

Panhel Rejects McCoy Proposal

After holding discussions in each sorority, Panhellenic Council delegates voted last night against the Recreation Hall Seating plan by a vote of 13 to 5 with one abstention.

The plan proposed by Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, would allocate 300 tickets to be sold to faculty, graduate students, and alumni to activities held in Rec Hall.

Dramatic Skit Will Introduce Workshops

A dramatic skit, "Getting Along With Campus Problems," will introduce the workshop organization meeting of the Penn State Christian Association at 7 tonight in 304 Old Main.

Students will lead the seven workshops. They include "Music for the Listener," led by Janet Herd and Andrew Zerbini; a dramatics workshop under Stephen Malin, dramatics major; "Art for the Spectator," led by Rachael Witherow and Luella Heineman; a workshop headed by Jane Ifft and LaVonne Althouse; news workshop headed by Eliza Newell; and two others, "Gripes and Grins," and "Know Your World."

The workshops will be a series of programs meeting one Wednesday night each month. They were designed to provide the workshop member with a broader perspective of his special activity or hobby.

Students may sign up to participate in any one of the workshops in 304 Old Main.

The programs of the workshops, although outlined by the student leaders, will be flexible enough to include plans of members. Special features may include visiting speakers or experts in the fields of workshop phases.

Alpha Nu Names 12 New Initiates

Alpha Nu, astronomical honorary society recently initiated 12 new members. A dinner at the Allencrest Tea Room followed the initiation ceremony.

The members presented Dr. Henry L. Yeagley, past adviser, an engraved clock in appreciation of his services. Dr. Carl A. Bauer, Alpha Nu adviser, spoke at the dinner.

New initiates include Joanne Heine, Robert Hosler, Elizabeth Johnson, Frederick Litwin, Cecilia Poor, Edwin Holt, Floyd Elder, Paul Julian, Robert Gowers, Robert Cox, Janice Glatfelter, and Robert Amole.

Alpha Lambda Delta Holds Annual Tea

Alpha Lambda Delta, freshmen women's national scholastic honorary, yesterday held its annual tea for freshman women who were high school class valedictorians or salutatorians.

The purpose of the tea was to acquaint the honorary's members with potential tappees. Nancy Ward, president, spoke on the purposes and duties of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Building Talks Set

Elmer R. Queer, director and professor of engineering research, will participate today in a discussion of building in hot and dry climates before the Building Research Advisory Board of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.

Students May Offer Reception Suggestions

Women in the Schools of Agriculture, Chemistry and Physics, Mineral Industries, and Engineering may suggest names of faculty members to be invited to the Junior-Senior Faculty Reception by leaving suggestions in boxes in the offices of hostesses in McElwain and Simmons halls, Grange Dormitory, and Woman's Building.

The reception will be held 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 10 in Simmons lounge.

Co-Edits

Phi Sigma Sigma

Phi Sigma Sigma entertained Zeta Tau Alpha at a tea yesterday in the suite.

Beta Sigma Omicron

Beta Sigma Omicron recently pledged Dawn Baidler, Gail Cravener, and Elizabeth Tomlinson. Following the ceremony the sorority honored the new pledges at a party in the suite. Previously the sorority held a slumber party for the ribbonees.

Alpha Tau Omega

Alpha Tau Omega recently entertained Dean of Men Frank J. Simes and his wife at dinner. After dinner an informal discussion was held in the club room.

Kappa Delta Rho

Kappa Delta Rho recently entertained Zeta Tau Alpha. The pledges presented a show followed by refreshments and dancing.

Alpha Tau Omega

Alpha Tau Omega recently entertained Alpha Chi Omega. Entertainment included a skit by the pledges of the fraternity and a dance by the sorority pledges.

Postdoctoral Fellowship Forms Ready

Applications are now available for the Merck Senior Postdoctoral Fellowships in the natural sciences for 1953-54, according to the National Research Council, administrators of the program.

The fellowships, supported by Merck and Co., Inc., manufacturing chemists of Rahway, N.J., include all fields of physics, chemistry, biology, and the preclinical medical sciences. Candidates for the fellowships must be citizens of the United States with a PhD equivalent in physics, chemistry, or biology, and must have at least three years of postdoctoral professional experience in their major field. Only one year may have been fellowship work.

Further information and application blanks may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D.C.

FTA Will Choose Officers Tomorrow

Election of officers will be held by the Future Teachers of America at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 121 Sparks. In order to vote, students must have previously paid their membership dues or be prepared to do so that night.

A panel of student teachers who have just returned to campus after eight weeks of practice teaching will represent the elementary, English, social studies, science, mathematics, physical education, business education, languages, and art fields.

The meeting will be the last one open to the public.

Hillel to Present Radio Production

Hillel Hour, a radio show sponsored by Hillel Foundation, will present "To Liberty in a Featherbed" at 7:45 p.m. tomorrow over WMAJ.

The production will describe an attempt to liberalize the Maryland legislature.

The cast includes Edwin Gold- enburg, Milton Karabell, Jules Levine, Edward Rizika, Morris Sarachek, Morton Slakoff, and Irwin Weiner.

Yeagley Explains 'Mystery' Mallards

By JULIE IBBOTSON

If you've seen some ducks strutting around campus and have wondered where they came from, Dr. Henry L. Yeagley, associate professor of physics, can supply the answer.

Dr. Yeagley explained that these stray mallards are some of the 300 ducks he keeps on the roof of Osmond Laboratory. He is using them in a scientific experiment on bird navigation.

The experiment, according to Dr. Yeagley, concerns the homing ability of pigeons and wild birds. He is trying to determine if a bird senses its home locality at one point where a characteristic line in the earth's vertical magnetic field intersects a characteristic line of latitude. (The latter line is a factor because of the rotation of the earth).

Second Benefit

Proof of this theory would give an understanding of the basic scientific principles of bird navigation, Dr. Yeagley said. He added that the United States Army Signal Corps has considered these principles as a possible factor in directing guided missiles.

A second benefit from the experiment might be information concerning the perpetuation of bird life itself, the professor said. He explained that numerous observations indicate radio and radar disrupt the navigational flights of pigeons and wild birds.

Dr. Yeagley's flock includes black ducks, wood ducks, and blue-winged teal, in addition to mallards.

Mallards Escape

The reason for the variety of ducks, the professor explained, is that he is seeking the smallest type duck suitable for the experiment. The rooftop "loft" on Osmond can accommodate a maximum of 150 mallards, or 300 wood ducks, or 450 blue-winged teal, he said.

"It's the mallards that escape and are seen wandering all over the campus," Dr. Yeagley stated. "The reason is that before they are old enough to fly well, they fly over the edge of the roof and lose altitude."

"The mallards escape only on an average of one a week at present," he said. "But last spring when I first started raising them on the roof, as many as two or three a day would escape. Then I'd have to go after them with oversized butterfly nets."

Receives Phone Calls

"Any hour of the day or night I receive phone-calls from persons telling me where an escaped duck of mine is," he said. "I never mind, though, because I'm grateful to them for their helpfulness."

A tour of the ducks' living quarters shows that the structure is elaborate and extensive, consisting of many wire hutches and waterways. Outside the structure is a large landing field, covered with water.

The professor said he raised the ducks from wild eggs, some of which came as far away as Canada and Iceland. They thrive on a rich grain mixture and grass from the College's golf greens preserved by freezing.

Leonides Plans To Display WRA Trophy

Leonides council voted last night to place the Women's Recreation Association trophy cup, won in basketball last year by Leonides, on display if a safe and conspicuous display place can be found.

The council appointed Yvonne Leith, Leonides' sergeant-at-arms, to find a suitable display case and to make sure the cup is in a presentable condition. If no display case can be found on campus, the trophy will be placed in the hands of Ethel Wilson, Leonides intramural chairman.

Council suggested a committee be appointed to meet with a committee from the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors to plan a joint banquet. Leonides will take further action on committee appointments after AIM appoints a committee.

Plans for a fund to be set aside for an annual scholarship for an independent woman were introduced by Vivian Peterson, Leonides president. Council members were asked to discuss the prospect of such a fund with their unit members.

Junior Class Photos

Photographs of entries for Miss Junior Class may be picked up at the Student Union desk in Old Main beginning today, Irvin White, selections committee chairman, said yesterday.

The heartbreaking characteristic of the bird-navigation experiment is its slow progress, according to Dr. Yeagley. Dr. Yeagley blames this time-consuming element for his being the only research worker who has remained on the project for any considerable length of time.

As he explained it, "Interested graduate students do help from time to time. But the experiment involves an enormous amount of work and requires so much time to compile data. So it's impossible for any graduate student to work on the project to obtain enough data towards a master's thesis in only a year or two."

It has been nine years since he first started the project. Dr. Yeagley recalled. He said he spends so much of his time on the roof between classes and on weekends that he had a telephone installed there.



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SMART SHOP

Six to Discuss Status of Women

Six foreign students will discuss the status of women in other countries at a dinner meeting of the State College Business and Professional Women's Club at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at the State College Hotel.

Dorothy Champlin will lead the discussion. Participants will be Taniko Kishi, Japan; Tara Purshottam, India; Antonieta Terrazas, Chile; Daw Toke Gale, Burma; Kirsti Cronhjort, Finland; and Gertraud Berner, Austria.

Members of the international relations committee of the club will be in charge. The public affairs committee members will act as hostesses.

19 College Personnel To Attend Conference

Nineteen college personnel will attend the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America convention in Cincinnati this week.

In addition to committee and sectional positions, 11 technical papers reporting research in this field will be presented.

MI Council Will Act On McCoy Seating Plan

The Mineral Industries Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in 208 Willard.

The group plans to take formal action on the Recreation Hall seating plan proposed by Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

Senate to Meet

Women's Student Government Association Senate will meet at 6:30 tonight in the WSGA room in White Hall. Vice President Barbara Werts will preside at the meeting.

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