

Outstanding Senior . . .

# Kondourajian Known By All

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This is the first in a new series of articles concerning prominent senior men and women who have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor at the College.

Who doesn't know Harry Kondourajian? Whether it be debate, Theatricals, IFC, Lion Party, All-College Cabinet, orientation-week committee, All-College talent show, this fellow is truly "hell-on-wheels," or, as Harry would say, "I guess I've got a lot of nervous energy stored up."

Debate is his present rage. Just two weeks ago he helped carry home the Washington and Jefferson debate trophy. But, Harry has always been a 'natural' at quick-thinking and rebuttal. Even after his first experience at the University of Vermont tournament, upon awarding the decision to Harry, the judge remarked, "You must be an experienced debater."

**Talking Feet**

His feet also can talk. With the now-famous Lee Brothers (Ugly and Beastly) routine, he and Sid Manes helped live-up the Player's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," won third prize in the '49 talent show, and entertained at multitudinous fraternity gatherings. In "Bring Back My Wing-back" and "Poor Mr. Varnum," Harry was a member of the dancing chorus. In fact, ever since he was 15, when his sister taught him to fox-trot, Harry has been adding to his repertoire. In 1945, it was winning jitterbug contests; in the summer, it was Russian, Turkish, and Armenian dancing in New York City. He picked up many of these specialty dances during his 15 months in Europe with the Army Headquarters Command. If Harry ever changed his mind about going to law school, he could accept several offers to dance professionally.

As president of Skull and Bones, and a member of Blue Key and Hat Society Council, he has taken an active interest in freshman customs. He expressed enthusiasm over their progress and sees a green future ahead. "Frosh customs went quite well for the first year and will get better each year," he said. "The Freshmen themselves want customs, and they help to develop school spirit, which is lacking in new students. The hat men did a fine job with their enforcement, leading the way for the upper-classmen, who hadn't been through it before."

**Avid Politician**

As a politician, Harry is an avid worker. He likes to tell the



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story of his initiation into campus politics. The second week he was here, cousin John Benglian (of boxing fame) nominated him for soph class president at a Lion party meeting. Never having attended a political meeting and not knowing the party was backing another, Harry prepared his speech. Needless to say, Harry, the political ingenue, was defeated in a landslide. But, being of a tenacious character, he got a position on the public relations committee and did such a fine job that he was finally asked to run for the office of junior class president. He did, and won. To climax his college political career, the next year he was elected All-College vice-president.

A strong advocate of the two-party system at Penn State, Harry remarked, "Our set-up is terrific, being closely aligned to politics outside." And he should know, having received his experience with Pennsylvania politics while working with Democratic headquarters in his native Philadelphia. As a result, Harry was appointed co-chairman of State College's Young Democratic Club, which organization is in the process of revision.

**IFC Workshop**

Another new project which Harry supported on the ground floor is the IFC Fraternity Workshop. For five days in October, fraternity representatives discussed their common problems, e.g. pledge training and finances. The Greek workshop was such a success that its committees have become a permanent part of IFC. "It could help to make the fraternities into one big, happy family," explained Harry.

That statement demonstrates what kind of a person Harry is. He considers working with people the biggest thrill in his sundry undertakings.

## Penn State Club Membership Open

New members, second semester and up, to be eligible, must join the Penn State club before the club's next business meeting on April 3, Joseph Lipsky, president announced yesterday.

Lipsky said the business meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been postponed. He also said that initiation for new members would be held April 10.

Moylan Mills, vice-president, said the theater party to Center Stage was set for next Friday night. He said club members should sign up for the party in the club room, 411 Old Main before noon Monday. The club will pay half the price of the members' tickets, but full price must be paid for guests' tickets, Mills said.

## Church Groups To Discuss Faith Topics

Discussions on faith and its meaning will again be featured at meetings of local student church groups tomorrow night.

United Student fellowship will discuss "The Significance of the Death of Jesus" at their meeting at Faith Reformed church at 6:30 p.m.

Westminster foundation, will hear a talk on Quaker relief in Palestine by Ray Hartsough at their meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Roger Williams fellowship will hear Donald Cook tell of his experiences at the annual White House Conference on Youth which he attended this year. Students will meet at the Baptist church at 5:30 for supper and fellowship meeting will begin at 6:30.

The Young Friends will meet at 6 o'clock tonight for supper at the home of John Ferguson, 555 W. Ridge avenue. William Mackenson will be the guest and members will continue their discussion of "Quaker Queries."

Canterbury club, meeting at 6:30 p.m., will hear three students from Virginia Theological seminary, Lee Richards, Martin Knutsen and William Glenn speak about the ministry as life work. Knutsen and Glenn are alumni of the College and Glenn is from State College.

Lutheran students will meet at the Lutheran student house at 5:30 p.m. for supper and will hear a talk by the Rev. Paido Tuo, Sarumpaets from Sumatra.

## Animal Show Plans Made

Outstanding animals in all four divisions of livestock will make their first collective public appearance at the College's 1951 Little International Livestock Exposition on April 28, according to William King, co-manager of the affair.

The four divisions are swine, sheep, beef cattle, and horses. Drawings for the show were held Tuesday.

These animals, many of them with impressive championship laurels, were added to the College's herds and flocks through special appropriation by the 1949 General Assembly, King said.

New additions have been made in the Shorthorn, Hereford, and Angus beef cattle. Morgan horses recently purchased by the College and outstanding Yorkshire hogs will also appear in the show.

This year's show is expected to draw a crowd that will exceed the capacity of the livestock pavilion, King added. He said livestock men from all parts of the state have indicated special interest this year.

All animals appearing in the show are in the College herds and flocks and are used for teaching and special research projects.

Penn State, host to the Eastern intercollegiate wrestling championships again this year, last held this event in 1942.

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## Lion, State Parties Have Longest Life

By BUD FENTON

The present campus political picture, a battle for supremacy between the State and the Lion parties, is the most stable in the history of hectic student politics.

Since the inception of the political party system in November, 1943, seven parties have been established.

Both the Lion and State parties have long outlived any of the other factions organized on campus for the purpose of gaining control of student government.

The State party is entering its fifth year of political conflict, while the Lion party is a year younger.

**Key Group**

The party with the longest record previously, was the "mysterious" Key group, which dissolved at the peak of its success. The party entered candidates in five elections through 1943-45, winning the last three by overwhelming margins, gaining 29 offices in less than one year. (Office-holders were elected by semesters then instead of classes, thus creating eight class presidents instead of four.)

Following the three consecutive successes the party dissolved. Records do not show why this phenomena occurred but it may be imagined that some student government conscious persons decided to disband the party in order to avoid possible delay of the two (or three) party system.

**Three Party Elections**

Two campus elections were subjects of three party fights. Both the March and November elections in 1944 were three party elections but in neither case was the third party successful.

The present Lion party is a re-birth of one of the original political factions on campus. The first Lion party entered four elections in the first days of the party system but was forced to disband because of its inability to cope with the powerful Key group.

It was re-formed in 1948 in order to try to stop the surge of the successful State machine. The State party, born in 1947, won its first four elections, so completely dominating the political scene as to lose only three offices out of the 24 contested in 1947-48.

**Lion Finally Wins**

After two losing attempts, the Lion machine finally defeated the State group in the spring of 1949. Since then the Lion party has repeated by sweeping the 1950 spring election while the State party has won the last two fall election battles.

Next month, when the Lion-State conflict flares again on April 18 and 19, the Lions will be working to continue the success of the past two springs. The Staters will be striving to once more show the power and gain the support that gave them the spectacular two-year domination of the political scene they enjoyed in 1947 and 1948.

## Ed Honorary To Initiate New Members

Phi Delta Kappa, graduate education honorary, will initiate 35 new members at a meeting Tuesday.

The initiation will be held in the Hugh Beaver room, Old Main at 5:30 p.m. A banquet at Allencrest will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. C. R. Carpenter, chairman of the College committee on research, will speak on "Problems of Graduate School and Research Administration."

The initiates are graduate students Forest Benford, Bernard Brosius, Paul Cauffiel, Emery Chickering, William Condon, George Coutsantine, Charles Cooper, Edwin Cottrell, Merle Coulson, Robert Cox, Raymond Farley, Quentin Felch, Richard Garber, Alfred Goetschius.

Roy J. Haring, George Hayes, Harry Hutton, David Kintzing, Roy Lady, Leonard Mathey, Victor Menegus, John Metzler, Robert Moore, Melvin Robb, Clinton Ruby, Kenneth Sheets, R. Dwight Troutman, Hugh Urban, and Earl Zimmerman.

Dr. Henry Brunner, professor in agriculture education; Harry Gasser, instructor in elementary ed; Norman Hoover, instructor in agriculture education; Thurston Reeves, assistant supervisor of Aud-Vis aids library; William Williams, assistant professor of industrial education; and Dr. E. A. Glatfelter, principal of York high school, will also be initiated.

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## Ten Chosen Semi-Finalists

Ten students were chosen as semi-finalists in the preliminary tryouts to select students to represent the College at the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate reading festival and Eastern Intercollegiate poetry reading festival.

The students selected were Alan Adair, James Beaver, Phyllis Breckman, Donald Colbert, Regina Friedman, Shirley Gallagher, Betty Lou Morgan, Paul Reinhart, Kathryn Sheetz, Sonya Tilles, and Marcia Yoffee. They will again read prose, poetry, and drama selections at 4 p.m. next Tuesday in 233 Sparks. Five finalists will then be chosen.

Faculty members of the Speech department will make the final selection. Everyone is invited to hear these readings.

## Business Group Installs Officers

The Future Business Leaders of America installed John Beiter as president and Dorothy Green as vice-president at their meeting Thursday night.

A proposal was considered at the meeting to unite the different chapters throughout the state into divisional units and to begin a drive for new members.

Members receiving "assistant" degrees are as follows: Roselyn Beard, Ina Epstein, and Tema Kieber.