

Groff Will Get Alumnus Award

G. Weidman Groff, a man very active in the Penn State-in-China movement, has been named to receive one of the College's 1953 Distinguished Alumnus Awards.

He and two other members of the Class of 1907 were named by President Milton S. Eisenhower to receive three of the five awards to be presented at the Honors Day program at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Schwab Auditorium.

Affectionately called "Daddy" Groff, he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in horticulture from the College. He has been instrumental in the introduction and teaching of improved agricultural methods in China.

Groff pioneered in the idea of agricultural missions under Christian auspices and in 1907 became the first agricultural missionary to China. He was assigned to Canton Christian College, which later became Lingnan University, known here as Penn State-in-China.

Donations Aid Project

With the aid of the staff, students, and alumni, he served both Lingnan University and the College, advocating a reciprocal exchange of cultural ideas in which the United States contributed agricultural science and techniques of extensive agriculture and received an understanding of China's agricultural methods and the values of her unique cultivated and wild floras.

Some of the aid to the Penn State-in-China work came in past years from College Chapel collections. When the Communists took China, they refused to allow foreign aid to enter the country to support institutions like Lingnan.

Groff, who now lives in Laurel, Fla., still privately sends living American plant materials from Florida and the Caribbean area to Formosa and other island areas of Asia. He is presently preparing a manual on world plant resources for plant exchange, with special emphasis on Chinese plant names and literature.

Stayed During Invasion

While in China, Groff traveled widely, studying plant life in South China, Indochina, Siam, the Philippines, and Malaya. In 1937 he directed a National Geographic expedition into the hill country of northern Kwangsi province to search for a famous, unidentified medicinal plant, the Lo-Hon fruit. He found and collected this plant which was later identified as a new species.

He served as dean of the Lingnan Agricultural College, staffed with Western-trained Chinese and a few staff members from the College and Kansas State, until 1935. He remained at Lingnan throughout the Japanese invasion in an effort to preserve the campus and equipment. He became director of plant exchange in 1935 and moved his base to Florida in 1941.



G. Weidman Groff Distinguished alumnus

700 Men To Take Draft Test

More than 700 students will take the Selective Service College Aptitude Test tomorrow, Dr. Hugh M. Davidson, professor of educational research, has announced.

Students should present their tickets for admission to the instructors of the classes that will be missed, Frank J. Simes, dean of men, has explained. Special excuses will not be issued by the Office of the Dean of Men as has been done previously.

Dr. Davidson said that the number taking the test this time would be the second largest number assigned to the College for the test. The record number of 1008 completed the first test offered May 26, 1951.

Students who received notification to take the test should report between 8 and 8:30 a.m. tomorrow to 121 Sparks, Dr. Davidson said. They will then be assigned to rooms for the test.

The ticket of admission, which will also be used for the excuse from classes missed, must be presented when reporting for the test. It will be taken when the student is admitted for the test. Students should also bring with them one of the forms from their Selective Service local board, on which appears the stamp of the board.

'Honors' to Include Installation, Awards

Installation of the new All-College president, presentation of Distinguished Alumnus awards to five outstanding College alumni, and presentation of scholastic honors will highlight the annual Honors Day program at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Schwab Auditorium.

Speeches will be made by President Milton S. Eisenhower and the newly elected and the retiring All-College presidents.

Balloting for the new All-College president will take place today and tomorrow in the Old Main lounge. He will be installed by John Laubach, retiring president. Laubach will also receive the Ralph Dorn Hetzel Award at the ceremonies.

Distinguished Alumnus awards will be presented to Dr. Cloide E. Brehm, G. Weidman Groff, James A. McCrory, Arthur G. McKee, and Edwin W. Nick.

Top scholastic honors to be awarded include two John W. White fellowships for graduate study, the John W. White medal, 11 Evan Pugh medals, President Sparks medals for improvement in scholarship, and the Alpha Lambda Delta award.

Members of the committee planning the Honors Day program are the three All-College Cabinet officers—John Laubach, James Plyler, and Richard Rostmeyer; the chairman and a representative from Honor Society Council, Dr. Agnes R. McElwee and Dr. Franklin B. Kraus; the chairman of the Senate committee on

Ed Cap, Gown Deadline Today

Today is the last day for graduating seniors in education and physical education to order caps and gowns at the Athletic Store. Deposit for cap and gown is \$5.

Seniors should know their hat size when ordering. Students who expect to graduate in military uniform should not sign up for caps and gowns.

Today is also the last day for education and physical education seniors to order their invitations and announcements at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Graduating seniors in home economics, chemistry and physics, and mineral industries may sign for caps and gowns tomorrow through Saturday.

Scholarships and awards, Dr. Kinsley R. Smith; and the Distinguished Alumnus Award committee, Wilmer E. Kenworthy, C. S. Wyand, H. Ridge Riley; and Louis H. Bell.

'Hill' to Be Site Of Open House, Show Saturday

The Ag Hill Open House will be held in conjunction with the Little International Livestock Show Saturday to give high school students an opportunity to see the facilities of the School of Agriculture.

Addresses will be given during a picnic lunch in Hort Woods. Speakers will be Dr. Russell B. Dickerson, vice dean of the School of Agriculture; Richard Stanley, Agriculture Student Council president; and a representative from the Dean of Men's office.

They will discuss the Ag school, Ag hill activities, and student affairs on campus.

Guided tours will include displays by the Future Farmers of America, the Zoology and Entomology clubs; the Agriculture Economics Club, the Dairy Science Club, the Forestry Society, the Horticulture Club, the Botany Club, and the Rod and Coccus Club.

The Poultry Show, the Little International, a wildlife display in the Agricultural Education Building, and the Agriculture Library will also be included in the tour.

Tours will begin every 15 minutes starting at 10 a.m. from the parking lot next to the Jordan Fertility plots. The last tour before lunch will begin at 11:15 a.m. Two tours will be held after lunch starting at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Eng Council Elects Brobst President

Paul Brobst, sixth semester electrical engineering major, last night was elected president of the Engineering Council for the coming year.

Council also gave its approval to the Recreation Hall seating plan. This plan calls for students to exchange the coupons from their AA books for admission tickets to the scheduled event. On the day of the event, if any tickets remain, they will be thrown open for sale to the general public.

3d Chemistry Lecture To Be Given Tonight

Dr. James Lingane, professor of chemistry at Harvard University, will give the third in a series of five lectures at 7:30 tonight in 119 Osmond. Topic for the lecture is "The Unusual Limiting Current Phenomena."

Chairman for the evening will be Edward Steidle, dean of the School of Mineral Industries. The lectures are sponsored by Phi Lambda Upsilon, chemistry honorary society.

Vet Club Voids Last Election

The Penn State Veterans Club is without officers today after original elections were declared null and void at the club's regular meeting last night.

Parliamentarian Joseph Hanania stated last night that original elections were held with non-members voting, and because an accurate check could not be made, the only course was to declare the elections null and void.

Because a quorum was not present at the meeting last night, nominations for new officers will be conducted next week. The club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday.

The club's trouble started last week when former president Andrew Korim resigned, charging that the organization was founded on "petty motives." Hanania recommended to Vice President Richard Smith that the best action was to declare the elections void and reorganize the club's executive committee. The present officers, exclusive of Korim, will hold their positions temporarily.

Student Council Mixer

The Liberal Arts and Education Student Councils will hold a joint mixer from 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow in the Temporary Union Building, Douglas Schoerke, LA Council president, has announced.

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