

Six Debates Set for February

Six debating events have been scheduled for the men's debate squad for February, according to Joseph F. O'Brien, professor of public speaking and men's debate coach.

Members of the squad will be required to participate in a series of extemporaneous speeches next Wednesday. Oratory preliminaries and finals will be held at an intrasquad meet Thursday.

Samuel Nowell and Robert Murrer will represent the team in a return bout at Mount Mercy College Feb. 16. A women's team from Mount Mercy clashed with Penn State men last month on the topic Resolved: That women should take a more active part in public life.

To Meet Dickinson

Teams from Pennsylvania colleges will compete at Lehigh University Feb. 19-21 in the State Tournament in Extemporaneous Speaking and Oration.

The men's squad will send teams to Dickinson College Feb. 25 to debate in the annual Cross-Examination Tournaments.

A men's team will represent the College at the Invitation Tournaments at Boston University Feb. 26-28.

Tryouts Feb. 17

First call for tryouts for the men's squad will be 7 p.m. Tuesday in 305 Sparks. Professor O'Brien will explain debating procedure and the national topic, Resolved: That the Congress of the United States should enact a compulsory fair employment practices law.

Tryouts will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 17 in 316 Sparks. No previous debating experience is necessary, and all undergraduate men are eligible for the team, according to Thomas Farrell, acting manager.

Men trying out for the team will be required to prepare a five-minute affirmative or negative talk on the national topic.

Seniors Eligible For Physics Fellowships

Seniors in chemistry, physics, or engineering are eligible for Atomic Energy Commission graduate fellowships in radiological physics for the 1953-54 school year. Radiological physics, a new and expanding field of science, is concerned with health physics, radiation monitoring and control, radioisotope measurements, and similar activities associated with radioisotopes or nuclear energy.

Up to 75 fellowships may be awarded, with fully-accredited graduate study to be carried out in three locations. One program is operated by the University of Rochester and Brookhaven National Laboratory, another by the University of Washington and the Hanford Works of AEC, and the third by Vanderbilt University and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Nine months of course work at the university are followed by three months of additional study and field training. The program is accredited for graduate-level training leading toward an advanced degree.

Basic stipends are \$1600 per year with allowances if applicants are married and have children. Additional information on the program may be obtained from science department heads or direct from the institute at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Law School Candidates To Take Placement Test

The mid-winter law placement test administered to candidates for admission to law school will be given from 8:45 to 12:15 p.m. Feb. 21 in 202 Willard.

The test is prepared by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J., and is designed to determine facility in legal studies. The test is required as a condition of admission by most of the leading law schools in the United States.

Drum Snares Yoder to Music

By MARY LOU ADAMS

A father gave a small boy a snare drum, and a music career was born. The boy was Paul Yoder, today guest-conducting the Western All-State Band in Schwab Auditorium. Yoder mastered the drum, then all the other percussion instruments, and became one of the foremost composers and arrangers of band music in the United States today.

Attempting to find a comfortable position in the straight-back seats of the darkened auditorium, in ghostly quiet after the blare of 185 instruments of a few moments before, Yoder chatted about his life—music, music, music.

Back in the days of vaudeville and silent movies, the aspiring musician was in the orchestra pit "playing" his way through college. At the University of North Dakota he majored in music education and went on to teach in Illinois and Indiana.

"While 16-year-old Ginger Rogers was touring on one of her first theatrical ventures," he reminisced, "I was accompanying her, from the pit, of course."

Even musicians must watch their figures, and Yoder has



Paul Yoder "Strike up the band"

given up his favorite potatoes and gravy, desserts, and cream soups for carrot and radish sandwiches, "without the bread." Aside from music, he likes to bowl, camp out with the family, and watch TV. Here again music comes in—his favorite programs include

the "Firestone Hour" and the "Fred Waring Show."

In arranging, his interests lean toward comedy and novelty tunes arranged for band. The brown haired composer is now working on selections from Rogers and Hamerstein. Last year he turned out a group of Jerome Kern arrangements.

Band festivals are a wonderful outlet for a composer, giving him a chance to do conducting and keeping him in touch with the ideas of the youthful musicians at which his compositions are aimed, the easy-going musician remarked, his blue eyes serious.

His open-necked rust shirt giving him an air of casualness, Yoder reflected on music tastes in the U.S. There is a more universal response to gospel music than to any other, and hillbilly music too is high in popularity because it's so "down to earth." He commented, too, on the "surprising interest in classical music among high school musicians."

"No other state has such a fine setup for encouraging young musicians as Pennsylvania," Yoder said, "with its well established system of music festivals for band, choir, and orchestra."

Van Paassen Says U. S. Plays into Soviet Hands

By BYRON FIELDING

America too frequently follows the Kremlin's course in foreign affairs in charting its own course, Dr. Pierre van Paassen, Unitarian missionary, told a large audience last night at the Hillel foundation auditorium. Dr. van Paassen's topic was "America's Stake in the Near East."

Dr. van Paassen said the hardest blow to the Kremlin in the Near East would be the peaceful development of education and democratic government. If Russia were ready for war, she would not have passed up so opportune a moment as the Iranian oil crisis, he said. Iran was the ideal place for the Soviets to carry out expansionist plans dating back to Czarist times. The rearmament of the West, however, kept Russia from perpetuating a war she does not want, he said.

Progress of Israel

Dr. van Paassen asserted the only way to keep the Near East out of Russian hands is to enlarge Point Four in backward areas instead of depending on arms shipments alone. "If there is nothing done for the depressed people of Asia, the Soviet Union won't have to do anything but wait for the explosion," Dr. van Paassen warned.

Dr. van Paassen spent a great deal of time elaborating on the progress of the new state of Israel. "Israel is the only spot in the Near East where humanity is fighting back chaos," he said. Dr. van Paassen believes Israel, through her example of progress and democratic government, is behind half the troubles in the Arab world. It is the reactionary leaders, that the United States should quit supporting, who are most afraid of Israel as an example to their depressed subjects.

Sponsoring Jointly

There is still time to save the situation throughout the East before Russia can take further initiative, he said, if the United States stands up for the freedom of the individual. "The United States needs to restate the democracy found in the constitution to save the world in this age of barbarism," Dr. van Paassen concluded.

The lecture was jointly sponsored by Hillel and the Department of Sociology.

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Open Houses Before ISCB

Plans and suggestions for open house projects to be sponsored by the College's eight undergraduate student councils were discussed last night by the Interschool Council Board.

High schools throughout Pennsylvania will be invited to send students to visit the schools in which they are interested in entering. The councils plan to hold open house projects Saturday, May 2, except the Home Economics Council, which will sponsor a three-day affair at another time. Suggestions of sponsoring displays, brief lectures, experiments, and tours of the schools to orientate prospective students were made.

The purpose of the Interschool Council Board, which was founded last year, is to coordinate the activities of the councils. Members are presidents of the individual school councils.

Chem-Phys Group Proposes Meeting

A proposal that the student branch of the American Chemical Society sponsor a joint meeting of the central Pennsylvania chapter affiliates during the Chem-Phys Open House was made up Wednesday night at the open house committee meeting.

The tentative meeting, if approved at the next council meeting, would draw members from both Bucknell and Juniata.

The open house program will be held May 2 and possibly continue through May 3, pending council and faculty action Wednesday. Last year over 2000 persons attended the one-day affair.



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Four Women Will Compete In Debate Meet

Four members of the women's debate squad will leave today to participate in the annual Slippery Rock Tournament this weekend at Slippery Rock State Teachers College.

Barbara Tokarsky and Patricia Marsteller will debate affirmatively on the national intercollegiate topic Resolved: That the Congress of the United States should enact a compulsory fair employment practices law. On the negative team will be Barbara Hinger and Mary Yandow.

The tournament will be modified cross-examination style. Each debater will give an eight-minute constructive speech after which he will be questioned by a member of the opposing team for five minutes.

Debate summaries are then given by the second affirmative and second negative speakers of each team.

Cordier to Speak

Dr. Andrew W. Cordier, executive assistant to the secretary general of the United Nations, will speak at 8 p.m. Tuesday in 119 Osmond. Dr. Cordier's talk is sponsored by the Penn State Christian Association and the Political Science department.

Du Pont Establishes Fellowship

A \$1500 summer fellowship in chemistry to promote research among teaching members of the faculty has been established by the Du Pont Co., President Milton S. Eisenhower has announced.

The grant, one of several from Du Pont and other companies, was approved at a meeting of the Board of Trustees recently.

College faculty members will be able to study or do research work either here or at another college during the summer months through the aid of the grant, Dr. W. Conrad Fernelius, professor and head of the Department of Chemistry, said.

Two new fellowships, one in chemistry and one in chemical engineering, have also been established by the Shell Fellowship Committee. Each fellowship provides \$1500 in addition to tuition and fees for the student and \$400 for project expenses.

A fellowship in anthracite mining has also been established in the division of mining with a \$3000 grant by the Lehigh Navigation Coal Co.

Two other Du Pont fellowships have also been renewed, one in chemistry and one in mechanical engineering. Each fellowship provides \$1500 for an unmarried student or \$2100 for a married student and \$1200 to support the student's projects and cover fees.

Grants for \$1000 from the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. and \$500 from National Truck Carriers, Inc., were accepted in partial support of the Motor Vehicle Fleet Supervision Training program of the Institute of Public Safety.

'Roberta' Tryouts To Start Sunday

Tryouts for Jerome Kern's "Roberta," Thespians' spring production, will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in 409 Old Main.

Richard Brugger, president, has announced that singers, dancers, piano players, actors, musicians, and crew members will be needed. Tryouts are open to all students and no experience in drama or musical-comedy is necessary, Brugger said.

Pre-Vets Elect Officers

Newly-elected officers of the Pre-Vet Club are president, Richard Stoneback; vice-president, Russell Snyder; secretary-treasurer, Edwin Wible; Agriculture Student Council representative, George Flickinger; reporter, Pierre Conti.

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