

Debaters' Convention To Begin On WMAJ

The 16th annual Penn State debaters convention will begin tonight with interviews of representatives from the 21 competing colleges over station WMAJ.

The program will be aired from 9 to 9:30 o'clock. Marlin Brenner, convention manager, said the program would feature round-robin interviews on college colors, songs, symbols, statistics, and distinctions.

Registration for the convention will take place between 9 and 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in 313 Sparks. Room assignments will be made at this time. The convention will continue through Saturday when it will be climaxed by the election of officers for next year's convention.

Convention Officers

Three Penn State students are convention officers. They are Clair George, vice-president; Edward Shanken, secretary; and Edwin Lefkowitz, hospitality chairman.

Other College students taking part in the convention are Arnold Aikens, Joyce Buchanan, Yvonne Carter, Joan Dobson, Bernard Friedman, John Harris, Jay Headly, Sanford Hertz, Constance Matlavage, Barbara Menapace, Lois Pulver, and Lionel Wernick.

Brenner said the convention will be a model congress styled after the national and state legislatures. He said the committee system will be used and participating colleges will be assigned to committees.

A college's success, at the convention, Brenner said, is judged by the bills accepted by the entire convention body and delegates elected to officerships.

Gavel Girl

He said a "Gavel Girl" will be chosen at Friday night's banquet.

She will be the girl attending the convention who has the best combination of charm, intelligence, and oratorical ability, Brenner said.

College's attending the convention will be Slippery Rock state teachers, Dickinson, Lehigh, Pittsburgh men, Pittsburgh women, Allegheny, Carnegie Tech, Duquesne, Gettysburg, St. Francis, Seton Hill, Mount Mercy, Albright, St. Vincent's, Washington and Jefferson, Westminster, Geneva, Juniata, Temple, Penn State men, and Penn State women.

Schedule Planned

Highlights of the convention program follow: tomorrow at 10 o'clock in 10 Sparks, opening session of convention as a whole; at 11 o'clock in 10 Sparks, 121 Sparks, and 100 Carnegie hall, opening committee sessions; at 2 o'clock in 103 Agriculture, 100 Horticulture, 315 Willard hall, 16 Sparks, 418 Old Main, committee meetings.

Also, at 5:30 o'clock in State College hotel banquet room, convention dinner; at 8:15 o'clock in 10 Sparks, assembly of all delegates.

Saturday at 9 p.m. in 10 Sparks, assembly of all delegates; at noon in 10 Sparks, assembly of all delegates for election of next year's officers.

Ag Council OK's 'Coaly' Constitution

Agriculture student council unanimously approved the constitution of a new honorary society on Ag hill at its meeting Tuesday night. The constitution must be acted upon by College Senate before it goes into effect.

The honorary, which will be named the Coaly society, will honor undergraduate agriculture students for their part in extra-curricular agricultural activities.

Coaly society was decided upon for the honorary's name because of a legend of a mule named Coaly which hauled stones for the building of the original Farmer's high school, forerunner of the College.

A point system will be employed by the society for selection of its members, Charles Zellner, chairman of the committee presenting the constitution, said. He said the point values would not be revealed.

Limit On Initiates

Initiates in the society cannot exceed three percent of the School of Agriculture's enrollment, and in any one year cannot exceed 40.

James Worth explained the new student activities cards to the council. He said secretaries of individual clubs will be responsible for filling out activities, and the council will then transcribe the activities onto permanent cards.

An amendment was made to the council constitution allowing those who have been members of the council for one-half of one semester to hold office. The constitution previously required a full semester membership on council.

Butz Named Chairman

Wallace Butz was appointed student committee chairman to work with a faculty committee and Prof. P. H. Margolf on plans for an Ag hill party to be held next fall. Council members were asked to consider names of faculty members in the school to recommend to All-College cabinet for honors by its awards committee.

The council supported plans to hold a joint open house with other schools at the College May 12. Carroll Howes, council president, turned his office over to Robert Fast, council vice-president, for the remainder of the semester. Howes will be student teaching.

MI Dean's List Is Announced

Thirty-five students of the School of Mineral Industries have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester by Dr. Edward Steidle, dean of the school.

Fifteen seniors, 12 juniors, four sophomores, and four freshmen have been named to the list. Two of the 35 students, John Kraft and John Harrison, had 3 averages.

Seniors honored are: Robert Aiken, 2.64; Harry Bauer, 2.73; William Bonner, 2.66; Mark Har-nish, 2.64; Homer Harris, 2.72; Richard Higgs, 2.78; Eduardo Hinojosa, 2.53; John Kraft, 3.00; William Rice, 2.58; John Schilling, 2.57; William Sittig, 2.61; Robert Thomson, 2.57; Issac Van der Hoven, 2.66; James Wasson, 2.50; and James Williams, 2.72.

Juniors are: Robert Chilcote, 2.85; William Englert, 2.64; Ralph Fries, 2.77; Don Harrison, 2.66; John Harrison, 3.00; William Horn, 2.82; Frank Johnson, 2.50; Joseph Kelly, 2.52; Albert Ludik, 2.64; George Rippel, 2.52; William Stockdale, 2.50; and Robert Was-sall, 2.52.

Sophomores are: William Clement, 2.87; Richard Hallgreen, 2.91; Peter Thomas, 2.70; and William Young, 2.61.

Freshmen are: Williams Collins, 2.64; Arthur Hussey, 2.57; Walter Jaworek, 2.54; and William Kil-mer, 2.70.

Air Force Trainees To Arrive Monday

Penn State's first military trainees, 50 Air Force enlisted men, will arrive on campus Monday. An officer cadre for the group will be here tomorrow.

James Gemmel, associate professor of economics and business, will be in charge of the training program, which will turn out clerk-typists for the Air Force.

Gemmel said yesterday that the trainees, who will arrive in groups of 50 for the next 15 weeks, will be housed at the Nittany dormitories. Some women trainees may be included in the later groups, however, and these would be housed in the women's dormitories he said.

A 12-Week Course

The program is a 12-week course, below college level. At the peak, 600 trainees will be on campus at one time.

Classroom space is now being scheduled in the Temporary buildings, Gemmel said, but the peak load may be too much for these facilities. He said the possibility of converting Pollock circle buildings into classrooms, discussed earlier, has been given up for the moment because of the construction expense. Because more space will be needed later, however, the plan may still be put into effect, he said.

Faculty Is Being Organized

A faculty is now being organized to teach the Air Force trainees. Gemmel said a total of 35 teachers would be needed at top enrollment. Seven instructors will take the first 50 students arriving Monday.

The program is being offered at the request of Scott Air base, Ill., where the trainees will go after completing the course. The officer cadre is being sent from Fort Warren, Wyo.

President Milton S. Eisenhower announced the training program at a faculty meeting in Schwab auditorium Tuesday. He said that the College would gain three ways from the contract—that it was Penn State's first opportunity to undertake direct service at the request of the military; that if the school makes a good record with the program, future programs may go up to college level; and that the contract will protect the school's financial situation.

President Announces

The President also announced the virtual closing of the off-campus freshman program at state teachers colleges. Individuals may still be admitted to first year courses there under special circumstances, but generally the system is closed.

The announcement followed closing of two freshman center programs at Harrisburg and Swarthmore last week.

Superintendents And Educators' Conference Held

Approximately 100 superintendents, assistant superintendents, supervisors of special education, and supervisors of vocational agriculture around the state, attended the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Association of County Superintendents held at the Nittany Lion Inn which ended yesterday.

Members of the faculty of the Education school here at the College also attended.

The conference began Monday afternoon with an opening address by Dean Marion Trabue of the School of Education, with John Lumley, president of the association presiding over the meeting. Dr. Charles M. Long of the school of Education delivered a talk on the topic "On the Firing Line."

On Monday evening, Professor George Free showed films on conservation education.

The conference concluded yesterday morning with an address by Dr. E. A. Quackenbush of the department of public instruction on the subject "Impending Legislation," and the reports of the discussion groups.

Modern Music Speech

Elmer "Skip" Wareham, instructor of music at the College, spoke on "Approach to Modern Music" at a meeting sponsored by Leonides in Womens building Monday night.

Wareham illustrated his talk by playing records indicating new trends in the musical field.

Morkides To Close Career In Players

By LEE STERN

Nick Morkides, one of the mainstays of the Penn State players, for the past three years, will make his last appearance in a Players' production when "The Gentle People" is performed for the last time Saturday night at Center stage. But his work in dramatics will go on.

Right now Morkides is one of the dialogue directors of the forthcoming Thespian show, "Anything Goes," and is directing a minstrel show for the Lions club of Pine Grove Mills.

Morkides, a B-29 tail gunner for two-and-one-half years before coming to college, arrived at Penn State three years ago. Since then he has appeared in such contrasting Players' roles as the servant "Peter," in "Romeo and Juliet," the sad comedian, "Harry," in "The Time of Your Life," the "Reverend Dr. Lloyd" in "Life With Father," and his present one as the kindly old Greek, "Phillip," in "The Gentle People."

In "Wingback"

He has appeared in the Thespian shows, "Bring Back My Wingback," "Poor Mr. Varnum," "Welcome Willy," and "Girl Crazy." While in his freshman year at the Swarthmore center, he directed the first play to be produced there.

Morkides picks three roles as his favorites: "Peter" in "Romeo and Juliet" because of "the thrill of doing Shakespeare," "Harry" in "The Time of Your Life" because "it combined dancing and acting, the two things I like best to do," and "Phillip" in "The Gentle People," because "it's a really meaty character role."

"I'm really a character actor, but once, just once, I'd like to do a youthful romantic lead," he said in an interview yesterday.

Son Of Clergyman

The son of a Greek Catholic clergyman, he seemed a natural to play the dialect role of the old Greek in "The Gentle People." When he first got the part, Morkides decided to study the speech of his father and some Greek friends.

But he was greatly disappointed when he found that "they just didn't sound like Greeks." So the dialect he is using now is a compromise between what he learned from observation and "what a



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El Circulo Espanol To Meet Tonight

El Circulo Espanol will meet tonight at 7 o'clock in the main lounge of Hamilton hall. A Spanish quiz program conducted by Helen Keller will highlight the meeting.

Isabel Melendez, advisor for the club, will discuss a play to be presented for Pan-American week. All interested students were invited to attend.

Greek dialect is supposed to sound like."

Besides being a member of Players and Thespians, Morkides is active in Theta Alpha Phi, national dramatics honorary, and last year he was a permanent member of the acting staff of Five O'Clock Theatre.

Although he is a business major, Morkides would like to enter some phase of theatre work after his graduation in June.

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