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2385 Awarded Degrees Today

'Nine' Tops Ithaca In Playoff Tilt

By LOU PRATO, '59

This was supposed to be the year of revenge for Penn State's District Two baseball foes.

Coach Joe Bedenk had called his team "one of the greenest I've ever had" when they assembled in early March and the rival District Two coaches gloated with glee.

But as the old saying goes, "He who laughs last is named Bedenk!" The crafty Lion mentor is really howling today, following the Lions' victories for the NCAA District Two playoff title.

The Nittanies won the championship—and a trip to Omaha, Neb., for the NCAA baseball finals June 12-16, by beating a determined Ithaca College array, 7-3, at Beaver Field yesterday afternoon. In the first round game the day before, the Lions had trounced Temple, 16-4, and Ithaca had edged Pitt, 4-3, to pave the way for the championship game.

The victories were the 14th and 15th for the Lions this season and put them into the College World Series—as the national championships are known—for the second time in the last three years.

Penn State came away from that tournament, you may recall, with a second place finish to national champion California.

And just for the record, the Lions made the Omaha trip once before. That was back in 1952 when they had won two and lost two in the double elimination carnival.

But getting back to the present. This was Penn State's eighth appearance in the District Two playoffs in the last (Continued on page three)

Contemporary American Books Voted as \$2500 Gift of Class

The nearly \$2500 gift of the Class of 1959 will be used to purchase a collection of books by contemporary American writers.

The collection, which will be housed in the Fred Lewis Pattee Library, received 318 of the 565 post-card ballots cast.

The gift was presented to President Eric A. Walker last night as part of Class Night ceremonies by John Bott, Senior Week chairman, and Joseph Patton, gift suggestions chairman and editor of LaVie. They were introduced to Walker by Senior Class President Charles Welsh.

Bott said a total of \$607 was collected during the drive for funds. Each dollar contributed by the class will be matched by \$3 from the President's special fund, to bring a grand total of \$2428.

The matching arrangement was made last fall after it was discovered that the regular Senior Class Gift Fund had been abolished in 1948 and the University had been unknowingly supplying gift funds since that time.

Bott called the drive "very successful" and expressed thanks to seniors who worked as class agents soliciting seniors for gift funds and Alumni Association members. "I'm sorry we couldn't collect more for the gift," he said, "but I think the amount received represented a good contribution considering the circumstances."

Runnerup in the gift balloting with 98 votes was a set of reference books for each residence hall. Third with 86 votes was a religious studies collection for the library.

A total of 63 students cast "write-in" ballots. Polling more "write-in" votes (26) than any other suggestions was funds for AM radio station facilities on

campus, the 1958 gift choice which was rejected by the Board of Trustees.

Bott said he had received assurance from Walker of probable favorable action on the gift selection by the trustees. Walker has said last year's class officers failed to get any such assurance before listing the gift choices for a vote.

Patton has suggested that the gift be titled, "Class of 1959 Pattee Collection of Contemporary American Literature" and be commemorated by a plaque in the library.

He suggested the books be chosen from standard bibliographies of American writers. He said more money can be added to the fund through gifts at class reunions.

Fred Lewis Pattee, for whom the library is named, was the first professor of American Literature in the United States, yet the University has no collection of American literature.

Pattee was an active member of the faculty from 1894 until he retired in 1928 with the rank of professor emeritus. He died May 6, 1950.

J. McCone, AEC Head, Is Speaker

By BOB FRANKLIN, '59

A total of 2385 students—including 1742 undergraduates—received degrees at commencement exercises today.

John A. McCone, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, delivered the principal address. As of last night, University officials had no information about his subject.

In addition to the 4-year undergraduates, degrees were conferred on 217 candidates for advanced degrees, 40 candidates for doctoral degrees and 426 candidates for the 2-year associate degree.

The ceremonies were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at Beaver Field.

However, last night's weather forecast—cloudy, humid, with possible showers this morning—cast doubt on whether the exercises could be held outdoors.

The rain schedule called for two exercises in Recreation Hall. One was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. for students in the Colleges of Business Administration, Education, Home Economics, the Liberal Arts, Physical Education and Athletics and advanced and associate degrees to students majoring in these colleges. The other was scheduled for 2:30 p.m. for graduates in the Colleges of Agriculture, Chemistry and Physics, Engineering and Architecture and Mineral Industries.

A total of 125 students were graduated with honors. Eighteen received diplomas "with highest distinction," completing their college work with an All-University average between 3.8 and 4.0.

A total of 39 degrees were (Continued on page two)

Forster Is Presented Top Teaching Prize



Dr. Kent Forster Named Superior Teacher

Dr. Kent Forster, professor of European history, received the second annual President's Award for Superior Teaching at commencement ceremonies today.

Forster, a member of the faculty since 1941, was cited for "devoted service as a conscientious and outstanding member of the teaching faculty."

Citations for "excellence in teaching" were conferred on eight other instructors, representing eight colleges. These awards were established this year. Winners are:

Della J. Aery, associate professor of child development and family relationships, College of Home Economics.

Eugen C. Bischoff, professor of physical education, College of Physical Education and Athletics.

Dr. H. Mauzee Davis, professor of chemical metallurgy, College of Mineral Industries.

James W. Dunlop, professor of music education, College of Education.

Paul H. Margolf, professor of poultry husbandry, College of Agriculture.

Harold I. Tarpley, professor of electrical engineering, College of Engineering and Architecture.

Dr. R. Hadly Waters, professor of transportation, College of Business Administration.

Dr. Mary L. Willard, professor of chemistry, College of Chemistry and Physics.

Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, praised Forster and his colleagues for their individual excellence in teaching. He said they "symbolize all of the distinguished teachers at the University."

Forster, a member of the Col- (Continued on page four)

500 New Alums Join Association

A total of 503 graduating seniors have joined the Alumni Association.

That number, released yesterday by the alumni office, includes 58 life memberships.

The association's drive is "well ahead of any other year," according to Executive Secretary Ridge Riley. He said, "We're exceedingly gratified, but we don't feel that we've reached limit."

The alumni office, 104 Old Main, will be open following commencement until 5 p.m. today to take additional memberships. Special pre-graduation rates—\$2 for a 1-year membership, \$70 for a life membership—will apply today. Regular rates are \$3 and \$75 respectively.

Riley joined with John Bott, (Continued on page four)

At Class Night

Foreign Aid Called 'Razor Money'

By DAVE FINEMAN, '59

Dr. Kent Forster, professor of history, last night said that what Americans think is their economic aid to underdeveloped countries is really just "razor blade and record money."

Neither criticizing nor approving, Forster merely pointed this out as one American Myth; that is, that the part of American foreign aid that actually winds up as economic aid amounts to about

\$570 million, or just about what we spend annually on razor blades and records.

Speaking before a handful of seniors and their parents at Class Night in Schwab Auditorium after 13 seniors received honors, Forster attempted to embarrass three national myths of the United States. Two others, he said, are:

•Americans can do anything they put their minds to.

•The fate of the world will be decided by Washington and Moscow, either at odds or in cooperation with each other.

The U.S. is "coming to realize,"

he said, "that American power is not unlimited." We used to, and too often still think, he said, that our failures come only from our mistakes.

"We gave away East Europe"; "We gave away China." These are some of the manifestations of this belief which Forster pointed out.

He showed this myth to be supported by the myth that we and the Russians will decide the fate of the world.

But we fail to realize, he warned, that the greater part of the world's population is in (Continued on page two)



Welsh Class Donor

Feldstein Spoon Man

Moran Barrel Man

Garban Cane Man

Kerr Pipe Man

Gemmill Class Donor

Donovan Bow Girl

Judy Slipper Girl

Kissick Fan Girl

Moran Class Poet

Ours Mirror Girl