

Civil Rights Committee Passes Lorch Petition

A petition requesting the College administration to reconsider its dismissal of Dr. Lee Lorch recently was passed by the executive committee of the Union-Northumberland Civil Rights Committee.

The resolution of the committee, which is "dedicated to the struggle against discrimination," reads:

"It has been reported in the newspapers that Professor Lee Lorch, assistant professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania State College, has been denied reappointment to the faculty of the college because of his activities in working to eliminate the ban against Negro tenants in the Stuyvesant Town housing development in New York City. These reports further state that no criticism has been made of Professor Lorch's teaching record and in fact he was recommended for reappointment by the faculty committee in charge.

Combats Discrimination

The Union-Northumberland Civil Rights Committee as an organization devoted to combating all forms of discrimination based upon race, color or religion, earnestly protests against the penalizing of those who like Professor Lorch are active in that same good cause, and we urge the administration and trustees of Pennsylvania State College to reconsider their action in this case."

A copy of the resolution was sent to James Milholland, acting-president of the College and chairman of the Board of Trustees, the committee reported. The Union-Northumberland committee headquarters is in Lewisburg. Jacob Quat, of New Berlin, is chairman.

Annual Band Concert To End Spring Week

Penn State's Concert Blue Band will close Spring Week in customary style with its annual spring concert before the Library at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Prof. James W. Dunlop will conduct.

Bad-weather site of the performance is Schwab Auditorium.

Opening with the Star Spangled Banner, the band's hour-long program will include Alford's arrangement of "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," Von Flotow's "Stradella" Overture, and Hardy's "The Grenadier," with a baritone horn solo by Richard Criswell.

Sousa March

The band will also play Sousa's "Liberty Bell March," a Leidzen medley of Rodgers and Hart songs; Creston's "Legend," Ostling's "Brass Pageantry," Colby's "Headlines; Arndt's "Nola," with a xylophone solo by Kennetta Peters and Evans' "Lady of Spain." It will close with a Leidzen-arranged "South Pacific" medley.

The concert Blue Band's Spring program is a traditional part of the College's Spring Week festivities. It is the final event of this year's celebration.

One number on Sunday's program is of particular interest. In "Headlines," the composer attempts to picture in music a clattering newspaper city room, with its ceaseless reports of human violence. Program notes tell of headlines of "war, fire, earthquake, scandal, crime, murder, life, love, religion, death..."

Closing Medley

The band's closing number is a medley of top tunes from the fabulous musical "South Pacific." "Balihi," "Some Enchanted Evening," "Happy Talk," and "Wonderful Guy" are some of the Rodgers and Hammerstein hits featured by the band.

Unlike the famed marching Blue Band, the concert band is made up of men and women students. Uniformed like the marching band, it is of far greater size, with 100 members.

Newspapers

Non-delivery of Sunday Philadelphia Inquirers by the Student News agency Sunday was due to the railroad strike, agency officials reported yesterday. Refunds are to be made this Sunday.

Scholarship Winner

Eugene M. Zorn, of Dawson, Pa., has been named winner of the Borden agricultural scholarship at the College. Dr. Russell B. Dickerson, vice-dean of the School of Agriculture announced recently.

Zorn is a senior in agronomy, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, all-College honorary, and a member of the Clover Club and the American Society of Agronomy. The Borden award provides one of the largest monetary scholarships at the College.

Voting Complete For Senior Gift

Seniors on campus cast their votes in the past two days for the class gift and the 11 traditional awards to outstanding men and women of the graduating class. Voting was reported

"light." About 3,000 seniors were eligible to vote.

Results of the vote will not be announced until postal card ballots sent to February graduates are returned and tabulated, according to James Balog, senior class president, and gift committee chairman.

The three proposed gifts considered were: A College ambulance, contribution to a student press, and erection of a Hall of Fame in the proposed Student Union building.

Those nominated for the traditional men's class honors of Spoon man, Barrel man, Cane man, Pipe Orator, and Class Donor were: Ted Allen, Robert Keller, Richard Wertz, Peter Geisey, James Gehrdes, James Balog, John Senior, Thomas Morgan, Wilbert Lancaster, Robert Gabriel, Charles Beatty, Joseph Reinheimer, James MacCallum, Morton Snitzer, and Richard Schweiker.

The Spoon man in the past has usually been the class president, but he must have a high scholastic average. Cane man is chosen on the basis of popularity and leadership, while the Barrel man has traditionally been an outstanding athlete who is also active in other fields and has a good scholastic average. The Pipe Orator and Class Donor are usually outstanding campus personalities.

Candidates for women's honors were not listed. The voters themselves decide who will get the traditional women's awards of Bow girl, Slipper girl, Fan girl, Class Poet, Class Donor, and Mirror girl.

Debaters Conclude Best Year

By HERB STEIN

No matter how you look at it the debaters this year covered a lot of ground.

Prof. J. F. O'Brien, men's debate coach, estimated the 30-men squad traveled more than 6,000 miles since last fall to compete in 119 debates, the highest figures in Penn State history both for mileage and number of contests.

Besides this, the debaters, who recently closed their official season, can review this year as one of the most triumphant campaigns in 51 years of debating at the College.

"No doubt the most successful season we've ever had for the number of debates held," was the way Prof. O'Brien termed the season, 1949-50.

"Proud of Them"

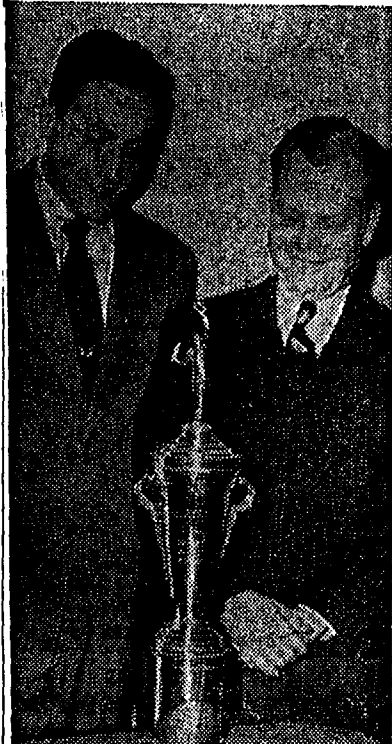
"We're proud of them," he said, "because we're not a two-man team or a four-man team, but our tournament victories have been carried by a nucleus of 14 men."

The team this year captured first place in four tournaments, which is more than any other team has won in one year for the College. Two of the firsts, at Washington and Jefferson and Mt. Mercy, were undisputed. The other two, the Old Dominion Debate Tournament at Richmond and the Grand National at Fredericksburg, Va., ended in ties with other schools.

Top Seven

Prof. O'Brien singled out seven men from the nucleus of 14, who competed in all of the big tournaments. They were: Marlin Brenner, Clair George, Peter Giesey, David Lewis, James McDougall, Richard Schweiker and Richard Schultz.

The other seven who, he said, participated in major events were:



Richard Schweiker (left) and Prof. J. F. O'Brien, captain and coach respectively of the men's debate team, are shown proudly viewing the trophy which the College team won from Washington and Jefferson College for the second consecutive year.

James Dente, Nathan Feinstein, John Kelly, John Mezaros, Charles Petrie, David Schmuckler and Donald Yenke.

Schweiker, the team captain, called the debate with Oxford University last November, the most interesting of the season. The largest audience to witness a debate this year crowded into Schwab Auditorium to watch a team of Englishmen with the picturesque names of Robin Day and Geoffrey Johnson-Smith.

"I didn't think much of them as debaters," Schweiker said, a little perturbed. "They acted more like after dinner speakers."

Debated Nationalization

A great majority of the debates this year have been on the same subject—nationalizing industries. Often a team will have to switch from affirmative to negative and back again during the course of the same tournament.

One of the more embarrassing experiences this year was an encounter and defeat by a team of women, which wouldn't be so bad, but the women happened to be Penn State women—Christine Altenburger and Rosemary Delahanty. The teams met through a chance drawing at a state tournament in Pittsburgh on March 16.

Favorite Tourney

The favorite tournament of all the debaters, Schweiker reported, was the Grand National in Fredericksburg, Va. He attributed this to the "graciousness, hospitality and beauty of the southern women."

Besides trying for first in the Grand National, Penn State's team had three individual speaking winners. They were George, Joel Fleming and Lewis. Other individual speaking winners this year were: Kelly, a third place in a cross-examination at Pitt; and Lewis, a second in an all-state tournament at Pitt.

Prof Contrasts School Systems

Firsthand observation of the English university system by Dr. Clarence R. Carpenter, professor of psychology, after attending a conference in Paris recently, reveals great contrast with the American setup.

In England administrative responsibility is shouldered by faculty committees, he said.

Universities in Britain are also experiencing acute problems of expansion, he continued, but educational men there prefer small enrollments in order to maintain a high quality of education.

Dr. Carpenter was particularly interested in the impact of government in the field of research. Fundamental research, he said, is carried on by the universities, but the actual work in solving the detailed technological problem is the job of the government or industrial institutes outside the university.

While in England, Dr. Carpenter worked with the British Broadcasting Company in preparing a 40-minute program on instructional aids in education. He discovered at that time that the BBC uses its facilities for regular educational and cultural programs pointed directly to a more intelligent audience.

Dr. Carpenter went to Europe to attend an international conference at Paris devoted to the discussion of the structure and physiology of animal societies.

From France Dr. Carpenter traveled to Holland, where he delivered a lecture at the University of Amsterdam on primate behaviour. He is now on a lecture tour of colleges in the United States and will resume his duties at the College June 1.

State College May Get Big Recreational Lake

Borough officials of State College are now considering plans for the construction of a large recreational lake to provide swimming, boating, and fishing for Centre Countians.

Present plans would place the lake in the flat land of the Millbrook-Puddintown-Houserville locality, near the College farms. Various plans have been presented. One calls for a 97 acre lake, another for close to 130 acres.

Mayer To Talk On Communism

Dr. Herbert C. Mayer, engineer, educator, and president of American Viewpoint, Inc., will address senior engineering students today at 4:10 p.m. in Schwab Auditorium. Because of the popularity of the speaker and his subject, "It Might Happen Here," the lecture will be open to the public and faculty.

With relations between the United States and communist-controlled Czechoslovakia strained, the talk will be extremely timely. Dr. Mayer, who will explain how the communists took control of Czechoslovakia, was in Prague at the time the communists took control. He also will speak on his experiences as deputy chief of plans and directives for the Information Control division, American Military Government in Berlin following World War II.

There will be no charge for admission. The final lecture of the series will be presented next Friday, with H. N. Muller, of the Westinghouse Electric Corp., as the speaker. "The Young Engineer in Management" will be his subject.

State Funds Available

Plans for the lake were begun last Fall when it was learned that state funds were available for this type of project. Preliminary surveys have been made, but the rest is up to the borough. How long it will be before the lake is a reality depends a great deal upon how soon final decisions are made and proper steps taken toward securing financial backing.

While as yet there isn't much action underway to get the plans into workable order, questions are already being raised. Sportsmen in the State College area feel that such a lake would hinder trout fishing in the cold waters of Spring Creek.

Some think that a dam would raise the temperature of the creek and that would drive away the trout, which like the colder streams.

Town-Student Plan

However, others feel that while some fishing may be lost, the lake would more than compensate with its wide facilities which would provide more fishing of another sort.

Members of the Planning Commission would like a town and student movement started to back the lake, even though state funds are available. In this way, complete state support, which would probably lead to a park plan that would bring people in from all parts of the state, could be avoided.

Everything at this moment, however, seems to rest with the borough officials.

Honor Winners Are Announced

The winners of the John W. White Fellowship, the John W. White Medal, and the Evan Pugh Senior and Junior Medals, have been approved by the College Senate on recommendation of the Senate Committee on Scholarships and Awards.

Harold Clark, a senior in chemistry-physics, won the John W. White Fellowship of \$600, which is given each year to a member of highest standing in the graduating class who possesses the qualities of ability and personality which will enable him or her to profit best by graduate study.

Russell Hutnik

Russell Hutnik, a senior in agriculture, was awarded the John W. White Medal, which is given to a member of the senior class for outstanding scholarship.

Five seniors and five juniors won Evan Pugh Medals, which are awarded each year by the Honor Society council to members of the senior and junior classes who have been selected by the Senate Committee on Scholarships and Awards for outstanding academic achievement.

Senior Winners

The senior winners are Lydia Barraclough, education; Olen Kraus, chemistry-physics; Norman Pomerantz, engineering; John Senior, chemistry-physics; and Eugene Zorn, agriculture.

The junior winners are James Haughwout, agriculture; Russell Herman, engineering; Betty Sellers, liberal arts; Anthony Stemberger, agriculture; and Frank Szymborski, engineering.

Home Ec Has Fire

An overload transformer started a small fire in the Home Economics building at 2:45 yesterday afternoon.

Campus patrolmen called Alpha Fire Company to put out the blaze, which plunged the building into darkness. The patrol reported small damage.