

523 Get Degrees At Graduation

Free Enterprise In Ideas Needed, Commager Says

A society that is to survive and prosper must preserve and encourage, above all else, free enterprise in ideas—in science, scholarship, politics, economics—Dr. Henry Steele Commager told more than 500 mid-year graduates in Recreation Hall last Tuesday.

"Freedom is not the product of a particular economic system; rather our economic system is the product of freedom," the noted historian and author said.

Commager was the principal speaker at commencement exercises during which President Milton S. Eisenhower conferred degrees upon 523 graduates.

"Every day, every hour," Commager charged, "our ears are assailed and our minds confused by words from which meaning has been drained—words like 'appeasement,' or 'left-wing,' or 'regimentation,' or 'socialism,' or 'private enterprise,' or 'subversion,' or 'isolationist,' or 'interventionist'."

These words are rarely used to clarify meanings, but rather to confuse them, he said. They are used as epithets and weapons, and we delude ourselves to believe "that if we have succeeded in putting a name to something we have solved a problem," he added.

This habit of falling back on epithets is intellectual self-indulgence and will end in intellectual bankruptcy, Commager pointed out.

"Asserting that the concept of free enterprise is widely, if not generally misunderstood, Commager said the real meaning and significance and function of free enterprise is in the intellectual and moral realm.

"We must," he urged, "insist upon freedom for scholarship and science, because society wants to be secure and prosperous and progressive—to discover truth."

Fire Causes \$100 Damage To Frat House

One hundred dollars damage caused by a fire of undetermined origin was reported at the Phi Sigma Delta fraternity annex on S. Pugh street Saturday afternoon.

The two-story frame house was unoccupied at the time. Eight members of the fraternity live there.

Firemen said the fire started in a corner near the ceiling of a downstairs room, but the cause is unknown. Since none of the students had been in the house in the four hours before the fire was discovered, Fire Marshal Bruce Homan expressed doubt that a cigarette could have started the blaze.

A fire at Lambda Chi Alpha, on Jan. 24, caused no damage. At about 2:30 a.m. fraternity members saw flames shooting out of the chimney, and called the fire department. The fire was extinguished in about fifteen minutes.

Hort Parking Lot Action Postponed

Action on the proposed Hort Woods parking lot has been postponed until the March meeting of the Board of Trustees, Walter W. Trainer, physical plant, said yesterday.

The proposal, would establish a 181 car lot along the fringe of Hort Woods by Beaver Field, between Curtin road and Park avenue. Trainer said at that time the lot would occupy one sixth of the woods, but would necessitate removing only 13 "good risk" trees. The proposal was approved last month by the Agriculture Student Council.

Trainer said the plan was to be presented to the trustees at the January meeting but was then postponed until the March meeting. He said President Milton S. Eisenhower will consider the plan before it is presented to the trustees.

25 Are Graduated With Honors; 20 Get Commissions

Twenty-five students received their bachelor degrees with honors at commencement exercises last Tuesday in Recreation Hall.

In all 523 degrees were conferred by the College, 129 of them advanced degrees and 28 of them doctorates.

More than 400 of the 523 graduates were men. Of the graduates, 140 are veterans of World War II.

Twenty received with their degrees regular or reserve commissions in the armed forces. Commissions are awarded to students who have completed a four-year Reserve Officers Training program.

2.4 Average Needed
To be graduated with honors a student must have at least a 2.4 All-College average. Those graduated with honors were:

Gayle Baker, BS in education; John Blausler, BS in industrial engineering; Willard Conrad, BA in labor management; Emma Ann Evans, BA in arts and letters; Arlene Fox, BA in education; Henry Gardner, BS in industrial engineering; Harold Hawk, BS in dairy husbandry.

Gay Hill, BS in music education; Edward S. Howey, BS in electrical engineering; John Hrivnak, BS in industrial engineering; Edward Kotchi, BS in vocational industrial engineering; and Dolores Lipkowitz, BS in psychology.

Charles Mann, Jr., BA in education; Susan Neuhauser, BA in education; Barbara Pintar, BS in education; Lois Pulver, BA in arts and letters; Nancy Saylor, BS in home economics; Arnold Schilk, BA in commerce.

Receive Commissions
Robert Schultz, BS in hotel administration; Frank Shaheen, BA in commerce; Alfred Speers, BS in agronomy; Milton Underwood, BS in physics; Dean Unger, BS in physics; and Charlotte Zislin, BS in zoology and entomology.

Graduates receiving reserve or regular commissions in the armed forces were:

Andrew Adelman, 2d Lt., U. S. Marine Corps; Stewart Brosius, 2d Lt., U. S. Air Force Reserve; John Brown, Ensign, U. S. Navy Reserve; Joseph Burlew, Ensign, U. S. Navy Reserve; Donald Gibble, Ensign, U. S. Navy Reserve; John Hrivnak, Ensign, U. S. Navy Reserve; James Huber, Ensign, U. S. Navy; John Hull, Jr., 2d Lt., U. S. Air Force Reserve; Roderic Ingleright, 2d Lt., U. S. Army Reserve; and William Johnson, 2d Lt., U. S. Air Force Reserve.

Robert Katz, 2d Lt., U. S. Air Force Reserve; Richard Klingaman, 2d Lt., U. S. Air Force Reserve; Albert Kovar, Ensign, U. S. Navy Reserve; Thomas Mackin. (Continued on page thirteen)

English Couple Say Goodbye To Scene of Their Reunion

By BETTIE LOUX

With only two weeks of their month together left, Derek Turnbull and his English fiancee, Gladys Robson, reluctantly said goodbye Sunday afternoon to State College and Delta Chi fraternity, the scene of their storybook reunion.

They will be "popping in again" to see their friends, Turnbull said, for at least one day before Miss Robson sails for England on the Ile de France, scheduled to leave New York Feb. 15.

During the next two weeks Turnbull will be in Ebsensburg to study American mining techniques first-hand. Miss Robson will stay with friends near there before she goes back to work at her government post in England which is being held open for her.

TV Changes Facts

The couple went to New York Jan. 24 with two Delta Chis, Paul Bossart and John Nypaver, to appear on the television show, "We the People." To add to the authenticity they took along some fraternity pennants for props. At the first rehearsal they found to their surprise, that the NBC scriptwriters had slightly altered the facts to make a more integrated, coincidental story. The skit opened with Bossart and Nypaver playing table-tennis in the "basement" of the house. A professional actor playing one of the brothers then stepped in and narrated the story with what the scriptwriters thought was the best in college slang. Turnbull was shown accepting a blind date "for the good of the house" and then discovering his fiancee on the night of the dance.

Wonderful Experience

Turnbull said that people familiar with the story did not care for the television production as much as those who did not know anything about it.

Although Miss Robson is quite interested in dramatics and has appeared in amateur productions in England, she said she was "simply terrified." Turnbull finds that he does not enjoy television as much as he used to because it seems much less realistic to him. He cannot stop thinking that the scenery has only two sides and that three or four cameras are focusing on the actors, he said. Aside from this, however, they agree that it was a wonderful, if nerve-wracking, experience.

Visit to Washington

Between rehearsals and for two days after the program they became acquainted with New York City. High spots were the shops on Fifth Avenue, Times Square at night, and the view from the Empire State Building. Turnbull was disappointed that they could go on only two sides of the observation platform, as part of it was roped off because of high winds.

Before going to New York, the couple spent a few days in Washington, D.C. While chatting at the British embassy over a cup of tea, they were surprised to find that the embassy is keeping a file on them with clippings from both American and British newspapers.

Spring Semester Fees Due February 21, 22

Fee payments for the spring semester will be due Feb. 21 and 22 in the basement of Willard Hall, David C. Hogan, bursar, has announced.

Fees will be listed by matriculation number on boards on the one side of the room. Hogan asked students to facilitate fee-paying by checking the list to see the amount of fees and making out checks before getting into line.

There will be no alphabetical order for fee payment. Students may pay fees any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on either day.

Students who pay their fees late will be charged an additional \$5 late payment fee.

4 Contracts Received For Research

Approval of four new contracts, establishing research grants at the College, was announced yesterday by President Milton S. Eisenhower.

The Stackpole Carbon Co., St. Marys, has provided a research grant to the School of Mineral Industries in the amount of \$16,000 for a study of ferrites.

Ferrites are a ceramic product employed in electronic circuits. Dr. E. C. Henry, professor and chief of the division of ceramics, who will direct the work, explained.

Feed Study

Under a grant of \$8,000 from the National Biscuit Co., a study of bakery by-products, particularly bread crumbs from slicing machines, will be conducted.

Dr. R. C. Miller, professor of agricultural and biological chemistry, and Dr. A. L. Bortree, professor of veterinary science, will direct the studies of possible harmful effects that may result from the use of by-products in livestock feed.

Another grant in the School of Agriculture was made by the American Dairy Association which has provided \$1,400 for work on selling and merchandising techniques in the dairy industry. The work will be directed by Dr. C. W. Pierce, professor of agricultural economics.

Fellowship Continued

A project on static and dynamic creep properties of plastics has been supported by the Research Corporation, which established a Frederick Gardner Cottrell grant in the amount of \$2400. Dr. Joseph Marin, professor of engineering mechanics and research professor (Continued on page thirteen)

Campus Confuses Frosh



TWO FIRST SEMESTER freshmen, Christine Lewis and Marcia McGoey, find that a map of the campus helps solve the confusion of the first day of classes. The failure of women's dress customs to arrive at the BX in the TUB created another situation that had many freshmen women running around in circles. —Photo by Austin

Bowling Rates Are Unchanged

Bowling prices for students enrolled in bowling as a part of their physical education instruction will remain at 15 cents a line, at least temporarily, P. H. Gentzel, owner of the Dux Club alleys, said yesterday.

"I would rather operate at a loss than give the students trouble," Gentzel said.

Regular bowling prices were upped to 27 cents late last year in anticipation of higher taxes and it had been believed that student bowling prices would be raised also.

The cost of bowling for physical education classes will not be raised unless the tax millage yet to be set by the county board of commissioners makes operations impractical, Gentzel said.

An assessment increase on the property of which the Dux Club forms a major part was levied last fall by C. Otis Cromer, State College assessor. The increase was subsequently reduced by the county appeal board from \$1500 to \$1000.

If the millage rate for 1952 is retained the increase will represent \$62 in additional taxes this year.

Over 300 Students Hear Prexy

More than 300 new students heard President Milton S. Eisenhower give information on how to get the most out of college, when he welcomed them Wednesday night in Schwab Auditorium.

The President told the students that college is unlike high school in that there are no parents to prompt them and each student is responsible for getting his own education. He said that the College can only help them to learn by providing good teachers and facilities.

In pointing out that two hours should be spent in preparation for each hour of class work, President Eisenhower said, "If you will regularly prepare for every single class, you will do acceptable work."

Advises Good Contact

The President also told the group, which included more than 100 freshmen, that no one at Penn State wants to see a student fail.

"The taxpayers of Pennsylvania, who are paying for a major part of your education, asks only that you consider your experience here a real opportunity and privilege," the President said. He said the best way to show appreciation is to do acceptable college work and have praiseworthy conduct.

Outlines 5 Values

The five values of higher education as outlined by the President include technical or professional competence involving specialization to provide a better life and means to make a better living; development of logic and clarity in communication; development of a broad understanding in fields of knowledge outside the student's field of specialization; achievement of wisdom and sound judgment; and development of a deep and fighting commitment to the democratic way of life and all of the basic principles of democracy.

The President said that the military advantage of the United States is not in numbers, but in a well-educated and highly-trained people.

George Places 4th In Speaking Match

Clair George placed fourth in an extemporaneous speaking tournament held at Johns Hopkins University last weekend. Forty-six speakers were entered in the contest.

Each contestant drew three topics 15 minutes before he was to speak, and then prepared a five minute talk on one. George's first topic was "Is Death Preferable To Dishonor?" In the finals, in which eight persons took part, he spoke on "Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished."

In the debating contests, George and his teammate, David Lewis, won two matches and lost four. The team defeated the University of Washington and Fordham University, and lost to Notre Dame, Lehigh University, West Point, and Georgetown University.

Draft Registrants

All students who have registered with their Selective Service board should report to the Registrar's office, Willard Hall, and make application for their scholastic rank to be sent to their local board if they have not done so, A. W. Stewart, assistant registrar, announced yesterday.