students should be seated there in a solid block, behind the team. The west stands seem to us to be the one logical spot for the students at home football games.

### Financial Situation

"However, any change we suggest should take into consideration the financial situation. We should be cognizant of the fact that selling the most possible seats at the top price, \$3.60, will best help the College pay for the new stadium addition and more important, make possible paying the huge guarantees to opposing teams—guarantees which are necessary if we want to have desirable schedules. The purse strings must not be disrupted.

"In view of what the committee thinks the students are entitled to, and keeping in mind that all present alumni sections on the west side were not completely full this year even on Homecoming, the committee would like to toss into the hopper for consideration of the Athletic Advisory Board this plan. The committee feels that it takes into consideration fully the weight of the all-important finances:

"Move the student body from the east side of the field to the west or home side. As the students now begin at about the 50-yard line on the east side, place them correspondingly on the 50 on the north end of the home-side stands and allow them to stretch in one compact block around the U-curve in a clockwise direction.

### Alumni Sections

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## Commencement Instructions Announced

Mimeographed instructions to students receiving degrees at the Feb. 7 commencement services will be distributed to the deans of the various schools today.

Students have been asked by Prof. David H. McKinley, college marshal, to pick up copies at the offices of their deans. Further copies may be procured at the counter of the recorder's office in Willard Hall.

The instructions outline conduct of students receiving degrees during the ceremonies. About 825 degrees will be awarded, with 689 going to graduating seniors and the remainder to graduate students.

There will be sufficient seats for 1500 spectators on the bleachers in the Recreation Building, where the ceremonies will be held at 2:30 p.m., and for another 2400 in the balcony, said Prof. McKinley. This will allow 4.7 guests per student, and will make unnecessary distribution of tickets.

Marshals will receive degrees for the students in each school, since having each student go to the platform for his degree would consume too much time.

Student marshals will be: Graduate School, Robert L. Folk; School of Agriculture, Russell J. Hutnik; School of Chemistry and Physics, Ralph O. Fleming; School of Education, Glenn A. Marburger (BA) and Walter F. Steinman (BS); School of Engineering, Charles H. Schellhase; School of Home Economics, David A. Hassler; School of Liberal Arts, Jack W. Wyker; School of Mineral Industries, Patrick W. Huber, and School of Physical Education, Carl N. Henry.

Student marshals are selected on the basis of academic scholarship and period of residence.

Official diplomas will be distributed immediately following commencement until 5 p.m. at the counter in the recorder's office. Matriculation cards are to be presented for identification.

Students are required to wear academic costume for the ceremonies. No recessional or processional will be held for graduates.

A special seating arrangement by schools has been worked out and is printed in the instructions. Students may sit anywhere in their sections.

## Ex-College Prof Lost On Hike

Dr. Robert Josiah Conklin, one-time faculty member of the English department at the College, was today believed to be one of a pair of American professors missing in the mountains of northern Luzon in the Philippines.

An Associated Press dispatch indicated that Dr. Conklin and Marvin Pittman of Chicago had not been heard from since they left on a hike into the mountains Dec. 21. Foot patrols yesterday reported no trace of them after searchers crossed a section the hikers should have traversed.

College officials said that Dr. Conklin taught English on the campus from Sept. 1, 1922 to September, 1924, and held degrees from Springfield College and Clark University.

The wire service reported that he was a YMCA secretary during World War I, served with the USO in World War II, and was in the Philippines as an exchange professor from Springfield College in Massachusetts.

low for alumni sections in both the east stands and west stands—in the east from the 50-yard line north, and in the west from the 50 south.

"The student body would be kept intact on the home side, maintaining unity of team and students. Still being met would be our commitments of 50-yard line seats to alumni, and still being maintained would be our financial obligations to bondholders to pay off the debt for additional stands, and still being realized would be the revenue to guarantee topnotch schedules.

—Respectfully submitted by the All-College Cabinet Committee on Seating Arrangement.