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## Graduation class is biggest ever

More than 500 students will be graduated in commencement ceremonies at Capitol Campus today.

Guest speaker at the commencement ceremonies scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Main Building - will be Ms. Frances Farenthold, former Texas State legislator and Chairman of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Including among the 571 students slated to graduate are 542 candidates for baccalaureate degrees and 29 candidates for advanced degrees.

Baccalaureate degrees to be awarded are Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Humanities, Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Science and Bachelor of Technology. Advanced degree candidates will receive master's degrees in Administration, Education, Engineering, Humanities, Public Administration and Regional Planning.

Most of the baccalaureate degree candidates attended Pennsylvania community and junior colleges and other Penn State branch campuses prior to

enrolling at the Capitol Campus - an upper-division college with undergraduate programs beginning at the junior year level.

Thirty-six of the undergraduate students are to be graduated with highest distinction, having attained at least a 3.80 average out of a possible 4.00 average during their two years of study at the campus.

One hundred and thirty-four graduates who completed their degree requirements at the end of the winter term also will be recognized. Dr. Robert E. McDermott, provost of the Capitol Campus, will preside at the commencement ceremonies. Dr. Richard H. Heindel, dean of the faculty, will present the candidates for baccalaureate degrees. Candidates for advanced degrees will be presented by Dr. Ernest H. Ludwig, associate dean of Penn State's Graduate School.

The degrees will be conferred by Dr. McDermott and Dr. Helen D. Wise, member of the University Board of Trustees.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the large arena of the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.

## Students nominated for awards

This year, for the first time, students will be honored for extra-curricular activities while maintaining a high level of scholarship.

The Student Government Association, in conjunction with the campus administration, will present awards to undergraduates in three categories.

Nine seniors are nominated for the Leadership Award, including: Bob Bonaker, Editor of the Capitolist; Marc Cohen, Manager of Radio Station WZAP; Mike Dini, SGA President; Rita Girondi, Cheerleading Co-Captain; Marilyn Levin, SGA Senator; Gaye Miles, President of Delta Tau Kappa, the international social science honor society; Paul Mirabile, Coordinator of the Music/Arts Festival; Dick Mulfinger, XGI President; and Don Snyder, Social Committee Chairman.

Those nominated by a student/faculty committee for the Humanitarian Award are Joe Davis, Mike Dini, Mike Kowalcheck and Sam Randazzo.

The names of those nominated for academic awards were not released by committee chairman Mike Pierce.

The winners will announced at today's commencement ceremonies in an academy awards fashion.

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## SISSY FARENTHOLD TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

Frances (Sissy) Farenthold, former Texas state legislator and Chairman of the National Women's Political Caucus, will be the guest speaker at the Spring Commencement of Capitol Campus.

Ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, June 16, at 1:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Main Building.

Ms. Farenthold has been active in political and civil rights movements for many years. She was a candidate for Governor in 1972 and won more than 800,000 votes. During that campaign, the sobriquet, "Sissy", because a household word in Texas.

She also had the distinction of being the first woman to have her name placed in nomination for Vice President of the United States and received over 400 votes in the race at the 1972 Democratic National Convention.

A graduate of Vassar, Ms. Farenthold holds a J.D. from the University of Texas Law School. She is a member of the Nueces County, Texas Bar Association and was named to Who's Who in American Women in 1972. A



member of the Editorial Review Committee, Forum for Contemporary History, she serves as Assistant Professor of Law at Texas Southern University.

More than 500 students will receive baccalaureate and master's degrees at the fifth Spring Commencement. Last year's ceremonies were informal because of Hurricane Agnes.

## Knestrick to Receive Jordan Teaching Award

The second annual James A. Jordan, Jr. Memorial Award for Teaching will be awarded to Dr. James L. Knestrick, assistant professor of Social Science and Psychology, during the Commencement Ceremonies scheduled for today.

The award was established in 1972 in honor of Dr. James A. Jordan, Jr., a former Capitol Campus faculty member who died in a boating accident in the summer of 1971. The first recipient of the award was Ambrose Klain, associate professor of regional planning.

Dr. Knestrick was selected by the student body from among nine faculty members who were nominated for the award. Selection was based on effective teaching, enthusiasm and sincere interest in accomplishing above average results as a

teacher-educator.

A spokesman for the Student Government Association, which initiated the award, noted that Dr. Knestrick also has demonstrated unlimited concern and humanitarian attitude toward each individual student and campus community member with whom he has been associated.

The award consists of a plaque which is a replica of the memorial plaque which hangs in the Gallery Lounge of the Capitol Campus. It features a bust of the late Dr. Jordan and a plate on which is inscribed the names of the recipients. The plaques were created by Oliver LaGrone, a well-known black artist and lecturer at Capitol Campus who also serves as special assistant to the University's Vice President for Undergraduate Studies.



Dr. James Knestrick, winner of the second James A. Jordan Award for teaching excellence.

## KNESTRICK BELIEVES HONESTY AN IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTE

By Robert W. Bonaker

Dr. James L. Knestrick is the recipient of the second James A. Jordan Award for excellence in teaching.

Knestrick believes that students expect certain qualities from a professor. "People tend to turn students off with a certain aloofness. I feel I can be as honest with students as I want them to be with me. In that respect, involvement with students as individuals is of utmost importance." He says he "totally loves teaching" and assets that the instructor must take full "responsibility for the courses he is teaching. That, I feel, is what students expect."

The sandy-haired professor conducts courses in the field of psychology that are extremely popular with students enrolled in the Psychosocial Option of the Social Science Program. One

course in particular, Introduction to the Techniques of Counseling, is in constant demand as many times twice as many students as can be permitted sign up for the course. Knestrick thinks that one of his attributes is his sense of humor. "Sure, we are serious people, but we must be able to laugh at ourselves."

Knestrick, prior to coming to Capitol, had taught at the University of Pittsburgh and Harrisburg Area Community College. He also has had five years experience in his field since he received his doctorate from Penn State. "With such experience, I am able to introduce concrete examples into my lecture material." He explains that when he started teaching at Pitt as a graduate assistant, he conducted classes of 300 people, reading precise notes as he taught. "Now I outline the material and make my points that way, preventing boring classes and making

teaching more fun."

This year's Jordan Award winner is "excited" about his teaching duties, maintaining that good teachers must react to students. I make the assumption that if a class is dead, the fault lies with me and I must do something about it. But I don't have that problem here as my students are interested and easy to teach."

Knestrick does not have a fundamental philosophy, but stresses that "honesty, in what you are, what you know and what you don't know has always been something in which I have believed. I've had experiences with both good and bad teachers and I've come to realize that teaching is a challenge. Students learn because they want to learn. Teachers must involve their students in the thought process - more than just having them take notes." In the same vein, he says professors and students should never become adversaries; that they must share

As the 1972-1973 Academic (school) year comes to an end, we celebrate the culmination of a year of academic, social and cultural endeavors in our pursuit to make and keep our campus "student oriented."

The year has seen a greater interaction and involvement among all campus members. As participants in the political process, we have noted the influence we, as students, have played in the affairs of our campus.

Our achievements and accomplishments have included a direct input and vital role in the development of an Academic Calendar for the campus, a concerted effort and determination that graduation be held on our campus, and the maintenance of the "Round Table" as a symbol which unites all campus community members, alumni and friends.

We have also acted as the

in the learning experience.

He, in turn, expects certain things from his students. "From them I want class participation, although not all in the same manner. I also desire scholarship and abstractly, a certain intellectual honesty." Knestrick says he does not have pre-conceived notions of a particular class, "they are each as different as are individual students."

When asked why he chose to be a teacher rather than enter some other profession and made double his current salary he said that at the outset, he was not sure that he would be a college professor, "But I was certain before I started teaching, I would go out and gain experience in my field. Even now, I am a part time consultant, but my clinical work is merely a means to an 'end', which is teaching. For me, teaching is a more meaningful payoff."

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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

by Mike Dini, President Student Government Association

catalyst for the entire University system in leading a determined drive relative to the parking fee placed on all Penn State University students. Through the efforts of your SGA, the Administration lowered the parking fee for this term to help bring attention to this excessive and inequitable fee. We have thus seen a greater participation by student in the policy decisions of our campus and University Park, and we have also attained an expanded representation on Faculty Council and other faculty and administration committees.

Students have played a leading role in the development and support of the recent proposal to interface with the Harrisburg Area Community College and other Pennsylvania community and junior colleges. We have continued to develop a greater input of students in orientation and graduation planning and activities.

Academic proposals by your Student Government Association have included a proposal for an "Academic Appeals Board" with a detailed grievance procedure for students, a uniform course "Withdrawal Policy" for the campus, a continuation of Teacher/Course Evaluations, and a sustained interest in matters of registration, advising, drop-adds and other academic concerns which have been augmented by the student initiated and directed "Student-To-Student" Advising Program.

Your Student Government Association has taken strides to become more self sufficient, it has gone through a phase of reorganization, including the enactment of a new SGA Constitution, restructuring of the Social Committee, and the development of new student committees i.e., Campus/Community Service and Academic/Campus Concerns.

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