

College's 'Blue Band' Started 52 Years Ago

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By halftime, last Saturday fans were sweltering under the sun's hot rays. But the Penn State Blue Band marched onto the field as jauntily as if it were regular football weather. Rooters forgot their arguments about unpredictable Penn State weather, to watch the 96 man band do its stuff.

78 Teachers, 3 Districts On Strike

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 3 — (AP) — Seventy-eight teachers were on strike for back salaries today in three Pennsylvania school districts but a threatened fourth walkout was called off for the present.

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Also away from their classrooms were 41 teachers from the Becarria-Coalport-Irvona joint district in Clearfield County; 28 at McAdoo Borough and nine at Kline Township, both in Schuylkill County.

Some \$25,000,000 is due 2208 fourth-class school districts this month. An additional \$30,000,000 is to be paid next month to 300 first, second, and third class districts. These are semi-annual grants.

However grants to State-aided hospitals, colleges, and other institutions are being held up as non-preferred appropriations. They will have to await their money until a two-year \$653,000,000 appropriation bill is finally passed by the legislature.

Band to Use 'Hail! Oh Hail!'

The Blue Band will be ready to play "Hail! Oh Hail!" some time this month, James Dunlop, band director, said yesterday.

Dunlop said the music for Ray Fortunato's song, which has gained increasing popularity since it was introduced by the Glee Club last year, is now being arranged for the band.

"Hail! Oh Hail!" must go through a lengthy processing period before it will be ready for the band, Dunlop said. He explained that the song would have to be arranged first and then copied 24 times.

He said the music would have to be photostated and 96 copies made for band members.

The Blue Band will not be present when Penn State's football team plays Villanova at Allentown Saturday, Dunlop said.

Pfc. George Graduates From German School

Pfc. Richard George, 22, recently graduated from the European Command Finance School at Friedberg, Germany, with a "superior" achievement rating.

George was a junior at the College at the time of his induction into the Army last October. He attended schools in Altoona and entered Penn State in June, 1947.

George is now stationed in Frankfurt with the Fourth Infantry Division as administrative assistant in the division finance section.

Radio Guild Elections

Officers will be elected at the Penn State Radio Guild meeting at 7 tonight in 304 Sparks.

Ronald Wehl, president, asks guild can and active members to attend.

It was just 52 years ago this fall that the seeds of a Penn State band took root. In those days, male students took four years of military tactics and Old Main was a barracks dormitory. One day during inspection, the Commandant of Cadets discovered a bugle hanging on the wall of Geogre H. Deike's room.

Played for Captain

Deike, who had been a regimental bugler during the Spanish-American War, played his bugle for the Captain. It must have been quite a performance, because it resulted in the boy being appointed chief musician and added to the non-commissioned battalion staff. Authorization was given to organize a bugle corps.

The corps got under way that fall with six members. It played right up to the final dress parade on Commencement day. Now that Penn Staters had had a taste of music they didn't want it to stop. However, there was no funds available to buy instruments for the band.

Donated \$100

General James A. Beaver, president of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Atherton, president of the College, each donated \$50 to start a brass band fund. However, more money was needed.

Finally, General Beaver wrote to Andrew Carnegie telling him of the plight and asking for \$100. The famous philanthropist replied with a check for \$800. The cadet band got under way with 23 members. From then on, the College has had a band.

96 Members

Today's Blue Band boasts 96 members marching in eight ranks, twelve deep. All are selected after individual try-outs. No members are carried over from one year to another. There are 55 new men in the band this year.

The fast-stepping band rehearses every day. Monday evenings are spent studying the music and working out the formation on a blackboard. Each band member has a number and he follows his number on the blackboard presentation, thus becoming familiar with his part in the movements.

Each afternoon Tuesday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 6, the band rehearses on its own drill field on the golf course. Here, on Tuesday, they walk through the formations without music, smoothing off the rough edges. The rest of the afternoons are spent practicing both the music and the formations.

Band Rehearsal Tonight at TUB

An All-College dance band, sponsored by the Dean of Men's office working through the resident counselors, will meet for its first rehearsal at 6 tonight in the TUB.

Anyone who was unable to come to the auditions last Monday and Tuesday nights may audition tonight, according to John Huber, Nittany-Pollock resident counselor in charge of the band.

The band will be composed of five saxophones, three trumpets, three trombones, and four rhythm instruments. Vacancies still exist, Huber said.

Several music arrangers have been secured for the band. Its purpose will be "to create a good musical unit capable of putting on concerts in Schwab Auditorium or the TUB."

Darrell Rishel, a resident counselor in the West Dorm area, is also working with the band.

The band will rehearse from 6 to 8 every Thursday night.

Twenty students in the School of Liberal Arts completed the spring semester with perfect 3 averages.

Fees Payable Today

College fees will be payable today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the basement of Willard Hall.

Nominations For WSGA, WRA Close

Today is the last day for women to nominate themselves for WSGA and WRA elections.

Application blanks are available in the Dean of Women's office, 105 Old Main. Offices open are for two WRA freshman representatives, one WRA sophomore representative, WSGA freshman senator, and WSGA treasurer.

Elections will take place Oct. 16 and 18.

By 2 p.m. yesterday, very few women had registered, according to Joanne Williams, WSGA elections chairman. Miss Williams said that many women who want to sign up for WSGA committee work are filling out application blanks by mistake. Those interested in committee work should sign up with Miss Brewer in the Dean of Women's office.

Applicants for the position of WSGA treasurer must be second or third semester students and those for WRA sophomore representative must be sophomores. Candidates for both positions must have at least a 1.5 All-College average and no major judicial record. Applicants for WSGA freshman senator and WRA freshman representative must be first semester freshmen, and if elected must have at least a 1.5 All-College average at the end of their first semester.

Interviews for each candidate with the application boards will be arranged by appointment. They will be either tonight or Saturday.

After the interviews, all eligible nominees will be put on the primary slate. Pictures of the candidates will be posted in the women's dormitories, and the candidates will be introduced at house meetings next week.

IFC Selects Lawn Display Theme, Judges

The IFC selected "Freedom's Keystone" as its Homecoming theme last night.

The members voted Governor John S. Fine, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, and Rip Engle as judges of lawn displays. Ken Tomlinson is chairman of the judges committee.

A committee was appointed by IFC President Stanley Wengert to work with dorm counselors to give freshmen better information on fraternities.

All fraternities were asked to turn in names for an orchestra for the IFC Ball.

Donald Carlson, chairman of the Greek-Week banquet committee announced that the banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. November 3 in the Nittany Lion Inn. The speaker at the banquet will be Frank H. Meyers of Kappa Alpha fraternity; past president of the National IFC Conference. Other speakers will be announced later. Bryson Craine is the chairman of the speakers committee.

Cosmopolitan Club Will Meet Sunday

The Cosmopolitan Club will meet 2 p.m. Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank D. Kern, 140 W. Fairmount avenue.

The club has served as a get-acquainted organization for foreign-born students for a number of years and is composed of interested American and foreign students, according to Dr. Kern.

Postcards have been sent to prospective members. The meeting is open to anyone.

Parking Prohibited

The Borough Council announced last night that parking is prohibited on the newly-paved alleys in downtown State College.

Gilbert Attends US Olympic Plan Fete

Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics at the College, attended the United States Olympic committee meeting as official representative from the Olympic boxing committee last Monday at the New York Athletic Club.

Plans for United States participation in the 1952 Olympics, fund raising campaigns, and the setting of the time and place for the final national tryouts of the various teams were discussed at the meeting.



Harold R. Gilbert

Final national tryouts for the boxing team will be held June 16-18 at Kansas City, Mo., the Olympic boxing committee announced.

Must Raise \$850,000

Penn. State, along with Illinois is being considered as a site for the final gym tryouts, which will be held April 20. National Amateur Athletic Union men and women championships will also be determined at these tryouts.

Approximately \$850,000 must be procured to send the various United States' teams to the Olympics. Since no one organization backs the sending of teams to the Olympics, money must be raised through contributions.

All colleges in the country, as well as the sponsors of bowl games, are co-operating with the United States Olympic committee in a fund raising campaign.

Pan-American Reports

At Penn State on Alumni Day, Oct. 20, contributions will be solicited in the alumni and other guest sections. No direct solicitations will be made from the student body.

General and financial reports on United States participation in the Pan-American games held last winter were given along with reports from the various games committee chairmen.

The 1952 winter sports are scheduled from Feb. 14-25 in Oslo, Norway. Summer events will take place from July 19-Aug. 3 in Helsinki, Finland.

Thespians List 'Bottoms Up' Dance Chorus

Members of the dance chorus for the forthcoming Thespian musical comedy revue, "Bottoms Up," were named yesterday by dance directors Jeanne Wiener and Mike Claysmith.

Women named to the chorus are Phyllis Auerbach, Patricia Bowles, Shirley Bush, Eugenie Deger, Diane Delp, Nancy Harris, Patricia Kendall, Doris Leventhal, Ruth Lyne, Joanne McNally, and Marilyn Stewart.

Men dancers are Bob Bowers, Dick Dunn, Norman Gardner, Seymour Goldstein, Alex Gregal, Dan Grove, Don Herbein, Warren Hommes, John Kelly, Dave Lewis, Lynn McCaffrey, Moylan Mills, Charles Naginey, Ben Shields, and Don Stahl.

Grant Price has been announced as music co-ordinator for the show. Don Smith will lead the orchestra.

Sets will be designated by Carol Chapman.

Production director Ray Fortunato has announced the addition of Mary Brown to the cast.

ECAC to Meet In New York

Carl P. Schott, Dean of the School of Physical Education, will represent the College at a special meeting tomorrow, of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference at its headquarters in New York City.

Representatives from Syracuse, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Princeton will also be on hand to discuss the future status of college sports and the abuses and attacks made on intercollegiate athletics.

The conference is a preliminary meeting to form recommendations for new rule revisions by the ECAC.

In August the NCAA met in Chicago to draft 12 revision proposals brought to the attention of member colleges. Included were the elimination of spring practice and modification of the unlimited substitution rule in football.

An athletics advisory board at the College introduced the two revisions. Dean Schott presented them to the NCAA last summer.

Schott presented the same report to the executive council of the ECAC. They appointed the five-college committee to study the recommendations and report on them at tomorrow's meeting.

APO to Hold Mixer Monday In Old Main

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, will hold a mixer for upperclassmen who are interested in joining the organization at 7:45 p.m. Monday in 304 Old Main.

The purpose of the organization, established at the College prior to World War II, is to serve the school, community, and the country, Frank Kelly, publicity director said.

Students who wish to join the fraternity must have had affiliation with the Boy Scouts at some time and must have an earnest interest in serving their fellow men. They must have an All-College average of 1.0 or better. Freshmen are not eligible for membership.

Some of the services rendered by Alpha Phi Omega last year included maintenance of an information booth during Orientation Week, assisting in the Mardi Gras, taking part in the campus keep-off-the-grass campaign, and cleaning the Osmond parking lot after the Spring Carnival. The fraternity has also aided in community Boy Scouting.

A business meeting for old members will be held at 7 p.m. in 304 Old Main, preceding the mixer.

Bacteriology Society Elects Stone President

Dr. Robert W. Stone, Bacteriology department head at the College, was elected president of the Allegheny Branch, Society of American Bacteriologists, at its annual meeting Saturday at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown, W. Va.

Joseph Rakosky and Richard Costlow, graduate assistants in the department, presented papers at the meeting. Rakosky collaborated with Dr. J. V. Beck and Costlow with Dr. John Garey on their papers.

Dr. Stone was program chairman for the meeting. Members of his staff attending were Dr. John Garey, Dr. Frank Cone, and Dr. Carroll Heist.