

# Library Receives O'Hara Manuscripts

A 40-year friendship between a former newspaper reporter turned novelist and a retired University professor has made possible the recent gift of valuable manuscripts to the Library.

John O'Hara, American novelist, wrote William Werner,

professor emeritus of English, that he would like to donate the manuscripts of his latest best-seller, "Sermons and Soda-Water," to a Pennsylvania college, possibly Penn State.

Werner turned the correspondence over to the University librarian, Ralph W. McComb, who gratefully accepted the offer. Since then, the manuscripts have been received and placed in the library's rare book room. They are available for study and will be exhibited later, McComb said.

The two men first met when Werner was a Pottsville school teacher and his future wife and O'Hara were reporters on the Pottsville paper. Werner recalled that O'Hara got his start in magazine writing on "The New Yorker" with the help of New York newspaper owner Franklin P. Adams.

In 1934, O'Hara wrote "Appointment in Sumarra" which established his reputation as an author. Since then he has written "From the Terrace," "A Rage to Live" and "Ten North Frederick."

Ironically, O'Hara, who now numbers among the top most popular American writers, was refused admission to Penn State, Werner said.

O'Hara has given his manuscripts to several colleges, among them, Harvard, Yale, Rutgers and Princeton, but this was the first donation to a Pennsylvania college. The author would like to place his manuscripts in several libraries in the state, Werner said.

The "Sermons and Soda-Water" manuscript includes the original manuscript, galley proofs and page proofs. The manuscripts will be of interest to students of American literature.

### Three Colleges to Hold Open Houses April 7

An Open House will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. April 7 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 8 by the colleges of Mineral Industries, Chemistry and Physics and Agriculture.

During the program, Pennsylvania high school students will be given guided tours of the facilities of the undergraduate departments and laboratories of the colleges. Further information will be provided about individual curriculums at the time of the visit.



SPRING FEVER has struck once more. Hubology again reigns supreme as ice cream sales skyrocket and class attendance nose-dives. Students here lounge outside the Lions Den on the first warm, sunny day of spring.

## Co-Edits

New officers of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity are Lester Walker, president; Thomas Wunderlich, vice president; Jeffrey Lightner, secretary; Melvyn Bunson, treasurer; James Anderson, social chairman; Austin Taggart, ritualist; John Jourdan, rushing chairman; Joseph DeMinico, pledge trainer; William Yates, correspondent; and William Hoffman, house advisor.

Recently elected officers of Kappa Delta sorority are Nancy Williams, president; Charlotte Boyd, first vice president; Phyllis Hamilton, second vice president; Mary Brown, secretary; Betsy Mulcey, treasurer; Linda Moritz, assistant treasurer and Lois Rising, editor.

The new officers of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity are Richard Lechthaler, president; Peter DeBalli, vice president; Frank Moyes, secretary; James Harberger, corresponding secretary; Craig Guthrie, pledge master; Morris Zuber, assistant pledge master and Robert Dean, associate editor.

New officers of Tau Phi Delta fraternity are James Pierce, phi; Barry Klink, alpha phi; Michael Baker, sigma; and Robert Bartholomew, tau.

New officers of Theta Delta Chi fraternity are Michael Forys, president; Paul Stagner, senior vice president; Gene Bella, junior vice president; Pete Thompson, secretary; and Larry Logero, treasurer.

Newly elected officers of Sigma Pi are: president, Gordon Bennett; vice president, Hewitt McCloskey; treasurer, Jared Workman; secretary, Richard Jantzer; alumni secretary, Edwin Andrews; historian, Ernest Hlinsky.

## Student Council Elections Set

Ten student council elections will be held April 13 and 14, according to Stephen Brown, president of the Intercollege Council Board.

He also said that elections for Mineral Industries student council, which were originally scheduled will be held on the same date as the other council elections.

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors interested in running for positions on the councils may obtain applications as they are made available by the individual councils, Brown said.

A career exposition with 23 organizations participating will be held April 11 and 12 on the ground floor of the Hetzel Union Building, Brown said. The exposition will be co-sponsored by ICCB and the University Placement Service.

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## Williams Hits Discrimination

By LYNNE CEREFICE  
Penn State as a state institution can and should act against discrimination in fraternities and sororities, according to Preston N. Williams, acting University chaplain.

"A fraternity is not a private institution," Williams said. If fraternities and sororities were private organizations, he said, they would have no business on the Penn State campus. The dean of women's and dean of men's offices would not be justified in regulating them and employing staffs to aid them in this case, he said.

He added that right now, the University's policy suggests that the administration is supporting the status quo and certain groups are being discriminated against.

"As a state institution, we should have no part in this," Williams said.

The University policy referred that the University will not charter student organizations with discriminatory clauses in their national or local constitutions. It does not apply, however, to fraternities and sororities which were already on campus before the ruling was passed.

"No one is asking a particular fraternity or sorority to take any one particular indi-

vidual," he said, "nor is anyone suggesting that they take in Negro Christians who accept the same dogmatic conceptions of Jesus that they accept."

He said that the Greek organizations are merely being asked not to exclude people from membership simply because they are born of a particular race or religion.

Commenting on the University's position in the matter, Williams said that insofar as the administration fails to say that this is an illegitimate basis for selecting members, they are condoning the policy as legal.

In addition, he said that the University is actually saying that such membership discrimination is right, that it is in conformity with our educational policy and that it has been beneficial to life in the Commonwealth.

Williams suggested that the University Senate direct the Senate Committee on Student Affairs to re-examine its policy toward sorority and fraternity discrimination.

Secondly, he said that the University should conduct campaigns to educate students on integration.

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