

54 Alums Named by University 'Distinguished Award Winners'

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The University has named 51 men and three women graduates as distinguished alumnus award winners.

The awards, which were begun in 1951 and are selected by the Board of Trustees, are given to alumni who have made outstanding achievements.

President Eric A. Walker said the winners have been cited because their "personal life, professional achievements and community service best exemplify the objectives of Penn State."

Five men alumni are selected annually for this honor by the executive committee of the board from a panel of candidates recommended by the University president.

The women's awards were founded in 1958 to recognize and honor an outstanding Penn State Woman of the Year.

All of the awards are presented during alumni reunion exercises held on the campus in early June. The recipients receive medals as their awards.

This year's awards will be

presented June 18 to James C. Gary, '25, administrative vice president of raw material, U.S. Steel Corp.; Samuel R. Hursh, '16, assistant vice president (retired) Pennsylvania Railroad; Herbert E. Longenecker, '33, vice president, University of Illinois and president elect of Tulane University; C. Lee Rumberger, '20, vice president for research and quality control and member of the board of directors of H. J. Heinz Co., Pittsburgh; and J. Theodore Wolfe, '30, president, Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.

The University's Woman of the Year will be Cora M. Foster, '27, a retired lieutenant colonel of the Women's Army Corps. Miss Foster is now a teacher of mathematics at Bellaire High School in Houston, Texas.

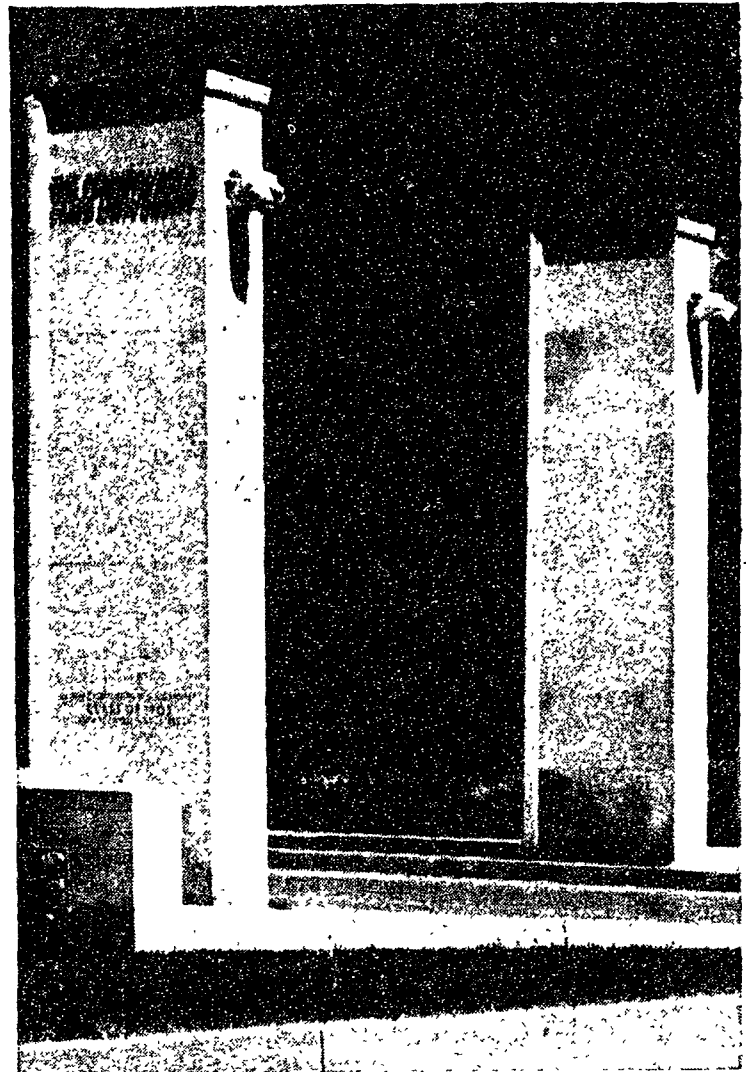
Other recipients of the woman's awards have been in 1959 Mary Frear Keefer, '24, dean of the faculty and professor of history at Hood College, Frederick, Md. and in 1958 Julia Gregg Brill, '21, a retired professor of English composition at the University.

Some of the distinguished men alumni have been Clarence G. Stoll, '03, a retired president of

Western Electric, named in 1951; George H. Deike, '03, University trustee and chairman of the board of Mine Safety Appliance Company, 1952; Robert W. Ostermayer, '17, University trustee and chairman of the Alumni Fund, president of the Pennsylvania Industrial Chemical Corp., 1954.

In 1955 the University named William C. Decker, '22, president of Corning Glass Co. and David D. Henry, '26, president of the University of Illinois; in 1956 Ray Scott Tannehill, '23, vice president of Bell Telephone Co.; and in 1957 Harvey B. Jordan, '17, executive vice president of U.S. Steel, Samuel F. Hinkle, '22, president of Hershey Chocolate Company, Fred Waring, '22, leader of The Pennsylvanians, and John R. Richards, '29, chancellor of the University of Oregon.

The 1958 awards included Michael Baker, Jr., '36, president of Michael Baker & Sons consulting engineers and in 1959 Edwin T. Asplundh, '12, chairman of the board, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, George L. Haller, '27, vice president of General Electric Co., and Van H. Leichter, '30, president, American Steel and Wire Division, U.S. Steel Corp.



WELCOME TO THE WEST SIDE OF CAMPUS—Gift of the Class of 1903, the entrance gate on Pollock Road was erected in 1953 and dedicated on the class' 50th reunion.



DIG MAN, DIG—Stone Valley Dam Project received about \$60,000 from the Penn State Alumni Fund. The project will be partially completed by late Spring.

Standing Stone Offers 8 Plays For Summer

Eight plays will be presented this summer by the Department of Theatre Arts at the Mateer Playhouse at Standing Stone.

Classes in acting, production, and theatre appreciation will be offered in mid-session in conjunction with the Playhouse productions.

The director, Dr. Max Fischer of the American Theatre Wing Staff, and six professional actors will work with the students in presenting the plays.

The schedule for the productions is as follows: June 20, "Visit to a Small Planet" by Gore Vidal; June 27, "Middle of the Night" by Paddy Chayefsky; July 4, "The Gazebo" by Alec Coppel; July 11, "A Streetcar Named Desire" by Tennessee Williams; July 25, "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare; Aug. 8, "The Playboy of the Western World" by J. M. Synge; Aug. 15, "The Male Animal" by James Thurber and Elliott Nugent; and Aug. 22, "Two for the Seesaw" by William Gibson.

Series to Present Pianist, Folksinger

Claude Frank, pianist, and Richard Dyer-Bennet, folksinger, will appear during sessions this year in the Artists Series summer program.

Frank, described as one of the finest and most brilliant musicians of his generation, will appear at 8:30 p.m. June 30 in Schwab. Student ticket distribution for his concert will begin June 27 and non-student ticket sales will start June 28.

Dyer-Bennet, the "20th century troubador" to be presented Aug. 4,

Alum Reunions--

(continued from page six) union is mailed to each class member in early March. This is followed up in April by individual brochures to members of each class prepared by the class secretaries, chairmen or committees.

Local alumni from each class plan the individual class activities, parties and dinners, make the arrangements and keep classmates informed by letter and brochure.

Presentation of the 1960 Distinguished Alumnus awards and of the Penn State Woman of the Year award also take place at these reunions.

Faculty Members Get Fellowships

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation has announced that four University faculty members were awarded the Guggenheim Fellowship Awards for 1960.

Recipients were Dr. Hans A. P. P. P., professor of meteorology, who will study atmospheric turbulence; Dr. Allan L. Rodgers, associate professor of geography, who will investigate recent changes in the industrial geography of Southern Italy; Dr. Leo H. Sommer, professor of chemistry, who will study a theory of substitution reactions of silicon atoms; and Dr. Hugo D. Weisgall, composer and visitor, professor of music, who will study music composition.



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