

# Outstanding Seniors

Rose Eifert

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This is the third in a new series of articles concerning prominent senior men and women who have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor at the College.

Though a scientific survey has never been conducted on this subject, it could be safely assumed that Rose Eifert has the biggest dimples on campus. And she never hesitates to brandish them on high school biology students, members of All-College cabinet, judicial offenders, or chapel choir attenders.

Rose was initiated into activities with the bang of a gavel, as president of Leonides. It was the first semester on campus for both her and the new independent women's organization. Leonides has grown a great deal since that time, but its first president asserts that its job won't be done adequately until it reaches all non-sorority girls.

### Serves On Cabinet

As Leonides prexy, Rose gained a seat on cabinet where she served on several committees. "Cabinet is a vital part of student government," said Rose, "but, the progress of meetings is often impeded by too many would-be orators though they are conscientious workers."

Another important seat which Rose has filled is one on Judicial. "This is the fairest way to punish women students," she explained. "You know," Rose continued, "it's amazing I don't have a judicial record myself because of my absent-mindedness. One night I signed out as R. Smith and couldn't find my name when I wanted to sign in. After a frantic search through all the sign-out sheets, I finally recognized my handwriting."

### Holds Offices

Rose also has held positions on the Hat Society council, representing Chimes, and the Honor Societies council. She served as secretary of the Hat group and vice-president of the Honors group. In addition, she was president of the junior board of Pi Lambda Theta, education honorary, was chosen for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and is a member of Mortar Board.

The present political campaigns bring up another interest of Rose's. Her political history started in her sophomore year when she was asked to run for secretary-treasurer of the junior class on the Lion ticket. Though not a winner, she became infected with the political bug and stayed on to help in succeeding campaigns. In her junior year, she was elected Lion party clique secretary, and is now a member of the steering committee. "Politics are a good generator of campus spirit," Rose added.

### Nature Gal, Rose

Like any senior, she is anxiously awaiting June 11 and graduation. So, she is making her last semester as pleasant as possible by taking some non-academic courses—birds, flower arranging, and insects.

Yes, one might say, Rose is a real nature girl. It is this interest which led her to the ambition of teaching secondary biology. She was delighted with her student teaching in York last semester. The students were, too. They showered her with presents—praying mantises, grasshoppers, moths, and a magnificent snapping turtle.

# Physicists Report Inospheric Data

Five members of the Ionosphere Research laboratory will present papers at the International Scientific Radio Union meeting in Washington, D.C., today.

Dr. J. M. Kelso and H. J. Nearhoof will present a paper on "Theoretical and Experimental Investigations of the Polarization of Long-Waves Reflected from the Ionosphere." Dr. J. J. Gibbons and R. J. Nertney will present information on "A Method for Obtaining the Wave Solutions of Ionospherically Reflected Long Radio Waves Including All Variables and their Height Variation."

Dr. A. H. Benner, formerly of the laboratory staff, will present a paper on "The Experimental and Theoretical Study of Ionospheric Absorption at 150 kcs." Dr. A. H. Warnick, director of the laboratory, is chairman of the meeting.



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# Outstanding Negro Gives Recital Sat.

Pearl Primus, termed by critics as one of the most outstanding Negro dancers in America, will present a dance recital Saturday night at 8 o'clock in Schwab auditorium.

Tickets for the program presented by Miss Primus and ten supporting dancers, are on sale at Student Union for \$1.20 each. All seats for the program are reserved. The same program is being presented this week at Princeton, Lehigh, and Carnegie Tech.

Miss Primus, who is completing her doctorate in anthropology at Columbia, has lived and studied in Nigeria, Angola, the Cameroons, Liberia, Senegal and the Belgian Congo in Africa, and is now publishing a book on her travels there.

Miss Primus has been given the Julius Rosenwald fellowship to study dance music in Africa. She has also been awarded the Stat of Africa by the president of Liberia and the Scroll of Honor by the National Council of Negro Women.

She was featured dancer in "Show Boat" and co-starred with Lawrence Tibbett in the Chicago opera production of "The Emperor Jones." Miss Primus was born in Trinidad. Her grandfather, Lassido Jackson, was the head drummer of the island.

# Faculty Meets For Discussion

A meeting open to all faculty members at the College, to discuss "More Effective College Training" will be held today in 217 Willard hall at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will open with a film, "Accent on Learning," which was made at Ohio State university. A panel discussion will follow on the general subject of better teaching.

Dr. Marion R. Trabue, dean of the School of Education, will serve as chairman of the panel.

Other members of the panel will be Dr. George E. Branadew, professor of agricultural economics and chairman of a special seminar in the School of Agriculture, and H. I. Tarpley, professor of electrical engineering and chairman of a special teaching committee in the School of Engineering.

# Authoress To Speak At Forum

Emily Kimbrough, noted lecturer and co-author of the best-seller "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," will be the fourth Community forum speaker of the year tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Schwab auditorium.

Single tickets, priced at \$1, are now on sale at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Season tickets will be honored at the door.

Clayton Schug, forum chairman, announced that Eric Johnston, scheduled to speak on the forum program in January, had given definite word that he would be unable to appear this year. The forum had been negotiating with Johnston, national Economic Stabilization director, since he cancelled his scheduled appearance.

### Cecil Brown Fills Bill

Cecil Brown, well-known author and commentator will take Johnston's place on the forum program, Schug said. Brown will conclude the series on May 3. Schug said persons holding tickets for the Johnston lecture could use them for the Brown appearance.

Miss Kimbrough has been an editor, author, screen writer, and just recently has turned to the lecture field with such success that she almost has made a full-time career out of her cross-country lecture tours.

### A Light and Witty Style

A light, witty style characterizes Miss Kimbrough's lecture approach. Most of her topics are biographical describing unusual events and unique persons she has encountered during her varied career.

She and Cornelia Otis Skinner wrote the highly successful "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." This led to Hollywood when Miss Kimbrough was asked to act as technical advisor for the movie made from the book.

Miss Kimbrough stayed in Hollywood to write "We Followed Our Hearts to Hollywood" and eventually became a scenario writer. Her next book was "How Dear to My Heart," the story of her childhood in Muncie, Ind., where she was born.

"It Gives Me Great Pleasure" was Miss Kimbrough's account of her lecture tour adventures and mishaps. Her current book was "The Innocents From Indiana" was recently on the best seller list.

### First Job with Field's Store

Miss Kimbrough got her first job in the advertising department of the Marshall Field department store in Chicago. She was editor of Field's "Fashions of the Hour" and has frequently appeared on lists of the country's best-dressed women.

Following her stint with the Field store, Miss Kimbrough became fashion editor and then managing editor of Ladies Home Journal. She left the Journal when her literary and lecture careers began to demand so much of her time.

# Seniors To Order Caps And Gowns

Seniors will order caps and gowns according to the following schedule released yesterday by George Donovan, Student Union director.

Agriculture: Mon., April 23, Wed., April 25.

Chemistry and Physics, Physical Education: Thurs., April 26, Sat., April 28.

Engineering: Mon., April 30, Wed., May 2.

Education and Home Ec: Thurs., May 3, Sat., May 5.

Liberal Arts: Mon., May 7, Wed., May 9.

Donovan asked all seniors to know their hat sizes when placing their orders. Seniors graduating in military uniform need not order a cap and gown. Invitations and announcements will also be available at the same time to all seniors at the Student Union desk in Old Main for 10 cents each.

# Faculty Oath Getting Strong Student Veto

Strong student reaction to the proposed faculty loyalty oath has been evident at the three other major Pennsylvania colleges affected.

At the University of Pittsburgh, the Student congress (comparable to the Penn State All-College cabinet) has come out unanimously in opposition to any and all loyalty oaths. The congress passed a resolution "That loyalty oaths not be used as criteria for the hiring, firing, or upgrading of faculty personnel." Copies of the measure are being sent to the state legislature and to all state-supported schools in Pennsylvania.

# Fenske Elected To Honorary

Dr. Merrell R. Fenske, Petroleum Refining Laboratory director and research professor of chemistry and chemical engineering at the College, has been elected honorary member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical and chemical engineering fraternity. The honorary membership citation was based on Dr. Fenske's



Dr. Merrell R. Fenske

extensive publications, research, and patents on distillation, catalysis, extraction, properties and composition of petroleum, and his service and awards for work as consultant and official investigator for various public and armed services agencies.

Dr. Fenske is the fourth Penn State faculty member to receive honorary membership, the others being Dr. Grover C. Chandlee, retired head of the Chemistry department; and Dr. Frank C. Whitmore and Dr. Gilbert C. Pond, both former deans of the School of Chemistry and Physics.

# Council Picks Study Groups

The College Advisory council has appointed a committee to study the permanent organization of the council and a committee to study six areas of academic work at the College, Dr. Corliss Kinney, council secretary, said yesterday.

Members of the permanent organization committee are Dr. Robert Berneuter, Luther Bisey, and Dr. J. S. Rayback who is chairman.

### Six Study Areas

The six areas to be studied and the committee members are:

Faculty load, which includes teaching, research, extension, and administrative loads—Dr. R. E. Larson, Rayback, H. I. Tarpley, Dr. R. L. Weber, Mary Jane Wyland.

Operation costs, including number of courses, duplication, and distribution of funds between instruction, maintenance, administrative, extension and research—C. O. Dossin, Dr. T. C. Kavanagh, Dr. Kinney, Dr. Dorothy Quiggle, and A. H. Reede.

Acceleration—W. O. Gordon, Dr. J. B. Washko, who is chairman.

Promotion—tenure, severances, and emoluments, which includes leaves of absence for those below rank of professor—Paul S. Beaver, E. C. Hishcoff, J. A. Fox, and W. L. Werner, who is chairman.

### College Reorganization

College reorganization—Mr. Bissey, Dr. John H. Ferguson, Dr. T. S. Oakwood, Dr. Ruth L. Pike, and Dr. J. E. Wright.

Quality of achievement by students—Dr. Berneuter, Marguerite Horn, and G. N. Thiel.

Pitt News Blasts Oaths

The Pitt News, Pitt's student paper, has attacked the measure editorially and in a front page editorial cartoon. The two-column cartoon is captioned "Get on the Oath Wagon." It depicts Stalin pointing out at the reader and announcing, "I've signed... Have YOU?"

The News is also supporting a mass letter to the governor protesting hasty passage of the oath bill and urging public hearings. The letter says: "We foresee a fear-ridden faculty here. We foresee students who will investigate communism on their own, a much more dangerous situation than learning it in contrast with democracy in the classroom." The letter does not advocate outright killing of the bill, but wants a public hearing.

Pitt faculty action against the bill is taking shape on two major fronts. A statement, objecting to what it termed the bill's ambiguity, impracticality, trend toward thought control, and peril to free teaching of controversial issues, had received 80 signatures last Tuesday. Nine professors are circulating the statement.

### AAUP Stands Against Bill

Meanwhile, the Pitt chapter of the American Association of University Professors has taken a stand against the state bill. In a five-step program the Pitt AAUP:

1. Endorsed the national AAUP's condemnation of all loyalty oaths; 2. Prepared to send a faculty letter to the House legislative committee, which is studying the bill, requesting hearing on faculty objections to the measure; 3. Sent copies of the protest and endorsement to all Pennsylvania AAUP chapters; 4. Elected a legislative representative to attend any hearings on the bill; and 5. Instructed its loyalty oath committee to speak for the chapter on the bill.

At Temple university, the Temple News is leading an attack on the oath bill. Other student groups campaigning against the oath include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Student senate, the One World league, the Scribblers club, the Thomas Jefferson club, and the Socialist club. They have banded together into the "coordinating committee against Senate bill 27."

### Temple Groups Ask Support

The Temple groups are asking other organizations for support, and are circulating petitions against the oath. More than 600 signatures had been obtained by last Monday. These petitions will be sent to the governor and to House leaders. The News has also protested the oath editorially.

At the University of Pennsylvania, the Students for Democratic Action has sent letters of protest against the oath to the governor and to legislative leaders. The SDA letters call the oath a threat to academic freedom and urge public hearings. The Daily Pennsylvanian, Penn's student paper, has taken no stand on the oath.

# Fehnel Wins First Prize In Contest

Edgar Fehnel, freshman in animal husbandry at the College, won the professional division of the Block and Bridle club's stock judging contest held Saturday. Fehnel gained 354 points in his judging.

First place winner in the amateur division was Ray Clapper. His winning total was 188.8 points. Second place in the professional division went to James Gallagher who totaled 352 points.