

# Institute Offers Advice For Local Governments

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If the officials of Hometown, Pa., had a problem concerning practically any area of local government, they could contact the Institute of Local Government.

The Institute would do research on the problem and forward the information to the officials.

This is one of the many services to the Commonwealths local governments conducted by the Institute of Local Government, which was approved by the Board of Trustees on

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### First in U.S.

The Institute is the first organization of its kind in the United States.

Today the Commonwealth still leads all other states by being the only one to have three such organizations. Besides the University, others are located at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh.

The purpose of the institution, as approved by the Board of Trustees, is "to provide facilities for the training of students for service in local government; to meet more fully the demands for additional thinning of municipal officers and employees in methods of practical administration; and for the gradual development of research in problems of local government."

### Train Students

In order to train students, the Institute has been offering a course of study leading to a career in public service since 1937. The course is offered in cooperation with the department of political science.

Many booklets, magazines, pamphlets, and newsletters are published by the organization. The most popular of these is a newsletter, Horizons, which is distributed to over 8000 local government officers.

Some of the many problems put to the Institute from local governments deal with parking meters, off-street parking, assessments, municipal reporting, and fire protection. Besides research the Institute also sponsors and co-sponsors many conferences and schools to aid city and borough governments.

### Largest Research Project

One of the largest research projects conducted by the Institute was in 1938. The Institute, along with approximately 100 members of the faculty, prepared a 453-page report for Williamsport. The report was titled "The Master City Plan."

To foster better public reporting as a prime means of informing citizens on the problems and administration of their government, the Institute sponsors an annual Municipal Report contest, the first of its type in Pennsylvania. Awards are given to the local governments issuing best municipal reports.

The organization is headed by Dr. Harold F. Alderfer, executive secretary, and Dr. Charles F. Lee-Decker Jr., assistant executive secretary. Both are also professors of political science.

### Handbook Candidates

Candidates for the business and advertising staff of the Student Handbook will meet at 7 tonight in 208 Willard.

Editorial staff candidates will meet at 7:30 tonight in 208 Willard. The meetings are open to the public.

### Collegian Candidates

Daily Collegian business staff candidates will meet at 8 tonight in 217 Willard. Promotions will be announced.

## Thirteen Men Are Initiated By Lions Paw

Thirteen men have been initiated by Lion's Paw, senior men's society, James W. Coogan, president of the Lion's Paw Alumni Association, Inc., has announced.

New initiates are Earl Seely, All-University president; Robert Sturdevant, All-University vice president; Vernon Sones, orientation week chairman; Robert Bullock, Interfraternity Council president; John Russell, IFC vice president; Bruce Lieske, president of the Association of Independent Men; Sanford Lichtenstein, business manager of Froth.

Norman Miller, managing editor of The Daily Collegian; Douglas Moorhead, Athletic Association president; Fred Seipt, Agriculture Council president; Peter Keifer, Encampment Committee Chairman; Roger Beidler, Daily Collegian assistant sports editor and Elections Committee chairman; and Hugh Cline, former president of the sophomore class.

## Contracts Pending For Construction Of Home Ec Houses

Contracts for three new home management houses are being negotiated, Walter Wiegand, director of the physical plant, has reported.

The resident-type units will be located southeast of East View Terrace on College avenue. They will replace the four houses now used as home management living quarters.

Construction bids were opened several weeks ago, but were higher than expected, and contract negotiations are still going on, Wiegand said.

One of the new units will be a duplex ranch-type building, and the other two will be two-story houses. All three will be brick.

## Psych Association To Meet Thursday

The Pennsylvania Psychological Association will meet at the University Thursday through Saturday, Dr. William U. Snyder, professor of psychology, and president of the association, has announced.

The department of psychology has arranged open house programs for the psychological clinics, laboratories, and other facilities, and a demonstration of the use of television as a media for teaching.

Dr. Herbert Hyman, of the department of sociology at Columbia University, will address the association at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. He will speak on "The Social Psychology of Political Behavior."

## Thirty Men Tapped by Parmi Nous

Parmi Nous, senior men's hat society, tapped 30 new members yesterday morning, William Wismer, president, announced.

Tapees are Robert Hoffman, Douglas Moorhead, Calvin Barr, Ronald Griffith, James Ginsberg, Charles Christiansen, Sol Cohn, Donald Calvert, William Seng, Dean Mullen, Frederick Romig, Roy Williams, Sanford Lichtenstein, Roger Vogelsinger, Ronald Walker, Phillip Wein, Edwin Grove, Donald Ziegler, Francis Taylor, Charles Springman, Sheldon Brown.

Philip Beard, William Rohm, Peter Kiefer, John Russell, Vernon Sones, Fred Seipt, William Moyer, William Childs, Roger Beidler, Patrick Kennedy was tapped as a member of the present group.

New members represent four groups of student activities—athletics, publications, student government, and drama, music and forensics. A limited quota of men are selected from each group. The point system is not used.

The formal initiation of Parmi Nous will take place May 16.

## 'Week' Booklets To Go on Sale

Spring Week souvenir booklets will be on sale beginning at noon every day this week across from the Hetzel Union desk, at the Corner Room, and on the Mall, according to Richard Favro, business manager of the Spring Week committee. It will be on sale at the carnival also.

The main part of the booklet will include articles on each Spring Week event and maps of the parade route and carnival midway.

The booklet, written by Spring Week committee chairmen, will sell for 10 cents and proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund.

### Centennial...

## Early Productions Lacked Coed Touch

The feminine touch was conspicuously absent from the University's early dramatic productions.

The situation developed when Thespians, first acting group, was organized on campus in 1898. There were only two coeds in the upper classes, neither of whom was interested in the theater.

Thespians thereupon cast men in the feminine roles and perpetuated the practice by both barring women from membership and from appearing in its performances. While women insinuated themselves into almost every facet of University life as time passed, the Thespian membership ban stood firm until the spring of 1953.

Indeed, it took World War I before any woman was allowed to tread the boards in a Thespian production. In 1918, with men scarce because of the war, four co-eds were given roles in a production called "It Pays to Advertise."

Another eight years passed before a fifth lady got a part. Martha Jane Gobrecht's skill on the marimba, then a new instrument to Americans, won her that honor. (She is now Mrs. H. L. Darr of Altoona.)

Two years later, coeds were accepted for an all-girl chorus in a production of "H. M. S. Pinafora," and since then, they have regularly appeared in the productions.

Initiative for the organization of Thespians came largely from a stage-struck student, the late John C. Reed, who had taken part in amateur dramatics before coming to the University in 1895. He was backed by another student, the late J. H. M. Andrews, who for years was a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

The two received the support of two faculty members, Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee and Dr. John H. Leets, and the Thespian society was on its way.

The purpose of Thespians, Dr. Pattee wrote, was to present "as distinctive a representation of some of the old classics as students possibly could be made to do." So early performances, unlike later musical comedies and revues, were such famous dramas as "The Rivals," "The School for Scandal," and "She Stoops to Conquer."

## Banner Announces Journ Scholarship Student Winners

Winners of three scholarships established at the University to encourage interest in newspaper work as a profession were announced yesterday by Franklin Banner, head of the department of journalism.

Patricia Evans, of Lancaster, received the George E. Graff Memorial Scholarship, with Peggy Ozan, of Reading, and Joyce Bebrava, of Butler, as alternates.

Louis Prato, of Indiana, is the recipient of the Joseph F. Biddle scholarship. Alternates are Stewart Ettinger, of Upper Darby, and Nancy Hankins, of Latrobe.

The Howard J. Lamade scholarship was awarded to James L. McHugh Jr., of Pittsburgh, with Robert Franklin, of Elkins Park, and Barbara Barnum, of Wilkesburg, as alternates.


All of the scholarships are granted annually.

"The Rivals," the first show, was presented twice in the campus chapel with scenery borrowed from Garman's Opera House at Bellefonte and costumes rented in Philadelphia. When the cast returned the scenery, they gave a performance in Bellefonte.

Beginning in 1908, Thespians started presenting musicals, and down through the years, male choruses demonstrated such currently popular dances as the bunny wiggle, hula hula, gorilla hug and Japanese glide.

After 1921, students wrote many of the shows in addition to producing them. Today, they give two shows on campus yearly. The first is an original production presented in the fall for Homecoming Week, and the second, a Broadway musical given in the spring during Interfraternity Ball weekend.

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