

# University Employees Defer Vote to Strike

Members of Local 67, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, deferred a vote to strike against the University at a meeting Friday night.

The dissatisfaction within the union stems from the classification plan offered to the union by the University. The plan was set up to establish uniform pay systems and pay grading.

Kenneth Dixon, union president, said a strike vote was deferred on the recommendation of union officers, who asked more time to negotiate the new classification plan.

"We feel we should try once more to discuss the classification plan with Dr. Eisenhower so that we might avoid any trouble on the campus," Dixon said.

George W. Smith, union secretary, said yesterday a letter was being sent to President Eisenhower on the subject. He declined to give any further information, saying the union had decided to wait until President Eisenhower had received the letter. President Eisenhower was in Washington, D.C. yesterday.

### 300 Attend Meeting

More than 300 members who attended Friday's meeting voted unanimously to reject the new classification plan. The union declared the new plan ignored seniority and fair salary increases.

As an example, they cited a number of veteran employees whom they said are getting less money than some workers employed for a shorter time.

According to Dixon, the union said the classification plan was "a punch below the belt inasmuch as it was forced on campus employees without their consent and came during a period when a grievance panel is holding hearings to determine a fair classification plan for personnel procedures."

### Panel Met in Boston

The panel to which Dixon referred was the three-man grievance panel which met in Boston Wednesday to discuss procedure for arbitrating disputes between the University and the union.

The wage classification plan was one of 22 grievances submitted to the panel for consideration, Dixon said.

Dixon said the union has scheduled a meeting with Ray V. Fortunato, coordinator of labor relations, for 3:30 p.m. today to present an alternate plan to the University. He said the union's plan would attempt to establish a more uniform wage scale.

Dixon added that he hoped to meet with President Eisenhower in the future to discuss the issue.

The union includes all service employees at the University, such as dining hall workers, physical plant employees, maids, and janitors.

## Oil Conference To Be Held Here

Methods used to locate oil deposits as well as methods for recovery of the deposits will be discussed at the 18th annual Technical Conference on Petroleum Production at the University tomorrow through Friday.

More than 150 research men from all sections of the country will attend the conference, which is considered the second most important technical conference in its field and is the only one to be sponsored by a University.

Tomorrow afternoon geologists, mineralogists and geophysicists will report on progress in research pointed toward the location of petroleum deposits. The Thursday and Friday morning sessions will be confided with recovery of deposits.

## U.S. Grants Available For Graduate Study

Students may apply for United States government exchange grants for graduate study abroad until Nov. 10.

Eligibility requirements for foreign study fellowships are: United States citizenship, a college degree, knowledge of the language of the country, and good health.

Scholarship application blanks are available in 110 Old Main.

The awards cover transportation, tuition, books, and maintenance.

### Fungus Hits Campus

## Five Trees Affected With Elm Disease

Five campus elm trees have been affected, or are suspected of being affected by Dutch elm disease, according to Walter W. Trainer, supervisor of lands construction and maintenance.

The disease is a fungus spread chiefly by the elm bark beetle which borrows under the tree bark, causing the leaves to die and drop off sooner than normal.

Two trees known definitely to be affected by the disease have been removed and burned, Trainer said.

One was the 26-inch elm which stood off the west corner of Old Main. The other was a six-inch elm in the Windcrest area.

Two years ago a tree affected with the same disease was removed from a University farm near Puddintown.

Three others show symptoms.

Three other trees—the large elm on the terrace in front of Old Main, one on the McAllister Mall near the Textile Chemistry Building, and one near the entrance of the McAllister Mall—show symptoms of the disease. Trainer said cultures of the bark were being taken to determine whether the disease is actually present.

If the disease is found steps will be taken to stop the disease. The disease can be pruned out in the early stages, but in the later stages there is no cure, except to remove and burn the tree.

Main Mall Unaffected

Trainer said there is no evidence of the disease in the trees along the Main Mall. He said "it is reasonably certain" that the beetles were exterminated when the tree on the Old Main lawn was burned.

He said, however, that the trees will be sprayed with a mixture of DDT and oil to prevent further spread of the insects.

Several trees on the University farms are also under surveillance.

## UBA Will Refund Unclaimed Money

Unsold books and unclaimed money will be returned by the Used Book Agency of the Penn State Book Exchange today through Friday in the Temporary Union Building.

Books and money may be claimed 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the TUB stage. Students must present yellow receipts to collect books or money.

## Forum Season Ticket Drive Is Underway

Approximately 5000 leaflets describing the 1954-55 Community Forum season ticket drive were distributed to dormitories and fraternity houses over the weekend. The drive, which opened yesterday, will continue through Saturday.

Season tickets, priced at \$4.40, will be sold at the Student Union desk in Old Main and Griggs Pharmacy on E. College avenue, Janet Dickson, publicity chairman, has announced.

Four speakers are listed on this season's program with a bonus speaker to be announced as soon as final arrangements have been made.

The speakers will be headed by Clifton Fadiman who comes to the University Nov. 9. Agnes Moorehead will present her one-woman dramatic show Dec. 6. Carlos Romulo, on Jan. 13, and James Hepbrun, criminologist, on Feb. 15.

Assisting Miss Dickson with distribution of leaflets and posters are Ruth Eshelman, sixth semester home economics major, and John Garber, fifth semester chemical engineering major, both members of the forum executive committee and Kent Forster, forum president.

The sale of individual tickets for each performance will be dependent on the number of season tickets sold, Miss Dickson said.

### 1904 Graduate Dies

Walter Randall Musser, California, Pa., who was graduated from the University in 1904, died in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh early in September. He was 75.

Musser was employed by Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation as a civil engineer and mine superintendent until his retirement two years ago.

### Town Opinion Divided

# Will State College Become Mt. Nittany?

State College is a town of divided opinions. One group favors the name change to Mt. Nittany, another opposes any name change and a third favors a change but is against the proposal which will be voted on Nov. 2.

The proposed change, which grew out of the University's advancement, would continue a precedent established earlier

when the University changed its name from the Farmer's High School to Agricultural College and still later to Pennsylvania State College. The town each time altered its name to correspond to that of the University.

In a story which appeared in Sunday's edition of the Pittsburgh Press Family Magazine, each side of the controversy was presented. It stated that nobody wanted to change the town's name to State University, not even those who felt that State College would no longer do.

### Mt. Nittany Suggested

Mt. Nittany seemed to be the name that had a chance for success, the Press article said. A committee of fifty, backing the name change, enlisted the support of John Henry Frizzell, chaplain emeritus of the University, and came out in favor of Mt. Nittany, the story stated.

Frizzell, in favoring the change, listed five reasons for the name change and yesterday listed in the Centre Daily Times his own reasons for changing the name to Mt. Nittany. His first reason was that since the University's name change, the change of a name for the Borough has been much in the public mind.

In his second reason, Frizzell stated that the Area Chamber of Commerce has seen fit to put the issue before the voters and the Borough Council has approved the movement. Frizzell went on to state that the precedent has been to change the name of the town when the school's name was changed. He also felt that although it was natural for the town to take its name from the University, the Borough has now reached a place where it can stand on its own.

### Centennial Publicity

Frizzell's last reason mentioned that now is the time for a name change before the University's centennial which will bring national and international publicity to the new name. He further stated that he believed Mt. Nittany was appropriate because it conforms to criteria which were believed important: It is descriptive of the area. It respects sentiment and long attachment. It is rich in the sense of history and folklore. It is a name that will wear well and will not need further change.

Most of the opposition, the Press story said, is from businessmen, many of whom took a sharp

## Bus Ad Dean Will Address ROTC Tonight

Ossian R. MacKenzie, dean of the College of Business Administration and a major in the Marine Corps, will address the guests at the Reserve Officers Training Corps dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the State College Hotel.

Col. George K. Schubert of Philadelphia, a member of the ROTC committee of the State Headquarters of the Reserve Officers Association, will speak also. Colonel Schubert is a 1942 graduate of the University.

Guests at the dinner will include Col. Lucien E. Bolduc, Capt. Rowland H. Groff, and Col. Daniel F. Riva, the heads of the Army, Navy, and Air ROTC programs.

Students who hold reserve commissions and desire to attend the meeting may make reservations with Maj. James F. Keim, of State College.

### PS Club Will Meet

Penn State Club will meet at 7 tonight in 411 Old Main. Independent men interested in joining the club may attend.

loss when the school's name was changed without warning. A change in the borough name, they argued, would do the same thing to them again, with stocks of souvenirs, high school clothing, and other things.

More than a score of firms with the town's name as part of their own would be put to trouble and expense of changing their incorporation.

Perhaps the most determined opponent of the name change, according to the Press article, is George Graham, 82, founder of "Graham's." He stated that "There was no need to change the name of the school and we certainly don't want to change the name of the town."

The third group which doesn't oppose a name change has suggested several alternate names. Such titles as Centre Hills, Keystone and Univer City have been brought up.

### LaVie Staff, Candidates Will Meet Tonight

LaVie art staff members and candidates will meet at 7 tonight in 105 Temporary.

To be eligible for the art staff candidates must be either sophomores or juniors.

A second meeting for LaVie editorial staff candidates will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 418 Old Main.

Candidates who attended the first meeting Sunday do not have to attend this meeting, according to Gail Smith, managing editor.

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Jan. 13 Carlos Romulo, chairman, Philippine delegation to UN

Feb. 15 James Hepbrun, criminologist and consultant to Senate Crime Investigation Committee

March To be announced

Tickets available from Oct. 4-9 at the Student Union Office, Old Main, and Griggs Pharmacy,

West College Avenue

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