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POTTER INAUGURATION SET FOR SATURDAY AT TRINITY

Fraternities Arrange Parties to Follow Inauguration Formal

With a gala Inauguration Ball scheduled for tomorrow evening in Williams Hall and a generous round of fraternity and Commons Club socials listed for Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings, the campus finds itself heavily absorbed by the great doings which come more or less incidentally with the inaugural itself.

The formal dance will get under way to the accompaniment of Freddie Wollston's band at 9 o'clock tomorrow night; and the social round will not be completed until the last drop of tea is poured late Sunday afternoon. Announcements of the respective social groups concerning their activities include:

Sigma Chi Anniversary
The Alpha Alpha chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity this week not only celebrates the inauguration of a new college president, but also the Fiftieth Anniversary of its existence. Saturday night the chapter will hold a buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m., which will be followed by an informal vic dance. A memorial banquet is to be held Sunday night, at which William P. Kemper, founder of the Alpha Alpha chapter, will be the principal speaker.

Sigma Chi this week also announced the pledging of Ralph S. Heilman, '46, a graduate of Horace Greeley High School at Chappaqua, N. Y. Kappa Alpha fraternity has announced the pledging of Tom Reid, of Niagara Falls (*De Veaux '42*), and Bob Kennedy, of New York City (*Trinity Prep*).

An alumni tea will be held on Sunday afternoon between the hours of four and six at the *K A Lodge*.

Theta Tea Dance
Theta Delta Chi's social season will be opened this Saturday by a tea dance, which will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and at which, according to latest reports, a number of alumni are expected. Music will be furnished by recordings and refreshments will be served.

In addition, the fraternity announces the pledging of Gifford Doxsee, of Freeport, Carl Haussman, of Geneva; Larry Andrews, of Olean; and T. Sheldon Murray, of Peekskill.

Kappa Sigma
Bayard Hancock, '46, of Nutley, N. J., was pledged to Kappa Sigma this week, according to a fraternity announcement.

Kappa Sigma will hold an open tea dance this Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 8:30. The chaperones will include Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Torrrens, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander L. Harris, Miss Madelyn Cushing and Dr. Alan G. Little.

Delta Psi Entertains
Delta Psi Omega will hold an open vic dance on Saturday night starting at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement of the Social Committee.

Sigma Phi fraternity announces the pledging of John H. Brooks, of Baltimore, Md. Last Saturday the following upperclassmen were initiated into the social organization: Willis A. Adcock, Gunter P. Jahn and George E. Beckett. At this initiation, William Pitkin, of Rochester, was the speaker and Harold Lane, of Geneva, served as toastmaster. Both of the latter are alumni of the local chapter.

Phi Phi Delta has announced an informal vic dance for pledges and guests on Saturday evening from 8:30 until midnight. The chaperones will be: Mr. and Mrs. Walden P. Boyle, Miss Frances Miller and Dr. Alan G. Little. The Phi Phi pledge list will be announced at a later date.

The Commons Club of organized Neutrals will hold a vic dance in Brent House this Saturday evening from eight until midnight. The club has just completed enrolling a large group of freshman members.



Dr. John Milton Potter

President to Direct Remarks at Hobart, William Smith Students Assembled for Colorful Inaugural at Historic Site

By George Palermo

Hobart and William Smith College students will play a prominent part in the inaugural ceremony which will be observed in Trinity Church this Saturday at noon upon the occasion of Dr. John Milton Potter's formal induction as president of the Geneva colleges. All students of both schools will be expected by the deans to attend the service unless they have other highly important activities with which to concern themselves.

Tickets are not being required of the student body which will gather before Coxe Hall at approximately 11 o'clock when an assembly signal will be given by music to be played on the college carillon. The student body of both colleges will depart at 11:25 for the Church where it will be seated at 11:45. The inauguration service will begin promptly at 12:00 noon and will be concluded by 1:30.

Arrange Simplified Program

Only two formal addresses are listed upon the simplified but dignified program which was adopted in keeping with the demands of the war-situation. Dr. James Phinney Baxter 3d, president of Williams College and Deputy Director of the Office of Strategic Services in Washington, will deliver an induction address while Dr. Potter will direct the content of his inaugural address primarily at the student body assembled in historic Trinity Church where a major share of Hobart's presidents have been inaugurated in the past.

Oliver B. Capen, of Bedford, a member of the Hobart-William Smith Board of Trustees, will open the program as general chairman of the Inaugural Committee. The formal induction itself will probably be conducted by John K. Walker, of Buffalo, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Dr. H. N. Hubbs, professor of Mathematics, has been assisting Mr. Capen as vice-chairman of the Inaugural Committee while the following faculty members have been active

in heading various sub-committees in arranging for the outstanding inaugural event: Dr. Leonard A. Lawson, Robert E. Consler, the Rev. Stuart G. Cole, Dr. Robert W. Torrrens and Clifford E. Orr. Dr. Lawson will also act as grand marshal of the academic procession.

Distinguished Guests

Although no effort has been made to effect a congregation of national luminaries due to defense priorities on transportation, over a dozen college presidents and six bishops of the Episcopal Church will in all probability be on hand among a long list of distinguished guests. The Rt. Rev. William Proctor Remington, Bishop of Oregon, is listed among those expected.

Luncheons have been moved back to 1:45 and 2:00 p.m. at the various campus dining establishments, and students who generally employ the Student Union for meals will be served luncheon at Brent House upon presentation of their regular meal tickets. The Student Union and Coxe Auditorium will accommodate upwards of 300 trustees, faculty members, alumni and alumnae and distinguished guests at a special inaugural luncheon.

Union Cooperates

The afternoon program will feature the Union-Hobart football game at 3:30. In playing at that later hour in order to facilitate the inaugural program, members of the Union football organization make a great personal sacrifice in so far as it entails departing on a later bus which will not permit them to reach Schenectady until 4:00 a.m.

Celebration of Holy Communion at 8:00 in St. John's Chapel will mark the opening of Inauguration Day while the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Council will both meet at 10:00 a.m. for short sessions. The Alumni Council (Continued, Page 3, Column 4)

Scott-Craig Sees Survival, Rather Than Culture as Goal of Wartime Education in Liberal Arts; Specific on Hell

Professor Speaks in Chapel, Says War May Be Hell And Peace Can Be, Likewise

"There is less and less time allowable in this college to pursue its specific purpose, 2 liberal arts programme; we must train to survive more than we can train to live well," declared Dr. T.S.K. Scott-Craig in preaching before members of the college community gathered in St. John's Chapel for vespers on Sunday afternoon.

Quoting from Gen. Sherman to the effect that war is hell and from A. A. Milne that peace is often hell, too, Dr. Scott-Craig asked: "What do we mean when we say *War is Hell*? Do we not mean that we are in the midst of intolerable physical suffering; that we ourselves must face infinite pain and probable death; that we must inflict incalculable suffering and death not only upon the relatively guilty, but also upon the relatively guiltless?"

"And what do we mean when we say *Peace Is Hell*, but that having given up armed struggle we have exchanged the swift horrors of Rotterdam or Stalingrad for the prolonged miseries of French soldiers interned in Germany, and of French families cut off from their mainstay and their hope for the next generation?" continued the speaker. "We call these things Hell because they bring human life into an abyss of meaninglessness, to an infinitude of despair."

Candidate Laval

Heaven and Hell, he continued, are inhabited by free men who have chosen either the good or the evil ways of

life; but the Germans and Japanese are, for the most part, not going to Hell, because they have no free choice between the good and evil when they exist in a society of compulsion and untruth. Becoming highly concrete and specific at this point, Dr. Scott-Craig volunteered: "The only public figure now alive in Europe, concerning whose mind and activities we have (at least on the surface) sufficient information to be reasonably sure that he is in Hell or is going to Hell . . . is the execrable and execrated Pierre Laval."

"I do not doubt that God in his goodness and mercy is chastising us, as of old He chastised Israel whom He had chosen. Yet, unless the mystery

of God's sovereign rule over history be quite hidden from me, I believe that it is His will that the democracies, after chastisement, shall win this war, since (unlike the Nazis) their aims are not radically incompatible with His will for a creative human society," predicted the Hobart-William Smith philosopher and linguist.

On Sinning Freely

"In so far as Nazism as a system of thought and government destroys the rational image of God in man, it must be ruthlessly swept from the earth; yet the souls of individual Nazis, millions of them, may be saved since they *do not* freely sin," he continued. "In so far as democracy as a system (Continued, Page 2, Column 5)

OUR CONGRATULATIONS — An Editorial

The Editors of The HERALD extend their cordial congratulations and well wishes to Dr. John Milton Potter on the occasion of his inauguration as president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

The staging of a chaste and simple inaugural in time of war is to be looked upon by the college community as a manifestation of a sincere desire to aid the Nation's war effort by conserving time, money and efforts that might be put to more effective use elsewhere.

But on the happy occasion of his inaugural, few will envy the new president for possessing the task of filling the shoes of one who has so ably and effectively served Hobart and William Smith Colleges since the Fall of 1936.