

Poetry, Sculpture, Magazines Created by Versatile Gruccis

The bronze bust of Fred Lewis Pattee which stands in the library foyer and "Pivot," the student poetry magazine, are two of the many products of a versatile University professor and his talented sculptor-wife.

Joseph Grucci, associate professor of English composition, directs the poetry workshop. His wife, Sibyl Barsky Grucci, is the creator of the bronze Pattee bust in the library.

The sculptress, commissioned last year by the class of 1911, did several versions before the finished bust was unveiled last November. It is one and one-half times life-size and is mounted on a block of granite brought from Dr. Pattee's native New England.

Mrs. Grucci works mainly in materials such as wood, stone, marble and bronze. Much of her sculpture has been privately commissioned for homes and offices in Pittsburgh, Boston and Connecticut and has won a first prize and several honorable mentions.

Talks on 'Pivot'

The Gruccis' small, Foster Ave. apartment is filled with sculpture, paintings and books—many of which are the personal work of the couple. Here Grucci does most of his writing, but Mrs. Grucci has set up a workshop for large wood and stone work in an unused one-room schoolhouse three miles out of town.

It is much easier to get Grucci to talk about "Pivot" than about his latest book of poetry, "Time of Hawks." The book could be termed, he says, as poetry for an atomic age, for it is concerned with an era in which emotion is threatened with extinction.

He feels that even the dangers of an atomic age may have their good aspect. "With so much to fear," he says, "writers are becoming less afraid to express themselves."

Conducts Workshop

Grucci has been a professor of English for the past seven years and conducts the poetry workshop, Composition 13. "Pivot," the workshop publication, has the rare distinction of paying its own way since sales have been sufficient to cover the production costs.

This year, 13 students are registered in the course. "Pivot," which is published once a year, will come out in the beginning of May.

Before coming to the University, the poet-professor lived in Pittsburgh. He had actually planned to be an accountant, and worked as one until the outbreak of World War II. After his military service, he taught at Pitt for a short time and then came to the University.

Even before the war Grucci had won acclaim as a poet, writing for magazines and publishing two small books of verse, "Lovers on Earth," and "This Autumn, Surely."

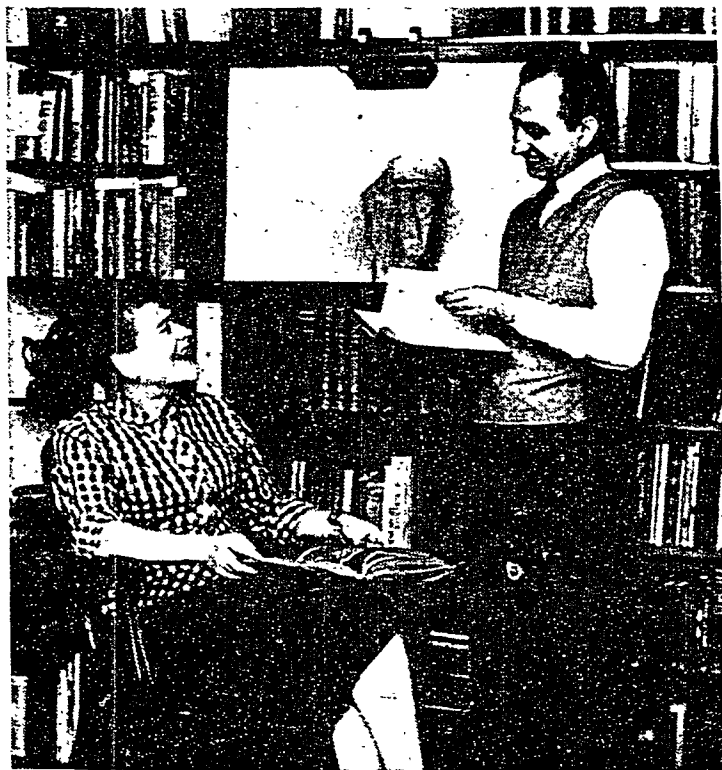
Van Dorn to Head PolySci Society

Everett Van Dorn, junior in arts and letters from Stow, Ohio, has been elected president of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science society.

John Wolff, junior in arts and letters from Avalon, has been elected secretary-treasurer.

The society has initiated thirteen students. They are Lawrence Kowalski, Fredrick Stiff, Patience Griffin, George Wills, Linda Gerber, Robert Nurock, Joetta Laing, Thomas Dye, Frederick Alsen, Benjamin Phillips, James Farganis, Van Dorn and Wolff.

Sidney Brindley, outgoing president, has been named the outstanding graduating senior.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH GRUCCI enjoy reminiscing over two of his volumes of poetry. A figure done by sculptress Mrs. Grucci is in the background.



JOSEPH GRUCCI, the University's poet-professor pauses to examine his work. He does most of his writing in his small Foster Ave. apartment.



MRS. JOSEPH GRUCCI, sculptress who created the Library's Pattee bust, puts the finishing touches on one of her latest projects.

Co-Edits

Officers of Tau Kappa Epsilon are Allan Rayfield, president; Richard Jacobs, vice president; Eugene Rowland, secretary; James Durham, treasurer; Edward Rohm, chaplain; Earl Brosius, pledge master; Eugene DeMark, historian; Frederick Donahoe, sergeant at arms; David James, social chairman; Bruce Mills, rushing chairman and Ronald Gatehouse, corresponding secretary.

Andrew C. Yanoviak has been pledged by Alpha Chi Rho.

Phi Kappa Tau, has initiated Joseph Stecker, John Newlin, Robert Eichenberger, Richard Moody, Joseph Baltusnik, Frank Gansz, Larry Cole, Richard Noll, Robert Parker, Floyd Grimm, Roy Rosenberger, Walter Scott, John Myers.

New pledges of Tau Kappa Epsilon are James Cober, John Hyams, James Shuggart, Stanley Foster and Theodore Haller.

Alpha Omicron Pi has pledged Marilyn Painter and Helen Conomos.

Debaters to Contend For Forensic Title

The men's and women's debate teams will participate this weekend in the Pennsylvania Forensic Debate Championship tournament at Kings College, Wilkes-Barre.

The men's team was chosen several weeks ago in intrasquad competitions. The affirmative team is composed of

Jonathan Plaut, senior in industrial engineering from Rockville, N.Y., and Edward Klevans, senior in electrical engineering from Roaring Spring.

On the negative team are Daniel Fegert, senior in arts and letters from Milwaukee, Wis., and Robert Adams, junior in business administration from Johnstown.

The teams will debate the international debate topic: Resolved: That the United States should discontinue direct economic aid to foreign countries.

Extemporaneous Contest

Plaut will also enter the extemporaneous speaking contest. In this contest, debaters are given the topic, usually a current international problem, and 30 minutes to prepare their speech.

Klevans will enter the oratory contest. Speeches for this competition are prepared in advance.

The women's team, which is entirely separate from the men's, is composed of four women who will enter three competitions.

Affirmative Team

Members of the affirmative team are Phoebe Felk, junior in arts and letters from Ambridge, and Vicki O'Donnell, sophomore in arts and letters from Irwin.

Members of the negative team are Susan Whittington, sophomore in arts and letters from Arlington, Va., and Bonnie Jones, sophomore in education from Baltimore, Md. The two teams will enter the main debate competition.

Felk's Speech

Miss Felk will enter the extemporaneous speaking contest. Miss O'Donnell will compete in the oratory contest, speaking on "Seeds of Destruction."

Last year the University of Pittsburgh won the tournament. The University team was eliminated in the semi-finals by Pitt. About 25 major colleges and universities in the state are competing.

Hodges Given LaVie Post

Phyllis Hodges, junior in bacteriology from Meadville, has been named University editor of the 1957-58 LaVie.

Her name was omitted from a previously-printed list.

Penn is Given Bulk of Estate

The University of Pennsylvania has been bequeathed the bulk of the \$4 million estate of the late Gustave C. Kuemmerle, Philadelphia furniture manufacturer.

Kuemmerle's gift is the largest by an individual in Penn's history. He is an alumnus of the class of 1898.

According to the Associated Press, the will provides personal bequests for a cousin, Robert H. Kraeger of Jenkintown and members of Kuemmerle's household staff.

The remainder is to be used as Penn trustees see fit. Dr. Gaylord P. Harmwell, university president, said the money probably will be used to strengthen the faculty, to make additions to the University's physical plant and to give increased aid to students.

Kuemmerle, who lived in Fort Washington, died March 23.

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