

# Professor Unearths Lone Portrait of Tom Paine

Climaxing a 10-year search, Dr. Harold E. Dickson, professor of fine arts at the College, has located the only painting of Thomas Paine, author and patriot, that is known to exist.

In gathering material for his recent book on John Wesley Jarvis, American painter. Dr. Dickson found references to a documented original portrait of Paine by Jarvis.

When all leads led down blind alleys, Dr. Dickson completed his manuscript, predicting in it that "if this elusive picture should still exist and prove to be as authentic as its inscription sounds, its discovery would be an important one."

A pre-publication review of the book in the New York Herald Tribune, ironically enough, resulted in the discovery of the portrait, even before the book had gone to press.

Dr. Dickson was informed by Margaret Steward Maurice and Marian Bridge Maurice, of Athens, Pa., that they had the painting in their home. Dr. Dickson examined the canvas and found it in fine condition. A certificate of Jarvis, attached to the back of the painting, indicated it was completed about 1805, less than five years before the death of Paine.

"This well-documented and unquestionably authentic portrait of Paine by Jarvis can be given rightful recognition as the last and at present the only located painting from life of one who played an effective role in the founding of our nation," Dr. Dickson said.

## Bible Fellowship

The Penn State Bible Fellowship will hold its first Tuesday Bible Study of this semester at 7 o'clock in 418 Old Main. Benn Dickerson will lead the discussion on the first chapter of Romans.

## News Briefs

### Fee Collection

Fees for the present semester will be collected at the office of the bursar, Willard Hall, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 2 and 3.

### Lenten Services

Grace Lutheran Church will hold Lenten Services on Ash Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

### Home Ec Mixer

The Home Ec Mixer scheduled for tonight is postponed to a date to be announced later.

### Sigma Tau

Recent initiates of Sigma Tau may obtain their shingles from Treasurer Robert Tintman at the meeting tomorrow night in 219 Electrical Engineering.

### Chem Eng. Society

Sophomores may join the Chemical Engineering Society at a meeting tonight in Room 119 Osmond at 7 o'clock. Movies and refreshments will accompany an important business meeting.

### Penn State Club

There will not be a meeting of the Penn State Club tonight because of lack of business matters to be discussed. However, the executive committee will meet at 7 o'clock in Old Main.

## Squatters

### Campus Pets Keep Warm

Every chipmunk has a steam-heated home on the College campus. Nine miles of subterranean dormitories shelter them from the winter cold while their big homosapien brothers must worry with the housing shortage.

These chipmunk dormitories are found in the steam lines which extend from the central heating plant to every building on campus. The entrances are steel grates, about 14 chipmunk steps wide, and are located at convenient points along the walks and lawns.

One of the employees at the central power plant, who occasionally patrols the steam lines looking for leaks, reports that the chipmunks appear perfectly contented this winter.

But according to Gus, a chipmunk who has resided in the Tri-Dorm area for a number of semesters, the red-furred colony is a bit perturbed over the recent coal strikes.

"We sure do worry," Gus said, "about whether or not John L. Lewis is going to shut off the heat."

## Pi Gamma Mu Elects Officers

Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honorary, elected Dr. B. V. Moore and Henry Goeken as president and vice-president, at a recent meeting to honor new initiates.

Those honored are: Rolland Daley, Joseph Heffner, Francis Ianni, Anna Keller, Dr. William Leonard, Francis McNelis, Harriet Nelson, Sylvia Ockner, Dr. Robert Oliver, Margaret Robinson, Merrill Snook, and Dorothy Yarnall.

Officers who will continue terms in the second semester are: Jane Cowell, secretary; and Joseph Fradley, treasurer.

## Eliminations Will Be Held For Orators

A chance to vie for state-wide honors in oratorical competition will be offered to students of the College next week.

Eliminations to choose the College representative to the annual State Oratorical Contest will be held next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 316 Sparks.

These elimination tryouts are open to any undergraduate student of the College. The winner will then represent the College at the State Oratorical Contest to be held at the University of Pittsburgh on March 10 and 11.

Students wishing to enter the contest must register at office of the department of speech, 300 Sparks before 12 noon this Saturday.

Competing students must deliver an original oration of either 2000 words or 12 to 15 minutes in length on any topic. Three judges, one from the College, will select the winner.

The State Oratorical Contest is one of the forensic events which will highlight the State Debate Tournament held at the University of Pittsburgh also on March 10 and 11. The College debating team will send representatives to this tournament.

## Job Opportunities

Opportunities available for graduating seniors in the field of public assistance will be discussed at a meeting in 317 Willard Hall from 2 to 4 o'clock today.

John Harris, director of personnel for the Department of Public Assistance will be on campus to discuss salaries and requirements.

The Civil Service commissioner will be present to receive applications for the examinations to be given this week for open visitor positions.

## Local IRC Joins State Association

The College's International Relations Club recently joined the Pennsylvania Association of International Relations Clubs. The club voted to send three delegates to the association's meeting at Shippensburg March 3-4. Those elected to attend the meeting are, Pete Hammer, Don Sloughfy, and Phyllis Kistler.

Plans also have been made to send three official delegates to the International Model General Assembly. The assembly will be held in New York City April 10-12. Dr. Larry Leonard, faculty advisor of the organization, will accompany the group and will select the three representatives.

The club is also conducting a weekly poll of students and faculty about current national and international problems. Three members of the group have been selected to gather this information which they will present at the next meeting. The first poll will concern the H-Bomb, and the findings of the club will be published in the Daily Collegian.

Dr. Oliver, member of the speech department, will speak about Korea at their next meeting. This meeting will be in the recreation room of McElwain Hall at 7:30 tomorrow night.

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