

University AAU Membership Increases Academic Prestige

The University's steadily growing academic prestige reached a high peak this year when the University became a member of the Association of American Universities.

In accepting the association's invitation for membership, the University became the second institution in the state recognized by the high academic group. The University of Pennsylvania is the other.

It was the first time since 1943 that new members were invited to the association. Three other schools, Tulane and Purdue Universities and Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, were also invited.

Regarding the new members, the AAU consists of 37 colleges and universities.

In accepting the invitation to the University, Dr. Cornelius W. "Kewick" Kewick, association president, explained:

"The association is composed of institutions on the North American continent, the quality of whose graduate work in certain fields is high and, in addition, whose claims for inclusion are strong either because of general high standing of their program or because of the high standing of one or more of their professional schools."

The association, founded in 1900, had 14 members at its start. Because of its strict requirements, it grew to only 37 members in 50 years with the last three being added in 1949.

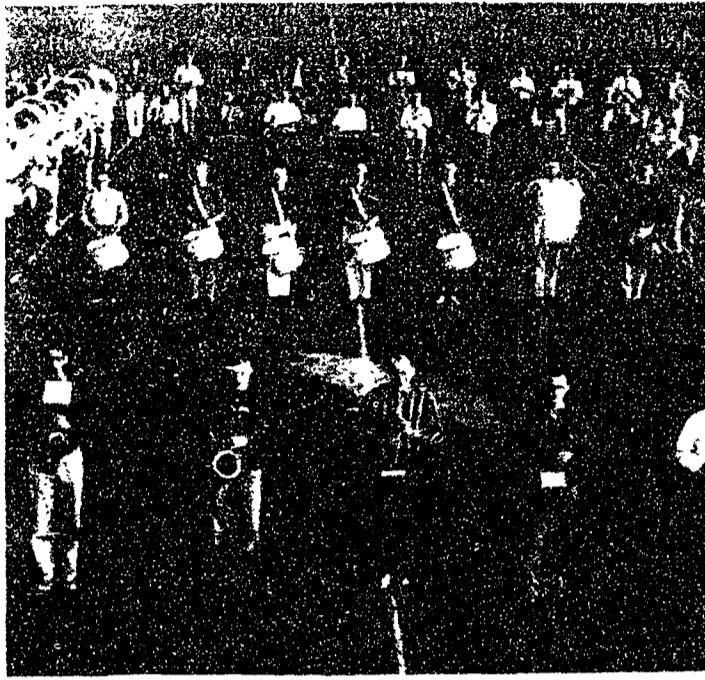
Besides the four new members, the association is composed of Brown University, California Institute of Technology, University of California, University of Chicago, Clark University, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University, Yale, Princeton, Vanderbilt, Washington University at St. Louis, Mo., McGill University, Stanford.

The Universities of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rochester, Texas, Toronto, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin, State University of Iowa, Northwestern, Catholic University of America and Ohio State University.

Public to Tour Hospital Today

An open house will be held at the Ritenour Health Center from 10 a.m. to noon today.

Visitors will be able to see the improved facilities made available with the opening of the east and west wings of the building last year. This is the first time the wings have been open to the general public.



—Collegian Photo by Marty Scherr
BLUE BAND MEMBERS
Twelve minutes of TV

Blue Band to Make Musical TV Survey

By JIM MORAN

"Popular TV Programs" will be the theme of the Penn State Blue Band as it makes its initial appearance on Beaver Field this year at today's Homecoming game against Marquette.

Blue Band Director James W. Dunlop said the 96-member band will march onto the field at halftime and perform a musical salute to the visiting Marquette, whose band will not appear for the game.

Following this, Blue Band will begin its musical survey of television by marching into the formation of an isolation booth and playing the theme of "The \$64,000 Question."

The band will then form the letter Z, the mark of "Zorro," whose theme music they will then present.

"Gunsmoke" is the next program, which will be symbolized by a large blue and white Colt 45 formation with musical background.

From the gun, the Blue Band will swing into the letters MR,

C, representing "The Perry Como Show" with the theme song of the crooner.

An automobile, presumably a Chevrolet, will then materialize and the theme music of "The Chevy Show" will accompany it as it moves down the field. Upon reaching the end of the field, the automobile will reverse itself and proceed back upfield to the theme music of "Highway Patrol."

As a finish to the 12-minute performance, the Blue Band will form the head of a mouse and present a vocal and instrumental rendition of "The Mickey Mouse Club" theme music.

12,800 University Grads Belong To 90-Year-Old Alum Association

Almost 90 years ago—on July 28, 1870—a small group of Penn State graduates met to found the Alumni Association, now composed of about 12,800 paid annual members.

The Alumni Association sponsors and helps in the organization of alumni district clubs. There are now about 70 clubs scattered across the nation and in Puerto Rico. It also keeps a current mailing list through which all alumni receive the Penn Stater, a quarterly newspaper.

Ridge Riley is executive secretary of the Alumni Association.

Members of the association receive a subscription to the Penn State Alumni News, published seven times a year. They also receive a Football Letter mailed after each game. The Alumni News contains feature

stories, articles written by faculty members and news of classmates and the University.



RIDGE RILEY
Alumni Secretary

Membership in the association helps support the University's two big alumni weekends, the Alumni Institute held each June and Homecoming Weekend.

The association sponsored and helped in the organization and operation of the Alumni Fund which was begun in 1953 under Milton Eisenhower, then president of the University. The fund has raised almost \$1,060,000 in its first six years. The money is used for vital University projects.

In 1954, the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Program was set up with the help of the Fund. This program is coordinated by the Alumni Association. This was the first extensive program of aid to incoming freshmen offered at the University.

Life membership in the Alumni Association is \$75 paid in full or \$15 as first of five annual payments for Installment Life membership.

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Three Cheers For the Alums

by Lynn Ward

Those banner-waving, raccoon-coat-wearing alums are back. Three cheers.

The student sees an alum as a free-spending free loader. He storms into the fraternity house as if he owned the place and takes over as if he built it. There is nothing

that aggravates the student as much as having a cigar-smoking alum tell the boys "the way he used to do it in the old days—when fraternity life was really living."

Then too, the student suspiciously eyes the alum as someone who may change his present mode of living—like suggesting that the house cut expenses down by eliminating Saturday night steak dinners.

The administration sees an alum as a potential hundred dollars for the Stone Valley project. The Alumni Association has designed life memberships, husband and wife memberships and installments plan memberships concisely tailored for any excuses, or circumstances.

The alum sees himself as the epitome of success in the business world, a benevolent friend of his alma mater and just a little better than the guy who beat him out for fraternity president back in '37.

A fraternity house holds a cross section of alums and their purposes in returning.

First there is the '08 graduate who hasn't missed a Homecoming since '09. He would rather lose his job than miss Homecoming. And have a pledge or brother forget his name and the house has lost a good source of income.

We must also recognize the alum who comes back with one recollection of his undergraduate days in mind: the parties. He hasn't bothered to get a ticket for today's game because he won't make it.

Next comes the alum who has gotten a little sentimental about his college years since he hasn't kept in contact with his brothers or the house for several decades. He will follow the brothers around this weekend asking questions about people the actives have never heard of. He expects the weekend to catch him up on the intervening years.

Then there's the duty-bound alum who feels he must return for the sake of returning. He generally put a damper on the weekend.

Finally there is the gloater. He wants to make sure none of the brothers in his class has made more of himself after graduation than he has.

Alum Events

TODAY

- 8 a.m.—Alumni registration, Hetzel Union Building lobby
- 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.—Home economics alumni coffee hour, Home Economics living center
- 10 a.m.—Freshman football: Penn State vs. West Va. Soccer: Penn State vs. Syracuse
- 10 a.m.—Beaver Field, Admission \$1
- 10 a.m. to noon—Open house at Ritenour Health Center
- Journalism alumni coffee hour, 9 Carnegie
- Phys Ed alumni coffee hour, 239 Recreation Building
- Exhibit "Remember When," Green Room, Schwab
- 11 a.m.—Dedication of bust of Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks, presented by Class of 1911, Sparks lobby
- 11:30 a.m.—Alumni luncheon, HUB ballroom
- 1:30 p.m.—Varsity Football: Penn State vs. Marquette, Beaver Field
- 4:30 to 8 p.m.—Independent alumni reception, HUB lounge
- 8 p.m.—Alumni cider party, HUB lounge; open all evening
- 8 p.m.—Thespians show "Entertainment U.S.A.," Schwab
- Players show "The Druid Circle," Center Stage
- 9:30 to midnight—Homecoming Dance, HUB ballroom; \$2 a couple

Faculty Art Exhibit Opens Tomorrow

The annual exhibition of works of art by faculty members will open with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. tomorrow in the Hetzel Union gallery.

Eighteen faculty members from the departments of art, architecture, theater arts and art education are represented in the exhibition which will continue through Nov. 7.



—Drawing by Nancy Wigfield