

## Fred Waring dies at 84 PSU alumnus taught America to sing

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Fred Waring, one of the University's most well known alumni and a world famous choral conductor, died early yesterday morning at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville after suffering a stroke on Saturday.

Waring was admitted to Centre Community Hospital in State College only hours after conducting his final workshop concert of the summer. A spokeswoman at Centre Community said Waring was admitted to the emergency room late Saturday morning and was transferred to Geisinger by ambulance at 4:30 p.m.

Dennis Bell, a member of Waring's choral group The Pennsylvanians, said Waring suffered the stroke at his summer residence, a vacationing professor's home in State College. "He was transferred to Geisinger after he became comatose. Mrs. Waring went with him in the ambulance, and I drove his car to his home in Shawnee-on-the-Delaware, Pa. He died this morning at 1 a.m.," Bell said.

Bell is a tenor from Atlanta, Ga., who has been with The Pennsylvanians for six years.

In a statement released yesterday afternoon, University President Bryce Jordan said, "We at Penn State have been privileged to have had an association with Fred Waring as an alumnus, trustee, friend, and, most recently during the summers, as a teacher of our choral workshops. Mr. Waring was truly one of the country's pioneers in broadcasting big band music over radio and television, and in developing choral music throughout the world. He will be sorely missed by all of us who have come to know and to love him at Penn State."

Gov. Dick Thornburgh, in a telephone

interview yesterday, said of Waring, "He was a good friend of the Thornburghs, and all Pennsylvanians. He carried a message about our state across the nation, and the world. He will be sorely missed by all he came in contact with in his 84 years." He added that Waring "was a great guy."

Gov. Thornburgh said, "It's a great loss to Pennsylvania and America."

The governor said the last time the Thornburghs had spent time with Waring was at a (Penn State) football game four years ago — Sept. 26, 1980. At that game Waring directed the Penn State Blue Band and the Pennsylvanians in song.

Thornburgh said, "We declared Fred Waring day at half-time."

Bill Noyes, academic coordinator for Waring's summer workshops, said the 84-year-old Waring had been getting feeble and tiring more easily in the past few years, but "he was always very mentally alert."

He added that the conductor had opened and closed Friday night's performance, which was 190 voices strong — a combination of the youth choir, The Pennsylvanians and The Blenders. The Blenders is a singing group named for the Waring Blendor, which Waring invented and marketed.

Noyes, who conducts the Penn State Pop Singers, said Waring ended Friday night's concert with his own composition, a poem titled "My America."

Waring was a native of Tyrone and was a University alumnus from the class of 1922. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1957, received the Gold Medal Award from Altoona Campus, and was inducted into the honorary music fraternity Mu Phi Alpha in 1956.



Fred Waring

Collegian photo/David Benson

His memorabilia were presented to the University July 24, during a dinner in his honor.

A former University trustee, Waring was an architectural engineering student who was rejected by the University's glee club when he tried out as a student. He started The Pennsylvanians with his brother and two other boys in 1915 and has performed ever since.

Last December, President Reagan awarded Waring with the Congressional Gold Medal Award, which is the highest award a civilian can receive from the government.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, North Courtland Street, East Stroudsburg. Private burial services have been scheduled at Shawnee Presbyterian, Shawnee-on-the-Delaware.

## Soviets call for Mideast talks

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Soviets called yesterday for a conference on the Middle East at which the United States, the Soviet Union, Israel, its Arab neighbors, and the Palestine Liberation Organization would take part.

The United States and Israel reacted negatively to the proposal, which was similar to one that has been made by the secretary-general of the United Nations, Javier Perez de Cuellar.

A senior Israeli official did not rule out a Soviet role in an international conference, however, provided that Moscow restored diplomatic ties with the Jewish state, which the Soviet Union broke off during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The statement carried by the official news agency Tass said the government drafted the proposal because of its concern "over the remaining explosive situation in the Middle East." The Tass statement appeared to reflect the thinking of the highest levels of Soviet leadership.

The statement said the participants should consider a Soviet blueprint for a settlement based on the return of lands

captured by Israel since 1967, creation of an independent Palestinian state encompassing Arab East Jerusalem, and guarantees of peace and security for all states in the region.

It called for participation by Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon and the PLO, and said the United States and the Soviet Union should be included because they play an important role in the region and co-chaired the last such conference, which broke down in 1973 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Nations in adjoining areas could be allowed to join the conference with the consent of the participants, according to the proposal.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Anita Stockman said: "The question of an international conference has come up many times, the United States has always been opposed to it."

She added that Washington does not see where Soviet participation in such a conference "would be helpful."

In Jerusalem, a senior government official rejected the Soviet call and declined to discuss details of the proposal.

## Report predicts peacetime draft

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WASHINGTON — Reagan administration plans to expand the armed forces and deploy more highly sophisticated weapons could necessitate resumption of a peacetime draft by the 1990s, a Brookings Institution study said yesterday.

Despite optimism voiced by top Pentagon officials, the report said all-volunteer military services in coming years are likely to be pinched by a declining pool of qualified recruits and greater demand for highly skilled personnel.

Unless the American people can be counted on to support peacetime conscription, the study concluded, "it would be risky either to expand the size of the armed forces or to develop increasingly complicated weapon systems."

If either course is considered vital to U.S. security, "the nation's leadership should make these purposes clear and should prepare the American people for the reinstatement of compulsory service."

"Otherwise, the United States could end up fielding military forces in the 1990s whose effectiveness would depend on a military draft, only to find a citizenry unwilling to support it," it said.

The study was prepared by Martin Binkin, a Brookings specialist on defense manpower policy. The Brookings Institution is a non-profit Washington public policy research center.

Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger has hailed the success

of the all-volunteer military, proclaiming that the volunteer force was no longer experimental.

"Our biggest success story is our people," Weinberger said last March. "Retention and recruiting successes are coming at a time when the economy is improving, at a time when skeptics said young Americans would turn their backs on the military."

More recently, however, defense manpower officials have tempered such optimism with cautionary remarks.

Assistant Defense Secretary Lawrence J. Korb warned on June 12 that "recruiting in the current improved economic environment has become more difficult." He predicted that the services would face "an increased challenge" in recruiting next year.

A report issued by Korb said that during the six-month period ending March 31, the armed forces had met or topped their recruitment goals. The total number of men and women in uniform reached 2,138,500, or 11,100 more than at the same time a year earlier.

In the Brookings Institution study, Binkin pointed to the "demographic depression" in military-age youth that has resulted from ending of the post-World War II baby boom.

The pool of "qualified and available" 18- to 20-year-old males — excluding those who cannot meet minimum physical or mental standards, or who are unlikely to volunteer because they are in college — is expected to decline from an annual average of 847,000 during 1981-83 to 749,000 in 1984-88 and to 687,000 in 1991-95.



AP Laserphotos

### Shower of Gold

The U.S. Olympic team won its share of medals yesterday in swimming and cycling. Nancy Hogshead (above) tied with Carrie Steinsifer, also of the United States, for the gold in the 100-meter freestyle. In cycling, Connie Carpenter-Phinney (left, center) edged out Rebecca Twigg, both of the United States, to win the first-ever women's road race. Sandra Schumacher of West Germany won the bronze. Coverage of the Olympic Games in Los Angeles continues on Page 11.



## State statistics show income up

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WASHINGTON — The rebounding auto industry helped Delaware and Michigan post the largest personal income gains of the year's first quarter, while Alaska was the only state to lose ground, the government reported yesterday.

The Commerce Department said that Americans' personal income rose 2.4 percent from January through March, with every state except Alaska keeping well ahead of the pace of inflation.

Alaska, which perennially leads the nation in

per capita income, suffered a 6.1 percent decline for the first quarter of the year, caused by a slowdown in state payments to individuals from oil revenues, the report said.

Residents of Delaware and Michigan made the biggest income gains, increases of 3.9 percent and 3.8 percent respectively. The gains were attributed to growth in manufacturing payrolls — primarily at automobile plants.

The 2.4 percent increase in personal non-farm income nationwide meant Americans more than kept up with inflation, which went up 0.9 percent during the same period according to an index which is tied to personal spending.

Residents in 30 states equaled or exceeded the 2.4 percent income gain. After Delaware and Michigan, states with the fastest rising incomes were Idaho at 3.4 percent and Arkansas and Arizona, both at 3.2 percent.

The department said these states enjoyed big payroll increases in manufacturing, construction and private-service industries.

After Alaska, states with the smallest income gains during the period were Nebraska, up 1.7 percent; West Virginia and Oklahoma, both up 1.8 percent, and Massachusetts, up 1.9 percent. The report said most of these states either had declines or small increases in manufacturing.

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#### weather

The sun should peak through the clouds over Happy Valley today raising the temperature to near 80 degrees. However, thundershowers may dampen the spirits of local Olympics fans. The same treatment is in store for tomorrow although the temperature may reach 82. Tonight should be partly cloudy with a low of 60.....by Glenn Rolph

## Soviets decry Reagan re-election

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Former Sen. George McGovern says that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko told him he does not expect any improvement in Soviet-U.S. relations if President Reagan is re-elected, and that Gromyko considers Reagan's re-election almost certain.

McGovern, briefing a small group of reporters Saturday night about his three-hour meeting with Gromyko the previous day, said the foreign minister told him "...he expected no improvement at all in U.S.-Soviet relations if Reagan is re-elected."

The former South Dakota senator and 1972 Democratic presidential nominee also said Gromyko is convinced there will be no U.S.-Soviet space weapons' talks in September.

McGovern said during his talk with Gromyko, "We discussed the latest offer from the United States on the talks proposed for September in Vienna. Gromyko said he doesn't expect the talks to take place. He seemed

convinced there would be no talks."

The Soviet minister made his remarks Friday, before a statement in Washington regarding the talks by State Department spokeswoman Anita Stockman.

She said on Saturday that the U.S. Embassy in Moscow had delivered a new message to the Soviets saying the United States "was serious about substantive talks" in the Austrian capital.

The United States "was prepared to go there and talk about outer space, including anti-satellite weapons, and we have no preconditions," she reported.

It was unclear if the new message to the Soviets had broken the deadlock over space arms talks, but on Saturday, the Soviet news agency Tass was still accusing Washington of scrapping the talks.

McGovern said Gromyko's pessimism about the future of the space arms talks resulted from Soviet rejection of the U.S. desire to use the proposed Vienna talks to reopen other types of nuclear arms discussions.