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Milton Eisenhower Named New President by Trustees

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Coach Leo Houck, 61, Dies in Lancaster Home

(Special to The Daily Collegian)

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 21—Leo Houck, Penn State's boxing coach for the past 27 years, died at 2:45 this afternoon after an extended illness in his home here.

Death was attributed to cancer. He was 61 years old.

The College, as well as the outside athletic realm, was shocked as the news of Houck's death spread rapidly.

According to his son, Edward, funeral arrangements are incomplete. The tentative date set for the funeral is Wednesday afternoon.

The veteran Houck underwent an abdominal operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster, last August 22, after being taken ill while conducting a boxing clinic at Penn State. He left the hospital about six weeks after the operation and has been in his home ever since.

Two weeks ago his condition took a turn for the worse and he had been listed as "very critical" ever since.

Sympathy Extended

Expressions of sympathy poured into the Houck home from every corner of the world. Houck was one of Lancaster's most respected citizens as well as friend of everyone.

In addition to his wife, Anna, Houck is survived by four sons, Leo Jr., 29; Edward, 27; Thomas, 22; and Joseph, 14, and also three daughters, Mrs. Mary DeFranco, Mrs. Margaret Moyer, and Mrs. Nancy Reinfried.

Leo Houck, for 27 years the Lions' boxing tutor, was more than a coach. He was considered a Penn State tradition for good sportsmanship and clean play.

January 14, the night of this year's opening boxing meet, was officially declared "Leo Houck Night." Students paid tribute to their genial coach and nearly \$900 was collected for the Houck

Fund. Altogether contributions now total close to \$3700.

Boxing Fortunes

Leo's boxing fortunes date back to the early part of this century. He fought his first fight at the age of 14. It was a four-round draw for which he received a silver dollar and a pair of boxing gloves. But that was only the beginning.

From 1902 to 1922 he participated in over 200 fights in every weight division. He fought 12 world champions and although

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Leo Houck

Milholland Tenure Marked By Expansion of College

Postwar construction of residential and school buildings as well as an increase in enrollment were the highlights of James Milholland's administration as acting president of the College.

New residential halls took on the appearance of modern grand hotels. Construction of Simmons Hall, with housing capacity for about 500 women, begun in the Spring of 1947, was completed and the hall opened in September, 1948. McElwain Hall, begun at the same time, opened in September 1949. Cost of the two structures was \$6,000,000.

Building West Dorms

Clearing and excavation for the new men's West Dorms, to house 1343 students, was begun in October, 1948, and the structures gradually took shape during this winter. They are expected to be

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Extra Edition

This is an extra edition of The Daily Collegian.

Readers will find pages 2 and 3 of this issue the same as for the issue this morning. Only pages 1 and 4 could be reprinted in order to have the paper distributed this evening.

Kansas State Head To Take Office July 1

(Special to The Daily Collegian)

HARRISBURG, Jan. 21—James Milholland, president of the College Board of Trustees, tonight announced the selection of Milton Eisenhower as the College's eleventh president.

Eisenhower, president of Kansas State College since 1943, succeeds Dr. Ralph Dorn Hetzel, who died in October, 1947.

Mr. Milholland said Eisenhower was the unanimous choice of the board.

Selection was announced at the close of the annual meeting of the board of trustees today in Harrisburg.

The new president is expected to assume his position by July 1.

Brother of "Ike"

The new president is a brother of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who currently is serving as president of Columbia University.

For more than two years, since the death of Dr. Hetzel Oct. 3, 1947, Mr. Milholland has been serving as acting president of the College.

Statements by him and Wilmer E. Kenworthy, executive secretary to the president, made shortly before today's meeting, said that the question probably would be discussed, and caused speculation at the College as to what action would be taken.

At the same time, Mr. Milholland was reelected as president of the trustees, and George H. Deike of Pittsburgh was renamed as vice-president.

Samuel K. Hostetter, assistant to the president in charge of business and finance, was reelected as treasurer, and Mr. Kenworthy was again chosen as acting secretary of the board, a post usually filled by the president of the College.

Aside from biographical material, little other information on the new president was available this evening.

Who would be in charge of the president's office until Eisenhower takes the post remained problematical. No announcement on the subject was made by the Board, and it was reported that the matter was not discussed.

This may mean that the present system of administration will continue until the end of the Spring semester.

The present administrative system was set up by the executive committee of the Board Oct. 17, 1947, just two weeks after the death of Dr. Hetzel. Milholland

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Presidents Lead Way as College Grows

Delay in naming a president is nothing new to the Pennsylvania State College—it was not until eight months after the College's founding that the first president, Evan Pugh, was named and had arrived in Nittany Valley to take over his duties.

The first president was not merely an executive and an administrator—he also taught classes in agriculture, chemistry and mineralogy, digging into his own pockets for \$500 for laboratory equipment. He came here after three years of study in German universities and two years' work in British laboratories, where he studied agricultural chemistry.

Name Changed

It was President Pugh who had the honor of getting the name of the College changed from the Farmers' High School to the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania in 1862, one year after he had "harvested" his first crop of 11 students under an accelerated three-year course.

In addition to organizing courses and seeking funds from the legislature, he was instrumental in obtaining the first fed-

eral aid for the College under the Morrill Act.

War Year

President Pugh died in 1864—a Civil War year during which there was no graduating class—due to improper treatment following a buggy accident in which he was injured. His death was followed by a period of 17 years in which five men served short terms as president and Prof. James W. McKee, instructor in Greek, served four times as acting president.

William H. Allen, who served two years, was the first of these presidents; in addition to defending the land-grant fund of the College from demands of rival colleges, he was able to exchange the institution's debt for a seven per cent mortgage. He was succeeded by Prof. John Fraser, who enlarged and improved the faculty but also increased the student fees, causing a drop in enrollment. When he resigned after two years because he saw his expansion plans collapsing, the trustees named as his successor Dr. Thomas H. Burrowes, who twice

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Editorial

Over a month ago we likened the College to a big house that was fast being filled with people but that was suffering from lack of a firm structural floor. Today the College secured that floor.

By appointing Milton Eisenhower the College's eleventh president, the Board of Trustees has injected a factor of solidity and firmness and positiveness into the administrative framework of the College. This factor supplants the uncertainty that has plagued the College and many of its facets for the two president-less years since the death of President Ralph Dorn Hetzel.

THE NEW CHIEF—brother of General "Ike" Eisenhower—has his work cut out for him. Difficulties which confront him at the outset of his tenure will be diverse and complex. He must broaden his acquaintances so that they reach not only to the members of his administrative group, but to the growing list of faculty members as well as student leaders.

Along with preliminary adjustments in assuming the job of permanent president of the College, Mr. Eisenhower will

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BULLETIN

Jim Gehrdes, Nittany hurdle star, last night won the Philadelphia Inquirer invitational 50-yard high hurdle race in 0:6.2 seconds. In winning this event, he nipped Harrison Dillard who tied the world mark by taking a semi-final heat in 0:6.1.

Spring Voting Eyed by Lions

The Lion Party will hold its kick-off meeting for the coming Spring elections in 121 Sparks at 7 o'clock tomorrow night, according to Morton Snitzer, clique chairman.

According to clique rules, a person must attend two meetings to become a voting member of the party. The next meeting will not be held until sometime in February, so anyone who wishes to join should attend to have a vote by then.

The party's leading personalities, including All-College President Ted Allen, will be present.