



College, Union Quiet; Strike Meeting Nears

College and service union officials apparently were waiting each other out yesterday as the date for the union's special strike meeting approached.

The union, local 67 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFL), has set Wednesday as the date for a special meeting to vote on a work stoppage unless the College complies with its grievance demands.

Debaters Pick Headly As Veep

Jay Headly, a senior in arts and letters, was elected vice-president of next year's Pennsylvania State Debate Convention Saturday.

The over 100 delegates to the 17th annual convention voted William McCartney, of Allegheny College, president, and Ruth Buntich, of Mt. Mercy College, second vice-president. Miss Buntich was a candidate for Gavel Girl.

A member of the College men's debating team will be appointed convention secretary next year.

The convention, judged by participation of delegates, was "very successful," according to Clair George, manager, although it was one of the smallest held so far at the College, he said.

Delegates approved a mock-bill Saturday morning that would provide for a federal divorce law, and sex education in secondary schools, to combat lowered moral standards.

It also provided that the Department of Internal Revenue be selected completely by Civil Service; each state's bar association conduct crime investigations; and Congressional immunity be waived if the Federal Court of Appeals finds a Congressman guilty a second time of making untrue statements.

Any person found guilty of accepting financial or material bribes, according to the bill, would be fined three times the amount of the bribe and/or 20 years in the federal penitentiary.

After the delegates were unable to agree on amendments to Committee I's bill against inflation Friday night, committee II's bill, based on a report by John Baron, was accepted.

WD Plan Code For Lounges

Plans for a dating code for the three West Dorm small lounges were set in motion last night by the West Dorm Council.

The proposal, which will follow the general line of the dating code of the Interfraternity Council, was described as an effort to obtain College approval for unchaperoned dating in the men's lounges.

At present dating in the small lounges is prohibited to special occasions when chaperones are present.

Mixed dating in area lounges is allowed only in Thompson lounge, as it is in all women's lounges, and in the West Dorm main lounge.

Ralph Griffith, Herbert Hollister and Arthur Simm were named to a committee to investigate and draw up the proposed code by Council President Richard Mills.

Mills also announced that a dance is scheduled for the main lounge Friday night with music by the Campusers.

Tickets on Sale For Kentucky Game

Reserved tickets for the Eastern Section games of the NCAA tournament went on sale yesterday morning at the Athletic office in Old Main.

Tickets for Friday and Saturday nights are \$2 each. Penn State plays Kentucky and North Carolina meets St. Johns of Brooklyn in the semi-finals Friday. The winners play Saturday for the sectional championship and the losers also meet in a consolation game.

Pep Rally To Send Off Cage Team

Penn State's Raleigh-bound basketball team will receive a noisy send-off tomorrow night with a pep rally scheduled for 8:30 p.m. on the steps of Recreation Hall.

The rally, the second staged for the team this season, will be sponsored by Hat Society Council.

The ten-man traveling squad will leave 8 a.m. Thursday for Raleigh, N.C., to play Kentucky in the opening round of the NCAA playoffs Friday night. Penn State last played in the NCAA's in 1942.

Coach Elmer Gross and the team which won 20 games will appear at the rally according to Richard Rostmeyer, president of Androcles, junior men's hat society.

James Worth, All-College president, and Louis Bell, director of public information, will be among the speakers. The master of ceremonies has not yet been chosen.

The cheerleaders will be at the rally.

Rostmeyer said he hoped the turnout would be greater than at the February rally staged to welcome the team home from a road trip.

That date was set at the last regular meeting of the local, nearly two weeks ago, and since then, there has been no announcement that the College had altered its stand on any of the union's grievances.

Protests Merit Basis

The union submitted to the College on March 6 a list of five demands designed, the union said, to bring wages into line and improve working conditions.

The union is protesting, mainly, wage increases made on a merit basis to some College employees. The raises amount to an average of about \$32 over what salaries were last July 1.

The College never answered the list of union grievances with a public statement, nor has there been any known meetings between the union and College administrative officers since the special strike meeting was set.

200 Attend Meeting

Spokesmen for the union, on the other hand, have repeatedly stated that action to avert a work stoppage is now up to the College.

Nearly 200 attended the meeting March 5 when the unanimous vote to call the special meeting was made. Just what proportion of the total union membership this represents is doubtful. Union claims have set the total membership of the local as high as 800, but a high College official has estimated that it represents no more than 300 of the 1800 service employees.

A claim that support for the union's action is general among service employees was made by the union last week, but it is not

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Frosh Council Approves Joint Customs Board

Freshman Council voted last night to accept the proposal for a joint men and women's freshman customs board as its recommendation to the Women's Student Government Association Senate.

The proposal, submitted by a special committee of the council, passed by a 11-1 vote.

In accepting the plan, the council made seven changes.

These are:

1. The person sitting as chairman of the board shall be a voting member.

2. In case of a tie vote, guilt of an accused violator will be decided by the Freshman Customs and Regulations Board, not by Judicial as provided in the original proposal.

No Dating Rules

3. The board must consider recommendations for changes in customs made by WSGA Senate.

4. Customs must be worn from Saturday morning until Saturday noon. The original reads "the dress customs holiday starts at 5:30 p.m. each Friday and ends at 7 a.m. Monday morning, with the one exception that freshmen must wear the customs, until noon on Saturday."

5. Rules on no dating will be enforced during the whole customs period, including weekends.

6. All customs will end at the same time.

Dual Approval Asked

7. Written and signed charges of violations of customs must be submitted to the board within 48 hours. These charges must be acted upon by the board within a week after the charge is made.

Several changes were made by the committee before submitting its report. Among these are that women members of the board are subject not only to the approval of All-College Cabinet, but WSGA Senate as well.

The committee also inserted a clause saying that the chairman of the Freshman Customs and Regulations Board will be a

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Lion Class Chairmen Selected

Vincent Yakowicz was elected senior class clique chairman of the Lion Party at a meeting Sunday night in 10 Sparks, as the Lion Party chose senior and junior class clique officers.

Yakowicz was unopposed for the chairmanship. Allen Marshall won over Donald Douglas for the office of senior class vice clique chairman, while Howard Mason was unopposed for senior class campaign manager.

Ann Jones and Douglas were elected as senior class representatives-at-large. They edged out Henry Pitt.

Richard Kirschner beat Thomas Pyle for the position of junior class clique chairman. By defeating Jerry Kintigh, James Hand became junior class vice clique chairman, while Fiorentino Feraco won over Pyle for junior class campaign manager. Ann Skapik and Roseann Monack are junior class representatives-at-large by virtue of being unopposed.

Over 100 persons attending the meeting received voucher cards making them eligible to vote. These cards were given to persons who have attended at least two clique meetings.

At next week's clique meeting opening nominations for All-College officers will begin. The Lion Party will also elect a new chairman from the freshman and sophomore classes as required by the new party constitution, Ray Evert, party chairman, announced.

The Lion Party also held a party Saturday night at Kappa Delta Rho. The party, under the chairmanship of John Haines, was open to the public and featured carnival games. A combo provided music for dancing. Haines was assisted by Thomas Kidd and Charles Obertance.

Book Agency Will Return Funds Today

The Used Book Agency in the TUB will be open today, tomorrow, and Thursday to reimburse students whose books have been sold through the agency, Robert Spragg, manager, said.

The agency will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Students should bring their receipts with them, Spragg said.

Spragg also said that students who have unsold books at the agency, with the exception of graduating seniors and students who do not intend to return to Penn State next fall, may leave their books at the agency during the summer.

The agency will keep the books and try to sell them in the fall, Spragg said. This procedure would save the student the trouble of picking up his books this spring and bringing them back in the fall.

This method will also give the agency a reserve of books with which to start operating in the fall.

Overflow Crowd Packs Sparks To Hear Poet Dylan Thomas

By LEE STERN

An overflow crowd last night packed 121 Sparks and spilled over to the steps and doorways to be "voluntarily cornered" by Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, and, judging by the prolonged applause at the end of the program, they enjoyed every minute of it.

The poet is possessed of a firm, clear voice capable of unusual range and expression, and this he used to great advantage. The foremost consideration in the readings, he said, was to preserve the original intent of the authors.

Thomas, speaking in his resonant British-tinged voice, captured the fancy of the audience with his quiet wit and excellent readings of works by modern poets and some of his own "early ones, hurly-burly ones, lamenting ones, and lamentable ones."

But the selections of his own works he chose for the readings were anything but lamentable. He started with two war poems, "A Refusal to Mourn the Death of a Child in London," and "Ceremony after a Fire-Raid," both of them filled with a brooding, Old Testament kind of faith. "After the first death, there is no other," he says in the final line of the first of these poems.

According to the bushy-haired Thomas, he writes two kinds of poems, loud ones and soft ones. His next reading from his own works was that of a tender "soft" poem, "This Side of the Truth," written for his six-year-old son.

He concluded with his familiar poem of strength and faith, "And Death Shall Have No Dominion."

As an encore, he read the

Professor and Poet



P. A. SHELLEY, professor of German, (left) and Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, discuss a few points after Thomas' appearance in 121 Sparks last night before an overflow audience. The poet's program was sponsored jointly by the Simmons and the Liberal Arts lecture series.

beautifully descriptive and nostalgic "Fern Hill."

He also read selections from Auden, Yeats, and others.

Of his education, Thomas said that it was "the liberty I had to

read whatever I wanted to." His work, according to him, is "always experimental and always completely unsatisfactory."

The expression in poetry is the

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