

Menagerie Befriends Students; Hawks, Foxes Invade Campus

By KATIE DAVIS

If you're walking down the Mall someday and a crow lands on your shoulder, don't worry—he's friendly.

The crow probably is one of Mark Smythe's many "friends." Mark, senior in dairy science from State College, collects wild animals as a hobby and lets some of them wander around the State College area on their own.

So far he has owned five foxes, 16 snakes, a horned grebe, two crows, two sparrow hawks, two barn owls and a pair of experimental chinchillas.

Two of his most entertaining pets are his sparrow hawk, which he calls Alexander the Most, and his often-seen pet crow, Crowbar.

"I myself much prefer to keep wild animals rather than the more common household pets," Mark comments. "Foxes are far more alert than dogs, and crows are much more entertaining than cats," he swears.

Mark's animals usually create a sensation wherever they go and he recently decided to use them in the membership drive of the Outing Club, of which he is president.

Others, too, have asked to borrow his animals for many reasons. He once lent some of his pets to a friend who wished to attract a girl who was apparently interested only in nature and wild life.

Mark has been collecting wild pets for the past 10 years and entered the University as a pre-veterinary student.

As a future vocation, Mark hopes to follow his interest in nature and wild life by working with the motion picture industry making nature films and travelogues.

Mark also enjoys drawing cartoons of animals and sees a possibility in this field.

Mark has some advice to give others who also collect wild animals. He does not believe people should collect wild pets as a novelty and then let them go.

"Animals," Mark says, "come to depend strongly on their human masters and cannot defend themselves after several years of captivity."



—Collegian Photo by Marty Scherr
"Take me to your leader."



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Mark Smythe and feathered friends.

Venezuelan's Views:

Overused Freedom Caused Nixon Riots

By DENNY MALICK

The riots that greeted Vice President Richard M. Nixon on his South American tour in May were "simultaneous mistakes, made by people not educated to democracy," according to a visiting Venezuelan professor.

Dr. Juan Gschwendtner, professor of hydrology at Central University of Venezuela, Caracas, said he thought the uprisings were psychological, rather than political.

"It is easier for people to go from a democracy to a dictatorship," he said, "but it is hard to go from dictatorship to democracy."

Dr. Gschwendtner reasoned that the South Americans, especially in Venezuela, had been suddenly given freedom under a democratic government and they were not trained for it. It gave them a chance to make trouble, he said.

"They were breaking windows and didn't know why," he said, commenting, "they took the freedom too far."

Gschwendtner, a native of Austria, pointed out that the 50 per cent illiteracy in Venezuela spelled the lack of training for a democracy.

"A democracy must be run with trained people," he said, "in contrast to high illiteracy."

"You must have patience with our people," he urged, "for they have been living under pressure for so long."

It is exclusively the job of the professors to bring about the "democratic training," but a shortage of teachers is the big handicap, he added.

Gschwendtner, who studied nuclear physics and engineering here in 1956, is closing out a brief stay on campus. He will leave early next week for Venezuela after stopping in Washington, D.C.

LA Faculty To Discuss Adult Ed

A new education program, designed to provide a variety of courses in liberal arts to interested adults throughout the state, will be explained by Dr. Cyril F. Hager, director of the University Center for Continuing Liberal Arts Education, at the first Liberal Arts faculty meeting at 4:15 p.m. today in 121 Sparks.

The 5-year program includes courses in the social sciences, humanities and fine arts and will cooperate with interested liberal arts and teachers' colleges in various areas of Pennsylvania.

Not a series of lectures or formal class-room sessions, courses are to operate as study-discussion groups with resource persons available to give any necessary assistance. The University will work with a member of each group, training him in discussion leadership.

Dr. Joseph G. Rayback, head of the Department of Labor Education, will explain the resident, research and extension functions of his newly created department.

Town Travel Service To Hold Open House

Penn State Travel Service will hold an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today in its new quarters, Suite 23 in the Metzger Building.

Mrs. Bernice John, manager, said visitors will be shown through the office. She invited students to attend.

New Education Group To Be Formed Tonight

All education students interested in forming a new organization, SEAP, will meet at 7 tonight in the main lounge of Simmons.

This new club, the Student Education Association of Pennsylvania, will replace and try to carry out the functions of the disbanded FTA.

BX Achieves Record Sales

The Book Exchange and the Used Book Agency are having their most profitable season this year.

There were about 13,800 books accepted and 9,400 sold in the UBA. The remaining books are on sale today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Saturday is the last day the UBA will be open.

The success of the BX this year is attributed to the fact that art and engineering supplies are being sold for the first time, said James Meister, chairman of the BX Board of Control.

The UBA will return money for books which have been sold from September 29 to October 20.

Counselors Will Meet

Co-ed freshman Orientation counselors will meet at 10 tonight in Simmons lounge.

Counselors have been asked to bring their counselee's evaluations and their own written evaluations of the Orientation Week program with them.

Engagements

Saxe-North

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Saxe of Effort have announced the engagement of their daughter Jeanette Faye to Mr. Walter L. North Jr. of Havertown.

Miss Saxe is an eighth semester journalism major and is a staff member of The Daily Collegian.

Mr. North was graduated from the University last June from the College of Agriculture and is a member of Delta Theta Sigma fraternity. He is presently employed by Grange League Federation in Bath, New York.

Students May Register

For Draft at Old Main

Male students who have just turned 18 can register for the draft without going home.

They should see Mrs. Sarah E. Case in the dean of men's office, 109 Old Main.

Student Education Association of Pennsylvania (SEAP)
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Simmons Main Lounge

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