

Confusion Reigns As Semester Starts

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At the beginning of every semester on this quiet, orderly campus, students are confronted with highly organized confusion.

Changes—in classrooms, textbooks, mail boxes and rooms—make it possible for a student not quite sure where he is, even when he knows. In at least one instance

Board Grants Six Leaves For Faculty

Six faculty members received leaves of absence at the weekend meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Granted leaves were Dr. Jessie Bernard, professor of sociology, a one-year leave effective July 1 for travel and study abroad; Dr. Herbert Steiner, associate professor of German, a leave from Feb. 1 to June 30 to serve as a visiting professor at the University of California.

Dr. Albert K. Kurtz, professor of psychology, will complete work on a book during a leave from Feb. 1 to June 30. Dr. Hubert W. Frings, associate professor of entomology, granted a leave Apr. 1 to June 30, plans travel in France, where he will visit the Institute of Agronomic Research of the French Ministry of Agriculture.

The board also approved a leave for Frank N. Hewetson, associate professor of pomology, from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31 and Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 to enable him to complete work on his doctorate at Michigan State College. Dr. Eugene A. Myers, associate professor of economics, will be on leave to serve Jan. 1 to June 30 as a project supervisor in General Extension.

Wise and Otherwise

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There also have been strong indications one final was secured at a price of \$250, copied, and resold to students.

This wide circulation of finals placed many students in a difficult position. Those without the exam knew they were competing against others with the test and were not sure whether to try to get an exam copy or to flunk the test. As a result, many students informed the College that finals were out, and faculty members were in most cases able to change the exams.

That most finals were changed and little actual damage done is irrelevant. The fact remains that some students illegally secured exams and sold them. This is a despicable situation.

It is not unusual for one or two exams to get into student hands during a school year, but last semester's large scale circulation of finals was obviously the work of a particular group or groups. It is evident those finals were secured not only for personal use, but for commercial profit to be made from other students.

This has been an unfortunate incident for Penn State and for we who are Penn State students. Such an incident automatically reflects upon the College and upon us as students, regardless of whether the majority of students are innocent or guilty.

The guilt, however, cannot be placed upon students who purchased copies of the final exams for personal use. The guilt must rest upon those who originally secured and sold the exams. Those students who victimized and defrauded their fellow students and have consequently sacrificed personal integrity for a course grade.

That integrity cannot be gained. Those students who originally thought themselves so wise have, after all, disgraced themselves in the eyes of their fellow students. Perhaps they will someday realize personal integrity is too valuable to trade for a few honor points.

Coed Water Safety

The first meeting of the Women's Water Safety Instructors' course will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 3 White Hall. Those attending should plan to swim.

students crowded into a specific classroom expecting to hear a lecture on animal husbandry. How puzzled they were when the prof listed the materials required for Art 89.

One coed, upon wandering into her English Lit. 6 class, found it filled with men. She wondered about that, but the fellows insisted it was a class in English Lit, all right. The coed, debating whether she should tell her friends—"I wonder if my roommate knows about this course"—or whether she should keep it all to herself, did not hear the prof calling roll.

However, she was startled when he automatically assumed that everyone present was an engineer. In a weak voice she inquired if this were Eng. Lit. 6, section 2.

"Not exactly," said the professor. "This is Eng. Lit. 26, section 2. Your class meets next door. But I believe they intend to move that class."

The coed hurried next door to see if they had moved the class. They had.

Even if a student does get the right room, chances are that it will be the wrong hour. This trick is especially useful in reducing lab time. For those who miraculously get both room and time right, something like the following sad tale is still within the realm of possibilities.

One student, congratulating himself that he had cornered the market as far as mercifully marking instructors were concerned, found his illusions shattered. Upon entering two separate classrooms, he found both his scheduled professors disclaiming all responsibility for the students so confined. One said:

"Students, I will not be teaching this class. The man who will teach it is not here. He will not be here for a week. Since I am not familiar with his policy, my present policy concerning this course is 'No Policy.' I don't know what books you will be using either, but I can make a good guess. When does this class meet again? Thursday at 8? I shall not be here. Class dismissed." The next class was very much the same.

One English Lit. 4 prof found that instructors can also be guilty of cloth-headed behavior. Yesterday he waited, patient and puzzled for his class, but in the wrong room. His entire class also waited, and waited—in the room indicated in the scheduling book.

Classes end, but troubles don't. Returning to her dorm, a coed peeped into her mailbox to find a letter, but not for her. She stormed up to the desk and was told that everyone had gotten a new mailbox and to "put that letter back!"

So confusion reigns for a few days, but soon everyone will settle down to the normal routine of eight o'clocks, bluebooks, and late hours.

Clothing Drive Called Successful

The clothing drive conducted by Women's Student Government Association before final examinations was "quite successful" according to Genevieve Castrodale, chairman of the project.

Miss Castrodale said 24 large cartons were filled with discarded clothing during the week-long drive.

Clothing is being shipped to Korea through the local Friends organization.

Women's Debate Squad

Affirmative members of the women's debate squad will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in 2 Sparks regardless of the time they have scheduled for debate, according to Marian Ungar, debate manager. Negative speakers will meet 7 p.m. Wednesdays in 2 Sparks.

Dress Contest First Prize Is Trip to Paris

McCall's magazine's annual "Dress-Your-Best" contest is featuring a trip to Paris or Hollywood as first prizes again this year.

To enter the contest, a woman must choose the McCall's design that best suits her and her style of life and decide what fabrics and accessories will make the costume completely her own.

First prize in the adult division includes a trip to Paris with all expenses paid for the winner and a companion, \$150 for any necessary household expenses at home, and two complete outfits for the trip.

A special division for juniors is being offered with a trip to Hollywood, all expenses paid for two, as first prize.

The contest closes April 4, 1953, and includes 113 prizes in all. Other prizes offered are cash and bond awards.

Official entry blank and full instructions are given in the February issue of McCall's. Other blanks can be obtained at local pattern counters.

Officers to Speak On Navy Reserve

Two Navy lieutenants will be available to discuss the Naval Reserve Officers' Candidate program for women from 4 to 7 p.m. tomorrow in McElwain Hall study lounge.

The program is open to women who have completed their freshman year in an accredited college and can pass the physical examination. Candidates must spend two six-week summer periods in training.

After completing primary and advanced training, women who are 21 and have received their college degrees may be commissioned ensigns.

Co-Edits

Phi Sigma Sigma

Phi Sigma Sigma recently held its annual senior-alumnae brunch in the suite to honor three graduating seniors—Ruth Abt, Marlene Heyman, and Michelle Weiler.

Dames Will Hold Sweetheart Dance

Lynn Christy and his orchestra will play for the annual semi-formal Sweetheart Dance to be held by the Penn State Dames from 9 to 12 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Temporary Union Building.

Meetings of the Dames, composed of the wives of graduate students, are open to graduate students and their wives. Women interested in joining the Dames may contact Eleanor Taylor at 6685.

Dance tickets, to be sold only at the door, are \$1.50.

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Engagements

Gasche-Whipple

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Whipple of Bellefonte announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha, to Ensign Arnold Gasche, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gasche, Long Hill, Conn.

Miss Whipple is employed by the Ordnance Research Laboratory, Ensign Gasche attended the University of Connecticut and is a graduate of the College. He is serving aboard the U.S.S. Peterson.

The wedding will take place in the summer.

Talbot-Syracuse

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Syracuse of Wellsboro announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine, to Charles Talbot, son of Mrs. Guy Bartlett, also of Wellsboro.

Miss Syracuse is an eighth semester home economics major. Mr. Talbot is an employee of the Wellsboro Agitator.

Bria-Bleutge

Mr. and Mrs. William Bleutge of Phoenix, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Francis Bria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard G. Bria of Harrisburg.

Both Miss Bleutge and Mr. Bria are graduates of the College, where they were active in publications work. Miss Bleutge, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta, was president of the local chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism fraternity.

Mr. Bria is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising fraternity; and Parmi Nous.

Miss Bleutge is associated with the Olan-Sidman Advertising Agency in Harrisburg, and Mr. Bria is serving as assistant to the director of the College Placement Service. A fall wedding is planned.

Marriages

Wedel-Mahuran

Elaine Mahuran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart A. Mahuran of State College, became the bride of Reford Wedel, son of Mrs. Edwin Wedel of Moundridge, Kan., in a double ring ceremony at St. Thomas More Church, Arlington, Va., Dec. 26. The Rev. Douglas Brown performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Wedel received a B.A. degree in education from the College in 1948. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta and is now employed by the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Wedel received a B.A. degree at Bethel College and is now completing work for a law degree at George Washington University. He is employed by the National Archives.

Physical Ed Honorary Elects New President

Theodore Mortensen, fifth semester physical education major, was recently elected president of Phi Epsilon Kappa, physical education honorary fraternity for men.

Also elected at the meeting were Robert Hosterman, vice president; William Anderson, secretary; and Carl Schwenzfeier, treasurer.

The next meeting will be tomorrow.

Senior Life Saving

The first meeting of the Women's Senior Life Saving course will be held at 7 tonight in 3 White Hall. Those attending should plan to swim.



Mary Ellen Moore

Okay Joe?

Lovely Mary Ellen Moore of Alpha Chi Omega is using the above portrait to announce her engagement to Bud Kinnard of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Though she now hails from Arlington County, Virginia, many of you remember her as a former State College girl. Mary, you'll receive a beautiful bouquet of roses from florist Jimmy Wolfe.

As usual, we will shortly be devoting most of our time to sorority composites. Appointments made now can still guarantee a Valentine portrait.

By the way, after waiting over a year to get it, we now feel that we carry the finest line of portrait frames made in America today. To top it off, few, if any, exceed \$5.50 in price.

Bill Coleman

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KNITTERS TAKE NOTICE!
Our annual yarn sale is under way with bargains such as these:

BERNAT MIRASPUN
Regular 65c
Now 43c per ounce

COLUMBIA FEATHERWEIGHT
Regular 90c
Now 69c per 2 ozs.

BOTANY KNITTING WORSTED
69c per 4 ozs.

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30c per oz.

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