

# Committee Studies Six Sorority Plans

The sorority housing systems at six schools are being studied by the committee investigating the possibility of constructing sorority houses at the University.

The committee-of-three, appointed by the women's fraternity counselors, is looking into the programs at the University of Indiana, Hanover College, University of Northwestern, University of Alabama, University of Maryland, and Beloit College. Mrs. Robert G. Bernreuter, chairman, said yesterday. The group is also trying to obtain information from Duke University and Ohio Wesleyan University, she said.

## Post Office Approves Cancellation

The stamp cancellation design honoring the University's centennial has been approved by the U.S. Post Office Department, Louis H. Bell, director of public information, has announced.

The design will be used to cancel postage stamps on letters leaving the State College post office starting Jan. 1.

The cancellation, approved by Assistant Postmaster General Norman R. Abrams, shows a picture of Old Main enclosed in a keystone. The inscription reads, "1855—Centennial—1955—Pennsylvania State University." It was designed by Milton S. Osborne, professor of architecture.

The design was submitted to the post office department for final approval Nov. 13. It was sent to Pitney-Bowes Incorporated in Stamford, Conn., to be cast into a die two weeks ago. Final approval was obtained when the die was received by the State College post office. It was previously planned to begin using the cancellation Dec. 15 if the design was approved and the die received in time.

No word has been received by University officials on the postage stamp which will also honor the University's centennial. A design for the stamp was submitted by the University to the Post Office Department late in October. The stamp will also honor Michigan State College, also founded in 1855. Officials from Michigan State and the University drew up the design and submitted it for approval. Approval must come from a post office department artist.

## Construction Begins On Research Lab

Workmen have begun construction of a second floor to the Ordnance Research Laboratory.

Robert A. Hussey, business manager of the laboratory, said the second floor is being built to provide extra space for work. He said the expansion will not require any additional personnel.

The contract for construction has been awarded by the Navy to J. C. Orr and Son, Altoona.

The Department of Defense allocated funds last year to make the construction possible.

Hussey said the building may be completed by spring.

## Pollock 4 Wins Yule Decorating Contest

Pollock 4 won first prize in the Pollock Dormitorie's Christmas decorating contest sponsored by Pollock Council.

Pollock 2 took second place by a close margin over Pollock 6. Pollock 2 got 25 points and Pollock 6 compiled a total of 24 points to place third.

Judge in the contest was Edward Cherwinski, coordinator of dorm counselors for the area.

First prize was \$25, second prize, \$15, and third prize, \$10.

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## Resignation Submitted By Haller

Dr. George L. Haller has submitted his resignation as dean of the College of Chemistry and Physics at the University to accept the position of manager of the Laboratories Department of

the University and Ohio Wesleyan University, she said. Mrs. Bernreuter said that the group sought information concerning the costs of construction and maintenance and is looking for ideas and methods that could be used at the University.

**No Opinions**  
The committee has no opinion or recommendations on which system would be best for the University, Mrs. Bernreuter said. However, she said that she hoped the group would be able to present a report to sorority women and the Women's Fraternity Counselors Association soon after the first of the year.

Mrs. Bernreuter said that the committee would try to present a plan showing it would be financially possible to build sorority houses at the University and that sorority women would be able to afford the program. If such a plan can not be drawn up, she said, the idea would probably have to be dropped.

**Six Systems**  
According to Mrs. Bernreuter, the sorority housing systems used at six schools are:  
University of Indiana, the University lends the money to sororities to build houses. It also guarantees that if the membership in the sorority falls to the extent that it is unable to repay the money, the university will claim the house and use it for its own purposes.

Hanover College, three sorority houses are being built by the school to be rented to the three sororities at \$7200 per academic year. Each sorority consists of 33 women.

**Beloit System**  
Beloit College, the sorority units are located in dormitories but are separated from each other by partitions which extend from the roof to the basement. Each sorority has its own entrance and three floors of living space. The units have recreation rooms on the ground floor where men may be entertained.

University of Northwestern, a quadrangle-styled sorority unit was built in 1924 to house 18 sororities. The sororities paid 25 per cent of the cost at the time of construction. Five and one-fourth per cent more of the cost was to be paid over 50 years. Most of the sororities have completed payment to the University. The houses are rented to sororities for one dollar a year.

The University of Alabama, sorority units are being built. The University is selling bonds at one and one-half per cent to defray the cost. It is illegal to sell bonds for such a project in Pennsylvania.

University of Maryland, fraternity and sorority houses are built in a horseshoe shaped area and are rented at \$4500 yearly. They are wooden family-type structures expected to last 50



Dr. George L. Haller Accepts Post With G.E.

General Electric Company's Electronics Division.

President Milton S. Eisenhower announced yesterday that the resignation would be effective not later than June 30, 1955. He said a committee is being appointed to recommend qualified candidates to fill Haller's post.

President Eisenhower also said that the leave of absence granted Dr. Haller last August for the fall semester had been extended to June 30.

Dr. Haller became assistant dean of the College of Chemistry and Physics at the University in 1946, and a year later was appointed dean.

The G.E. laboratories, which are located in Syracuse, employ 300 engineers and scientists.

The Electronics Laboratories' prime function is advanced development and investigations in the field of electronics, both civilian and military.

Dr. Haller is married and has one daughter.

The University wants steel framed buildings similar to Simmons and McElwain and corresponding to campus buildings.

# NSA Conclave Bid Vetoed by Cabinet

All-University Cabinet decided Wednesday night it would not invite the National Student Association to hold its eighth national congress at the University this summer.

The recommendation was made by Robert Dennis, chairman of a special committee appointed to investigate the possibility of extending the invitation.

In his report to Cabinet, Dennis cited two reasons why he felt it would not be advisable to hold the NSA convention at the University this summer.

1. The University did not feel it could meet the special requests made by NSA regarding the convention.

**NSA Requests**  
It was requested that five University offices including Cabinet Secretariat be maintained on a 24-hour basis, that the meal service rate be based on two meals a day instead of three, and that the fees for the use of campus buildings including the Hetzel Union Building past 10 p.m. be reduced.

2. The committee did not find students enthusiastic about holding the committee.

Dennis explained that if the congress were to be held, some students would have to remain at the University for most of the summer to plan for it. He said students would have to guarantee full support of the convention.

**'Half-Hearted'**  
"A half-hearted convention would do more harm than none at all," Dennis said.

At the same time, Cabinet appointed Helen Sidman, NSA coordinator, to investigate the possibility of holding the NSA spring regional convention at the University.

No date has been set for the spring convention as yet.

The regional committee will meet Jan. 8 to set a definite time and date.

Miss Sidman will report to Cabinet at the next meeting, tentatively set for Jan. 6.

In other action Cabinet vetoed a motion made by All-University vice president John Speer, that Cabinet send a delegate to the Student Christian Movement convention to be held in Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27 to Jan. 2.

Speer made the motion on the suggestion of Luther Harshbarger, All-University chaplain.

## Fraternity Clash Snowballs Crash Fireworks Flash

'Twas three nights before Christmas vacation and all through the fraternity section . . . loud explosions were heard and snowballs were flying.

The noises and snowballs were the result of friendly competition between several fraternities.

Residents of the Prospect avenue-Locust lane area were disturbed about midnight Wednesday by the snowball battle, highlighted by occasional explosions which sounded like an over-sized fire cracker.

One woman reported to police that "it sounds like blasting or bombs." Police investigated immediately and interrupted the trouble. No damage or injuries were reported.

# Committees Approved By Cabinet

All-University Cabinet Wednesday night approved seven committees, including Spring Week, Freshman Dance, and Leadership Training.

The Spring Week committees include: Arrangements—Douglas Henderson, Marjorie Schenk, Esther Donovan, Benjamin Petersohn, Patricia McLaughlin and Jerry Alexander. Mad-Hatter—Patricia Shelly, Anne Ewing, Philip Stepi, Margie Hopp, Anne Campbell, Norma Lauthner, Robert Heck, Frank McFaden, Meredith Miller and Anne Porter.

Publicity—Hester Anskis, Ann Lederman, Frances Hoffman, Thomas Hollenbach, Edward Long and Leonard Eppstein. Parade—Louis Inserra, Nancy Shafer, Joyce Koch, Irving Buck, David Murphy, Arnold Hoffman, Joan Clarey, Gilbert Remy, Allee Conrad, Marvin Ashner and Janet McKee.

He-Man—Doug Moorhead, Janet Feaster, Niels Euseben, Robert Grubb, Thomas Seaman, Jack Dimler, Barbara Shipman and Don Stock.

John Spangler was appointed general chairman of the Freshman Dance Committee. Other committee members include Orchestra—Richard Moon, chairman, Gail Smith, vice chairman; Decors—Annie Barbara Kinler, chairman, Michael Piedmonte, vice chairman; Tickets—Rosa Demidio, chairman, James Robson, vice chairman; Publicity, Robert Nutock, chairman, Beverly Dunbar, vice chairman.

Entertainment—David Tressler, chairman, Phyllis Hodges, vice chairman; Coronation—Robert Guy and Margaret Gray, co-chairmen.

Committee chairmen may appoint additional committee members later.

Those appointed to the Leadership Training committee include Kaye Vinson, Daniel Land, Martha Heintz, Roberta Sankley, Robert Spadaro, Stuart Horn, Sergio Tolgo, Helen Sidman and David Markowitz.

## Young Republicans Pass 7 Revisions

The Penn State Young Republican Club passed seven revisions to its constitution and rejected another Tuesday night.

The revisions eliminated the position of corresponding secretary and program chairman, set up a secretarial committee, and extended the duties of the officers. The revisions were submitted by the constitution committee composed of June Koziar, David Scott and Benjamin Sinclair.

Robert Kurtz, club president, announced the annual Washington, D.C. tour has been scheduled for March 7 and 8. He said further information will be given later.

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