

# 1937 Graduate Finds Elections Secrets to Success

By **BARB MARTINO**

The University in 1937 graduated a young mining engineer, Charles W. Stickler, who, as a student, showed little promise of success. But today he is a multi-millionaire.

His secret? An inquisitive mind, an idea, and time.

Stickler springs from an old Welsh mining family, five generations old. His father was a mining superintendent at Hazleton, Charles' boyhood home. With such a background, it seemed the natural step when Charles chose mining engineering as a career.

He came to the University and attended lectures, but he didn't take notes. Instead, he spent his time pondering over unrelated problems. He was not a professor's "dream" student.

After graduation he went to work in the coal fields where his biggest problem was to prevent leakage and seepage in the mines. He knew the solution was soil solidification, but he did not have time to perfect the process. World War II had started.

### Patented Ideas

By the end of the war, Stickler had married, started a family, and patented some of his ideas. He settled down in Reading, where he and his wife experimented, perfected, and worked on his soil solidification formula. They had little money, but Stickler refused to sell his idea.

Finally, in 1951, Stickler borrowed \$2500 and started his own business in a two-car garage. He had a hard time selling the unheard-of-idea of soil solidification; but, once sold, it was an immediate success.

The idea itself is quite simple: chemicals are pumped into the earth and bind the soil particles into an ever-hardening mass. It was the development of the chemical formula which took Stickler's time and talent.

### Includes 320 Scientists

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build swimming pools, dispose of atomic wastes, build underground storage reservoirs, and test products through the company's American Testing Laboratories in Lancaster.

One job called for firming the ground for an airplane runway, and to complete it the workers had to drill into a dog cemetery and solidify the cogs.

### Located Near Reading

Headquarters for Stickler's \$10,000,000 business is on the Stickler 130-acre estate, located in a small green valley a few miles north of Reading. When the Stickler business outgrew the two-car garage, the estate was purchased with the intention of starting an orphanage there, and using only one of the buildings for the business. The business has grown to such proportions, however, that today the idea of an orphanage has been temporarily sidelined.

The Sticklers live in a white-pillared house which dates back to 1777. Included in the country club surroundings of their estate, is a swimming pool for their four children. Today Stickler has 30 patents, and is still working on new ideas. He has slowed his pace though, and enjoys fishing, photography and his family, when not involved with what may be the fastest growing business in the country.

### Interlandia Folk Group

The Interlandia Folk Dancers will hold Interlandia Night, their last dance of the year, from 7 to 10:30 tonight in the Hetzel Union ballroom.

Interlandia has sponsored seven nationality folk dances during the semester.

(Continued from page one) would leave voting places to be determined by the Elections Committee, Beidler said it would leave the way open for future decentralized voting at the discretion of the committee. Beidler said he favored decentralized voting, adding, "If you want students to participate in anything, you have to cram it down their throats."

**Clarifies All-University Posts**  
Cabinet also passed amendments clarifying the eligibility of candidates for All-University offices, forbidding students from belonging to more than one party at a time, and mandating the Elections Committee to give notice to clique chairmen immediately following decisions on voting hours and dates.

The eligibility amendments specified candidates for All-University offices must have a 2.3 All-University average, and be a sixth semester student.

In the same eligibility clause, Cabinet approved a recommendation from Beidler to insert a paragraph stating the fraternity-independent ratio for All-University offices and junior and senior class presidencies shall alternate from year to year, and if political parties cannot agree on the affiliation of a certain candidate, the decision shall be determined by a coin flip.

**No Present Rotation Plan**  
The present rule specifies three of five offices may be held by either independent men or fraternity men, but doesn't provide a rotation plan.

Despite protests by All-University secretary-treasurer Leonard Richards, a motion by Daniel Land, Interfraternity Council president, was passed preventing a student from belonging to, holding an office in, or holding an elected position in more than one party at one time. Richards called the change "a definite restriction on political freedom."

Quickly running through the remainder of the code, Cabinet made four minor changes.

The first change raised the campaign fund limit for spring elections from \$300 to \$400.

Cabinet then changed the word "spirit" to "intent" in the code

article dealing with violations. The new clause gives the committee the right to act upon any campaign method which it considers to be a violation of the intent of the Election Code.

A clause classifying students to which the code applied was made into a separate article by unanimous Cabinet approval.

In its last piece of legislation, Cabinet approved a motion by William Clark, All-University vice president, changing the method of amendment to the code. The amendment makes it necessary for Cabinet to approve by majority vote all proposed code amendments excluding Elections Committee approval. Previously the code said the committee must approve all amendments by a two-thirds vote before Cabinet approval was needed.

### Speakers to Present Conference Highlights

A meeting to present the highlights of the White House Conference on education will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow in 121 Sparks.

Speakers will include Dr. Grace M. Henderson, dean of the College of Home Economics; Lawrence Dennis, University provost; Dr. Roy C. Buck, associate professor of rural sociology; and State Senator Jo Hays of Clearfield and Centre Counties.

### AP Reporter to Speak

Richard Hoenig, a reporter for the Associated Press, Harrisburg bureau, will address the Journalism Forum at 11 a.m. Monday in 121 Sparks.

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