



PREXY PRESENTS AWARD—President Eric A. Walker presents the Milton S. Eisenhower trophy to Cadet Col. William Westgard (center) and Cadet Col. Eric Taylor (right), both members of the Pershing Rifles drill team which won the tri-service meet Sunday at Beaver Field.

Chess Club Asks Official Recognition

The Student Government Association Cabinet last night discussed a proposal that would make the Chess Club a varsity team, having official University recognition.

The bill, which will be presented before Assembly at a later date, was introduced by Eugene Grumer, vice president of the Chess Club.

Grumer listed chess promotion and financial support as factors in seeking recognition. At present, the Chess Club charges its members one dollar dues.

"One away-meet eats up half our money," Grumer said. He pointed out that the universities of Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania subsidize their chess teams.

If granted University recognition the chess team would sponsor intramural chess tournaments and bring famous chess players to the University for exhibitions, along with competing in intercollegiate chess tournaments, Grumer said. He said the club would also conduct chess lessons for beginners.

This year the chess club competed in two tournaments and played three other schools. During Spring Weekend the club took second place in the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Chess Championship, finishing behind Pittsburgh.

Purdue Prof to Speak

Herbert C. Brown, professor of chemistry at Purdue University, will address a joint meeting of the Central Pennsylvania and Susquehanna Valley sections of the American Chemical Society at 8 tonight in 119 Osmond.

Behind Alumni Relations

Clubs, Papers Help Alums Off-Campus

By BOB FRANKLIN
First of a Series

More than 60,000 alumni look to the Alumni Association and the Alumni Fund as the centers of their contact with the University.

The three aspects of alumni relations are the off-campus Alumni Association program; the on-campus headquarters work; and the Alumni Fund.

Mainstays of the off-campus program are:

•The 70 district clubs, actively organized and promoted by the Alumni Association and scattered throughout the nation.

The clubs, 43 of which are in Pennsylvania, are one of the biggest helps to recent graduates in new environments, according to Ross Lehman, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association. For many new alumni they can ease the difficulties of being separated completely from their homes for the first time, he said. And, he said, they can be of particular value in establishing business as well as social contacts.

•The Alumni News, sent to

every member of the Alumni Association. The News, published seven times a year, includes personal items, campus and town news, alumni feature articles and writings of faculty authorities.

•The football letter, edited by Ridge Riley, executive secretary of the Alumni Association. The letter, mailed after each game to members of the association, is quoted widely by newspapermen and sports columnists.

•The Penn Stater, a 4-page newspaper mailed four times a year to all 60,000 alumni, whether or not they are members of the association.

The Alumni Association mails a total of more than 1 million pieces of literature each year.

The association was organized in 1870 as an outgrowth of Harvest Home Week, a spring open house for the college farms. The association was chartered formally in 1874 and alumni seats were provided on the Board of Trustees in 1875.

According to Wayland F. Dunaway, in "History of the Pennsylvania State College," "The Alumni Association has exercised a large influence upon the poli-

cies of the college for many years, not only through the trustees whom it elects but in other ways as well."

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Clark Cites Value Of University Press

By KATIE DAVIS

The prestige of a university increases in proportion to the prestige of the university's press, Thomas D. Clark, visiting distinguished professor of history said yesterday.

Clark spoke at the Faculty Luncheon Club on "The Role of a Press in a University."

The influence of a university press can be a great stimulation on campus, he said. With it a university ceases to be mediocre and shows that it is interested in the scholarly world.

DOC Council Elects Cootes, Hill as Officers

Kent Cootes was elected president of the Division of Counseling Student Council and Kathryn Hill was elected vice president to fill the subsequent vacancy at the meeting of the DOC Council held last night.

An expression of thanks was given to Walter Darran, retiring president, by Kathryn Hill on behalf of the council for the leadership he had given to them in starting and promoting their various activities.

The council also voted to use the keystone as the shape of the council keys. Eligibility for the keys will be decided by attendance.

Neal Fahrer was appointed a committee of one to discuss with DOC administrators the possibility of printing an information sheet for new students. The sheet would include such information as the number of semesters a student may remain in the Division of Counseling; who may be admitted to DOC; and the averages required by each college for admittance.

Darran mentioned that the council would sponsor a social hour for the new freshmen next semester from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16.

It was suggested that the council also hold a meeting for the new students in DOC several weeks after orientation to get them interested in the coming council elections and to answer any questions they might have.

How 'bout That?--

(Continued from page four) guess is as good as yours, by late August or September will be pretty anxious to return to campus. Maybe not for a year of complete study but for many other reasons too.

Maybe three months of study-less-ness may prove to be pretty boring. But at the present time the thought of it keeps most of us going until June.

A university press can be of value, too, as an attraction for new professors. Very few professors fail to be impressed with the knowledge that a university desires greatly to publish research that faculty members do. Also, a university press is good advertisement in the reviews which appear in scholarly journals and have wide circulation in the academic world, Clark said.

Clark said that even the best university presses can not expect to make a profit in publishing. A good university press will just break even financially because it can not expect to have the enormous circulation figures of books which appear on a best-seller list.

Still a university publisher has the advantage of being able to keep books alive while a commercial publishing company must let books die which are not selling, he said.

The history of university presses had its beginning in the 1920s. The University of North Carolina Press was one of the first presses and put out books for two decades.

As long as more pressure is continually put on faculty members to do productive work the university must take the final step of developing a press, Clark said.

"A well-ordered, well run press is one of the most important intellectual arms of a university," he concluded.

Nittany Fire Ruins \$550 in Clothing

A fire caused an estimated \$550 worth of damages to clothing about 5 p.m. Saturday in Room 8, Nittany 28, occupied by Steven Danek, sophomore in electrical engineering from Burgettstown and Michael Eripino, freshman in zoology from Erie.

The fire was believed to have started in a closet, officials said. Two trucks from Alpha Fire Co. came to the scene, but the occupants had already smothered the fire with fire extinguishers. Firemen removed clothing from the room and investigated for further damage. No cause was given.

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