



MISS PENNSYLVANIA, Lois Janet Piercy, shows her alma mater to her younger sister, Norma Lou, who hopes to enter the University in the fall.

Miss Pa. to Return For Grad Studies

By WAYNE SCHLEGEL

Miss Lois Janet Piercy, perhaps better known as Miss Pennsylvania, told the Collegian in an interview that she will return to the University after completing her duties as Miss Pennsylvania and begin studies for a master's degree in education.

The attractive brunette was on campus to go over her talent presentation with Dr. Walter H. Walters, head of the department of theatre arts and also one of the judges in the Miss Pennsylvania contest.

Accompanying the state queen was her sister, Norma Lou Piercy.

A typical day for the beauty queen includes radio and television appearances until noon, lunch with the press, modeling and guest appearances in the afternoon, and being guest of honor for evening banquets.

Centre County sponsored the University coed in the state contest and Miss Piercy returned to Ecliefonte last Saturday to reign over a parade, receive gifts and accept the key to the city.

Miss Piercy claimed one of her most exciting personal appearances was speaking before the state Senate and House of Representatives in Harrisburg. She said she is looking forward to the "Lois Piercy Day" to be held in her hometown of Springfield in Delaware County. Another important event on her crowded schedule is the

nationally televised Dave Garroway Show.

The tall, dark and attractive former coed continues this franchise pace until one week before the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City.

Miss Piercy said she has observed a distinct change in Miss America over the last several years from the show girl type to the "American Girl" style. Dr. Walter H. Walters said he feels this trend will help Lois and that she has excellent chances to go on and win the coveted crown.

The pageant will be held from Sept. 8 to 12 in Atlantic City.

Bush to Be Awarded General Electric Grant

Glenn W. Bush, a candidate for a doctor of philosophy degree in metallurgy at the University, has been awarded the General Electric Company fellowship for the 1959-60 academic year.

He held this fellowship, which is given by the Company's Educational and Charitable Fund, during the past school year.

Educators Will Study Visual Aids

Realizing the importance of the use of audio-visual materials as aids in teaching, educators at the University are studying methods by which such materials can be properly used more extensively and more effectively.

They are concentrating their study, which is supported by a \$165,747 grant from the U.S. Office of Education, on determining the most effective method of training teachers in the use of audio-visual materials.

Dr. Gerald M. Torkelson, associate professor of education and director of the project, explains that regulations for permanent certification of teachers in Pennsylvania since 1935 have required training in audio-visual methods. To meet this requirement, the education curriculums at Penn State have included a course in visual and other sensory aids for teachers.

"While virtually all education graduates have completed this course," Torkelson explains, "not all of them effectively use audio-visual aids in their teaching."

In this project, authorized under the National Defense Education Act of 1958, researchers will investigate methods to improve the training of teachers in the use of audio-visual aids and will study obstacles teachers meet that prevent them from effectively using these aids in their schools.

Klein Plans Completion Of Buchanan Biography

Dr. Philip S. Klein, professor of American history, plans to complete his biography of James Buchanan, 15th President of the United States, during a six-month leave of absence beginning Sept. 1. He will resume his duties at Penn State on Feb. 1.

He has been engaged in this work for several years and plans to do additional research on the book in Washington during his leave of absence.

Dean Will Attend Meeting in Europe

Dr. Ferdinand G. Brickwedde, dean of the College of Chemistry and Physics, has been chosen as one of the six United States delegates to the 10th International Congress of the International Institute of Refrigeration to be held Aug. 19 to 26 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dean Brickwedde is a member of the U.S. National Committee for the International Institute of Refrigeration. He is also vice president for the commission for the scientific problems of low temperature physics, thermo dynamics, and industries using very low temperatures and rare gases.

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