

**Centennial:**

# Foreign Students Like Penn State

Hospitality to foreign students has long been traditional at the University.

In keeping with this, a special office of Foreign Student Affairs was created on campus this past September. The approximately 150 foreign students studying at the University can apply there each semester to receive information and advice.

Interest in foreign contemporaries among Penn State students actually stems from 1907 when a University graduate, G. Weidman Groff, who died last year, went to China as one of the first agricultural missionaries. He was assigned to Canton Christian College, which later became Lingnan University.

Proud of the work Groff was doing, faculty and students in 1909 organized a Groff Day at chapel services. Then, beginning in 1911, all offerings collected in chapel went to support a program officially designated as "Penn State in China."

Over the years, thousands of Nittany Valley students contributed to the program. Their gifts to the agricultural department of Lingnan, founded by Groff, totaled more than \$100,000.

The program was carried on without a break through civil disturbances, Japanese bomb attacks, and even the conquering of Canton by the Japanese invaders. (Lingnan moved to Hong Kong, and, when that fell, into free China.) Finally, however, in the winter of 1953, it became a victim of Communist aggression.

Funds were redirected, this time to provide \$3,000 yearly in scholarships for study at Penn State by students from Silliman University in the Philippines. This year, chapel collections will not only finance a scholarship but also will be used to help in

the construction of an All-Faith Chapel on campus.

Groff's efforts to instruct the Chinese in scientific agriculture resulted in the organization in 1921 of the Lingnan Agricultural College, where he served as dean until 1935. The faculty comprised western-trained Chinese, supplemented by a few Penn State and Kansas State College staff members.

Most of Groff's agricultural experiments in China dealt with varieties of citrus fruits, but he introduced the Chinese to Hawaiian papaya which became popular, and a cold-resistant banana from Siam. He also conducted experiments for improving the lychee nut.

Returning to the United States in 1937, Groff carried on his studies and experiments at Laurel, Fla., which has a climate very similar to that of southern China.

After the war, he went back to China, this time as a rehabilitation officer with UNRRA. When his work was completed, he again took up his researches in Florida. His place at Lingnan was filled by another Penn State graduate, Richard Pride, who, with his wife, worked there from 1947 to 1949.

For three years, Penn State chapel funds went to Groff and Pride to help them develop an international plant exchange in Florida and prepare a manual on sub-tropical plants.

## Town Jobs Are Available For Students

The Student Employment Service needs students to do odd jobs for downtown residents. John J. Huber, director, has reported.

Requests are mainly for men students to garden, cut grass, dig, cut hedges, and change storm windows and screens. Students are also needed for spring house-cleaning work.

Because of the immediate demand, students may apply without being registered with the Service. Service offices are in 112 Old Main.

Applicants should have a free morning or afternoon available, or may work on Saturday afternoons, Huber said.

The Service also has 250 summer camp and resort openings still available. Requests have been received from 18 states, the majority from New England, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Other work is primarily for waiters, waitresses, bell hops, bus boys, front office clerks, and secretarial positions.

Students interested should apply without delay, because summer job opportunities will be closed soon, Huber said.

## Reynolds to Speak Before Professors

Victor Reynolds, editor of the Cornell University Press, will speak to the Penn Chapter of the American Association of University Professors at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 216 Hetzel Union.

Reynolds will speak on "The Role of the University Press in Higher Education."

Reynolds, who has been with the Cornell University Press for 11 years, is now serving a second term as president of the Association of American University Presses.

## TIM Will Hold Election Tonight

Town Independent Men will hold election of officers tonight in 103 Willard.

Ray Rubner, TIM president, said that council will accept additional nominations before tonight's election.

Independent men who have attended one previous council meeting may vote. Independents, according to council constitution, become members upon attending two meetings.

Plans for locating space downtown for weekend social functions for independent men will also be discussed. Council will hear a report from a joint Penn State Club and council committee which was appointed last week to investigate the possibility of locating such space.

## Forensics Board Sets Election Date

The Board of Dramatics and Forensics will hold election of officers sometime late this month, Benjamin Sinclair, president, has announced.

Sinclair said elections would probably be held around May 28 when each member group elects representatives to the board.

According to the constitution, each member group must instruct its representative how to vote. Member organizations are the Blue Band, Men's Glee Club, Women's Chorus, Players, Thespians, Men's Debate Team, Women's Debate Team, Radio Guild, and Chapel Choir.

## 13 Members Initiated By Pi Sigma Alpha

New initiates of Pi Sigma Alpha, national political science honorary society are Robert R. Dennis, Helen D'Zmura, Byron Fielding, Jon Friedman, Doris Humphrey, Sherry Kofman, Ann Leh, John Montgomery Jr., Judith Sedor, Brendan Sharley, George Sobiech, Irwin Weiner, and Frances White.

Miss Kofman was elected presi-

## Nittany, Pollock Vending Machines Prove Popular

Milk and ice cream vending machines which have been in the Pollock Union Building and the Nittany 20 Post Office have proved to be popular, according to William Johnson, Nittany Council president.

"The installation of the vending machines in Nittany 20," according to Johnson, "is definitely a step in the right direction. This shows the benefits that can be obtained when people will cooperate."

Johnson also said that the machines are often empty, showing how much they are being used.

Several of the dormitory presidents made favorable comments concerning the machines. They said it was a step toward more East Dorms publicity. Nittany and Pollock Councils are each receiving a share of the profits made on the machines. seph Bernhardt.

## Marketing Club Elects Mitchell

Paul Mitchell, sixth semester business administration major, has been elected president of the Marketing Club.

Other officers elected are Bruce Geisinger, sixth semester business administration major, vice president; Carol Davis, sixth semester business administration major, secretary; and Lawrence Golden, sixth semester business administration major, treasurer.

## Prof Publishes Article

Nora E. Wittman, assistant professor of German, is author of an article "Americans of German Ancestry," published in the Reports of the Working Committees of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

Wittman is president of the organization at the initiation meeting.

# WELCOME TO SPRING WEEK

## Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

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Color and Gaiety

Don't be out of it --

Start Tonight by Seeing

### Mad Hatter's Parade

6:15

### He-Man Contest

7:30 Rec Hall

to get in on the fun!

It's exciting, colorful and crazy!!

