

# Completion of HUB Fulfills Old Dream

Less than two years ago a simple ceremony took place across from Osmond Laboratory on Holmes Field—the ground breaking for the construction of the new Hetzel Union Building. Today final touches are being placed on this impressive modern structure which will soon be the focal point for student activities.

The new student union building, long a dream of Penn State students, faculty, and alumni, will honor Ralph Dorn Hetzel, president of the University from 1926 until 1947. The distinguished president was long a champion of student government and did much to encourage its development during his years as "Prexy" at Penn State.

### Replacing 'TUB'

The Hetzel Union Building, or "HUB" as it will probably be called, will indeed be the center of relaxation and entertainment for the student body, replacing the Temporary Union Building or "TUB" located behind the University Hospital on Shortlidge road.

Its functional design of brick, stone, and glass and modern facilities makes it a building unequalled by any other school in the East, according to George L. Donovan, director of associated student activities.

In fact, many other colleges throughout the nation are using the Penn State building as the basis for design of similar buildings.

### Plans Began in 1937

The student-financed union building is being paid for by an assessment of \$10 a semester with the help of faculty contributions and designations from the alumni fund. The long-awaited union building, providing many facilities for the student body, has been in the planning stage since 1937.

Among the countless facilities made available by the HUB will be increased space and offices for many campus organizations such as the Central Promotion Agency, Froth, and Thespians. Special meeting rooms will be used by Leonides, independent women's organization; the Association of Independent Men; Panhellenic Council; Interfraternity Council; and other similar groups.

### BX There, Too

The new student union will also provide improved facilities for the Penn State Book Exchange, now being operated in the TUB.

Probably the most famous of the new building's many features is the spacious ballroom where one entire wall of glass overlooks Mount Nittany and other surrounding mountains. Adjoining the ballroom is a patio which can be used for dancing on warm evenings. With the exception of

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### Student Station

## WDFM Will Start Broadcasts Monday

A significant and long awaited milestone in the history of Penn State was marked less than a year ago when a group of hard working students and their faculty advisers brought student radio Station WDFM into existence.

The new campus station was achieved after three years of training and planning, beginning in 1949, when a group of students and faculty tried to establish such a station. A student organization, the Radio Guild, under the leadership of David R. Mackey, assistant professor of speech and present General Manager of WDFM, gave students the impetus and background for the endeavor.

### Classes Give Funds

As students find in all new ventures of such a wide scope, things were not so smooth at first. However, the dream continued to grow closer to reality, especially when the 1951 Senior Class gift and half of the 1952 gift were earmarked for the station.

Another stroke of luck occurred in 1952 when the University received an FM transmitter from Station WFBG in Altoona, which had dropped FM transmission in order to go into television. Passage of a 25-cent student assessment by All-University Cabinet in 1953 further assisted the group in working toward its goal.

### Students Polled

Before WDFM actually went into existence last December, members of the station took a poll of a large segment of the student body in order to determine the type of radio programs the students wanted.

A program schedule was then drawn up to meet the wishes of the student body in their requests for an emphasis on musical programs and informative broadcasts.

### Starts Sept. 21

Today WDFM presents a wide variety of programs designed to fulfill the wishes of all of its listeners. When regular broadcasts begin Sept. 21, the first day of classes, students will be able to

hear a broad range of musical broadcasts ranging from the liveliest of old and new jazz on "Jazz Moods" to dramatic music from opera and musical comedy on "Marquee Memories."

Besides its wide variety of musical programs, WDFM presents numerous informative and dramatic shows such as "Top Drawer," a program of dating hints and party and fashion news; "Spotlight on State," an informative presentation telling about the setup of the University; and "Third Program," a Sunday evening dramatic show.

Disc jockey shows such as "Semi-Pops" and "Hamburger Stand" are WDFM shows. Campus personalities are brought closer to the students through "Informally Yours" as are University athletes on "Spotlight."

Besides these and many other such shows, the station also broad-

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# Men's Hat Societies Give Honor, Service

Five men's hat societies are on campus to honor men in publications, sports, dramatics, forensics, and student government and politics.

The main functions of the hat societies are to serve to the University and to maintain University traditions.

Members of these hat societies are selected from men who file formal applications for membership. Tapping is done each spring and fall semester.

The hat societies sponsor pep rallies and football dances, usher at athletic contests, entertain visiting speakers and sports teams, and aid in Campus Chest drive collections.

At home games the hatmen line up on Beaver Field to form an honor guard when the football team comes onto the field. The hatmen no longer enforce freshman customs.

### Recognize Students

The hat societies are organized to recognize students outstanding in leadership, scholarship, and service to the University. Applicants are screened on a point system. Points are awarded according to positions held in extracurricular activities.

The highest honor society for senior men is Lion's Paw. A maximum of 18 men are selected on the basis of work and service to the University.

Parmi Nous, senior men's hat society, was founded in 1909 to

honor campus athletes. Membership has been extended to students active in government, dramatics, publications, and forensics.

### Skull and Bones

Skull and Bones, senior hat society, taps men outstanding in athletics, sports managers, class officers, and editors of campus publications. Besides carrying out the regular hat society duties, each year Skull and Bones awards a scholarship to a varsity athlete who has maintained a 1.5 All-University average and contributed to financing the expense of his education. The society was founded in 1913.

Blue Key was organized in 1923 to recognize junior men outstanding in campus activities. Members are tapped in their fourth semester and must have a 1.0 average. First managers in athletics, men in publications, and general activities men are eligible for membership.

Androcles, junior men's hat society, was founded in 1950 to

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