

President's Conference . . .



PRESIDENTS of Pennsylvania's four major colleges talking over mutual administrative problems at breakfast Sunday morning. Left to right are Harold E. Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania; Rufus T. Fitzgerald, chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh; Robert Johnson, president of Temple University; and Milton S. Eisenhower.

U.S. Colleges Face Drop in Enrollment

American colleges and universities have opened another academic year faced with serious financial problems and the loss of an estimated 250,000 students, according to an article appearing in yesterday's New York Times.

Although some 2,500,000 students will be on the campuses of the nation, this figure represents a 10 percent drop from last year's enrollment figure. It is also the second consecutive year that the institutions of higher learning have experienced a drop in enrollment.

In spite of decreased enrollments in the nation's 1850 schools, administrators face a much brighter picture than they anticipated six months ago in the spring. At that time, college spokesmen feared they would lose up to 50 percent of their male enrollment. More students have been deferred from the draft than had been expected.

Operate At Loss

However, the colleges are not out of the woods yet. Most of the independent schools of the nation report they are operating at a loss and are in worse financial condition than they were a year ago. These findings are based on a survey made by the New York Times of 100 representative schools throughout the nation.

The big, name colleges do not have any trouble filling their quota of students. It is the smaller, less well-known colleges which are facing the crisis now. Some of these smaller schools had enrollments drop as much as 30 percent, although the average was a more modest ten percent.

The bright spot in the picture, is that freshman enrollment, the key to future years, has held up remarkably well, sometimes showing only a five or six percent decline. On the downward side, however, is the veteran enrollment, which is at its lowest ebb since the end of the war. Many educators are now calling for a bill which would provide educational opportunities for veterans of the Korea campaign. A bill

Former Students Receive Assignments

A former Penn State student recently received advancement in the U.S. Army and another has been assigned to a training station.

Lieutenant James Noel, Phi Gamma Delta alumnus, was made aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. Bruce C. Clark. He will serve as personal assistant to the general at Fort Hood, Tex.

Pvt. David Heinen has just completed processing at Fort Meade, Md., and is assigned to Fort Lee, Va., for Army basic training.

Dr. T. Walter Wallbank, professor of history at the University of Southern California, is one of the Fulbright scholars who will spend a year at the University of Cairo.

10 O'Clocks for Frosh

Freshman women attending the tea to be given by Delta Alpha Delta, women's speech society, will receive 10 o'clock permissions.

The tea will be at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the southeast lounge of Atherton.

3950 Join Army, Air, Navy ROTC

Approximately 3950 students, the largest number in the College's history, have enrolled in the Army, Air Force, and Naval ROTC programs on campus this fall.

A total of 328 seniors will be commissioned in the three ROTC units on campus after graduation in June.

Of the senior cadets there are 55 Navy students, 140 Air Force students, and 133 Army students.

The figures were released yesterday by Col. Lucien E. Bolduc, professor of military science and tactics, Col. Jack W. Dieterle, professor of air science and tactics, and Lt. Cmdr. R. N. Billings, executive officer of the naval science.

The Air Force is the largest individual group at the College with 2110 cadets. This is a 75 percent increase over last year's total. The breakdown by classes is: 1200 freshman, 570 sophomores, 200 juniors, and 140 seniors.

The Army is second with a total of 1549. There are 334 Army cadets at three of the College centers. The centers are Mont Alto with 115, Ogontz, 167, and Pottsville, 52.

Freshmen dominate the Army enrollment with 709 cadets; they are followed by 590 sophomores, 117 juniors, and 133 seniors.

Two hundred and ninety-five contract and regular students make up the largest Navy ROTC enrollment. Freshmen lead with 115. There are 74 sophomores, 51 juniors and 55 seniors.

Klisanin Urges Mail Protest

Hoping to start a mail barrage on Harrisburg, William Klisanin, state chairman of the National Student Association, yesterday urged all students to write to their legislators asking them to vote against the Pechan loyalty bill.

The bill, approved by a state House committee last week, is now on the docket for consideration by the entire body. A similar bill was approved by the Senate last spring.

Klisanin, who has already urged all state chapters of the NSA to oppose the bill, said he hoped that "a heavy downpour of mail on Harrisburg will let the members of the legislature know how the students of Pennsylvania feel about the Pechan bill."

of this type would aid the colleges greatly.

10 Percent Decrease

To the public, a ten percent decrease might seem like a minor thing. But to a school operating on a close budget, the Times went on to explain, a drop of this size could be disastrous. Most of the public or state-supported schools will be able to get by without "too much difficulty." Many of the private colleges are the ones in dire need of more money. Some are eating into their endowments. Others warned that unless they got some aid, they would be forced to lower their standards to keep going. In the face of the decreased enrollments, faculties have been cut. Replacements are not made for vacancies and the much-needed younger blood is not being given a chance.

The colleges reported that tuition and other student costs are now at an all-time high. They are appealing to the public in fund raising campaigns, but they still do not have enough money.

Many of the leading educators of the nation, like Dr. Earl J. McGrath, United States commissioner of education, propose some sort of federal scholarships to enable the "poor but able boy" to go to college.

One thing that is definite—all responsible educators are convinced that higher education has a large role to play in the present national emergency.

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Players' Workshop Will Begin Tonight

The newly-organized Penn State Players' Workshop, designed to enable interested students to learn more about the technical and business side of theatrical productions, will get underway at 7 tonight with meetings of the workshops, advertising, and costume classes.

The advertising group will meet in the loft of Schwab Auditorium, with William Raymond, senior advertising manager, in charge. The costumes class, under the direction of Ruth Harding, senior costume manager, will meet in the basement of Schwab auditorium.

Lighting, Sound, and Makeup

The classes, open to all interested students, faculty members, and townspeople, is designed to help train more efficient crews for Players' productions. Attendance is required of all members of crews of every Players' production, in addition to their regular hours working on their particular show. Appointment to crews in forthcoming plays will depend largely upon knowledge acquired and interest shown at the present sessions.

Classes in lighting are under the direction of Harry Culbertson, in sound, under the direction of Weston Pfirman, and in makeup, with Katherine Scheetz teaching, will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow. The lighting class will meet in the light cage in the basement of Schwab auditorium; the class in sound will meet in the sound room of the Little Theatre, 11 Old Main; and the make-up group will gather in the basement of Schwab auditorium.

Technical Work

Instructions in use of stage props will be given at 7 p.m. Thursday in the prop cage in the basement of Schwab Auditorium. Laryn Sax will be in charge.

The class in technical work (including painting, construction, etc.) will meet in the loft of Schwab auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday. Frances Stridinger will direct the class.

Meetings are planned to teach specific instruction in the duties of the crews, maintenance and repair of equipment, and the interrelationship of one crew with all the others and the production as a whole.

The total amount of cotton consumed in Egypt throughout this season was 123,353,000 lbs., in the same period last year 103,717,600 lbs. was consumed.

Six Schools Call Meetings Of Councils

Of the eight school student councils on campus, six will meet this week.

Four council meetings are scheduled for tonight, Home Economics, Engineering, Agriculture, and Education.

Home Economics student council will meet at 7 in 109 Home Economics Building; Engineering at 7 in 107 Main Engineering Building; Ag council at 7 in 107 Agriculture Building, and Education council at 7:45 in 215 Willard.

The Chem-Phys student council will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 204 Old Main, and the Liberal Arts council will hold its meeting Monday.

Mineral Industries and Physical Education student council are planning meetings for the future, but no definite arrangements have been made as yet.

Greeks Name 4 Counselors

Four men were elected recently to the Association of Fraternity Counselors by fraternity voting.

They are Maurice Sirkin, Alpha Epsilon Pi; Walter Ross, Alpha Tau Omega; Carroll Hess, Delta Theta Sigma; and Ralph Wherry, Sigma Phi Sigma.

The association attempts to further the "best interests of fraternities by counseling and guiding the chapters." Members are taken from business or from the faculty.

The officers of AFC, who were installed last spring, are Harold Zipser, Pi Lambda Phi, president; W. S. Dye, III, Acacia, vice president; Clarence Noll, Alpha Chi Sigma, secretary-treasurer; and Nicholas Brentin, Phi Kappa, member-at-large.

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