



JOHN A. McCONE, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, addresses the Class of '59 at graduation ceremonies Saturday.

# Lion's Den Scoops 1500 Cones a Day

By LYNNE CEREFICE

"Chocolate cone, please."

This simple desire, modified only in flavor preference, is expressed on an average of 1500 times daily in the Lion's Den.

Distinguished from the herd only by the words "large" or "small" tacked on at the beginning, the ever-popular phrase

has resulted in the consumption of approximately 100 gallons of ice cream per day. This number, according to the most recent computations, shows an increase of 60 gallons over the fall and winter figure of 40 gallons sold in a day.

Yes, spring has also affected the operation of the Lion's Den. But exactly what do these statistics mean? Perhaps they can be best interpreted in terms of several long-range effects.

No doubt, the average Penn State coed has suffered a considerable increase in waist measurements which has, in turn, led to a campus-wide epidemic of bankruptcy, having its origin in the purchases of new clothes.

The ice cream cone has also played a very influential role in the recent outcrop of new romances. Instead of wasting precious hours in indoor coke dates, the Penn State Romeo is now able to buy his fair Juliette her favorite flavor cone and take her for a moonlight walk on the Mall.

In addition, the Lion's Den reports a decrease in coffee sales, while the amount of Coca-Cola syrup used per day has jumped from 8 to 16 and sometimes 20 gallons—a rise which can be easily explained by Penn State's unique climate. Tropical heat waves and humid, weekly (here defined as covering a seven-day span) jungle rains have driven the average Penn Stater to wade to the

### Lions Den.

Two hundred and 10 pounds of hamburger meat, 45 pounds of American cheese, 30 pounds of salami, 40 pounds of balogna, and 70 pounds of ham compose the total amount of meat devoured in a normal week. Since these figures remain constant, regardless of weather changes, it is safe to say that the average Penn Stater retains his animal-like appetite.

During the course of a week, the Lion's Den supplies the appalling number of 10,000 paper napkins and wooden spoons, 12,500 straws, and 7000 paper cups to its huge following. The paper napkins, straws and cups lend themselves readily to the artistic compulsions which drive the average Penn Stater to "add" something to his surroundings.

But what about the wooden spoons? It must not be forgotten that, at this time of year especially, sorority and fraternity members are faced with the problem of shower and wedding gifts, and the attributes of a wooden spoon collection cannot be denied from the viewpoints of practicality and economy.

It can be justifiably concluded that the Lion's Den, although not actually listed in the Penn State catalogue, has become an indispensable part of the University's curriculum because of both its economical and sociological value.

# 10 Teachers Enrolled In Program

Ten college science teachers are attending the Research Participation Program for Qualified Teachers in the Smaller Colleges which is conducted at the University under the auspices of the National Science Foundation.

Penn State is one of 57 large universities throughout the United States offering research facilities to staff members of smaller institutions this summer. About 550 science and mathematics teachers will take part.

The program at Penn State will be operated by the College of Chemistry and Physics. Dr. W. Conrad Fernelius, professor of chemistry and head of the departments of chemistry and chemical engineering, will serve as program director. The program's co-director will be William H. Powers, professor of chemistry and director of Arts and Science Extension.

Each participant will be assigned to an active researcher on the college staff and will attend a seminar on research work twice a week. The seminar will be conducted by Fernelius.

Among the participants will be Dr. Harry R. Weimer, professor of chemistry and chairman of the science division of Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind. He will work with Dr. Fernelius. Dr. Martin O. L. Spangler, associate professor of chemistry at Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pa., will do research with Dr. Norman Deno, associate professor of chemistry.

# Zelko Publishes Articles In Agriculture Monthly

Harold P. Zelko, professor of speech, is the author of a series of articles on speech, communication, and instruction in the "County Agent and Vo-Ag Teacher," a monthly publication for agricultural leaders and teachers.

The articles, which started in the May issue and will continue through October, deal with problems and suggestions in making talks to groups, teaching adults, and discussion leadership.

# Middies to Leave On Annual Cruise

More than 150 midshipmen of the University's Naval ROTC Unit will be taking part in annual summer training cruises during 1959, it was announced today by the Department of Naval Science.

They will participate in six different cruises, four afloat and two ashore. Each cruise will be of an average duration of six weeks, and will distribute University midshipmen half-way around the world, from the North Atlantic Ocean to the Formosa Strait.

The Atlantic Fleet Anti-Submarine cruise will be held June 23 to Aug. 7 for 57 midshipmen who have just completed their freshman and junior years at the University. This cruise will visit Atlantic ports in northeastern United States, Canada, and Bermuda.

The Eastern Pacific cruise will be held July 11 to Aug. 8, for 48 midshipmen who have just completed their junior years. This cruise features a trip across the United States to embark on ships of the Pacific Fleet. Ports to be visited have not been announced. Eight Midshipmen will take part in the Western Pacific Cruise June 19 to Aug. 15 aboard ships of the U. S. 7th Fleet. These midshipmen will be flown from West Coast ports in Navy aircraft to join their ships in Hawaii, Okinawa, Formosa, and Japan. They will visit several Far Eastern ports during the two months of training.

The Atlantic Fleet Submarine cruise is scheduled for July 16 to Sept. 5. Two midshipmen who have just completed their junior years have been selected to represent the University in this activity.

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