Free-lance Author Attends Sessions

Several weeks ago educators and laymen alike became enthusiastic over a new philosophy in education when they read a nine-page essay in Life magazine on the Allentown school system.

The author of this essay, which has made the Allentown system a model for the entire country, is a free lance author named Richard Barnitz who is presently attending Penn State under the GI Bill of Rights.

Barnitz, however, is no ordinary GI.

In addition to being a veteran of both world wars, serving as a private in the Army in I and a private first class in the Marine Corps in II, he has the distinction of being the oldest ex-GI to attend Penn State, He's 56 and was born on Christmas Day.

Began Career

Barnitz began his writing career after World War I when he rose from copy boy to editor of the Hanover, Pa., Times Herald. He later was employed by the Chicago Times and the International News Service.

"I like shifting for myself as a free lancer, though," Barnitz said, "and I enjoyed my essay on the Allentown school system for Life most of all."

Biggest outlet for Barnitz' talents has been the Readers' Digest. His best known piece in the Digest was entitled "How Dear to My Heart." It is about his home town, Hanover.

Son Is Prof

Barnitz came to Penn State this summer because the GI Bill offered him a means of security, at least until he can get a job or sell some of his work. He has a temporary part-time job writing copy for publications of the College's Institute of Local Government.

He is probably the only grandfather to ever attend the College. His son, a graduate of the Yale Graduate School, is a professor of sociology at the Fairmont State College in West Virginia. He also has a daughter.

Lively Past

Barnitz has led an exciting life, but claims he is living on borrowed time, having been pushed out of the window of a moving train while in the Marines, fallen out of a second story window, and run over by a hit-and-run car.

Although he likes Penn State because "the teachers are good, the people are wonderful and the campus is beautiful," Barnitz will probably leave at the end of the main session and go on free-lancing.

News Briefs

PSCA Cabin Party

An All-College Cabin party, sponsored by the summer PSCA, will be held Saturday and Sunday at Watts Lodge. Plans have been made to include dancing, singing, hiking and games on the overnight party.

The group will leave from the rear of Old Main at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and hike to the Lodge. Following outdoor worship services Sunday morning the group will hike back to State College.

Students interested are urged to sign up at Student Union before Saturday noon. Food will be provided but the student must supply his own blankets. There is a charge of 75 cents.

Fraternity Elects

Franklin Mohney was named president at a recent election held by Pi Kappa Phi. Other officers are David Wilson, treasurer; William Quay, secretary; Richard Guhl, historian; Donald Heiny, warden; Kenneth Reese, chaplain.

New initiates are Allan Baker, Chet Christensen, Fred Herold, George Herold and Kenneth Reese.

In 1859 each student was required to work three hours daily on the farm, except on Saturdays and Sundays.

Penn's Cave Outing

A bus trip to Penn's Cave has been arranged by the Summer Sessions office for Saturday afternoon. Anyone wishing to take the trip should register at Student Union before 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Admission to the cave costs $1.20, while the round trip bus fare is 50 cents. Buses will leave Rec Hall at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, returning by 5 p.m.

Alums Plan Weekend

"Penn State is in the exact geographical center of the State — equally inaccessible from every point." It was Prexy Sparks who said that of the College, but this fall's Homecoming Weekend will help change that.

On October 23 there will be a Homecoming Special train of 16 Pullmans coming direct to the campus from both East and West.

Passengers will be picked up at New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Baltimore, Washington, Lancaster, or York, and the trains will come to the College via Bellefonte.

The special will be in State College from Saturday morning until Sunday night. Special ticket rates will include meals on the train, Pullman reservations, use of club car enroute and on the campus, and tickets to the game.

With these plans the Alumni Association hopes to lick the housing problem and swell the crowd here to see the Lions face Michigan State.

Swedlund Talks On Cathode

L. E. Swedlund, senior engineer in cathode ray tube design at the Lancaster plant of RCA, will address the Centre County subsection of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers—Institute of Radio Engineers at the College at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.
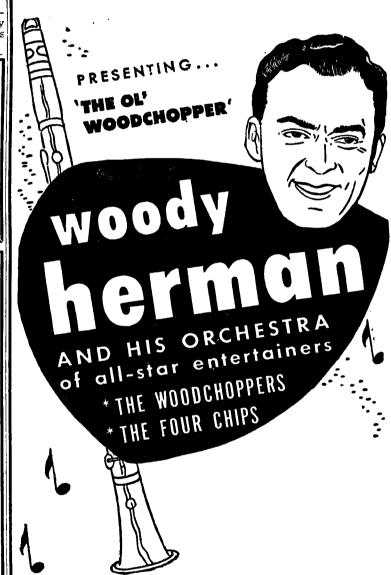
His talk on "A Cathode-Ray Type Flying-Spot Video Signal Generator" in 219 Electrical Engineering will be open to the public.

Mr. Swedlund will describe the new cathode ray tube which has a new and very short persistance screen and its application to the generation of video signals from photographic transparencies, drawings and small scenes by the flying-spot method.

He has had 20 years experience in television and cathode ray tube development. He received his BS degree at the University of Colorado and his MS degree at the California Institute of Technology.

Commencement will be held in Schwab Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. August 7.