



—Photo by Bretts

VOTING was generally light in the election of representatives to eight college councils yesterday. Alice Krellner and Marilyn Kaplan, standing, cast ballots for Education Student Council members as Harry Shank and Frances Crawford supervise the election. Voting will continue today for representatives of all councils except Agriculture.

Council Voting Reported Poor

Voting on the first day of student council elections was very disappointing, three elections committee chairmen said yesterday.

Approximately 125 students voted for the 57 candidates for Education Student Council seats, Sally Lessig, chairman, said. She said she considers the turn-out for the election very poor. There are 686 students in the College of Education.

Speech Contest Begins Tonight

Thirty-nine students will compete in the eliminations of the John Henry Frizzell Extempore Speaking Contest at 7 tonight in assigned rooms in Sparks Building.

Contestants will debate on topics submitted by themselves or obtained from a list provided by the committee in charge of the contest. Debate squad members may not use debate topics or other forensic contest topics. Contestants will speak on the topics for five minutes and without notes.

One from each of the twelve elimination sections will compete in the semi-finals at 7:30 tonight in 316 Sparks.

First place winner will receive the \$50 prize. Second place winner will be given the \$25 Forensic Council prize. Both winners will receive the John Henry Frizzell award of merit in extempore speaking.

Dress Rumor Denied

Reports that the Dean of Women's office issued a ruling concerning dress apparel during Spring Week activities were termed false yesterday by Pearl O. Weston, dean of women.

Governor to Arrive For Confab Today

By PHYLLIS PROPERT

Governor John S. Fine will arrive by plane at the University today to address the seventh annual Pennsylvania Recreation Conference at a luncheon meeting at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Municipal officials and more than 300 recreation leaders will hear Governor Fine speak on the status of recreation in Pennsylvania.

Governor Fine is expected to leave the University shortly after his address.

Francis Gordon, room assignment officer in the department of housing, will demonstrate how to prepare for a prolonged hike in the wilds from 9 to 11:45 a.m. tomorrow in Hort Woods.

Gordon will hold a question and answer period during the demonstration. A canoeist, Gordon has his own guide service in Ontario, Canada. He will draw answers to questions from his experience as a guide in the Algonquin Provincial Park, 200 miles north of Toronto.

Among the topics to be dis-

Of the 853 students eligible to vote in the Business Administration Student Council election, 86 voted. David Baker, elections chairman, said more students should vote to support the candidates and to get better representation.

One hundred and ten students voted yesterday in the Liberal Arts Student Council elections. Larry Gedrich, chairman, said he was very disappointed with the lack of interest of LA students. There are 1217 freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in the college who may vote.

In the Chemistry and Physics college, there are 597 students who may vote in the elections. Of this number, 136 voted.

Mineral Industries college, with approximately 320 students eligible to vote, had a turnout of 44 students.

No estimate of the number of voters was available from the Home Economics Council.

Wilmot Stamm, chairman of the elections for the Engineering Council said the voting turnout was fair.

No estimate was available for the Physical Education and Athletics Council vote. The elections in this college will be extended until 12 p.m. tomorrow because the ballots were distributed late.

discussed and demonstrated by Gordon are: information on materials to take on a long hike, methods of making oneself comfortable in the woods, selection and use of the axe, methods of packing and carrying on the trail, and what foods to pack for a long trip.

A folk dance workshop, under the direction of a graduate of the University, Mrs. Betty Jane Dittmar, 610 W. Nittany avenue, and Tsuneo Y. Tanabe, assistant professor of dairy husbandry, will be held at 9 a.m. tomorrow in the West Dorm lounge. The instruction period is free to the public.



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Sorority Housing Endorsed by Prexy

By NANCY WARD

President Milton S. Eisenhower has endorsed a plan to build sorority houses in quadrangle form at the University as a future housing program.

Sororities may be quartered in a row house arrangement of buildings constructed in a quadrangle and containing a number of sorority units. Under the plan, the University would build, landscape, and maintain the properties on University ground. Units would then

be rented to sororities.

President Eisenhower said at a meeting of women's fraternity counselors in March that he, as one individual, is willing to work for a program of sorority house building similar to that at Northwestern University as outlined above.

He said buildings might be uniform in size and construction, except for minor architectural details for the sake of variety. He said he thought it reasonable that sororities choose their own decorative schemes and accessories and suggested the houses might be so designed that adjoining living room, dining room and library may be used as one for dancing and other social functions. A chaperon's suite would be included in each house.

Room Occupancy

President Eisenhower said all rooms would have to be filled as in any dormitory. If a sorority were unable to fill all of its rooms, he said, the University would reserve the right to move in other women to obtain maximum rental at all times.

President Eisenhower said nothing will be done about the plan until the current studies designed to estimate the size of the campus population by 1970 are completed. He said it is expected the studies will predict a large increase in enrollment, especially of women students. In that event, he said, new women's dormitories will have to be built.

600 Woman Dorm

President Eisenhower said tentative thinking is that the next dormitory should house 600 women in units of 125 women each and fanning out from a central kitchen. Each 125-woman unit would be fed in its own dining room, he said.

Future dormitories will probably be built at a lower cost than were McElwain and Simmons Halls, President Eisenhower said. The two dormitories on Shortlidge road represented a cost of \$6000 per woman, he said, and it is expected future construction will be held at \$4500 per woman.

President Eisenhower said he is agreeable to building future dormitories in the form of sorority houses. However, he said, he had been told women at the University

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Grade Plan to Go To Senate Today

The proposed grading system, approved Monday by Honor Society Council, will be presented to the University Senate this afternoon.

C. O. Williams, Senate secretary, said yesterday the plan would be presented, but no action will be taken until the next Senate meeting, June 3.

Town Council Elects Weidner New President

Donald Weidner, fourth semester agriculture education major, was elected president of Town Council last night, defeating George Makar, fourth semester education major, 9-3.

Other newly-elected officers are Thomas Smeal, fourth semester wood utilization major, vice president; Makar, secretary; and Donald Neifert, sixth semester labor management major, treasurer.

Council unanimously approved two proposals made by Robert Schoner, retiring treasurer, one that nomination of ward representatives be made at a meeting to be held not later than three weeks after the beginning of the fall semester and the other that a two-thirds vote of quorum be required for amendments.

Nominations of ward representatives are now made through petition. Amendments now require a two-thirds vote of all members of council.

Both proposals will go into effect next semester.

Final plans for the council picnic to be held Saturday at Greenwood Furnace were discussed.

Retiring officers of council are Chester Cherwinski, president; Francis Mears, vice president; Schoner, treasurer; and James McDowell, secretary.

Tractor Driving Takes on Speed

The student branch of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers is sponsoring a tractor driving contest Saturday in the parking lot between the Forestry Building and the Plant Industries Building.

There will be separate competition for men and women. The men's division will start at 1 p.m. and the women's at 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each division.

Entry blanks are available at the Student Union desk in Old Main and on the first floor of Agriculture Building. The entry deadline is 5 p.m. today.

Ellis in 'Good' Condition

Patricia Ellis, Women's Student Government Association president, was reported in "good" condition yesterday.

However, her X-ray report has not been received by the University Hospital.

Miss Ellis was slightly injured Tuesday night when she stepped off the curb of Pollock road between Osmond and Walker laboratories into the path of an automobile.

Talks Begin Friday On Indochina Peace

GENEVA, May 5 (AP)—France and the Soviet Union agreed today to start peace talks on Indochina Friday, if possible, and certainly by Saturday.

Agreement was reached as French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault decided to ride out his country's Cabinet crisis in Geneva.

Bidault's decision against being present for the vote of confidence tomorrow in Parliament was taken as a sign of confidence the Cabinet would survive.

Jean Chauvel, French ambassador in Switzerland, spent an hour with Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko discussing the impending peace parley. Both agreed it should start as soon as feasible.

Later Chauvel reported the results of his conversations to British and U.S. delegations. It appeared that only the belated arrival of delegates from the Associated States of Indochina was holding up the peace meeting.

A Vietnamese delegation of three, including Deputy Premier

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