

# Outstanding Seniors . . . . .

Robert Gabriel

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

By JANET ROSEN

Next year 1000 black-bow-tie, green-dink wearing freshman men can thank Bob Gabriel for helping to set up their customs. For, Bob is working with the Hat Societies Council Committee to establish an adequate, smooth-working system for next fall.

Bob explained that the pre-war indiscriminate hazing and paddling will be abolished. In fact, most of the customs will be the same as those enforced during the war years. In addition to the bow ties and dinks, name cards are compulsory attire. Freshman men's relations with women (any class)

will be restricted to saying, "Hello."

They will also be expected to know all the traditions, cheers, songs and building names. Walking on the grass or senior walk is verboten. But, the picture isn't quite so black as the freshmen bow ties; customs will be removed for All-College dances.

Gabriel is not studying this problem from a theoretical standpoint; he underwent all the rigors of customs in 1944. "I thought customs were a lot of fun. They helped me to appreciate college," said Bob.

Therefore it isn't the freshmen he's worried about, but as Bob says, "The biggest problem will be satisfying the upper classmen with the manner in which cus-

## News Briefs

### Phonograph Drawing

Drawing for the phonograph being given by the State Party will be held tomorrow at Student Union at 1:30 according to State Party Treasurer Roger Dietz.

### Cabin Party

Graduate students and faculty members will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday behind Old Main for a Graduate Club cabin party. Reservations should be made at the PSCA office.

### ASAE

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers will present a play entitled "The New Army" tonight in 105 Ag Eng in conjunction with a dinner sponsored by the Farm Equipment Manufacturers' Assoc.

### Pan-American Day Dance

A Pan-American Day dance will be held at the TUB from 9-12 tonight. Music will be furnished by Darrel Rishel Band and special South American entertainment will be held during intermission. Admission is free.

## Robert St. John -

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"From the Land of Silent People," "It's Always Tomorrow," "The Silent People Speak," and "Shalom Means Peace." St. John's fifth book, written last summer abroad, received offers for filming from Hollywood and arrangements were made for translation into three foreign languages. The subject was kept a close secret by both the author and the publisher.

He served with the U.S. Navy during World War I, worked on numerous newspapers in Hartford, Oak Park, Ill., Chicago, Camden and on the Philadelphia Record. From 1931 to 1933, St. John was city editor for the Associated Press in New York and then from 1933 to 1939 turned to farming and free lance writing.

Later he returned to the Associated Press as Balkan correspondent and then became a news commentator for the National Broadcasting Co., first in London, then in Washington and New York.

St. John was one of the first correspondents to make broadcasts from Paris after the liberation. In recent years he has divided his time almost equally between gathering stories abroad and presenting lectures throughout America.

Since the '20's St. John has been dealing constantly with violence in one form or another. He not only was on the scene of two world wars but has covered numerous minor international misunderstandings, revolutions and bits of armed hostility. He still carries a Nazi bullet in his right leg, a memento of the Greek campaign.

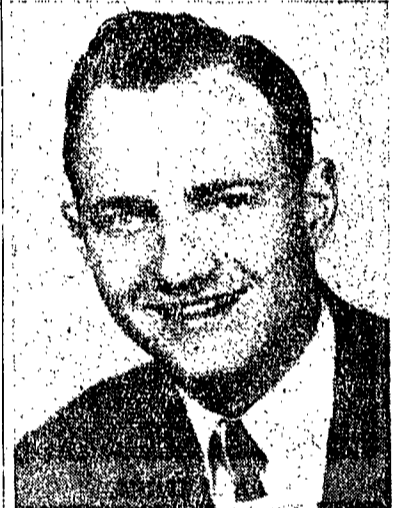
His lecture replaces a talk that was to have been given by Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire. Bridges canceled his talk because of illness and has not been able to re-schedule a date.

### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MORNING WORSHIP 10:45  
"What God Used a Murderer!"  
Rev. Andrew E. Newcomer Jr.

EVENING WORSHIP 7:30  
Roundtable on Religion; Panel includes Mr. Merkle, Mr. Margolf, and Mr. Newcomer.



toms are presented and carried out. The student body as a whole should realize that customs are an integral part of college life. The College Administration and the Dean of Men support this belief by upholding Tribunal's decisions on violations of these regulations.

**Customs Affect Spirit**  
"I think customs will have an energetic effect on Freshmen spirit. Also, having a president will probably raise the Penn State spirit to a new high."

Enthusiastically expressing his opinions of the salutary effect of having a president, he said, "A president will help the workings of student government because the policies of the Administration pertaining to student problems will be more clear-cut. Thus, All-College Cabinet will be able to work more intelligently in solving these problems."

Gabriel holds his seat on Cabinet as president of the Education Student Council. His collegiate activities have not been confined to this realm. He was the State party candidate for All-College president in 1949, an assistant football manager, a member of IFC, and the purchasing agent for the Student BX.

Honoraries are also included in Gabriel's activities. These are: Skull and Bones, secretary; Blue Key, secretary; Lion's Paw; Hat Societies Council, vice president.

This outstanding senior comes to State College from Philadelphia. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi.

## Gov't Seminar Hosts Students

A "Meet-Your Government" seminar in Washington, D. C., will be held April 23-25, under the local sponsorship of the PSCA. Penn State is one of several colleges sending students to this seminar, nationally sponsored by the Intercollegiate Christian Council.

The political science department at the College is cooperating with PSCA in this project. Dr. Neal Riemer and John Ferguson, members of the department, will accompany the group. Members of the PSCA staff will also attend.

The seminar is open to all Penn State students wishing to attend. Arrangements for housing and transportation will be handled by PSCA. Total expenses of the trip have been estimated at \$20. Since the last two days of the three-day seminar will be Monday and Tuesday, students who attend will be excused from classes on those days. Those who plan to take the trip are requested to apply at the PSCA office not later than noon Saturday, April 15.

## Players' ---

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similar to one her mother had years before.

Mesrop Kesdekian will play the male lead, "Mr. Jaywood," the former flame in the mother's life, and Bryson Craine will portray "Doug Hall," the girl in "Ellen's" life. Abram Bernstein is "Mr. Murray."

Virginia Laudano will portray the maid and Francine Toll will be "Connie." Richard Powdrell is understudy for Craine and will take over his part for some of the 12 performances.

Warren Smith, assistant professor of dramatics, is directing the play, and Anthony Bowman is stage manager.



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# Ogontz To Replace Swarthmore Center

Ogontz Junior College, a recent gift to the College, will replace Swarthmore Center as Penn State's freshman unit in the Philadelphia area.

Naming of the head of the new center will be delayed till the latter part of April or the first part of May.

Swarthmore Center will reduce its freshman enrollment for the academic year 1950-51, and will be closed at the end of that school year. The technical institute programs at Swarthmore, serving the Delaware County area, will be moved to a new location in the summer of 1951.

J. O. Keller, assistant to the president, in charge of extension at the College, stated that approximately 180 women students will be housed in the dormitory at Ogontz, and that the balance of the student body of 400 will consist of Penn State freshmen who live within commuting distance of the new Center near Abington.

Penn State's evening program in Jenkintown, consisting of part-time courses of a technical nature, will be moved to Ogontz in September as part of a projected program in adult education.

Ogontz consists of 99 acres, including woods and streams. All of the seven main buildings are of stone construction. The main building houses executive offices, reception rooms, a post office, a dining room, a swimming pool and a gymnasium.

The library contains nearly 12,000 volumes and the gymnasium-auditorium seats 400.

Alterations to some of the principal buildings will be done during the summer, and will include the enlarging of certain classrooms and the developing of new chemistry and physics laboratories.

Ogontz was established in 1850 in Philadelphia as the Chestnut Street Female Seminary. In 1883 it was moved to a suburb of the city, and became known as The Ogontz School for Young Ladies, and later Ogontz Junior College.

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