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Tug-of-War Accident Injures 6

15-Foot Platform Toppled By Excited Contestants

Six freshmen were injured—one seriously—when a near-hysterical mob, overjoyed with the freshman victory in the annual Customs Tug-of-War, toppled a 15-foot Blue Band director's stand.

The injured were rushed to the Health Center in the University and Alpha Fire Co. ambulances. One was transferred unconscious to the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte.

Injured were:

Ned Kephart, freshman from Norristown, the most seriously hurt. He is under observation at the Centre County Hospital with head injuries.

Carol Steever, admitted for minor face cuts and an injured left ankle.

William Birchall, released after treatment for a sprained left shoulder.

Susan Wertz, released after treatment for contusion of the chest. She reportedly fell from the stand.

Arlene Tomick, admitted for shock.

Joyce Schaeffer, minor cuts.

The accident occurred about 8:30 p.m. on the golf course, following the Tug-of-War, which signalled the end of the Freshman Customs period.

About 300 freshmen, overjoyed with winning the contest, grabbed the rope and pulled it from the practice field, where the Tug-of-War was held, across the golf course. They were followed by a crowd of about 1000 other students.

The crowd turned in the middle of the course and headed back toward the practice field. The crowd split, running past both sides of the stand.

The rope wound around the stand, toppling it and throwing four students from the platform and three from the ladder. Others were caught between the rope and the stand.

Several students tried to prevent the stand from toppling. The crowd was brought to order almost immediately by cheerleaders and hat society members, who stretched the rope in a circle to protect the injured.

Borough police, who were guarding student passage across North Atherton Street, called the ambulances, which arrived about 20 minutes later.

Witnesses said the tower had been lying on its side at the start of the contest, but was raised by students to get a better view of the event. They said two campus patrolmen were on duty at the site.



—Daily Collegian Photo by George Harrison

VICTORY AND TRAGEDY: Overjoyed freshmen drag the tug-of-war rope across the golf course area (top photograph) before it toppled a 15-foot Blue Band director's stand, injuring six freshmen. One injured student receives first-aid treatment on the scene.

Gov. Faubus Asks For Calmness

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 26 (AP)—Gov. Orval Faubus tonight asked segregation-minded people in Little Rock for a law-abiding calmness in the face of government troop occupancy of Central High School.

Faubus said in an ABC-TV and radio speech: "The federal authorities—including federal troops—are in control. They are handling the situation and there is nothing we can do about it."

"I know that when the American people have had time to think, and to learn more of the facts of this situation they—in their good judgment—will rebuke the national administration for the ill-advised and unwarranted use of federal troops."

The controversial chief executive of Arkansas continued: "School attendance at bayonet point is not compatible with the American way of life."

"Let us go about our normal pursuits in a friendly, peaceful manner, obeying all laws and orders, including those of Gen. Walker and his troops."

"This cross we must bear—but, as the poet said, 'Even this shall pass away'."

The governor's speech was scheduled less than six hours after nine Negro students ended without incident a second day of integration in Central High School.

Phi Ep Fire Ends As Help Arrives

Three fire trucks rushed to the scene of a small fire in the boiler room of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity at noon yesterday when many students were returning from classes.

The fire, confined to the basement, burned itself out before the volunteer firemen arrived.

A faulty oil burner was cited as the cause. Damage was limited to the burner.

Ogontz Center Will Hold Pep Rally, Dance Tonight

Students at the Ogontz Center will sponsor a pep rally and dance tonight at the center's gymnasium on the eve of the Lion-Penn grid contest.

Admission will be 50 cents per couple. Dress will be "casual."

Administration Considers 'Junior-Year-Abroad' Plan

By PAT EVANS
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The possibility of establishing a junior year abroad for University students is under consideration by an administration committee.

The committee, headed by Paul F. Norton, associate professor of fine arts, has released a final report on the proposed program. The report states:

"We feel that a land-grant university such as Penn State would here (through the program) gain a unique opportunity to make new opportunities for education available to just the type of student who most needs them and who has perhaps less chance of financing them for himself."

"Surprisingly enough, the cost survey included in this report will show that the expense of

supporting students in another country is almost exactly the same as supporting them at home."

The survey of costs provides for the setting up of a pilot group of not more than 25 students who would spend a calendar year in orientation and academic work at foreign universities.

Students with an All-University average of 3.0 or above at the end of their fourth semester would be eligible to apply for study abroad. In 1956 about 500 students would have qualified, according to the report.

Plans call for at least 100 students to participate in a permanent program, which would follow the experimental pilot group program.

Following is what the report has to say on coordinating courses and credits with the University's standards:

"In determining recommendations as to the evaluation and granting of credit to students participating in the proposed study abroad program, two objectives must be kept in mind:

• "That the student be assured of receiving a minimum of 30 credits per year. (Fifteen credits a semester.)"

• "That the work taken abroad by the student be of University caliber and contribute toward a definite objective."

Members of the committee which prepared the report are:

Deborah Austin, assistant professor of English literature; Roy C. Bucks, assistant professor of rural sociology; Joseph H. Grosslight, assistant professor of psychology; Robert Reifsnider, associate professor of drama.

Leon Roudiez, assistant professor of romance languages; Amos (Continued on page eight)

Centre Gets University's Largest Gift

The largest single bequest to the University in its 102 years—about three-quarters of a million dollars—was announced yesterday by President Eric A. Walker.

A bequest in the form of cash and securities from the estate of the late Dr. Otto F. Behrend, of Erie, is to be made to Behrend Center in Erie. Behrend is one of the University's 13 off-campus centers.

Behrend was a brother of the late Ernst R. Behrend. Both are widely known as founders of Hammermill Paper Co. The latter's estate on the outskirts of Erie was given to the University in 1948 by his widow. The University immediately established the off-campus center on the 400-acre tract.

Behrend, who died in May, served as chief chemist, treasurer and a member of the board of directors of Hammermill. He is credited with perfecting many of the processes used by the company in its manufacture of paper.

The First National Bank of Erie, executor of the estate, has notified the University that upon fulfilling all the many specific bequests of the will, about \$750,000, principally in securities, remains for the University.

Cold Arrives; Lion Leaves

The Nittany Lion is heading south (by an easterly route.) Sometime tomorrow morning he will arrive in chilly Philly to view the first of nine Penn State football victories.

The crazy cat will leave Central Pennsylvania with a bag full of goodies to escape the first freezing temperatures. Upon arriving in the "big city" he is expected to join in the merriment and visit all the victory parties.

In the meantime, those unable to join our cool jewel will witness general freezing temperatures in the early hours, becoming somewhat milder and cloudy in the afternoon. A low of 35 and a high of 64 is expected.

Players to Hold Party

Players will hold a "certain raiser" party at 8 tonight at Center Stage to acquaint interested students with Players and the theatre.

The program will include door prizes, entertainment and refreshments.

LaVie Photos Scheduled

LaVie pictures for seniors in the College of Agriculture will be taken today, tomorrow and Monday at the Penn State Photo Shop.

Hours for the sittings are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Monday and 9 a.m. to noon tomorrow.

