

# Museum Minerals Make Like Fireflies

By JANIE REBER

One of the most popular exhibits in the Mineral industries museum, the one which all visitors from brownie scouts to grandfathers always want to see, is the Fluorescent Mineral room.

On first entering this room, located on the first floor of the Mineral Industries building, all that can be seen is a number of uninteresting rocks, all of about the same dull color, and all looking

## Library Staff Members Attend Conference Of ALA In Chicago

Ralph W. McComb, College librarian, and six staff members of the College Library are participating in the 75th Anniversary Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago this week. More than 5,000 librarians are expected to attend the annual meeting which will launch a year-long nationwide program to stimulate public study and discussion of "The Heritage of the U. S. A. in Times of Crisis."

A host of meetings dealing with all phases of library work will be conducted by the nine divisions of the ALA. In addition to Mr. McComb, other members of the College library staff taking part in these professional sessions are Mrs. Margaret Spangler, Evelyn Hensel, Mildred Ailman, Janet Dickson, Marjorie Sundin, and Elizabeth Wescott.

## School Teacher Vets Must Attend Main Session For G.I. Rule

Veterans at the College, regularly employed as school teachers must attend the Main Summer Session in order to satisfy the requirements of the law, Richard H. Baker, coordinator of veterans affairs.

The Veterans Administration has further ruled, he said, that any person who has been studying under the G.I. Bill during the regular 1950-51 school year, who plans to teach during the 1951-52 school year and succeeding school years, must enroll in a regular summer session during the Summer of 1951.

It also affects any person who wishes to qualify under the special ruling for teachers.

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# Van Der Hofen Wins Mineral Industries Award

Isaac Van der Hoven, of North Haledon, N.J., a senior in meteorology at the College, has been awarded the Jerome H. Behrann Scholarship Award, Dr. Edward Steidle, dean of the School of Mineral Industries at the College, said.

The award, which amounts to \$100, was established in 1949 to perpetuate the memory of Jerome N. Behrann, of the Class of 1948, and is awarded to a graduating senior in the School of Mineral Industries.

Born in Rotterdam, Holland, Van der Hoven and his parents came to this country in 1927. He explained today that his parents decided to come to the United States "mainly for the purpose of providing a better education for their children, something which was not available in Europe to people of moderate means."

Graduating from Hawthorne, N.J. high school as valedictorian of his class, Van der Hoven enrolled at Newark College of Engineering in 1941 and two years later was called to active duty with the Air Force and sent to the University of Iowa for pre-meteorological training. He served in this country and in Europe with the Air Force.

Returning to civilian life, the engineering studies and then de-28-year-old veteran renewed his mind to return to work in meteorology. He enrolled at Penn State in 1949 and on Monday, June 11, will receive his bachelor of science degree in meteorology with honors. He also was chosen as student marshal for the School of Mineral Industries.

Check up on that campus rumor. The Summer Collegian will have the full story.

# Keep Your Eye On The Old Folks!

Many of our ideas about old folks today are just old-fashioned. Dr. William M. Smith Jr., professor of family relationships at the College, cites opinions of many people about aging and the aged and says that research studies are proving many of them to be false.

Chances are that grandpa and grandma don't want to spend their declining years on a front porch rocking chair, as many people believe, but if they live with younger folks, they may find little

to do to make themselves useful. They are being replaced by the baby-sitter and with smaller houses there's little choice but a rocking chair on the front porch.

### No More 'Old Age'

Old age can no longer be considered a separate, static period of life, but the years of maturity extend over several decades during which the individual undergoes continuous change, according to Dr. Smith.

The idea that older persons lose their ability to learn and to work is also a fallacy, Dr. Smith says, and he adds that people do not age intellectually, emotionally, and psychologically at the same

rate and that chronological age is not the best index of any aspect of aging. We accept that idea at the childhood level but we don't yet realize that the range of variation in a group of 70-year-olds is far greater than in a group of 7-year-olds.

### Oldsters' Capable

Dr. Smith points out that while many retirement systems are based on specific age, many men and women would prove very capable employees for years beyond this age, while there are others who should have retired years earlier.

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