

DOONESBURY



University accreditation renewed

Penn State University has been re-affirmed as an accredited University by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The Commission sent a group to Penn State in April and recently published their report, praising the University as "a magnificent and indispensable educational resource of the Commonwealth and the Nation."

to increase faculty participation in decision-making at all levels. While there is some "unease" about the rank and tenure system, the evaluation team noted that is too early to assume that the program has been adequately tested.

minimal guidelines for graduate programs be increased, and that departments exercise more self-assessment. The Academic Policy Plan Implementation examination by the team had both positive and negative comments. More effort should be made to develop non-traditional approaches to special education

problems, and effort should be made to eliminate differences in interpretation of tenure, and promotion criteria, according to the report.

Electricity off

Damage done by a truck to an overhead electrical line left several buildings on the University farms without electrical power from late Wednesday morning until mid-afternoon, including the soil testing laboratory, Farm No. 10, and structures at the former deer pens.

The group focused on four areas of academic planning and self-assessment; University governance, planning for the Commonwealth Campuses, academic program review, and implementation of the 1972 Academic Policy Plan. In the governance area, the report recognized the efforts

In the Commonwealth Campus planning area, the report stressed the importance of using the planning resources of University Park to the advantage of all the campuses and regions of the state.

Frat seeks national title

The State College Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will be competing for its Chapter of the Year Award at the New York Hilton this week-end.

The accreditation will stand for the next ten years. Copies of the report are available for inspection at campus libraries.

Union pickets contractor

Glenn O. Hawbaker Inc., the University's contractor for paving the Nittany Lion Inn parking lot, is being picketed this week by members of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 66.

"We're fighting for survival now," Becheel said the University is not helping unions by accepting lowest-bid contracts. He said he's sure that this is not the last time this will happen.

labor." According to Becheel, Hawbaker is paying relatively low wages to his non-union employees. Union pay scales are \$8.41 per hour. Becheel did not specify how much Hawbaker pays his workers.

The fraternity, which won the eastern regional division, has a good chance of taking the national title, according to Charles McCargo, fraternity brother.

In New York, chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha from all over the country will be judged on service to the community, academic achievement, scholarship and brotherhood. Alpha Phi Alpha's Eastern College Man of the Year, Garvin Maffett, is a member of State College's Chapter and will be helpful in winning the competition, McCargo said.

The picketing is behind the Inn beside Park Avenue. According to Mark Becheel, union business manager, Hawbaker is "undermining the area's standards," by paying too low wages to his workers.

Ralph Zilly, vice-president for business, said the University does not discriminate between union and non-union contractors. "We take the most qualified bidder," he said. "I'm sure we use much, much more union labor than non-union labor."

Hawbaker, who owns a paving business in State College, had no comment about the picketers. The picketing, which Becheel described as "informational," will continue until the job is finished sometime next week.

Collegian notes

A Behind-the-Scenes look at "That Championship Season" will be held at 3 today in the Playhouse. Tickets are available free at the Playhouse box office and at the University Auditorium box office.

The Mining Society summer picnic will be held at noon, tomorrow at the American Legion grounds.

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