

Scholastic Society Marks 50th Year at Penn State

Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society in which Penn State has played a significant role, is marking its 50th anniversary at the College this year.

Dr. George W. Atherton, president of the College at the time Phi Kappa Phi was founded in Washington, D. C., in 1897, three years before the Penn State chapter was established, played an instrumental role in the organization of the society.

Current president of the national organization is Dr. Frank D. Kern, who will retire this month as dean of the Graduate School at the College.

The purpose of Dr. Atherton and representatives from the Universities of Maine and Tennessee was to be found an honorary fraternity open to students from all fields of collegiate study. No other honorary society at that time, or now, has had such a broad founding purpose.

Long Speaks

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President Greeted

President Milton S. Eisenhower was warmly greeted by the 250 graduate students, faculty, and guests. Other guests introduced were Mrs. Eisenhower, Mrs. Long, Drs. Frank D. Kern, M. R. Trabue, P. C. Weaver, C. O. Williams, Bruce V. Moore, S. Lewis Land, and Mary Jane Wyland.

Group singing was led by Al Zimmer. A violin solo was given

Trustees --

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Dr. Veon received her degrees

Served at College
Dr. Calhoun received his bachelor of science, master of science, and doctor of philosophy degrees at the College and served on the College staff from 1937 until he went to the University of Oklahoma in 1946.

Dr. Aurand received his degrees from Susquehanna University and Teachers' College, Columbia University, and has been associated with the public schools since 1921. Dr. Buessen graduated from the University of Berlin and is one of the outstanding authorities in the field of silicate chemistry in this country.

Backgrounds
Dr. Veon, received her degrees from the University of Nebraska, George Washington University, and Teachers' College, Columbia University, and has been associated with the Nebraska public schools, the U. S. Housing Authority, and Georgetown University. Einstein received his education at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, University of Michigan, and Columbia University.

by Barbara Thomas, accompanied by Lloyd Mitchell, Toastmaster was Robert A. Mellman.

Electronic Unit Membership Reaches 23

Prospective membership in the new Naval Organized Reserve Electronic Co. 4-2 has reached 23, according to Richard M. Brossman, executive officer.

A minimum of 25 must join before the unit, fundamentally a continuation of Volunteer Electronic Company 4-12, can be established. Of these, four officers or petty officers must be qualified as instructors in either electronics, radio, radar, or sonar. The remainder will be seaman trainees in one of these fields. Men between the ages of 17 and 40, naval veterans or not, are eligible to join.

Reservists joining the new company will be naval reserve class O-1 in drill pay status. Meetings will be continued one night a week for 48 weeks out of each year.

Authority to commence meetings will follow approval of the facilities and membership by the Commandant, Fourth Naval District at Philadelphia.

Persons interested are invited to write to Naval Reserve Electronic Unit, 204, Building E for information. Future meetings will be announced.

Industrial Activity in Pa. Hits Postwar High in June

Industrial activity in Pennsylvania during June reached a new postwar high and the Bureau of Business Research at the College said Saturday that activity probably would continue to gain as the nation embarks on a rearmament program.

The Bureau also noted pronounced gains in living costs, reporting a 3 percent gain from April to May, followed by another 2 percent rise in June. The Bureau expects another increase when July figures are tabulated. Marked price increases included those of meats, eggs, coffee, and bread.

Industrial power sales, bank debits, and new cars and truck sales during June surpassed the all-time records for any one month and new June peaks were reported in steel production. The building industry, in line with the national construction boom, showed exceptional strength with building operations up 57 percent from a year ago.

In spite of the high level of business prosperity and industrial activity in the State during June, factory employment and employee hours were the lowest for the month, except for 1949, since 1940. Employment was down 22 percent from the war peak, indicating a considerable volume of labor exists in case of war expansion by industry.

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