

Finch Gives Lecture On Aesop's Fables

The fable, a minor form of literature, is often neglected in the modern world, Dr. Henry A. Finch, professor of philosophy, said last night in addressing a capacity crowd in the Hetzel Union assembly room.

Finch, who was the first speaker in a new lecture series, gave his talk on "Plain Morals for Dizzy Minds in Aesop's Fables."

The lecture series which is entitled "Introducing the Liberal Arts College" is sponsored by the Liberal Arts Student Council. The series will present a talk each month by a professor in the college of The Liberal Arts.

Finch said the fable clearly expresses a moral principle. It uses no grand devices, no spectacular images. He quoted a statement of Aristotle: "A fable is a mode of proof."

His fables are more than a in teaching. It was used for study by school boys in Ancient Greece, Finch said. This was the beginning of the educational system of the West, he added.

Aesop, a Greek fabulist, is mentioned in the writings of central works of wisdom such as Horace and Plutarch, Finch said.

The fables are more than a mere child's book to be read

and then forgotten, he commented.

Animals are used as characters in fables, Finch said, because it is easier for humans to be characterized by them.

Finch read several fables, explaining the moral of each. He closed by saying that a fable is a symbol of clarity.

The fable expresses the problems of mankind in plain, simple and easily understood terms, he said. Fables are used in the elementary teachings of children, yet they hold valuable lessons for everyone.

The next lecture will be given by Dr. Philip Young, professor of literature, on Jan. 10.

Froth Gives Up Being Humorous

Froth, the campus humor magazine, has finally given up trying to be funny.

The lead article in its annual exchange issue, which goes on sale today, is non-humorous and is intended to be so. Entitled "Summer and Smoke," it is a feature on the Penn State Players, written by Ellie Jacobs.

The lead exchange article, written last year by Bill Helmer, at that time editor of the "Texas Star," the humor magazine of the University of Texas, is entitled "Needle My Golden Arm." Maybe there's a hint there on how Froth intends to evoke the muse of humor in the future.

Student Handbook Staff

Applications for the editorial staff of the Student Handbook are now available at the Hetzel Union desk.

Anyone interested in writing or photography may apply.

The applications must be filled out and returned to the HUB desk by Friday.

BusAd Grad Team Places in Games

A team of business administration graduate students from the University placed second among teams from nine colleges and universities in the Intercollegiate Business Management games held at the IBM Data Center in Chicago, Ill.

The University of Michigan won the title which Penn State last year shared with the University of Chicago.

S. Paul Greenlaw, assistant professor of management, accompanied the team, which was composed of J. Palmer Rugh, Westfield, N.J.; Douglas Baldy, Wheeling, W.Va.; Richard Elnicki, DuBois; Malcolm A. White, Lancaster and Donald Harnett, of State College.

The new Beaver Stadium holds 43,500 people and is the largest steel stadium in the country.

Prexy Gets Appointment To Navy Visitor Board

President Eric A. Walker has been appointed a member of the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

The Board of Visitors is a small group of educators, congressmen and private citizens appointed by the President of the United States. Walker is now participating in the Board's annual inspection and evaluation tour of the academy. He will return from Annapolis later this week.

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