

# Students Alter History

By MEL AXILBUND  
Changes in the method of teaching Modern European and United States History courses (History 18-21), have come about as a result of student opinion and the desire of the department to improve its system of instructing large class sections of students, Dr. Robert K. Murray, head of the Department of History, said yesterday.

CHANGES WERE necessary, Murray said, to combat the detrimental effects of a long lecture period and to obtain more interest on the part of the students. These feelings led to a new instructional system last term, he said. Under the plan, students were assigned, in groups of about 25, to rooms equipped for television. For the first 50 minutes of the period they listened to a televised lecture.

The remaining 25 minutes of

each period were devoted to discussion of the lecture, Murray said. A graduate student guided the discussion and answered questions on the material.

At the end of the term the department, and the Division of Academic Research and Services conducted a survey of student reaction to the manner in which the courses were taught.

Murray said the results of the survey showed a large majority of students expressed a preference for the new system. The discussion sessions were especially well received, he said, with 87 per cent of the students approving them.

OTHER RESULTS of the survey were: television lectures were accepted by 88 per cent of the students as opposed to a live 75 minute lecture; 98 per cent of the students thought the visual sections of the lectures beneficial

to their understanding of the subject.

Murray said the most gratifying reaction came to the question: "Do you think this system is a good way to handle a course with a large enrollment." Ninety-five per cent were for the system.

A direct result of the survey is a change in some of the collateral readings. Books of greater interest have been added, as a result of student requests, Murray said. The addition of "Mein Kampf" is illustrative, he added.

THE SYSTEM HAS had other results, Murray said, in addition to a rise in student interest and widespread acceptance.

As a result of the closer attention which the assistants could give each student the percentage of failures was reduced from seven per cent to three per cent. No corresponding increase was found, however, in the percentage of students receiving A's or B's, he said.

# Language Needed For Study Abroad

Students in any of the colleges are eligible for the Study Abroad program provided they can meet the language requirement, Dagobert de Levie, director of the program, said recently.

The language requirements include scheduling and passing 12 credits in the language of the country where the person wishes to study.

This requirement can be met by students in any college before the next Study Abroad program begins in the spring term, 1963.

"WE HOPE that a Study Abroad program in a Spanish speaking country will be established before next year," de Levie said. Provisional applications will be accepted for the Spanish program in the meantime, he added.

Definite plans for the Spanish program will be announced in the near future.

Applications for the 1963 program are now available in 4 Sparks. They must be returned by Feb. 15, de Levie said.

"We expect to notify persons selected for next year's program before the end of this term," he added.

This year's Study Abroad pro-

gram will enable a group of 70 students to study in France and Germany next term. It was established last year as a cooperative plan with outstanding European universities, de Levie said.

THE COURSES, developed specifically for these students, will give elective credit in the humanities and social sciences.

Foreign professors will probably teach the classes in English.

However, the students will have many opportunities for direct contact with the native people and their culture, he said. Most of them will live with families in the university area.

## Coed Orientation Planned for Spring

Women students new to campus this spring will participate in an informal orientation program, Mrs. Richard Vanderpool, assistant to the dean of women, said recently.

"Fewer large meetings will be held than in fall programs," Mrs. Vanderpool said. "These sessions do not appeal to the smaller number of incoming students we have for the winter and spring terms."

# 'Prosecution' Play To Open Thursday

Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution," a Penn State Players' production, opens for a three-day run beginning Thursday. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Schwab.

The mystery-drama features a cast of 30. In the leading role is Warren Burns as Sir Wilfrid Roberts, defense attorney for Leonard Vole. Vole, an Englishman accused of murdering a rich elderly woman he had befriended, will be played by John Whitesell.

BURNS, graduate student in theater arts from Allentown, has worked for 14 years at the Allentown Civic Theater. Burns is also co-manager of Five O'Clock Theater.

Whitesell, senior in theater arts from State College has played in "Leave it to Jane" and last year's production of "Romanoff and Juliet."

Joanne Beegle, graduate assistant in theatre arts from Mahoney City, will portray Romaine Vole, the mysterious foreign-born wife of the accused. Mrs. Beegle played the female lead in the recent Players' production of "Can Can."

BASIL AUGUSTINE, junior in secondary education from Hazleton, will appear as Myers, Q.C., the prosecuting attorney, and David Armbruster, junior in political science from Pittsburgh, will portray Mayhew, defense attorney.

Augustine played in last year's "Summer and Smoke," and Armbruster has appeared in "Can Can" and "Paint Your Wagon."

The play is set in a London Court and in the office of Vole's lawyer.

THE MYSTERY was first presented in London in 1953 and opened in New York in 1954.

Tickets for the performances will go on sale Monday at the Hetzel Union desk. Prices are 75 cents for the Thursday night performance and \$1.25 for the Friday and Saturday night shows.

## Ag Job Forms Available

Undergraduate students in the College of Agriculture interested in spring and/or summer term employment with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau may obtain applications now in 211 Armsby.

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## Seniors to Debate In Televised Match

Two seniors have been chosen to represent the University Men's Debate Team in its televised match with Kings College Feb. 3.

Ronald R. Nicosen, men's debate coach, said that William Stout, senior in engineering science from Pittsburgh, and David Goodhart, senior in secondary education from Rutherford, N.J., have been selected.

The duo will appear on a program called "Counterpoint," a series of televised college debates over station KDKA-TV, Channel 2, in Pittsburgh. The program will be broadcast in this area through the facilities of Centre Video at 10:30 p.m.

Stout and Goodhart will argue the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Initiate and Finance a Fallout Shelter Program in the United States."

## Cold Weather--

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today were forecast to range from below zero in northern sections of the state to about 15 in the extreme southeast.

A new storm moving rapidly southeastward from western Canada may bring more snow to this area late tomorrow.

Clear and very cold weather is predicted for tonight, and a low of five degrees is expected.

Tomorrow should be mostly cloudy and continue cold. Snow may begin during the afternoon and continue tomorrow night.

A high of 28 is predicted for tomorrow afternoon.

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