

Ex Officio V-12 Member Dies; Entire Corps Mourns 'Oscar'

The death of a well-known member of the College Navy-Marine V-12 unit brought sorrow to the entire campus last week.

His name was "Oscar," and he was the intimate pal of every member of Navy Barracks 36. Although all the members of the barracks knew him well, none understood his every whim and fancy as did his closest companion and master, Seaman Coyte Hunter.

You see, Oscar was a tiny red squirrel. One afternoon when only five days old, he wandered into one of the classrooms of the

Forestry building. He was bewildered at first and lost all sense of direction as he whirled about looking for a means of escape. It was then that he caught Hunter's eye. It was love at first sight.

Hunter reached down and carefully lifted his fuzzy forest friend from the classroom floor into his lap. Oscar, however, seemed to prefer the left hand pocket of Hunter's jumper and immediately scrambled there. Snugly tucked away he lapsed into a quiet and peaceful sleep.

That pocket became his favorite residence and there he stayed for two months except when taking his daily run or eating at the chow hall. He rode in Hunter's pocket 1500 miles to his master's home in North Carolina on a streamlined train. Daily he attended classes with Hunter and went to track practice with him regularly.

Oscar died last week as the result of internal hemorrhages caused by a fall. Although his life span covered only two months and five days, Oscar lived a full and interesting life. He was one of the most widely read, publicized, and traveled members of the bushy-tailed red squirrel family.

Tribunal Punishes Two Erring Frosh

Six freshmen answered Tribunal's call Wednesday night and two were found to have violated freshman customs to the extent that Tribunal thought they deserved recognition for their misdeeds.

Richard Sibley, a chemical engineering student, took the honors of the evening. The 16-year-old youth opened his social calendar a bit early and was caught dating. He also admitted walking on the grass. A few other minor violations summed up a pretty colorful account of this freshman's first weeks at Penn State.

Beginning Friday at 8 a.m., Sibley will wear a sandwich sign, and to show his love for grass, he will carry around a small bucket of sod and grass. He will also sport the latest in full length dresses, and will wear a green bow tie.

Bob Kagan, another chemical engineering student, didn't have his freshman bible with him the other day.

Kagan will prepare a sandwich sign and don his outfit Friday morning. Both have been ordered by Tribunal to wear their ensembles for one week.

Steve Herbert, Tribunal chairman, disclosed at the meeting that John R. Evans, W. E. Graffius and Milton Solow were exempt from customs.

Freshmen may shed their signs 8 a.m. Friday for the semester. First semester freshmen attending the IMA-IWA dance Friday may take off their customs, but only freshmen men with dates are allowed to do so, and only for the dance.

Frosh are also cautioned not to excuse themselves from customs by wearing their ROTC uniforms when not needed. Such violations are considered serious and sufficient reason for action by Tribunal.

Coeds Model Fashions At Conservation Show

A fashion show of women's suits and play clothing to be modeled by Miss Ann E. Boyd's summer session class in clothing conservation will be held in 117 Home Economics building from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Students will model women's suits made from men's suits, and out-dated women's suits and play clothing fashioned into modern wearing apparel. Pictures of the original garments will be on view as will accessories made from worn garments, remnants, and scraps of materials.

There will also be a display exhibit from the Bureau of Home Economics, Washington, D. C., which will consist of 12 large photographs of women's work clothes and an exhibit entitled "Mending Men's Suits."

Members of the Home Economics Extension Service will also contribute slides and exhibits to the forum hour.

Everyone is invited to attend.

V-12 Announces Honor Students

33 Trainees Compose Spring Semester List

Thirty-three students in the V-12 program attained an average of 2.5 or better for the spring semester, according to Charles B. Wagner, chairman of the program. Of these, three made a straight "3" average. Those included on the honor roll were:

Max Kirschbaum, 3.00; Roger M. Netherland, 3.00; Joseph E. Had-dock, 2.90; Seymour Parker, 2.90; Judson D. Sweet, 2.90; James A. MacDonald, 2.80; Arthur P. Miller Jr., 2.80; Louis Piha, 2.80; Clarence J. Reid Jr., 2.80; Joseph E. Riegel, 2.80; Neal S. Sellers, 2.80; Allen J. Vohden, 2.80.

George F. Bauer Jr., 2.60; Joseph L. Bitzen, 2.60; Bernard G. Mateor, 2.60; Glenn E. Orndorf, 2.60; Robert J. Rosshem, 2.60; John E. Stouffer, 2.60; Charles R. Tuckey, 2.60; Johannes Weertman, 2.60; William E. Wilson, 2.60; William A. Bierman, 2.50.

Mark D. Carls, 2.50; Samuel J. Cunningham, 2.50; Stephen M. Gretzkowski, 2.50; Charles G. Judge Jr., 2.50; Roman L. Peterson, 2.50; Albert S. Rubenfeld, 2.50; Beecher F. Russell, 2.50; Joseph F. Saraceno, 2.50; Jesse H. Wilder, 2.50; Robert G. Wilson, 2.50; Leon Winitzky, 2.50.

Smiths Lead The Field Of Common Names In The Army

The Smiths have done it again. In a list of 12 names which the War Department cited as being the most common on the Army's roster, Smith led the field with 72,000 claimants—the equivalent of five divisions or almost one per cent of the Army roll.

Considerably behind the Smiths, the Johnsons came in for second place with 48,500 clan members. Others on the list and the total number of men answering to each were: Brown, 39,000; Miller, 33,000; Jones, 31,320; Davis, 31,000; Wilson, 29,000; Anderson, 24,500; Martin, 24,300; Taylor, 22,000; Hall, 15,170; and Lewis, 15,000.

The total of the 12 names amounts to 385,390 men, and accounts for about one-twentieth of the Army.

The moral of the story, according to the War Department, is that everyone should address letters and packages to troops accurately and completely. The name, rank, serial number, organization, APO number, and postmaster at the port of embarkation should be included.

The Army is responsible for the distribution of 25,000,000 pieces of mail overseas each week, and it's hard to find the right Smith or Johnson if the address is not correct.

Conference Draws State Educators

7 Experts Participate In 3-Day Convention

Seven education experts from Harrisburg will participate in the twenty-second annual Superintendents' and Principals' Conference at the College Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Theme of the conference, which is expected to attract 500 delegates, is "Education for a World Tomorrow."

Included on the program will be five members of the State Department of Public Instruction, Dr. Horace G. Geisel, principal of John Harris high school, and Capt. Henry M. Gross, chief of veterans' personnel division, State Selective Service.

Stanley A. Wengert, assistant director of teacher education and certification, will conduct a session on "Elementary Schools in Tomorrow's World." Dr. Geisel will preside at a panel discussion on "What Can the High School Principal Do about Secondary Education?" in which Dr. E. W. Cuttenden, chief of secondary education, will participate.

Dr. Francis B. Haas, superintendent of public instruction, will discuss "Some Directions and Phases of Future Pennsylvania Education," and Captain Gross will speak on "Rehabilitation and Guidance in Educational Institutions."

Both Dr. Leonard M. Miller, chief, division of occupational information and guidance, and M. M. Walter, chief, vocational rehabilitation, will share in the panel discussion on rehabilitation and guidance.

Research Chemist Burned By Explosion Of High Octane Gasoline In New Physics

Clarence H. Ruof, 24, a chemist working on the College's specialized 100-octane gasoline research program for the government, suffered serious burns about the face and arms when some of the volatile fluid ignited in 305 New Physics 2:30 a.m. Wednesday. Damage was under \$100, estimated Dean Frank C. Whitmore, head of the research program.

Ruof, one of the 15 research chemists and chemical engineers working under Dean Whitmore in the around-the-clock project, acted outside his duty in reporting to work Wednesday night. It was not his shift.

Seeing that the process was not proceeding properly in a large copper reactor containing 15 gal-

lons of the fuel, Ruof tried to adjust it. Some of the gasoline shot out of the reactor. The gas being so volatile, that it ignites spontaneously when in contact with the air, its resulting flash caused Ruof's burns.

The chemist was taken to the infirmary and is recovering. His father, mother, and sister arrived Wednesday from Hummelstown.

Five other workers in the laboratory escaped injury, and steps were taken immediately to control the flames which seared the walls and desks near the reactor. Experiments had previously been held on the College dump to determine the procedure to follow if some of the gas "let go." The initial flash presented the only danger, and it was this which injured Ruof.

Since Dean Whitmore's research men successfully completed the one-time very secret tests on super explosives, the 100-octane gasoline project has occupied the unenviable position of most dangerous war-gear experiment on the campus. In spite of all precautions, risky experiments which would not be

attempted in peace-time have to be made. Chemists in other laboratories have lost their lives in this type of work, Dr. Whitmore said. Ruof, a graduate in chemistry from Gettysburg, had been delegated to the program because of its urgency and was formerly studying the anti-fatigue hormone which the Germans are said to use on their troops.

College chemists have been working a month on the gasoline problem with one experiment so complex that it cost \$7,000 to produce 12 gallons of the fuel. While the gasoline which the College is testing is called 100-octane gasoline its true volatility, much higher than 100-octane, is a strict military secret.

Debate Team Plans Trip

A major trip and several local events, climaxed by a speech contest with an appropriate award, have been planned for summer semester debating, Ed Zemprelli, debate manager, announces.

Twelve new members were added at tryouts for the varsity debating squad Wednesday night. The new members are Dominic Acciarri, Joseph Bedell, Arthur Boyd, Stanley Chadwin, Jerry Ciarrocchi, Howard Criden, Jay Goldstein, Carl Harshbarger, Robert Israel, Ralph John, George Schautz, and Marvin Schimmel.

The experienced members are Ottis Castleberry, Martin Cohn, Aldo DiNardo, Allen Kahn, Sanford Rafsky, Alex Reisdorf, Stephen Salamon, Richard Titley, and Ed Zemprelli.

PSCA Holds Gathering For Women Transfers

Women transfer students will be honored at a dessert party sponsored by PSCA in 304 Old Main, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Upperclass women will call for all transfer students.

Chairman for the affair is Dorothy Colyer. Her committees include Fay Young, invitations; Ann Berkheimer, refreshments; and Gloria Simpson, decorations.

Blue Band, Symphony Elect Setar President

College Symphony Orchestra and Blue Band have elected officers for the summer semester. Those elected by the Symphony Orchestra are John Setar, president; Betty Lou Dunmire, secretary; Philip Miller, manager; and Robert Manning, librarian.

The Blue Band officers are John Setar, president; Ann Mulvehill, secretary; John Sloan, manager; and Robert Manning, librarian.

Freshmen to Report For Engineering Test

All freshmen in chemistry and physics, engineering, and agricultural science, or those freshmen who took the five-part freshman aptitude test and did not take the engineering and physical science test July 8, should report to 110 Home Economics 7 p.m. Tuesday to take this test.

Prexy Relates Interesting Facts About His Mansion

The most notable thing about the President's house on the campus is the people who live in it, according to a Collegian reporter who recently interviewed the President and Mrs. Ralph D. Hetzel concerning their impressive Georgian home.

One rainy night last week a Collegian reporter visited the President and Mrs. Hetzel with hopes of getting material which could be used in an interesting article about the 80-year-old presidential mansion.

After a half hour the reporter had enough information to fill a book and the generosity with which the President and the First Lady supplied the material had overwhelmed the Collegian representative.

In fact, when the writer left the house President Hetzel gave the Collegian reporter his umbrella so that she wouldn't get soaked in the downpour.

The data collected by the aspiring journalist proved quite revealing. For instance, the 16-room house was built in 1864, a year after the College was made a land-grant institution. It is now the oldest building on the campus.

During its 80 years of existence, the Georgian-styled home

has been remodeled twice. The original President's house was a two-story building. Thirty-five years ago a third story was added to the colonial house which is now one of land marks on the College campus.

In 1940 the house was put in its present condition. Frontal pillars and back and upstairs porches were added that year. The kitchen was modernized and a reception room was made by combining two smaller rooms on the right side of the center hall.

On the opposite side of the center hall is the library and the dining rooms. In the back is the breakfast nook with wood-paneled walls and red and beige curtains. The laundry, servant's quarters, and garage also are in the back of the house.

The house is furnished exquisitely. The upstairs especially has a distinctive feeling of the colonial period.

The floral landscaping ranks with the house in its color and arrangement. Walter Trainer has had charge of the landscaping for many years.

Governors, college presidents, and other high-ranking men as well as college students have passed through the entrance to the President's home during its long and illustrious history.

Hibshman Reports Eight Alumni War Casualties

Eight more war casualties have been reported within the last two months according to Secretary Edward K. Hibshman of the Alumni Association.

Those listed are: Capt. John J. Spangler, '35; Capt. Herbert D. Shcemaker, '40; Ensign Joseph J. Schmucker, '45; First Lt. Harvey R. Vanderslice, '38; Capt. Eugene S. Stull, '43; Capt. John M. Semanchyk, '40; Lt. Alan G. McIntyre, '39; Pvt. Judah Covitch, '46; and Alvin C. Unger, Navy.