

# PSCA Celebrates 75 Years On Campus

By JOE BREU

One of Penn State's foremost organizations is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

It was under the leadership of S. A. Taggart that the Penn State Christian Association first saw the light of day in March 1875. Taggart was editor of the "YM-CA Watchman" and at that time the group called itself the Christian Association.

It held meetings twice a week on the first floor of Old Main. On Tuesday evenings a prayer meeting and a short business meeting were held and on Sunday a formal service.

PSCA had committees on membership, Bible study, worship and missions. The leading social gathering of the organization in those days was the yearly reception for new students the first Friday evening following the opening of the semester.

### Print First Handbook

A few years later the association became affiliated with the international YMCA and was known on campus as the YMCA. The first president was William Calder. In 1894 the Y. C. A. published the Student Handbook for the first time and has continued to do so ever since.

In 1895 the organization outgrew its old quarters and moved into the Washington Literary society office on the fifth floor of Old Main.

The first executive secretary of the campus YMCA was J. R. Woodcock, who took charge in 1903. Two years later Francis E. Wilbur became the first salaried general secretary.

### Meet in "Y Hut"

The group made tremendous progress under the direction of Frank N. D. Buchman. It organized Sunday schools and men's clubs in neighboring school houses, and held meetings in various adjacent towns and villages.

From 1918 to 1930, the organization met in the "Y Hut." The "Hut" became a famous campus landmark in those years and was located next to Old Main. Frank I. Olmstead became executive secretary in 1919 and served for five years. Wilmer J. Kitchen succeeded him for four years. In 1928 Harry W. Seamans became the head and remained until 1943. The Association moved once more in 1930. It set up headquarters in its present location in the new Old Main.

In 1907, a YWCA was founded at the College. It held religious services every Sunday evening and conducted mission study classes. It also established social centers. (Continued on page seven)

## 2400 Students Sign 'Freedom' Scrolls

Just over 2400 students had signed "Crusade for Freedom" scrolls when the campaign closed at 5 p.m. yesterday.

Incomplete results show around \$80 in contributions collected, with fraternity contributions still to be tallied.

Approximately 1133 fraternity men signed the scrolls, IFC President Harold Leinbach announced last night. Robin Brunner, heading the drive among women, heading the drive among women, students also signed.

Earlier, AIM President Richard Bard announced that 574 independent men had signed the scrolls. Bard also said the independents had contributed \$35.45 to the Radio Free Europe fund.

Women students contributed more than \$45, Miss Brunner said.

The "crusade" campaign opened Sunday, Sept. 24, and was scheduled to close last Thursday but was extended through yesterday.

## Borland Speaks

Dr. A. A. Borland will speak on "When PSCA was the Y.M.C.A." at the sophomore round table, to be held in 304 Old Main at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

At 8:15 the PSCA radio committee will present its first program of the 1950-51 season, "The Atom Next Door," over station WMAZ.

## 21 College Vets Called For Duty By 4 Services

Twenty-one veterans of the College have departed for the service so far, Mrs. Rebecca Doerner, in charge of veterans registration, said.

Of this group one member, James Mill, has enlisted in the Air Corps, another was drafted, and the remaining men are members of the Army, Navy, Marine, or Air Corps Reserve.

This contingent includes students from the third semester through Graduate School. Both single and married men are in the group, and both the active and inactive Reserve is represented.

Army reservists who have left are John Scott, Anthony Molino, Allen Liebau, James Ziegler, Richard Campbell, David Everett, Frank Hitchcock, John Pietrovita, Gerald Lowry, Robert Bowen, Eugene Chomicky, John Neureiter, and Marland Francis of the 11 Air Borne Reserve.

Francis Klings is the draftee, also leaving for the Army. Only one Navy reservist, John Davis, was among the group.

Marine Corps members who left are Joseph Williams, Donald Brownell, and James Griffith.

Completing the list are Ronald Corbet and Albert Tyson, Air Force reservists who left with this group.

## Forum Tickets Now Available

Season tickets for the 1950 Community Forum series may be obtained this week at Student Union in Old Main and at the Commerce Club, Clayton Schug, Forum chairman has announced.

Tickets for the series are \$3, and are good for five presentations. The Forum opens with Ogden Nash on Oct. 13. Archduke Otto, Eric Johnston, Andre Maurais, and Emily Kimbrough will be the other speakers.

## Kiner, Prince To Speak At Grid Smoker

Ralph Kiner and Bob Prince are expected to speak at the annual football smoker in New York City at the Park Sheraton Hotel, Seventh Avenue and Fifty-fifth Street, Friday evening at 8 p.m.

Kiner, the Pittsburgh Pirate star, and Prince, announcer for home Penn State football games, are only two of the many personages slated to speak. Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Peter Donovan '26, brother of George Donovan, the manager of associated student activities at the College.

A concert to be given by the Penn State Blue Band will supplement the evening's program. A representative from the Army team will be on hand to speak to the audience.

Local personages who will attend the smoker include Joseph Paterno, assistant football coach, Carl Schott, dean of physical education and athletics, Louis Bell, director of public information, Ridge Riley, executive secretary of the alumni association, and Walter Hosterman, associate graduate manager of athletics.

## Bursar Announces New Fee Schedule

Payment of student fees has been postponed to Oct. 12 and 13, David Hogan, bursar, said last week.

All fees, including room and board fees, must be paid on these dates, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in room 6, Willard Hall.

Veterans whose G. I. bill fails to cover at least half the semester must pay their fees in full at this time.

A list of fees due will be listed by matriculation number in the lobby of Willard Hall Oct. 12.

## ROTC Teachers

By teaching or guest lecturing in the Air Force ROTC program, faculty members at the College, who are also members of the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard, may be able to earn credits applicable toward eligibility for promotion and retirement.

## Concert Drive Sells 400 Memberships On First Day

Incomplete early returns in the Community Concerts drive show over 400 memberships sold yesterday, the first day of solicitation.

The week-long campaign opened with a banquet for solicitors Monday night at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Memberships are limited by the seating capacity of Schwab auditorium, 1230, and sell for \$6.

Keynote address at the banquet was delivered by John Thayer of Community Concerts Service, New York, who will work with the local group during its campaign.

The first of four planned concerts will be presented before Christmas, according to plans released by Wilmer E. Kenworthy, master of ceremonies at the banquet.

A committee of student and faculty leaders will plan the programs as soon as all the memberships are sold. Approximately 60 solicitors in town and on campus will sell the memberships. The drive closes at noon Saturday, or earlier if the seats are sold out.

In his speech, Thayer credited the international Community Concerts movement with preventing the extinction of good music in small and medium-sized communities.

"In all but the largest cities," Thayer said, "concerts habitually accumulated deficits. It is because of Community Concerts planned audience, no-profit-no-loss basis that this system has brought about a revival of good music outside the large cities."

Under the Community Concerts plan, memberships are sold for an entire season of entertainment, and artists are then booked according to the money available.

Community Concerts service, Thayer said, has worked with artists to adjust their programs to a correct level for audiences. "In the old days," he said, "the artists used to give the audience what they thought they should hear. They had set themselves up on a pedestal. Now we try to have them perform works the audience will enjoy."

After Thayer's speech, a film featuring several Community Concert stars was shown to the solicitors.

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