

## Alumni News 'Award of Merit' Honored For Coverage Of Campus Happenings

The Penn State Alumni News edited by Hugh R. Riley Jr., received an "Award of Merit" for "effective presentation of news of the campus" in a competition sponsored by the American Alumni Council, an organization of alumni secretaries representing more than 350 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

The certificate received by the Penn State Alumni Association states that the News received the award "for outstanding editorial achievement in the publication of an alumni magazine."

There were 175 entries in "the 1945 Magazine Awards Competition" of the Council. The Penn State Alumni News was one of ten magazines to receive an Award of Merit.

The News also gained honorable mention recognition in two special divisions of the magazine competition. In the "editorial opinion page" classification the Penn State publication was cited along with magazines from the University of Oklahoma and Colby College. The Wisconsin Alumnus received the top award in this classification.

Another honorable mention was awarded the News for its "articles on research" along with the California Monthly and the Columbia Alumni News. The Cornell Alumni News was ranked highest for its handling of scientific news.

## Players-

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12 he is "neatly dressed and intelligent" and thinks "its all very dumb" his sister's romance and the neighborhood feud included.

Warfare sprang from a Red Cross benefit and is the object of much stormy raving and running on and off stage. Leading the opposing factions are Mrs. Archer (Elizabeth Adams) and Mrs. Pringle (Barbara Cooper). Mr. Archer (Walter St. Clair) does his bit by ruining Mr. Pringle's (Harry Natschke) bridgework, and Mr. P. reciprocates by presenting Mr. A. with a smashed nose.

Dexter's parents, the Franklins, (Helen Joanne Peoples and Portman Paget) look on with amused eyes and try, via the grapevine,

# The Story of Student Unions

By LARRY FOSTER

The Student Union building movement is considered one of the most significant developments in American college life. Not only have the great structures on the leading campuses of the nation brought a great change for the better in student life, but they are now widely considered a vital part of the college program.

At the recent conference of the Association of College Unions, J. L. Morrill, president of the University of Minnesota, said, "Once you get a Union, you wonder how you ever got along without it."

The word "Union" comes from the Oxford Union and Cambridge Union in England, where 130 years ago the union movement was born. The first American universities to erect a Union building were the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard around the turn of the century.

Despite the fact that there is no typical Union building, each one serves as the center of activity on the college campus. Its purposes are to furnish a college social and recreational center and to provide a meeting place for faculty, alumni, former students and resident students of the institution where it is located. In performing its function as the meeting ground for all its members, the Union has given the students an opportunity to secure that broader education that comes from associating with

## Penn State Club To Hold Initiation Party at Lodge

Penn State Club will honor its new members at a Ski Lodge party from 2:30 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11. The cost is \$1.20 per couple, and bus transportation will be furnished. Interested non-members as well as members are urged to sign up in the club room, 30 Old Main.

Initiation of new members will take place from May 6 to 8, with formal ceremonies on May 10.

to patch things up; that is, until they develop worries of their own.

Surveying the whole mixup with the calmness of a family retainer is Louise (Carol Dieckmann). She is a maid with a character and a mind of her own who manages to be dry and hilarious at the same time. "I just don't claim to be psychic... that's all," she says.

Also with troubles are Mr. Willard (Robert Cole) and Uncle George (Jerome Sitkin). Mr. Willard tries to paint the porch ceiling amid varied and acid opinions while Uncle George desperately attempts to find someone to christen a destroyer.

All combine their trials to produce a maze of action and tangled situations. Director Margaret Witt has set herself to the task of unraveling them.

## Alabama Union



Less than 5,000 students at the University of Alabama use this modern, efficiently-equipped building for recreational purposes.

our fellow men.

Because Penn State lacks a Union, we are perhaps more aware of the purposes it could serve. When asked what he thought about Penn State erecting a Union building, Neil Fleming, Graduate Manager of Athletics, said, "I think it's the biggest need on the campus. It would give us a social center, a place to meet, something we don't have now."

The modern Union houses numerous recreational facilities, open to all students. Spacious lounges provide a congregating place; a place to spend sandwich hours. The huge ballrooms, attractively decorated, accommodate college dances and other social functions. Snack bars and cafeterias are probably the most frequented parts of the Union. In most cases, three meals a day are served at moderate prices. Bowling alleys, billiard tables, reading rooms, ping-pong tables, music rooms, and craft workshops, barber shop, beauty salon, post office, motion picture theater, and hotel rooms for visitors are but a few of the

## Standards Committee Prepares For Awards

The Senate Committee on Academic Standards is preparing the material for the John W. White, Louise Carnegie, and Class of 1922 Memorial Scholarship Awards. Victor Beede, chairman, announced today.

Application forms are available to qualified students at 401 Forestry Building. Information requested in these forms must be in the hands of the Committee by May 15.

facilities featured in the modern Union building.

Some buildings have more than others. The Universities of Purdue, Wisconsin, Cornell, and Minnesota boast examples of the best equipped structures. Daniel DeMarino, assistant to the Dean of Men at the College, recently stated, "A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to tour the Purdue Memorial Union from top to bottom. I was so impressed when I saw it that I wanted to bring it back to State, lock, stock, and barrel."

Utilization of the Union buildings by students seeking a means of relaxation has been startling to many. Attendance figures at the University of Minnesota prove that the Union is the center of activities. A survey made during one entire week of January 1940 gave conclusive evidence that during a school week (exclusive of Sundays) over 14,000 individuals enter the Union building per day. (At that time, the enrollment at Minnesota hovered around 10,000.)

Sidney Gold, third semester student at the College, is an ex-serviceman who was at Minnesota with an army unit. He commented, "While stationed on the Minnesota campus, we practically lived in the Coffman Memorial Union. There was something different going on every minute of the day."

## Windcrest Plans To Make Survey

Windcrest councilmen will soon make a survey of their respective zones in the borough to get information for a central card file to be kept in the council room of the soon-to-be-erected community hall. This was decided at a meeting of the Windcrest borough council Friday night.

The file will be used to aid visitors to Windcrest in finding anyone they may wish to see, and will include name, trailer number, names of children if any, and other pertinent information. Until the community hall is set up, the file will be kept in the Burgess' trailer, which is number 83.

Councilmen, in taking the survey, will also find out the number of cars and bicycles now in the borough or expected in the near future, in order to determine whether more parking space will be necessary.

## Will Erect Signs

Speed limit signs and signs warning of the children's play yard will be erected in Windcrest. There will also be signs stating that Fisher and Wagner lanes are not thoroughfares.

It was decided at the meeting that when the community hall is set up, efforts will be made to organize tutoring classes to meet in the evenings.

Burgess Stanley C. Gross reported that he appeared for a hearing before the Public Utilities Committee Friday morning, and presented a petition, signed by all members of the council, explaining reasons why a bus line operating in State College would be desirable.

## Tressler Replaces Bryant

Leonard Tressler has replaced Harry Bryant as College supervisor for Windcrest. Usage of written work orders to get repair work done will be necessary in the future, it was announced; no verbal orders will be taken.

Burgess Gross asked that automobiles travelling down Shortlidge Road toward College avenue avoid using the trailer camp as a means of avoiding traffic at the intersection of the two roads. Cars thus travelling through Windcrest are a menace to children who must cross that borough's main thoroughfare, Reiter Drive, to reach the play yard.



## STUBBY'S

A SURE WINNER...

Just Look At The Cards

We'd like to introduce Mr. Stubby Chubby to you. Stubby does a lot, to brighten peoples' lives. For birthdays, get-well wishes, reminders to your poor letter writing friends, etc. Stubby is on the job and expresses your thoughts in a way just right. Come in and meet Stubby today—you'll love him!

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