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## French Fortress Falls Before Reds

PARIS, May 7(P)—Hordes of Vietminh troops toppled the barbed wire fortress of Dien Bien Phu today in their biggest victory of the 7-year-war for Indochina.

Under constant fire for 57 days, the fortress fell under the fifth massive attack launched by a force which outnumbered the defenders 6-1.

### Conditions Critical

The final days were harrowing to the defenders. Hundreds of wounded piled up in the underground shelters while the French appealed vainly for a truce to permit their evacuation.

Late yesterday and on into the dusk, the defenders saw the Vietminh moving into position for the attack. They piled into trenches they had dug right up to the edge of barbed wire barricades on which the French had depended for safety.

### Attack by Moonlight

Battalions of a thousand poured over the French strongpoint companies of 200 and by 2 a.m. under thin moonlight, four of the strong points were taken.

The Vietminh lodged themselves solidly in the southwest corner of the main defense point, and neither side nor counterattack could drive them out.

They broke through also into the southeast and eastern sections. Later in the hot sun, Brig. Gen. Christian De Casteries launched a furious counterattack against these.

But the attack was too strong. Mortar and artillery fire had weakened the barbed wire and evidently plowed up many of the mine fields strewn by the French.

## Bell Named Head Of Student Council

Donald Bell, sixth semester physical education major, was elected president of the Physical Education Student Council yesterday. Other officers elected were Patricia Farrell, fourth semester recreation major, vice president; Mary Hudcovich, fourth semester physical education major, secretary; and Karl Schwenzfeier, fifth semester physical education major, treasurer.

Students who won seats on the council are Margaret Porterfield, Lamont Smith, Ruth Kronewetter, Dean Mullen, Ann Farrell, and Glenn Moyer.

Sixty-seven per cent of the college voted in the elections.

### Festive Week

## Miss State Coronation, Parade To Open Spring Week Monday

The Spring Week parade and the coronation ceremonies of the Miss Penn State contest Monday evening will mark the beginning of the sixth annual Spring Week at the University.

Forty groups have entered the parade, which will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, according to William Brill, parade director. The parade will form on Nittany and Fairmount avenues and disband near Recreation Hall. Groups will compete for top place in each of the three categories—the artistic, collegiate, and comic. Winners will receive trophies and points toward the Spring Week trophy.

Five finalists chosen from 36 entrants in the queen contest will compete for the title of Miss Penn State at the coronation ceremonies scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Monday in Recreation Hall. The finalists — Phoebe Erickson, Ruth Grigoletti, Nancy Hagy, Nancy Van Tries, and Jane Yarnes—will be judged by Mary Pickford, stage and screen star; Evelyn Ay-

## Beaver Memorial Nears Completion

The foundation for the monument to honor General James A. Beaver at Beaver Field has been poured and the monument will be set up next week, according to Paul W. Pierson, assistant supervisor of lands, building, and maintenance.

General Beaver, former president of the University Board of Trustees and former governor of Pennsylvania, is being honored for his contributions to the University and the state by the alumni committee of the class of 1909, whom he helped to organize.

The bronze plaque, to be placed on the monument, has been ordered but has not yet arrived, Pierson said. It will be mounted on the sandstone base.

## New Addition To Inn Opens This Weekend

The new addition to the Nittany Lion Inn, under construction for some time, is being occupied for the first time with the arrival of hundreds of parents for the Mother's Day-May Day weekend.

John H. Lee, manager of the inn, said yesterday that workmen have been engaged in moving furniture into the 75 new rooms the addition will provide. With a heavy demand for rooms for the weekend, reservations for the new rooms had been accepted some time ago.

The final inspection of the new wing was held earlier this week and except for the correction of minor things, the addition is considered completed.

The contract for the construction of the addition was awarded nearly two and one half years ago to Irwin and Leighton, of Philadelphia.

In addition to doubling the number of rooms at the inn, the program included redecorating of the lobby and lounge on the main floor; redecorating of the lobby and lounge on the main floor; redecorating Peacock Alley, adjoining the main dining room; the addition of an elevator; and the addition of a coffee shop in the lower lobby.

### Coronation Rehearsal

Entrants in the Miss Penn State contest will rehearse coronation ceremonies at 12:30 p.m. Monday in Recreation Hall, according to Carole Avery, coronation co-chairman.

## Parents 'Invade' For Weekend Of Festivities

By NANCY SHOWALTER

Mothers, fathers and families, too, will invade the campus this weekend to take part in traditional Mother's Day-May Day weekend activities. Cloudy skies—and maybe some of Penn State's traditional rain—is predicted to greet the visitors.

May Day festivities, the agriculture college, a dairy show, four sports events, and special open houses in the women's dormitories, West Dorms, and fraternities will be open to students and parents.

It was a year ago this weekend that a famous couple visited a well-known campus personality. President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower dropped in for a visit with his brother, President Milton S. Eisenhower, and caused more than a minimum of excitement.

### May Day Ceremonies

The highlight of this weekend's activities will be the May Day Ceremonies beginning at 3 p.m. today on the lawn of Old Main. Jane Montgomery, eighth semester journalism major, will be crowned Queen of May. In case of rain the ceremonies will be held in Recreation Hall. Before the ceremonies, open house and teas from 2 to 3 p.m. will be held in the women's dormitories.

Cloudy weather with scattered showers is predicted for today, but the weatherman says tomorrow's skies will be clear.

The Interfraternity-Panhellenic Spring Concert will be held after the May Day ceremonies in Old Main.

### Dairy Exposition Opens

The 29th annual Dairy Exposition will be held from 12:30 to 5 p.m. today in the Livestock Judging Pavilion. Judith Smith, second semester elementary education major, will be crowned Dairy Queen at 1 p.m.

The College of Agriculture will hold an open house starting at 9 a.m.

Freshmen women will be seen out of their dorms on both Friday and Saturday nights until 1 a.m. for the first time this weekend. Freshmen move-up day was yesterday.

### Sports Events

Few of the fathers will be bored this afternoon because there will be four sports events. A double-header baseball game with Syracuse and a track meet with Pittsburgh will both be held at 1 p.m. Penn State will meet Bucknell in a tennis match at 2 p.m., and the

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## 16 'He-Men' To Compete In Finals

Sixteen finalists were selected from 40 entrants in the preliminaries of the He-Man contest last night to compete in the finals scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Beaver Field, according to Barbara Wallace and Gerald Maurey, contest co-chairmen.

The finalists were chosen competing in a 100-yard dash, a soccer kick, and a series of push ups. The finals will include another 100-yard dash on an obstacle course, a shotgun throw, and a consideration of theme and general abilities, Miss Wallace stated.

Judges for the finals will be Ross B. Lehman, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, George L. Donovan, director of student activities, and James H. Coogan, assistant director of Public Information.

Competing for the title of He-Man, who will be awarded 150 points and a trophy are Stamatios Flampouris, Nittany-Pollock; Winston Mergott, Alpha Tau Omega; Louis D'Angeli, Kappa Sigma and Zeta Tau Alpha; Lamont Smith, Theta Chi; Thomas McIntyre, Acacia; David Barney, Sigma Nu and Chi Omega; Herbert Hollowell, Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Sigma Phi; Robert Allen, Chi Phi and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

James Fulton, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Edward Pasko, Pi Kappa Phi; Jon Friedman, Phi Epsilon Pi; Daniel Van Duyn, Alpha Gamma Rho and Delta Delta Delta; Herbert Ferguson, Sigma Pi and Alpha Xi Delta; Robert Springer, Phi Kappa Sigma and Alpha Omicron Phi; Frank Breider, Delta Upsilon; and Hugh Cline, Phi Gamma Delta and Pi Beta Phi.

## Applications Ready For Scholarships

Scholarship applications for the three \$75 scholarships to be awarded for the fall semester by Panhellenic Council are available at the Dean of Women's office, 105 Old Main.

Applications must be returned to the Dean of Women's office by May 17.

The scholarships are available to independent and sorority women. Recipients will be selected on the basis of financial need. No specified average is necessary.

## Cloudy, Rainy Weather Expected

Ah, yes, another beautiful weekend on the lovely campus of the Pennsylvania State University.

Today will be cloudy with scattered showers and little change in temperature, the meteorology department reported. Tomorrow will be clearer.

Parents get a chance to see the monsoon season first hand, it seems.

### Selective Service Test

Monday is the last day students may apply for the Selective Service test.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Dean of Men's office. Students who attain a high class standing, or make a score of 70 or better may be deferred from military service for the next academic year, at the discretion of their local draft board.

## Mother's Day Concert Set By Glee Club

The Glee Club, under the direction of Frank Gullo, associate professor of music, will give its annual Mother's Day Concert at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Schwab Auditorium.

The group will open with "Hail to Pennsylvania State." Other numbers will include the "Drinking Song" from Student Prince and "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers."

Two Fred Waring arrangements will be used. They are "No Man an Island" and "I Believe." Several religious numbers, including "Laudamus Te" and "I Walk Today Where Jesus Walked" will be sung.

John Moran, fourth semester arts and letters major, will be tenor soloist. He will sing "Kashmiri Song" and "Lullaby" from "Jocelyn."

A piano solo, "Hungarian Rhapsody Number 6 in D Flat" by Franz Liszt, will be played by Eudell Korman, fourth semester arts and letters major.

The Varsity Quartette will sing "Heart of My Heart," "Dear Old Girl," and several novelty numbers.

The Hi-los, a group of sixteen men from the club, will sing several selections, among them "Massachusetts" and "Johnny Shmoker."

Nan Gullo, the director's daughter, will accompany the Glee Club on the harp for part of the program.

## Alumni to Get Five Awards

Five alumni yesterday were named to receive the University's 1954 Distinguished Alumni Awards. The awards will be conferred at special ceremonies during class reunion week, June 12. The award winners are Robert W. Ostermayer, class of 1917; Arthur Scott Shoffstall, 1900; William B. Wallis, 1911; Jesse B. Warriner, 1905; and Paul Weir, 1919.

These awards, established in 1950, are presented annually to those alumni "whose personal life, professional achievements, and community service" best exemplify the objectives of the University.

The selections were announced by President Milton S. Eisenhower, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

## 2d LA Lantern To Go on Sale

The second edition of the LA Lantern, published by the Liberal Arts Student Council, will go on sale today.

Included in this issue will be stories on the history of May Day and this year's program, Spring Week, and the Daily Collegian.

The 14-page issue will be sold for 10 cents at the Corner Room, Carnegie Bulletin Board, in front of Old Main, and in front of Grange Dormitory.