



THIS SCENE will be repeated twice on Monday as the largest class in the history of the College dons cap and gown in double commencement exercises in Recreation Hall.

## Penn State Sports Lose Heavily Via Graduation

Penn State will lose some of its brightest stars via graduation Monday, among them Charles (Chuck) Drazenovich of three-sport fame.

The Brownsville giant will be joined on the job-hunting line by his brother, Joe, who excelled in football and lacrosse, while Chuck was garnering hero's honors in football, boxing and track.

Football, which won 5 and lost 4 in one year under Joe Bedenk, will suffer the most crushing blow, losing stand-outs like the Drazenovichs, Fran Rogel, Bob Hicks, Negley Norton, Don Murray, Ray Hedderick, Bill Luther, Chuck Beatty, Fred Felbaum, Paul Kelly and Jack Storer.

In track, the most severe loss will be Jim Gehrdes, of Altoona, who won both hurdles events in his IC-4A valedictory, while basketball's major losses will be Joe Tocci and Marty Costa. Tocci, Dick Wertz and Al Tkac will be baseball's foremost degree-winners.

Bill Jeffrey's soccer team, only unbeaten team of the 1949-50 sports year, also will lose heavily via graduation as all-Americans Ralph Hosterman and Dick Hannah, plus Ted Lieb, Spence Boyer, George Lawther and Chuck Margolf, pick up their diplomas.

Eastern champion Jim Maurey, of Clearfield, will be the No. 1 loss in wrestling, while Drazenovich, Paul Smith and John Hanby leave three vacancies in boxing. Of lacrosse's many losses, the most severe are Joe Drazenovich and the 1950 co-captains, Bob Louis and Eddie Belfield.

## Dick Wertz Top Lion Hitter As Team Captures 15 of 20

Dick Wertz, captain and first baseman, led his teammates at bat and in the field as Penn State won 15 of 20 games in Joe Bedenk's 20th year at the baseball helm. Wertz batted a resounding .356 while fielding a highly respectable .975.

Al Tkac, ace right-hander who won 6 of 9 starts, was credited with a .364 batting average but appeared at the plate only 33 times as compared with Wertz's 73 appearances. Wertz poled out 26 hits, four more than his nearest competitor, and 14 more than Tkac.

Second baseman Joe Tocci, who

was named to the NCAA District 2 all-star team, amassed a .306 batting average as he topped the runs-batted-in department with 18. Only other player to break into the select circle was Bill Hopper, sophomore outfielder with a .333 batting average.

Jack Kurty, veteran backstop who last year led the batting parade, showed the way to the long hitters with three doubles, two triples and two home runs. Home run honors were shared by Wertz and Hopper with three each as the Lions smashed out 11 doubles, 11 triples and 12 round-trippers. The team batting average was .259.

## '50 Class Valedictorian Twice Left the College

"Fed up with college life," Robert Charles Gerhard, of Palm, twice left the campus, but Monday he'll be graduated by the Pennsylvania State College as valedictorian of a record class of nearly 2270.

In addition to attaining an average of 2.93 out of a possible 3.00 in the curriculum of geology and mineralogy, Gerhard found time to wash dishes, tend furnaces, and numerous other extra-curricular activities.

"I learned I could get along very well on six hours of sleep daily," says Gerhard, "and that gave me ample time for study and also the extra-curricular activities."

That was after Gerhard returned in 1948 from the second break in his college career. Entering Penn State in 1945, Gerhard the following year missed a semester to roam around the Southwest. In 1948, he again interrupted his college work to accept a position

with the Boyertown Burial Casket Company.

### On Dairy Farm

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gerhard, the 22-year-old honor student was reared on a dairy farm and attributes his choice of geology and mineralogy to his work with the soil and his attachment for a collection of minerals one of his high school friends possessed.

In 1945, he was graduated from East Greenville high school, as valedictorian, and he also was editor of the class year book, was

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### Lures For President

Penn State's new president, Milton S. Eisenhower, won't want for trout lures when he fishes Pennsylvania streams. Fly tying students in George Harvey's classes chose 100 of their best products for presentation to the incoming president, who'll assume office July 1.

## Draz Sets New Shotput Mark In '50 Season

### 2 Relay Standards Broken by Trackmen

Penn State's only three-letter athlete, Charles (Chuck) Drazenovich, set a new shot put mark as the 100-yard dash record was equaled and two new relay standards established during the 1950 track and field season.

Drazenovich, who finished his college career in a blaze of glory, heaved the 16-pound shot 50 feet, 1 inch in the IC-4A championships to become the first Penn Stater ever to top 50 feet in this event. A week previously, he had propelled the leaden ball 48 feet, 7 1/4 inches to crack a mark of 13-years standing.

Wilbert Lancaster, Philadelphia sprinter, reeled off a 9.6 hundred in dual competition to equal the mark previously set by Hi Henry, Dick Bartholomew and Barney Ewell. Later in the season, Jim Gehrdes was clocked in 9.5 seconds but the time was disallowed as a record because of a supporting wind.

In the relays, the quartet composed of Gehrdes, Guy Kay, Bill Lockhart and Lancaster set two new marks for future Penn State generations to shoot at. Their time in the mile relay was 3:21.2, while they were clocked at 41.3 seconds in the quarter-mile relay.

## Adams Is Named To Commission

Dr. Clifford R. Adams, professor of psychology at the College, has been named to the Inter-Profession Commission on Marriage and the Family, authorized by the Legal Section of the White House National Conference on Family Life.

The Commission, composed of leaders from 10 professional fields, will study existing marriage, divorce, and family laws, make suggestions on how they should be reformed and unified, and offer recommendations for the establishment, functions, and operation of family courts to handle matters and actions pertaining to family life.

## Size of College Draws Hot Fire Of Class in Poll

With a little space on his hands, James H. Coogan, sports publicity director at the College, asked in a questionnaire sent to all members of his Class of '30 whether they had "any other ideas." These are some of the answers he received:

"I would like to get rid of my cold."

"College is too big now."

"If I had any good ideas, I wouldn't be teaching school."

"Get rid of those trailers on East Campus."

"Let's get that university rating for Penn State."

"Too many students make the College a prime example of mass production in education."

"I'm afraid the College is placing too much emphasis on 'bigness.'"

"Too old for that."

## 4 To Receive Special Honor From College

### Technical Degrees On Monday Agenda

Four alumni of the Pennsylvania State College will be awarded technical degrees at Commencement Exercises to be held at the College Monday.

The technical degrees will be awarded to graduates of the College who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields and who have completed a thesis.

A Wayne Bitner, of 1833 S. 57th St., Philadelphia, research associate in mining engineering at Penn State, and Edgar Weichel, Jr., a native of Scranton, and superintendent of operations, Phosphate Rock Division, Davison Chemical Corp., Bartow, Fla., will receive engineer of mines degrees. Bitner received his bachelor of science and master of science degrees at Penn State and Weichel holds a bachelor of science degree from Penn State.

Kenneth H. Mairs, of Offhand Manor, Middlebridge Rd., South Kingston, R.I., who is assistant professor of chemical engineering at Rhode Island State College, will receive a metallurgical engineer degree. He received his bachelor of science and master of science degrees at Penn State. He is a native of Norristown.

James W. Eckerd, of the Anthracite Institute, Wilkes-Barre, and a native of New Bloomfield, will receive the degree of fuels engineer. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College and received his master of science degree at Penn State. He served on the Penn State faculty from 1941 to 1946.

## Jim Gehrdes Seeks NCAA Track Toga

Long, lean Jim Gehrdes, who scored a smashing double in his IC-4A valedictory, will carry the hopes of Penn State and the East into the national arena next Friday and Saturday when he starts in both hurdles events at the NCAA championships in Minneapolis. The 25-year-old Altoona express also is entered in the 100-yard dash, but expects to concentrate on his timber-topping chores.

Only collegian to defeat Harrison Dillard, once in 1949, and again in 1950, both times indoors, the 150-pound six-footer will write finis to his college career in the University of Minnesota's Memorial Stadium and already has set as his prime objective a victory over Southern Cal's illustrious Dick Attlesley.

Last year, in his only previous NCAA appearance, the Penn State ace trailed Craig Dixon, of U.C.L.A., in both the highs and the lows, and was nipped by Attlesley for second place in the highs. Gehrdes has come a long way in the meantime, however, and currently is believed at the top of his form. His coach, Chick Werner, believes he stands a good chance of winning both events at Minneapolis.

### First Five

Although he also competed in football and basketball as a schoolboy, Gehrdes concentrated on the track sport in college and during the last two years was rated among the nation's first five hurdlers. Withal, he still counts his first victory over Dillard, in the 1949 Knights of Columbus Games in New York, as the top thrill of his career. His second victory over Dillard came this year, at the Philadelphia Inquirer Games.

Gehrdes, who'll be graduated Monday as a physical education major, owns both Penn State records in the hurdles—14.2 in the highs and 22.9 in the lows—although he claims a timing of 14 seconds flat in the highs and 22.7 in the lows. He also owns the indoor IC-4A mark of 7.2 seconds in the 60-yard highs, and the Penn Relays record of 14.3 in the 120-yard high hurdles.

This Spring, the Nittany Lion senior joined his teammates in the sprints, and just missed a new Penn State record of 9.5 in the hundred because of a supporting wind. His coach, who was a former Big Ten champion at the University of Illinois, attributes his success in the hurdles to his speed, rather than to his hurdling form.

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