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Honors Day Event To Be Discontinued

Honors Day, as held in the past, will be discontinued this year and the parts of the program will be handled separately, Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs, has announced.

The program has been held to recognize outstanding scholastic and professional achievements of students and alumni.

'Code' Talk Discussion Is Postponed

Thomas Schott, Interfraternity Council president, asked last night that discussion with IFC of his talks with President Milton S. Eisenhower on the newly-approved University social policy be temporarily postponed.

Schott told IFC he expected to meet again with President Eisenhower before Senate gives final consideration to the policy April 1. Schott said he believes he "can iron out differences at that meeting." He described Tuesday's meeting as a "preliminary feeling out of what to expect in the future."

Seven students, in self-nomination speeches for 1954-55 offices, advocated compromise in the new University social policy.

Bruce Coble, Alpha Tau Omega, IFC rushing chairman, and John Carpenter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Greek Week chairmen, were nominated for president.

Nominated for vice president were Edward Fleming, Pi Kappa Alpha; Robert Kitchell, Pi Kappa Phi; John Bruce, Alpha Sigma Phi; Carl Nurick, Beta Sigma Rho; William Brill, Sigma Nu; Richard Gordon, Phi Sigma Delta; Ellsworth Smith, Kappa Delta Rho and Robert Piper, Phi Delta Theta.

Secretary-treasurer nominees were William Reid, Theta Chi; Allan Schnierov, Phi Epsilon Pi; and Alec Bellasov, Phi Kappa Psi.

Election of officers is scheduled for March 31. Schott said he would "appreciate 100 per cent attendance" by fraternities at the meeting. Each house will have one vote, he said.

Three to Enter Oratory Finals

Three Pennsylvania high school seniors will compete tomorrow at the University in the state finals of the American Legion oratorical contest. Chairman for the finals will be President Milton S. Eisenhower.

A four-year scholarship will be awarded to the winning contestant, who will be eligible to compete for the national championship.

The subject for the contest this year is some phase of the Constitution of the United States.

Parties to Submit Platforms Tonight

Lion and State party platforms will be submitted and positions of the parties on the ballot will be determined at the All-University elections committee meeting at 7 tonight in 204 Old Main.

Clique chairmen will submit the lists of candidates, the number of votes cast at Sunday night's meetings for the nominees, and the candidates' transcripts.

The parties' positions on the ballot will be determined by a coin toss.

Weather Will Vary From Fair to Cloudy

Weather today will be fair in the morning, clouding up later this afternoon. Some rain is expected tomorrow, according to Charles Weintraub, research assistant in meteorology.

Sophs Pick 5 Finalists For Queen

Five coeds have been selected as finalists for queen of the Sophomore Spring Prom to be held from 9 to 12 p.m. Saturday in Recreation Hall.

The five finalists and their sponsors are Sandra Booth, Theta Phi Alpha; Lorraine Chaban, Kappa Delta; Elizabeth Kraabel, Kappa Alpha Theta; Sara McKnight, Cwens; and Susan Schrenzel, Phi Epsilon Pi.

Fifty coeds were entered in the sophomore class queen contest, according to Michael Rosenfeld, queen committee co-chairman. The queen, selected on the basis of beauty, will be crowned at the dance and awarded a loving cup from the class.

Dance Is Semi-Formal

The final selection committee is composed of Ray Fortunato, general director of Thespians; Moylan Mills, director of "Bloomer Girl"; Frank Morris, assistant comptroller; George Donovan, director of the Student Union; and Frank Koser, assistant registrar. Scott Hommer and his Dreamland Serenaders will provide music for the semi-formal dance. The Spring Prom will be open to all students at the University, Robert Harding, dance chairman, announced yesterday. In the past the annual sophomore dance has been open only to freshmen and sophomores.

Spring Will Be Theme

Students may pick up free tickets for the prom at the Student Union desk in Old Main, Harding said.

Countless comic rabbits will carry out the spring theme, according to Nancy Shafer, decorations chairman. Pink, white, and dark blue crepe paper decorations will complete the spring theme.

Sophomore class president Hugh Cline has announced the appointment of Rudolph Lutler, fourth semester arts and letters major, as advisor to the class executive committee. The committee has been active in planning the dance.

Hamer Crowned Queen At Eng Council Mixer

Gillian Hamer, second semester pre-med major, was crowned Miss Penn State Engineer of the Year at the Engineering Student Council student-faculty mixer last night, in the Temporary Union Building.

Miss Hamer was chosen from the five Penn State Engineering "Girls of the Month." She was crowned by Shirley Mix, fourth semester physical education major, last year's Miss Engineer.

Kenworthy said the program will be discontinued because of a lack of interest. Approximately 400 students attended the program last April.

Richard Crafton, chairman of the Honors Day committee, will make the recommendation to All-University Cabinet tonight that the program be discontinued.

Alumni, Student Awards

The program in the past has included awards to approximately 20 students, five Distinguished Alumnus awards, and the inauguration of the All-University officers.

This year scholastic awards for seniors will be included in the commencement program June 7. These include the John W. White medal, the John W. White Fellowship for graduate study, and the Even Pugh awards presented by the Honor Society Council.

The Hetzel Memorial award for scholarship and leadership will be presented at Class Night June 6.

IFC, Panhel Awards

Awards presented by individual organizations will be made by these organizations when it is suitable to them. These awards include the Interfraternity Council scholarship achievement cup and the Panhellenic Council award to the sorority with the highest average.

The Distinguished Alumnus awards will be made at the Alumni Institute held shortly after graduation.

The inauguration of All-University officers will be held at a banquet for the old and new cabinets April 12.

WSGA Grants Permissions

Women students will be permitted to attend the 9:15 performance of Duke Ellington tonight if they return directly to the dormitories after the show and present ticket stubs to their hostesses, Cordelia L. Hibbs, assistant to the dean of women, said yesterday. The permission was granted by Women's Student Government Association.

Performances will be presented at 3:45, 7, and 9:15 p.m. at the State Theater.

Tickets will be available at 1:15 p.m. today at the State Theater box office, according to Edward Shanken, campus publicity director for the show.

Ellington's appearance is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for a borough youth center.

H-Bomb Explosion Is Called Mightiest Blast Ever Recorded

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—Shattering power hundreds of times greater than any previous man-made explosion was unleashed when the United States set off its H-bomb No. 2.

That detonation in the mid-Pacific proving grounds two weeks ago also:

1. Left scientific measuring instruments unable to record the full effects of the unpredicted force.

2. Apparently pushed radioactive debris and moisture out beyond the safety zone boundary of the test area.

3. Jarred an island 176 miles distant.

This information came today from a variety of sources—in-

cluding direct statements by congressional committee members and comments by other well-qualified sources who could not be named.

Of high significance was the fact that all described the March 1 explosion as that of an actual weapon, capable of being dropped on an enemy.

Rep. Carl T. Durham (D-NC), ranking Democrat on the joint congressional atomic energy committee, told reporters, conservatively, that the explosion was many times greater than the other thermonuclear blast detonated at the Pacific proving grounds in November, 1952.

Another equally informed source said it was three or four times mightier than the atomic

weaponers conducting the test had expected; at least 600 times more powerful than the wartime nuclear fission bomb dropped on Hiroshima—which released energy equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT.

Some estimates, still to be evaluated on the basis of whatever scientific recordings could be made, ran the power of the March 1 shot to a thousand times or more than that of the 1952 test of a hydrogen gadget.

Out of the welter of preliminary estimates and guesses, there emerged one certain fact:

President Eisenhower made an understatement when he said last Feb. 17 that the thermonuclear weapon "dwarfs in destructive power all atomic weapons."

Dunlap to Ask Cabinet Action On New Fines

All-University Cabinet will be asked to recommend the establishment of new campus parking areas and to authorize an increase of fines by Traffic Court chairman James Dunlap tonight.

A recommendation that all students be required to register their cars with the Campus Patrol at registration next fall will be included in Dunlap's proposals.

In addition, a \$12,300 budget for 1954-55 will be presented for cabinet's approval. David Arnold, secretary-treasurer, will submit the budget, which provides for a \$600 decrease in appropriations for college councils. Last year's appropriations for councils was \$1500. The budget calls for a \$900 appropriation for next year.

Honors Day Report

A suggestion to eliminate the Honors Day program, and suggestions for revising the Student Government Day program will also be presented.

AGENDA

Roll call
Minutes of previous meeting
Reports of officers
Adoption of agenda
Reports of committees:

1. Honors Day
2. Student Government Day
Old Business:

1. Traffic committee recommendations
2. Re-evaluation of Orientation Week
3. Encampment committee on Student Union
4. Encampment committee on resident counselors

New Business:

1. Student Government budget 1954-55

Appointments

Adjournment

If cabinet approves Dunlap's proposals, a formal request for more parking areas on campus will be submitted to University officials.

Walter Wiegand, director of the physical plant, said yesterday that possible new locations for parking areas "are in the thinking stage."

More Severe Fines

Dunlap said he will propose that fines for violators be made more severe, particularly for repeat offenders. Cabinet will be asked to approve more specific penalties than those presently in use.

A progress report on the functioning of the court will also be presented. If cabinet approves Dunlap's suggestions, they will go into effect in the fall.

Richard Crafton, chairman of the Honors Day committee, reported yesterday the entire program will be dropped. He said the committee considered student interest in the annual event insufficient to warrant its continuation.

Awards which were in past years (Continued on page eight)

23 Students Fined by Traffic Court

Traffic Court Tuesday night charged 23 persons a total of \$59 in fines and collected \$14. The remaining fines will be paid to the Dean of Men's office.

Six students received general recommendations to see Frank J. Simes, dean of men. They will probably be placed on Traffic Court probation, James Dunlap, court chairman, said.

Traffic Court recommended that one student's car be sent home. Two students of the 25 scheduled to appear did not arrive. One was excused by the court. Six cases were dismissed.

Most of the violations considered by Traffic Court concerned illegal driving on Pollock road. Although the number of violations has decreased, Capt. Philip A. Mark, head of the Campus Patrol, will continue to enforce the rule, Dunlap said.

Any student who receives a traffic ticket is required to report to the Campus Patrol office, 319 Old Main, within 24 hours. Students who fail to report on time will be referred to the Dean of Men's office, Dunlap warned.

The new Traffic Court system, which went into effect this semester, has collected \$475 in fines to date. Six cars have been sent home and 11 students have been placed on Traffic Court probation this semester.

Bus Ad Group Votes to Have 2d Coffee Hour

The Business Administration Student Council, which met recently, voted to have a second coffee hour at 3 p.m. next Thursday in Thompson Hall recreation lounge.

The council chose 3 p.m. to allow Business School students in ROTC groups to attend this coffee hour. Approximately 20 professors will be present. This will give students a chance to become informally acquainted with their professors.

The council announced the possibility of a student-faculty mixer in the spring, depending upon the success of the coffee hour, and a possible combining of the Open Houses of the Business and Liberal Arts Colleges.

The next meeting of the Council will be April 5. On April 12, council members will elect officers. Nominations and elections will be from the floor.

Fraternity Cancels Kansas City Flight

Members of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity have called off a proposed trip to Kansas City because an insufficient number of students signed up for the trip.

The fraternity had intended to leave tonight by plane to see the Penn State-LaSalle basketball game.