

Few Racial Incidents Marred Negro's History at University

By JOHN THOMPSON

Calvin Hoffman Waller was not a typical Penn State student. An agriculture student from Macon, Ga., he was described in the 1904 La Vie as "a member of the trio that runs State" and "about as congenial a fellow as you may care to strike (meet)."

Waller was a student leader, but there was another important difference between him and the other students in his graduating class of 60 years ago.

Waller was the first Negro to attend Penn State.

Others followed.

Since that time, hundreds of Negro students have studied under the shadow of Old Main. Most of their names and achievements have been lost to history, but traces remain to remind us of the influence Negroes have had in Penn State history.

The record in many cases is not a pleasant one. Despite numerous student leaders and influential Negro organizations, the Negro history at Penn State has been marked by discrimination and prejudice.

William Chie Donna of the

class of 1923 was a Negro student who came to Penn State with visions of a better education than he could obtain in his native Liberia.

The youth, who became known as "Koko" to his friends, lived in Old Main while studying animal husbandry. He became ill and was taken to a doctor, who diagnosed his illness as malnutrition.

Refused Service

Investigation showed that "Koko" had been refused service by State College restaurants and had been preparing meals in his own room.

It was the first recorded incident of racial discrimination in the State College area.

Despite numerous such incidents, major racial disturbances have happened only twice in Penn State history. In 1948-49 and in 1960 students picketed State College barber shops, charging discrimination against Negro students.

But despite the cloud of discrimination, Negro students—although always small in number—have made Penn State news.

Jesse Arnette was elected

All-University president in April, 1954, by a landslide margin of three to one over his nearest opponent.

At least three Negro professional football greats—Roosevelt Grier, Wallace Triplet and Lenny Moore—at one time attended Penn State.

Actual Number Unknown

The number of Negro students at the University at any given time is unknown, since the University keeps no records according to race. About 60 colored students were estimated to be at Penn State during the barber shop incidents of 1948-49 and current estimates range from 200 to 300.

In the current academic year at least one Negro student is active in each of these student organizations: Undergraduate Student Government, The Daily Collegian, Interfraternity Council, University Readers, University and Chapel Choirs, advanced ROTC and Model United Nations.

A USG congressman, the president of the junior class, and the president of the Wesley Foundation are Negro. In addition, numerous Negroes are members of athletic teams.

Horn To Blow at Rec Hall

Ferguson Will Perform at Concert

Top flight jazz and beauty are slated to highlight this year's Sophomore Class Weekend.

Maynard Ferguson, backed by his 12-piece band, will perform at 8 p.m. Sunday in Recreation Hall. At intermission during the concert, the Sophomore Class Sweetheart will be selected.

Tickets are now on sale for the concert at Nittany News and on the ground floor of the Hetzel

Union Building. Members of the sophomore class and of the Jazz Club, which is co-sponsoring the concert, can purchase tickets at \$1.25. The price for all others is \$1.50.

Although extremely popular in the United States, Ferguson actually got his start in the music world in Canada, where he was born.

He showed an early inclination

towards jazz, forming his own band at the age of 15. The jazzman had already earned a name for himself as a trumpet player by the time he came to this country in 1947.

In that year Ferguson joined the ranks of the Boyd Raeburn group. Later in his career he went over to the Jimmy Dorsey band, and from there to Charlie Barnet's musicians.

Ferguson really hit popularity paydirt when working with the Stan Kenton band.

'Remarkable'

Concerning Sunday's star performer, Eugent Lees, managing editor of "Down Beat," has said: "... it rapidly became evident that Maynard Ferguson was one of the most remarkable technicians on trumpet alive—perhaps the most remarkable in history."

Even prior to the inception of his present large band, Ferguson received numerous laurels. For three consecutive years, from 1950-52, "Down Beat" fans voted him their favorite trumpeter.

New Star Band

When he was still working with Kenton his band was chosen the New Star band in the 1959 "Down Beat" International Jazz Critics Poll.

Ferguson feels that his 12-man group "can give me all the 'bigness' I want and I can operate better at very fast tempos when it comes to swinging..."

Two Fraternities Restricted For Violation of Rush Code

Beta Sigma Rho and Phi Sigma Delta fraternities were placed on two-day rushing probation by the Interfraternity Council Board of Control Sunday night.

The penalty, imposed upon the fraternities for failing freshmen before the start of formal rush, began last night at midnight and will continue until midnight tomorrow.

According to Richard Bronner and David Savage, presidents of Beta Sigma Rho and Phi Sigma Delta, the fraternities began to rush freshmen about a half hour before the p.m. official starting time Wednesday, because of a "misunderstanding" in the time element.

The two latest rush probationers join Phi Epsilon Pi, which began a one-week rushing probation Sunday night, also for rushing before the official start and for having fraternity members in residence halls after 8 p.m.

Lewis Steinberg, president of Phi Epsilon Pi, also contributed the incident to a misunderstanding, and stated, "We accept the decision of the Board of Control as a fair one."

Special permission to enter residence halls after 8 p.m. must be granted to a fraternity by the IFC executive, and is usually issued only for offering bids.

Theatre Tryouts--

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Jan. 21.

Plays to be presented this term include, in order, "In Words and Spaces" directed by Judy Serbe, "The New Prince" by G. Patrick O'Connor, "Red Ribbon and All" by Beth Thompson, "When it Rains," by Robert D. Sowers, "The Principle of Love," by Francis Moore, "A Question of Godot," by Paul Ennis, "Sun, Es, Est!" by Vince Young, and "Vinegar and Oil" by Louis Florimonte.

Today On Campus

Cancellations

Weather conditions have caused cancellation of many planned activities and meetings. Students who do not know whether a meeting is still scheduled should contact an officer of the group sponsoring the event to receive correct information.

WRA

Women may sign-up all this week with their intramural representatives to participate in winter sports sponsored by the Women's Recreational Association. Practice for the sports—bowling and basketball—will be held next week.

The WRA Basketball Club will meet at 4 p.m. in the White Hall gymnasium.

Other Events

American Institute of Physics, 7:15 p.m., 109 Osmond.
Angel Flight, 7 p.m., 112 Buckhout.
Sophomore Class Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m., 213 HUB.
University Senate, 3:55 p.m., 121 Sparks.

27.4 Inch Snowfall

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vigorous storm developed along the Carolina coast. This new storm with the aid of moisture from off the Atlantic caused heavy snow in the middle Atlantic states yesterday.

The local forecast calls for partly sunny skies, windy and cold weather today with blowing and drifting snow continuing. There may be a few snow flurries. The high will be about 20 degrees.

It should be clear and very cold tonight with a low of 0 to 5 below.

Tomorrow should be mostly sunny and not quite as cold with a high of about 28 degrees.

Thursday will be cloudy with a chance of snow.

Placement Interviews

Interviews with the following firms may be requested by submitting an appointment card and personal information sheet at 123 Temporary at least 10 days prior to interview date. Curriculums refer to the majors desired by each firm.

American National Red Cross, Jan. 27.
Soc. Psy., Ed., L.A., Bus. Ad.,
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Jan. 27, Ch., Phys., Ch. E., Pet. E., E.E.,
Math.,
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E.E., M.E., I.E., ES (Sales),
Goodyear Aerospace Corp., Jan. 27 &
I.E.

United Aircraft-Research Labs, Jan. 28.
Aero. E., Ch. E., M.E., E.E., Phys.,
Math., L.A.
York Corporation (Borg-Warner), Jan. 28.
Bus. Ad., L.A., Sci., Math.
E. I. duPont deNemours, Jan. 28 & 29.
Bus. Ad., L.A.
E. I. duPont deNemours, Jan. 28-30.
Ch. E., M.E., E.E., I.E., C.E.,
R.C.A., Jan. 28-30, E.E., Engr., Sci.,
Phys., Math., M.E., Bus. Ad., Math.
Sun Oil Company, Jan. 28 & 29, Ch. E.,
M.E., E.E., Ch., Phys., Math., Accts.,
American Brake Shoe Company, Jan. 29 & 30, Met., I.E., M.E., Accts.

Festival Ticket Sale To Open

Tickets for the Greek Week Musical Festival, featuring the Four Preps, will be available from any sorority woman tomorrow through Sunday. Independents, as well as Greeks, may purchase tickets for the Jan. 28 concert, for \$1.50.

A general sale of remaining tickets will be held at the Hetzel Union desk, Jan. 21-25.

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