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President Speaks to Graduates

1828 Students Given Degrees At Exercises

By MARY BOLICH, '55

Approximately 25,000 visitors saw degrees conferred upon 1828 candidates during the Centennial commencement exercises at New Beaver Field this morning. Degrees were presented by Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the University.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered the commencement address. The address was broadcast nationally by five major radio networks and television cameramen recorded the event for rebroadcasting. Nearly 70 reporters and photographers and eight teletype and three wire-photo machines covered the exercises for newspapers, radio, and television.

Open Exercises

Following the academic procession, the invocation by the Rev. Luther H. Harshbarger, University chaplain, and the welcome to parents and graduates by Adrian O. Morse, University provost, President Eisenhower was presented an honorary Doctor of Law degree by his brother, Dr. Eisenhower. The doctoral hood was placed on President Eisenhower's shoulders by Morse after Dr. Eisenhower pronounced the citation.

The President is the first non-alumnus to be awarded an honorary doctor's degree. Only two honorary doctorates have been awarded in the past, both Doctor of Science degrees. The President is the first to receive an honorary degree since 1921.

Statue Given to President

In a surprise ceremony, President Eisenhower was presented with a bronze replica of the Nittany Lion as a gift from University alumni. The presentation was made immediately after the President's address by John T. Ryan, president of the Alumni Association.

According to alumni officials, the model is the only bronze replica of the Lion Shrine in existence. It was mounted on a solid marble base and weighed 16½ pounds.

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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER is greeted by his brothers, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the University, and Earl D. Eisenhower, LaGrange, Ill., newspaper publisher, upon his arrival at the Philipsburg airport.

Prexy Hails Bible As Moral Power

By PHYLLIS PROPERT, '55

The only power that ultimately can safeguard the value of the human personality against the ravages of the Communist ideology is the moral power, the kind of belief in man's relationship to his Creator that the Bible proclaims, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the University, said.

Dr. Eisenhower delivered the Baccalaureate address at 2 p.m. yesterday to graduates and their guests in Schwab Auditorium. He discussed the Bible in the terms of the applicability of its message and its revelation to the modern world.

"If we are to cope successfully with Communism's challenge to freedom—if our Judaic-Christian faith is to hold firm and grow in this, its time of testing—then we need to know something about the historic validity and contempor-

ary relevance of the chief instrument of that faith, the Holy Bible," Dr. Eisenhower said.

He reminded the Class of 1955 that he had spoken to them before about the promise that at the heart of America's free system are certain cardinal religious concepts: the intrinsic worth and innate dignity of the individual; the sacredness of the human spirit; the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; and the doctrine of natural rights. This is the set of spiritual concepts that is now being challenged, he said.

The Supreme Court in 1892, after reviewing America's fundamental documents, he said, had stated that this is a religious nation. This decision, he said, was reinforced in 1951 by another ruling which declared that our system of government is predicated upon the belief that men are children of a Supreme Being.

Reviews Bible History

Dr. Eisenhower briefly reviewed the history of the Bible, pointing out that the Bible dates from as early as 1000 B.C. and that at first it was written in only two languages, Hebrew and Greek. However, he said, today the publishing houses of Great Britain and the United States annually print and circulate upwards of two million copies in over 1000 languages and dialects.

The scientific method has perhaps been used more extensively by modern biblical scholarship than any other discipline, he said. With the recent discovery of revealing scrolls, manuscripts, and other archeological records, he said, it is safe to say that no generation in the Christian era knew as much about the Bible as does ours.

Bible Vindicated

He stressed the importance of this new biblical knowledge as a means of strengthening the Judaic-Christian faith. The result of a critical scrutiny of the Bible has been, he said, a thorough vindication of the Bible as an historic record of transcendental value.

Quoting Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, he told the graduates that there are four ways in which to know the Bible. The first way is to know its beauty spots such as its narratives; the second is to (Continued on page four)

Part Played by Education In Atomic Peace Stressed

By DIEHL McKALIP, '55

Two new programs which will be presented to Congress in an effort to contribute to world utilization of nuclear energy and the need for modern higher education to make these plans realities were explained today by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Speaking to the Centennial graduating class of the University, the President said it was his conviction that the two plans were a reflection of the spirit and intent of law and of

the American people concerning the world aspects of atomic power. The plans as presented to the 25,000 guests at the ceremonies were:

"First: We propose to offer research reactors to the people of free nations who can use them effectively for acquisition of the

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skills and understanding essential to peaceful atomic progress. The United States, in the spirit of partnership that moves us, will contribute half the cost. We will also furnish the acquiring nation the nuclear material needed to fuel the reactor.

"Second: Within prudent security considerations, we propose to make available to the peoples of such friendly nations as are prepared to invest their own funds in power reactors, access to and training in the technological processes of construction and operation for peaceful means."

The purpose, the President pointed out, would be to activate creative and inventive abilities latent in the free world and "put them to work for the betterment of the conditions under which men must live." This is an invitation for the pooling of the energies and creative talents of scientists and engineers and industries and governments.

Discussing the part played by the Soviet Union, the President recalled the resolution of the United Nations calling for an in-

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Cornerstone To Be Laid By Brothers

President Dwight D. Eisenhower is expected to join his brother, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, and other members of the Eisenhower and Eakin families for the laying of the cornerstone for the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel at 1 p.m. today.

Joining the two brothers in the cornerstone ceremony will be Dr. Eisenhower's daughter Ruth E., and son Milton S. Jr.; L. R. Eakin of Washington, D.C., father of the late Mrs. Milton S. Eisenhower, and his son L. R. Eakin Jr., of Falls Church, Va.

The Chapel, designed as an all-faith student religious center, was dedicated in Mrs. Eisenhower's name on the University's 100th birthday in February.

Enclosed in the corner stone will be a Roman Catholic missal, Jewish prayer book, New Testament, photograph of Helen Eakin Eisenhower, tape recording of the groundbreaking of the Chapel, program of the groundbreaking ceremony, program for the cornerstone ceremony, booklet—Religion at Penn State, Centennial program on religion, Centennial Chapel schedule, Centennial edition of The Daily Collegian, Cen-

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President's Arrival Follows Set Plans

The arrival of President Dwight D. Eisenhower yesterday put added complications into a day that is annually filled with careful planning and much anxiety. But, as far as is humanly possible, things have run as smoothly as only presidential visits and military campaigns can.

When President Eisenhower reached University Park and was greeted by his brother, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the University, he was following a program laid out carefully in advance. Secret service men had been to the campus several times during the past month to prepare for his visit.

Plans called for him to arrive at the State College air field between 3 and 4 p.m. yesterday in his private two-motored airplane and to be followed by the Washington press corps in other planes. If bad weather had prevented using the local strip, arrangements had been made to use Altoona's Martinsburg Airport, an all-weather field, or to come by automobile.

Route Checked and Timed

Once here, he has followed a course plotted by advisors and secret service agents, which was not only checked for security and directness but timed so it will be

known at any time where the clothes agents keep a constant vigilance.

To handle the presidential party, special communication facilities connecting directly with Washington were installed, including a private, multi-line switchboard. Cars to transport the party were brought to University Park during the past week.

Traffic Congestion Expected

The need for keeping to a strict time-table added to the usual traffic congestion have placed a record number of traffic patrolmen on duty. Authorities report nearly 50 men will be used to direct an expected 6000 cars, including Campus Patrolmen, state police, and men employed to supervise parking areas.

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Leadership Stressed At Commissioning

By DICK McDOWELL, '55

Graduates, commissioned as officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, heard Dr. Howard B. Sprague, professor of agronomy at the University, emphasize the importance of leadership in the military at commissioning ceremonies held at 9 a.m. in Schwab Auditorium today.

Dr. Sprague, acting head of the Senate Committee on Military Instruction, addressed the candidates for commissioning before the oath of office was administered by the commanding officer of each of the services.

"University graduates must not only be leaders in civilian life, but also leaders in the armed services during both peace and war," he said.

He emphasized the importance of military education in the college training of American youth.

'Students Gain Perspective'

"You have gained perspective to our idea of peace with honor, but with out sacrifice of our principles or ideals, and you have witnessed the wisdom and results of a resolute national program.

"You have become acquainted with the national and international program. (Continued on page four)

with the national and international setting in which our country seeks to preserve the freedom for human progress," he said.

Dr. Sprague emphasized the importance of the nation's force of reserve officers, which constitutes 80 per cent of the Armed Forces' officers.

Eisenhower Confers Degrees

The commissions, both regular and reserve, were conferred by Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, as part of the Centennial commencement exercises. They were awarded to graduates who have completed four years of the Reserve Officers Training program.

One hundred and twenty six of the commissions were given in the Air Force, 76 in the Army, 41 in the Navy, and six in the Marine Corps.