

## Gentzel Fire Fund Now Totals \$234

Funds to aid victims of the Gentzel fire now total \$234.28, the Student Union office reported yesterday.

Because of the poor pre-Christmas collections, the drive will be continued at least a week, Marvin Krasnansky, drive chairman, announced.

Krasnansky urged that fraternity, sorority and dormitory officials help in the collection.

Fourteen College students reported losses amounting to \$4638 resulting from the fire Nov. 26. The students estimated that about \$1400 of their damages would be covered by personal or family insurance.

Assistant Dean of Men Daniel A. DeMarino said the fund drive committee will meet soon to discuss the collection problem. He emphasized that present collections amount to only a small part of the more than \$4000 damages suffered.

Of the total contributions so far, the Association of Independent Men gave \$50.39; Leonides, \$48.41; Simmons Hall, \$21.76; 3d floor Thompson, \$18.00; Phi Sigma Sigma, \$12.22; Kappa Alpha Theta, \$10.75; Nittany Dorms, \$10.70; Alpha Epsilon Pi, \$10; Sigma Delta Tau, \$10; Pollock Dorms, \$8.27; Gamma Phi Beta, \$5; Delta Theta Sigma, \$4.

In addition \$6.52 was collected at the TUB and \$3.26 at the Student Union desk.

A watered-down loyalty oath bill was finally passed Dec. 22 by the state General Assembly, after nearly a year of controversy.

The final bill, which does not directly involve instructors at state-aided colleges and universities, requires all college presidents to report to the governor annually on steps taken against communism on their respective campuses.

Another important revision of the bill is the deleting of the clause calling for dismissal of any employee of the state for "reasonable doubt" of his loyalty. Legal rules of evidence will be used in all cases.

State employees, including some 277,000 people, if accused will have their cases reviewed by the Civil Service Commission and all decisions may be appealed in the courts.

Chief opponent to the bill, Rep. Harry E. Seyler, (D-York), called it the "asafetida bill," after the bags of asafetida people wore around their necks to prevent influenza during the epidemic shortly after World War I.

"The asafetida did not keep the disease away and it did smell," he said. Seyler charged the bill would promote disunity and result in "half the citizens giving a political test oath to the other half."

Other opponents of the bill warned "witch hunts" will result. They said that passage of the bill was merely political. Very few senators or representatives voted against it because of disfavor among their constituents, they claimed. Included in the bill's opposition are Philip Murray, president of the CIO, and leading newspapers of the state.

## Dean of Women's Return Delayed

Dean of Women Pearl O. Weston has not yet returned from her Christmas vacation to resume her duties.

Miss Weston sprained her ankle just before leaving for her vacation, as she was coming out of the dormitory.

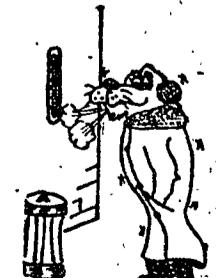
No word has been received concerning her arrival from her home in Roslyn Farms, Carnegie, where she is being treated.

Additional help has not been taken on in the office, Patricia Thompson, assistant dean, said. "We're all just pitching in and doing the work," she said.

The "all" refers to Miss Thompson, Mary Brewer, and Mrs. Cordelia Hibbs, assistants to the Dean of Women.

TODAY'S WEATHER

CLOUDY AND COLD



### Executive Committee, Trustees to Meet

The Board of Trustees will hold a meeting Jan. 19 in Harrisburg. The executive committee will meet the preceding day.

Meetings of the full board are held semiannually in January and June.

## College Receives Financial Grant

The Pennsylvania General Assembly has approved a two year year appropriation of \$17,500,000 for the College, the largest single appropriation in the College's history.

The bill is now awaiting Gov. John S. Fine's signature. By state law, he must sign the bill within 30 days after the legislature adjourns or it goes into effect without his signature. The assembly adjourned Dec. 22.

In previous discussion, Gov. Fine recommended a \$1,500,000 slash from the budget passed by the Assembly. When signing the bill, the governor holds the right to reduce the appropriation, but he cannot raise it.

The College had requested an \$18,300,000 grant from the state legislature for this bi-ennium.

In 1949, which was the time of the last bi-annual appropriation, the College asked for \$12,927,000, and received \$10,886,000.

This year's \$17,500,000 figure represents more than a 60 per cent increase over the last appropriation. It is not only the largest dollar increase in the budget, but also the largest percentage increase.

C. S. Wyand, assistant to the President, said that if the increase is approved by the governor, the largest part would probably be set aside for salary raises. A certain amount must also go for the increased costs of operating the College, he said.

### Cold Front Ends County's Mild Weather

Centre County's mild weather came to an abrupt end yesterday as a cold front swept the county at about 5 a.m., followed by below freezing temperatures at 7 a.m.

During the past 48 hours .54 of an inch of rain was recorded at the College weather station and winds with gusts up to 35 miles an hour hit the area.

Dr. Charles Hosler, meteorologist at the College Weather Bureau, said that fairly cold weather is expected today, but no precipitation is in sight.

Meanwhile Western and Mid-Western states are recovering from a three day snow storm and sub-zero weather that marooned motorists, tied up rail traffic, and took three lives in Colorado. Two others, reported missing in Southwestern Colorado and 21, marooned in Cumbres Pass on the Colorado-New Mexico border, were brought to New Mexico Wednesday after rescuers made their way through eight-foot snow banks with snow plows, sleds, and snow shoes.

### Comedy Performances Canceled for Weekend

The scheduled performances of Players' costume comedy, "Tartuffe," for tonight and tomorrow night at Center Stage have been canceled. Director Warren S. Smith announced yesterday.

The illness of a member of the cast caused the postponement. The Moliere play will resume next Friday and Saturday.

Tickets already purchased for this week's shows can be refunded or exchanged for another date at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Refunds will also be made at the door of Center Stage both tonight and tomorrow at the 8 p.m. performance time.

### Inkling Staff Meeting

A meeting for all persons interested in joining the art and photography staffs of the Inkling, campus literary publications, will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in 202 Willard Hall.

## Schlesinger Is Forum's 3d Speaker

Arthur Schlesinger Jr., youngest historian to win the Pulitzer Prize, will appear Tuesday night in Schwab Auditorium as the third Community Forum speaker.

Professor of history at Harvard University, Schlesinger is ranked "among the foremost in the new generation of vigorous social thinkers" by the New York Times. At 33, he is already established as one of the country's leading historians, following in the footsteps of his father.

He was graduated summa cum laude from Harvard in 1938 and the following year his honors thesis was published under the title "Orestes A. Bronson: A Pilgrim's Progress." He spent the following year at Cambridge, England, on an inter-university fellowship, followed by three years at Harvard as a Junior Fellow. This appointment is reserved for students who pursue their interests without academic prescriptions.

During this time he collected material for "The Age of Jackson," which won him the Pulitzer Prize in 1946.

During the war Schlesinger joined the Office of War Information in Washington and then served in London and Paris with the Office of Strategic Services.

Schlesinger's third book, "The Vital Center," was a statement of contemporary political and social problems. He is now working on "The Age of Roosevelt," a portrait of America during the years 1932-1945.

He has contributed articles to Fortune, Life, Atlantic Monthly and The Nation, and has a syndicated weekly newspaper column, "The History of the Week."

## College Team Keep Fruit Judge Crown

The College has retained the championship in the recent Eastern Intercollegiate Fruit Judging League's annual contest held here. The title was won last year at Rutgers University.

The team, coached by J. L. McCartney, associate professor of pomology, was composed of Aden Francis, Harold Garretson, Lowell Lewis, and James Pitzer, all team members.

This team outpointed teams from the University of West Virginia and Rutgers University, the only other entries braving the snowstorm.

## Undergrad Scholarship Applications Due

Applications from undergraduate students for scholarships are due tomorrow in the office of the chairman of the Scholarship Committee, R. L. Weber, 211 Osmond Lab. A photograph and two letters of recommendation should be submitted with the application for scholarship form.

Students who have applied for scholarships will be asked to appear for short interviews with the committee, probably on the evenings of Jan. 14, 15, and 16.