

# President Continues Tradition By Accepting Title Of 'Prexy'

When Robert Davis, retiring All-College president, bestowed the title of "Prexy" on President Milton S. Eisenhower during yesterday's Honors Day ceremonies, he revived a Penn State tradition. That title had been officially held by the late Ralph Dorn Hetzel, tenth president of the College.

More than 20 years ago, shortly after Dr. Hetzel arrived at the College, a student delegation went to him at his office and escorted him to the auditorium where he was officially dubbed Prexy in a formal ceremony.

Prexy Hetzel revered that honor until his untimely death on Oct. 3, 1947. Many maintained he liked the name better than any honorary degree he had ever received.

### Prexy To Students

To members of the administration and faculty, he was the president, but to the students he was Prexy. A Collegian editorial appearing on July 1, 1950, the day that Dr. Eisenhower was named president, stated that: "Because Dr. Hetzel . . . regarded students as something more than just pupils going through a four-year production mill, the title of Prexy was bestowed upon him by the students."

While Prexy Hetzel was at the College, he maintained an open door policy, never refusing admission to those who wished to see him. The title indicated the high regard in which students at Penn State held the Prexy, as he sat behind his desk, sleeves rolled up, wearing a green visor.

Dr. John Henry Frizzell, chaplain emeritus of the College, said

of the Prexy, "He was a humble man, a shy man, and from the exigencies of his office, a lonely man. But he had a mission which he saw sharply and clearly, and to the carrying out of that mission he gave himself with singleness of purpose."

### Room Dedicated

Dr. Hetzel was most widely known to the student body as a champion of student government. The College student government room, 204 Old Main, is a memorial to Prexy, who defined college spirit as "absolute and complete loyalty to the highest objectives and ideals of the College."

Now Penn State has a new Prexy.

Dr. Eisenhower has kept Dr. Hetzel's open door policy. He once said that as long as he had the time and the strength to continue he wouldn't refuse anyone who wanted to see him. By not remaining aloof behind closed doors, Dr. Eisenhower has made for better understanding between the student body and the administration.

At Kansas State College, where the students called him "Prexy Milton," there were regrets when

Dr. Eisenhower left. The Kansas City Star commented editorially, "Eisenhower has gained the affection and admiration of alumni and friends throughout the state."

The Topeka Capital said he was a popular president and had been held in high regard both personally and professionally by Kansas educators and citizens.

### Students Pay Tribute

When Dr. Eisenhower departed from Kansas, the students gave him a final tribute. An all-college assembly was held, the college was presented by the students with an Eisenhower portrait, and the President was presented with a carved leather desk set by the student body. He canceled all appointments that day to devote what hours were left to office visits from students.

In replying to an amateur radio message sent to him by students shortly after his selection at Penn State, President Eisenhower said in part, "You are proud of Penn State history and accomplishments. I am immensely proud to have been elected to the presidency of your institution. Our task together is going to be an exciting one . . . Together we shall reach for the stars . . . Very shortly I shall visit the campus . . . We might have a milkshake together."

Dr. Eisenhower has kept the same student relations flourishing that Prexy Hetzel instituted.

# Plans Underway For Horse Show

Final preparations are being made for the second annual horse show which will be presented by the Penn State Riding Club Saturday and Sunday at the campus riding stables.

The main attraction of the show is the Intercollegiate Modified Olympic, a three phase event open to teams of four horses from

any school or college. The first phase of this event consists of general showmanship of horse and rider. Ring jumping makes up the second phase and cross country the third phase.

An added feature of the show will be the Pennsylvania state troopers mounted drill team under the command of Detective Tiffue. They will display six horses in such feats as dressage and high school movements.

Most classes of the show are open to all competition, but a few are open only to intercollegiate riding competition.

### Penn Hall To Compete

The colleges competing in this year's show are Penn Hall, winner of last year's competition, Grier, and Penn State.

Another feature of the competition is the secretary's cup, sponsored by Richard M. Bard, first secretary of the riding club. This event consists of open jumping over ten obstacles.

There will be 30 classes of competition in the show, covering novice, intermediate, and advanced horsemanship, and ponies, stock horses, hunters, jumpers, and parade horses. Ages of contestants range from five, up.

In all jumping events points are subtracted from the contestant's score for any of the following faults: knocking down a barrier, refusing to go over a barrier, or for the fall of horse or rider, or both.

### Awards

A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in all classes except the hunters, for which there will be a trophy and four ribbons each. In the Intercollegiate Modified Olympic three ribbons will be given in each of the three phases.

The judges for the events are Col. and Mrs. Jacob E. Behney, of Valley Forge. Colonel Behney has been a horse trader for the Army for the past 32 years, and has judged many horse shows in the Midwest. He is the senior recognized judge in the American Horse Show Association.

# Prof's To Explain Fall EE Electives

Professors of electrical engineering will explain electrical engineering elective courses which will be offered next year at a meeting of Eta Kappa Nu and the Electrical Engineering Society at 7:30 tonight in 219 Electrical Engineering building.

Juniors in the curriculum have been asked to attend the meeting because the discussion will directly affect them. Harry Schaffer, president of Eta Kappa Nu, and John Stanzione, president of the society, said in a joint statement.

H. I. Tarpley, Electrical Engineering, will also speak on the graduate school. The meeting is open to all students in electrical engineering.

# Dept. Of Highways Fixing Campus Roads

The Pennsylvania Department of Highways is in charge of a resurfacing job on campus roads. The patching, which is usually done two or three times a year, should be finished in several weeks.

Walter Weigand, head of the physical plant department, said the macadam roads of the campus were exceptionally hard hit this winter. Pollock and Burrows roads were damaged the most. Heavy construction trucks caused much of the wear.

ished his selection before entering or leaving the room.

The reading festival is sponsored by the Department of Speech as part of the Combined Arts Festival, which will continue until May 20.

# 4 Students Take Part In Festival

Four students will participate in the Third Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Reading Festival to be held today and tomorrow on campus.

Approximately 45 students from 11 Pennsylvania colleges and universities will interpret selections in the various fields of literature, including drama, poetry, and short stories. Representing the College will be Jim Beaver, Phyllis Brenckman, Regina Friedman, and Ruth Johnson, who were selected on a competitive basis by members of the Department of Speech. Shirley Gallagher will be toastmistress at the informal banquet to be held at the Nittany Lion Inn at 5:30 p.m. today.

### Cottages Opened

Accommodations in the cottages on campus have been offered to house the representatives, who are expected to arrive this morning for registration, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the second floor lounge of Old Main. Dan Wargo, graduate speech student, will have charge of registration.

At 1:45 p.m. today Dr. Robert T. Oliver, head of the Department of Speech, will greet the representatives. The first group of long poem readings will follow. Selections to be presented by the students are Stephen Vincent Benet's "John Brown's Body," Robert Browning's "Fra Lippo Lippi," Robert Frost's "The Death of the Hired Man," Matthew Arnold's "The Forsaken Merman," Edna St. Vincent Millay's "Renaissance," Robert Browning's "Andrea del Sarto," Amy Lowell's "The Day That Was That Day," Dudley Fitts and Robert Fitzgerald's version of "The Antigone of Sophocles," Khalil Gibran's "The Prophet," and Edwin Arlington Robinson's "The Man Against the Sky." William W. Hamilton, assistant and professor of speech, will preside at the afternoon session.

### Evening Session

The evening session of short stories will begin at 8 tonight immediately following the banquet. Readings to be interpreted are Emily Kimbrough's "Those Friends of His," Charles Lamb's "Old China," Paul Gallico's "The Snow Goose," Leo Tolstoy's "The Three Hermits," L. Adams Beck's "The Building of the Taj Mahal," Edgar Allan Poe's "The Black Cat," Fyodor Dostoevski's "The Brothers Karamazov," Irwin Shaw's "The Priest," August Dureleigh's "Goodbye Marjorie," James Reynolds' "The Midnight Spinners," William Saroyan's "A Nice Old-Fashioned Romance," and Ernest Hemingway's "The End of Something." Patricia Hathaway will preside at this group of readings.

### Coffee Hour

Following the short story interpretations Dr. and Mrs. Oliver will hold an informal coffee hour at their home for the official representatives and their faculty advisors. Friday's program will consist of readings of short stories in the morning and dramatic scenes from plays for the concluding session in the afternoon. All sessions will be held in 304 Old Main.

These readings are not in the form of a contest, and no judging or rating is involved. Each session is open to the public. Students who do not have classes during any part of the readings are invited to come and to remain as long as they are able, according to Mrs. Harriett Nesbitt, chairman of the festival committee, but they are requested to wait until a reader has finished his selection before entering or leaving the room.

# Hillel Collects Old Textbooks

A campaign for the collection of books for the Hebrew university is being initiated by the Zionist education committee of the Hillel Foundation.

The committee consists of Martin Primack, chairman, Kay Limer, and Arlene Teitelbaum.

The Hebrew University in Jerusalem is urgently in need of texts in all fields of the sciences and humanities, Rabbi Benjamin Kahn explained. The student population has tremendously increased, and a report was made to the effect that in some courses there is only one copy of a text for 200 students.

All students or faculty members who have texts which they would like to contribute to this project may call 2408, and the books will be picked up, or they may leave them at the Hillel Foundation.

# Cabinet To Meet For First Time

The new All-College Cabinet will meet for the first time at 8 tonight under the new All-College officers.

The recommendation to lower the student interclass finance fee from 75 to 50 cents a semester will be given a second vote. If approved it goes to the College Board of Trustees.

All-College President James Worth, who was installed at Honors Day ceremonies yesterday, will preside and install the new class officers.

The proposed amendment adding business managers to the Board of Publications will be voted on for the third time.

Worth will also appoint a committee for the drink colloquy next fall, a public occasion committee, and a coordinator for the orientation committee now functioning.

# Inkling's First Issue Will Appear May 14

The first issue of Inkling, Penn State literary magazine, is expected to go on sale the week of May 14, Florenz Fenton, managing editor, said yesterday.

The entire book has been put together and is now at the printer's being photographed as part of the offset process which will be used in its publication. The issue will contain 48 pages.

# Cheerleading Tryouts

All second semester freshmen men and women interested in trying out for the cheerleading squad are asked to report at 6:30 tonight on the steps of Old Main.

# Fuel Tech Prof Goes To Peru

A. W. Gauger, professor of fuel technology, will represent the American Chemical Society at the fifth South American Congress on Chemistry in Lima, Peru, starting tomorrow.

Following the congress, Gauger, who also represented the society at the fourth congress in Santiago, Chile, in 1948, will attend the fourth centennial celebration commemorating the National University of San Marcos as a guest of the university and of Peru.

The University of San Marcos is the oldest university in continued existence in the Americas, having been founded in May, 1551, by Friar Tomas de San Martin.

It has faculties of law and political science, medicine, biology, physical and mathematical sciences, arts, history and philosophy, and the economic sciences. In addition, it has institutes of biology and geography, a library, department of physical education, and two museums with outstanding collections.

# Saturday Deadline For Application To Advanced ROTC

Saturday will be the deadline for entrance applications into the advanced course, Air Force ROTC at the College for the year 1951-52, Lt. Col. Jack W. Dieterle, professor of air science and tactics, said yesterday.

Specific information on requirements is available in 8 Armory. General requirements include the following:

Applicant must have four or more semesters remaining before graduation, must meet physical standards, must have completed two years of basic ROTC, or must have served honorably one year or more on active duty with the armed forces of the United States; and must have a satisfactory academic record.

Applicants who will be accepted will be deferred from induction under selective service, he said.

# Twenty More To Give Blood

Twenty more students have been added to the 165 who will donate blood to the Red Cross today.

Among the donors giving blood are Assistant Dean of Women Mary E. Brewer and William Raymond, candidate for AIM presidency.

The blood unit will be open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.; Alan Reece chairman of the blood drive, announced yesterday. The blood mobile is located at the Methodist Church on E. College avenue.

Fifty people will be engaged in operating the bloodmobile, Reece said. They include doctors, nurses, hostesses, refreshment and recruiting personnel, individuals to take down medical histories, and staff aids.

Reece requests that the donors arrive early for their appointments to prevent a lag. He also reminds the students to get excuse slips from their respective deans.

All "O" type blood will be sent to Korea within 72 hours, he said. The remainder will be sent to veterans hospitals.

# Educators Study Ed Co-op Projects

Two educators, representing the Cooperative Project in Educational Administration, are at the College this week to study Penn State's offering in this field.

The men, who will remain on campus until tomorrow are Dr. John K. Norton, director of the Department of School Administration at Teachers College, Columbia University, and chairman of the educational policies commission, and J. Arthur Jarmon, professor of educational administration at the University of Virginia.

The project, sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation, is nationwide and operates through seven college centers in various parts of the country. Penn State is one of the cooperating schools associated with Columbia University in the work and a five-year program of improvement is contemplated.

### PICTURE CORRECTION

The picture of Mrs. Edgar Lee Masters in yesterday's Daily Collegian was incorrectly identified as being Mrs. Harriett Nesbitt.