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Building Will Serve Students and Faculty

By SUE CONKLIN

The Hetzel Union Building, which has been more than two years in construction, and 50 years in planning, will open at 7 a.m. today.

Hours for the HUB are from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 8 a.m. Sunday. It will remain open while classes are in session during the regular academic year.

The Lion's Den (snack bar) will be open from 7:15 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:15 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Carry out service will be available for 15 minutes after closing times.

The Terrace Room (cafeteria) will be open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. daily and Sunday from 5 to 6:45 p.m. daily and Sunday.

The building, with a floor space of nearly 148,000 square feet, will provide office and meeting room facilities for many student organizations; will serve as a recreational and educational center for students, faculty, and alumni; and will make available a complete food service.

Ballroom Will Hold 700

The large ballroom in the building, which will accommodate 700 couples for dances and 650 persons for a dinner, was the scene of the Centennial Birthday Dinner held Feb. 22.

The campus post office, the University Park substation, is also located in the building and has been in operation since Feb. 22, although other parts of the building were not completed before today.

Dark Rooms Available

Also included in the building's facilities are lounges, a reading room with magazines, a studio with a piano and listening booths for the use of recordings, a gallery, a small auditorium, game rooms providing facilities for table tennis, checkers, and other games, dark rooms for amateur photographers, a television viewing room, a student book exchange, and meeting rooms for student groups.

Food services include a snack bar, a cafeteria, and private dining rooms that will accommodate groups from 50 to 200, and the ballroom for dinners for 250 to 650 persons.

The building, named in honor of Dr. Ralph Dorn Hetzel, president of the University from 1926 until his death in 1947, is considered an important part of the educational program at the University. (Continued on page two)

SU Desk In Old Main Is Closed

The Student Union desk in Old Main will no longer be used as a student information center. The central Student Union desk is now located on the main floor in the Hetzel Union Building which opens today.

The desk will now be occupied by the Alumni Association, Ridge Riley, executive secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Association, said yesterday. He said that the window will remain open as a

The Daily Collegian will be distributed at the Student Union desk in the Hetzel Union Building instead of the Temporary Union Building and the desk in Old Main beginning today.

central information desk for Old Main but that it will not be used as a student information desk.

The room behind the desk, which was also occupied by the Student Union and the Associated Student Activities will be used as the Alumni Association's publications room, Riley said.

The Temporary Union Building will now be turned over to Players Friday and Saturday nights Deborah Peek, president of Players, said. The TUB will also be used for general extension work, she said.

The desk in Old Main will no longer be a dissemination point for tickets and publications. Previously, tickets for dances, plays, shows, and campus publications such as the Ag Hill Breeze, the Penn State Engineer, Froth, and others, could be obtained at the desk. These will now be distributed at the desk in the HUB.

In addition to the Student Union desk in the new HUB, over 25 student organizations will receive space. The majority of these groups will be located on the second floor facing Holmes Field. (Continued on page two)

Eng A, B, C Firetraps, Editor Says

State Official Inspects Units

Editorial on Page Four

Engineering Buildings A, B, and C, termed firetraps in an editorial in the Engineering Newsletter which appears today, were inspected by a state inspector yesterday.

Walter H. Wiegand, director of the physical plant, said last night that the buildings were inspected by a State Labor and Industry Board inspector. The inspector reported to Wiegand on the condition of the buildings, but Wiegand declined to say what was reported.

Declines to Comment

He also declined to give his opinion on whether the buildings are fire hazards.

Wiegand will in turn report to Samuel K. Hostetter, University Comptroller, "in the very near future," he said.

Thomas E. Sauers Jr., State College fire chief, is quoted as saying the three temporary engineering buildings "certainly are fire traps," in the Newsletter.

Oily Floors Cited

"The biggest fire hazards are (1) the wooden floors soaked with oil. If the floors ever go up, it would be just too bad. (2) No fire escapes from the upper stories. (3) The elevator shaft in Engineering B provides a flue for fumes from the basement to the third floor," Sauers told Barry Mills, editor of the Newsletter, Engineering Student Council publication.

Sauers offered two suggestions to decrease the danger of fire in the buildings: install fire escapes for the third and second floors and install a fire warning system.

Mills first wrote that the buildings are firetraps in the December issue. (Continued on page two)

18,000 Visit HUB During Open House

By JOE BEAU-SEIGNEUR

Over 18,000 students, their parents, faculty and staff members, and townspeople attended the Hetzel Union Building open house held from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. If any reaction was dominant it was probably awe.

The crowd was relatively quiet for the first hour, probably shy in new surroundings. Many expressed surprise—the size of the HUB is accentuated inside. But soon the ash trays were dirtied and students busied themselves trying out the chairs and touring the building.

Allison Munn, seventh semester arts and letters major, remarked, "I just love it, but it's so big—how will you ever find anyone in it?"

Hi-Fi Room Gets Eye

Many students expressed pleasure with the studio, which will probably be known as the "hi-fi" room. Florinda Donato, second semester applied arts major, said she felt that the room will undoubtedly rank with the Lion's Den (the HUB snack bar) in popularity. Seven listening rooms have been soundproofed and each has a high-fidelity record player. A baby grand piano is also in the room.

Because of the fine weather many students walked the length of the balcony promenade which overlooks Holmes Field. Students also browsed in the small art gallery, which Betsy Sharp, sixth semester arts and letters major, described as "amazingly adequate for opening day."

Couches Draw Snickers

The Chinese-type couches which are placed throughout the HUB got quite a few snickers from students passing through. "They're Nationalist, of course," one student remarked.

Edward Calabria, fourth semester business administration major, expressed surprise at the size of the Terrace Room, where cafeteria-type meals are served. "You really can't get an accurate impression of the size of the dining rooms unless you are in them," he said.

Most students seemed especially pleased with the Lion's Den. (Continued on page two)

Centennial Art Exhibit Scheduled

A loan exhibition of selected works of art, borrowed from museums and other public and private collections, will be held as a part of the Centennial year program at the University. Arrangements for the exhibit, which will be held from Oct. 7 to Nov. 6, are being made by the Centennial exhibition committee.

Harold E. Dickson, professor of fine arts and chairman of the committee, announced that a reception will be held on the opening day with an art symposium presenting prominent speakers scheduled for the following day.

Works of 50 Artists

The exhibit will present the work of about 50 artists prominent in the development of American art in Pennsylvania from the 18th century to the 20th century. The works of artists such as Benjamin West, Charles Willson Peale, Thomas Sully, Thomas Eakins, Mary Cassat, and others will be exhibited.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in Philadelphia and the National Gallery of Art in Washington will loan paintings. Borrowings from other museums will range from New England to Kansas City where the William Rockhill Nelson Museum of Art will lend its popular "After the Bath" by Raphaelle Peale.

Other Members

Other members of the exhibition committee include: Yar G. Chomicky, assistant professor of art education; Zenda B. Fehrenbach, assistant publications production manager; John Y. Roy, assistant professor of fine arts; F. Cuthbert Salmon, associate professor of architecture; and Richard C. Mahoney, assistant dean of the College of the Liberal Arts.

Mahoney will be assisted in planning the opening reception scheduled for Oct. 7, by Marie Haidt, professor of physical education and J. Campbell Lester, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

50 Students Withdraw In Period of 30 Days

Forty-eight campus students and two center students have withdrawn from the University during the period beginning on Feb. 2 and ending March 4.

Only one student gave scholastic trouble as a reason for withdrawing. Twenty students withdrew for personal reasons; seven, financial; six, transferring; five, illness; one, military; and ten, for other reasons.

Visiting Hours Resumed

Visiting Hours at the University Hospital were resumed yesterday.

The spread of minor illness among students has decreased, and, at the present time, only 11 patients are being treated in the hospital.

Nationalist War Planes Blast Red Ships, Sink 10

TAIPEI, Formosa, March 14 (AP)—Nationalist warplanes today scattered a Red flotilla in Amoy Bay, sinking ten small warships, the Defense Ministry said.

Listed as sunk from a fleet of more than 50 warships were three 150-ton gunboats and seven armed motorized junks.

Whether this was an invasion fleet was not disclosed. If so, it probably was aimed at the Tan

'Wizard' to Perform

Robert Little, campus magician, better known as the Wizard, will provide the entertainment at the Centennial Follies Mixer tomorrow night in the Hetzel Union Building Auditorium.

The mixer is sponsored by the Engineering and Architecture Student Council and will start at 7 p.m. It is open to all students.

TODAY'S WEATHER: CLOUDY AND RAINY



Islets two and one-half miles south of Amoy rather than the heavily garrisoned Nationalist island of Quemoy.

Quemoy, across the strait from Formosa, commands the bay's waters leading to Amoy, now a dead port. The Tan Islets south of Quemoy are part of the stopper that corks up the port.

The offshore island front sprang to life after a two-day lull when patrol planes spotted the concentration.

Maj. Gen. William C. Chase, head of the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group on Formosa, visited Quemoy earlier in the day and inspected its defenses. Another visitor was Brig. Gen. Harold W. Grant, who commands the U.S. air task force of Sabre Jets on Formosa.

A U.S. official said he would not be surprised if the Nationalists begin pulling women and children out of the Matsu Islands.

University Post Office Boasts 'Friendly Service'

By EVELYN ONSA

"Friendly Service—our specialty"—that's the motto the University Park post office has posted on its bulletin board and it's living up to it.

The main reason the new post office was established was to handle outgoing mail, but it offers many more services than this—special delivery, air mail, registered mail, parcel post, and money orders.

Stamps, personal envelopes with printed return addresses, post cards, social security forms, and income tax forms 1040 and 1040A are also available.

However, not many students have been taking advantage of these services. "We are trying to encourage and increase patronage," J. Russel Hoy, station superintendent, said.

Business Increase Due

Although the University post office had its biggest day Wednesday when it handled 18,000 pieces of mail, Hoy said that business should increase markedly now that the HUB is open. It is estimated that more than one-half of the mail once handled by the State College post office is being moved through University Park. To facilitate loading, a road will be built to the back door which is opposite MacAllister Hall. Now the mail must be carried through the main lobby.

People are lined up waiting to get in as early as 9:30 a.m., Hoy said, but from 5:30 p.m. to the 7 p.m. closing hour only a few come into the post office.

Mail Is Moving

The new post office has handled more than 89,138 pieces of machine-canceled mail, 4212 hand-stamped pieces, 3000 pieces of metered mail, 600 pieces of parcel post, and 105 money orders.

Everything is running smoothly. The only complaint the men have is that they would like to see a little more business. The men working at the post office have come from the State College post office. They are not yet regularly assigned, but divide their time between the two offices.

Most of them are family men from State College who have been (Continued on page two)