

Alumni Pledging Starts At 'Grassroots' Today

The "grassroots" operation of Alumni Pledge Week will get underway today with class agents calling upon graduating seniors to join the Alumni Association.

Some 125 class agents are to personally contact every member of the graduating class within the next several days.

Ed Council Will Join Association

The Education Student Council has voted to join the Eastern Association, an association of professional schools for teachers.

The cost to join is \$25. The association convention will be held in New York City next March. The council may send delegates to this convention if \$50 is paid for each delegate attending.

Letters to the "big sisters" will be sent out May 12 and again in August. These will contain all the necessary information since there will be no mass meeting of the approximately 350 big sisters in the College of Education.

Starting Monday an exhibit on special education dealing with the mentally retarded will be displayed in the Hetzel Union Building.

A recommendation was made that the Liberal Arts 5 exam be rescheduled next year. It has repeatedly been held on the same night as the Spring Week Carnival. The suggestion was also made that the exam be listed in the catalogue in those curriculums which require a passing grade on it.

The banquet, held annually for the members of the council, will begin at 6 p.m. May 21 in the Hetzel Union Building. The next council meeting will be held at 8 p.m. May 20 in 217-218 HUB.

Tractor Contest Tonight

The tractor driving contest originally scheduled for May 3 will be held at 6 tonight in the parking lot between the Forestry Building and Tyson Building.

Indian Author Says:

India Is Not Neutral, But 'Concerned'


By CATHY FLECK
"India is not neutral in the cold war between Russia and the United States, she is concerned: she follows dynamic neutrality in which she is independent but not neutral," Dr. Eddy Asirvathan, Indian author and professor of political science, stressed in his speech last night.

Asirvathan spoke on the stand which India is taking during the cold war and the reasons for this stand. He said that India has been called the uncommitted nation because it claims the right to come to its own conclusions and judge situations on their own merits.

He cited six reasons for its non-committal policy toward Russia and the United States. These are:

● India believes that it should not surrender judgment in who is right and wrong. India has tended to regard Russia as a "ruthless giant" and the U.S. as a

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The agents will not sell Alumni Association memberships but will ask the seniors to sign a pledge card to join on or before Commencement.

The agents, according to Thomas Hollander, president of the class of '58, will also ask the seniors to pledge to contribute to the Alumni Fund beginning in 1959.

More than 50 graduating seniors have already joined the Alumni Association, which started its official drive for members Monday. Most of these new members were signed up at the Alumni office, 104 Old Main, and at a special desk, set up in the Hetzel Union Building across from the auditorium.

Ross B. Lehman, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, said the number of new memberships is high for this early in the campaign. The campaign will continue through Commencement.

Special rates of \$2 for a 1-year membership and \$70 for a life membership are being offered graduating seniors if they join on or before Commencement. The life membership may be purchased on an installment plan with \$10 down and \$15 annually for the next four years.

The class agents chosen to help with the Pledge Week drive will continue to serve after graduation. The agents are the "grassroots" workers of the class structure, which in previous years was set up after graduation.

Each of the 125 agents have been assigned from 10 to 15 members of the class. Most of the members are in the same curriculum as the agent.

Delta Nu Alpha to Hold Annual Banquet Tonight

Delta Nu Alpha, transportation fraternity, will hold its annual banquet at 6:30 tonight at the Eutaw House to honor graduating seniors.

New officers will be installed and scholarships awarded. Cars will leave at 5:45 p.m. from the Grange parking lot.

Ag Prof To Retire With Rank

John E. Nicholas, professor of agricultural engineering, will retire July 1 with emeritus rank after serving nearly 30 years on the faculty.

The Pennsylvania section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers recently joined with faculty and students in citing Nicholas for his contributions in the field of agricultural engineering.

He was cited as one of the first to recognize the possibilities of mechanical refrigeration for milk on the farm. Nicholas has also been a pioneer in food freezing and storage.

Born in Eckley, Luzerne County, Nicholas received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Lehigh University and his master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He was an engineer with the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and served as a staff member at the University of Illinois, Rice Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Minnesota before his appointment to the faculty in 1929.

Yeats Drama To Be Given

Experimental Theatre will present "The Dreaming of the Bones," a poetry and dance drama by William Butler Yeats, at 7:30 tonight in the Little Theatre in Old Main.

The play is an old Irish legend about a pair of lovers who brought the English into Ireland. It takes place after the lovers have been dead for 700 years.

Characters are played by Delmar Hendricks, Richard Mazza and June Savanick. Poetry will be read by William Bennet, Marvin Katz and William Kotzwinkle.

The play will be directed and produced by Mary Minkiewicz, graduate student in theatre arts from Uniondale.

Job Interviews

Titan Metal Interviews on campus May 16 for Jun & Aug grads in IE. Schedule now in 112 Old Main.

Steps Near Lion Lead to Nowhere

The steps that lead nowhere—weren't meant to lead anywhere.

Located just to the west of the Nittany Lion Shrine, the steps in question begin at the bottom of a grass slope and end at the top of the slope. There is no path.

According to Walter W. Trainer, head of the landscape division of Physical Plant, the steps were built at the same time—1938—as the Beaver Field water tower.

Trainer said there was a great deal of objection to construction of the water tower simply as a frame structure, so the plans were revised. The new plans called for a brick building with facilities for physical education.

Until the new facilities were built under the Beaver Field stands, both team dressing rooms were located in the tower, he said.

The steps were built as part of this project, Trainer said. However, at the time they were constructed the parking lot did not extend as far west as it does now and the tower was at the end of a mall, he added.

From Burrowes Street to the tower was a long vista. The trees along both sides of the grass mall that go from the steps to the tower, he said, were all planned for this purpose.

With the extension of the parking area to Recreation Hall, however, Trainer said, the effect has been broken.

In 1942, the area was chosen as the site for the Lion monument because a large area was wanted where students could hold their rallies without destroying property. The area provided just the right conditions for rallies until the student body grew too large.

Trainer also said he believes that benches—at least six on either side—could be put up on the mall. It would be a "wonderful idea," Trainer said, since the area no longer is used for rallies.

Eng Professor Serves On Research Committee

Paul M. Kendig, professor of engineering research at the Ordnance Research Laboratory, is serving as a member of Ad Hoc Subcommittee II-Interference, one of nine subcommittees working under the U.S. Navy Underwater Sound Advisory Group.

The responsibility of the Underwater Sound Advisory Group is to formulate an "ideal" Navy research program in underwater sound.

No Indication Of Radiation Found in Area

No indication of appreciable radioactivity in this area from the 1958 Russian nuclear tests has been recorded by Edward Kenney, University health physicist.

He said prevailing winds tend to carry fallout around the globe in approximately the same latitude in which the nuclear tests are made.

The heaviest fallout recorded at Penn State was 12,828 disintegrations a minute on Sept. 10, 1957. Kenney estimates that only about one-thousandth of this fallout would have been strontium-90, the most dangerous element in fallout because it accumulates in human bones and has a long-life—about 25 years.

Kenney collects his daily samples at the University Health Center on a lightly oiled tray with a surface of 1300 square centimeters.

Kenney is responsible for safety measures in University laboratories where radioactive materials are used, including the Research Reactor.

Sockless Coeds--

(Continued from page four) probably have to be more showers installed, too.

Maybe the coed has a method in her madness. Could she be trying to see if she can get a date, no matter what she wears? Already there could be a market for a new song: "Will you love me when I'm sockless as you did in March?"

Right now, I can only think of one thing worse than seeing sockless coeds. That is sockless coeds wearing sack dresses.

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David Alexander, Elizabeth Coffman, Bruce Epple, Donald Gurland, Thomas Jones, Carl Kaufman, Louis Lopprato, Anita Lorah, Wasindr Mokha, Mary Ann Muhr, Bernard Ostroff, Robert Schaeffer, Loretta Syzdek, Paul Tassie, Bruce Weiner.

"blundering giant." She does not want to stand between two "giants."

● India believes that siding with either of the two opposing camps would be the surest way to World War III.

● At the present time, India's primary concern is economic improvement. "War at the present time would mean suicide for India. War preparations are luxuries which we cannot afford," Dr. Asirvathan added.

● India regards the gulf between totalitarianism and democracy as being exaggerated. "We are not prepared to believe that one country is for expansion and the other is not," he said.

● India does not want to be opportunistic as far as aid is concerned. Military alliances take place in many instances because

of one nation's own wants and not for the containment of communism.

● India believes that the greatest danger in the world today is a military approach to world problems. Many Indians are opposed to violence.

"There is something in our nature that calls for non-violence," he maintained.

Asirvathan gave the five principles in which India believes—neutral respect, non-interference, non-aggression, equality and mutual aid and co-existence.

He also said India needs economic aid and technical assistance and she has received this from both the U.S. and Russia.

He warned the United States: "Don't expect us to sell our souls. Give us aid for our own sakes."

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