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"The Four Preps"

## Nationally Famous Four Preps To Present Concert At Miller

In 1955 a group of four boys thrilled their audiences with their singing talents. Today they are known as the nationally famous **Four Preps**. This same group will appear on the Slippery Rock College campus, Monday, April 13 in Miller Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

The **Four Preps** got their start in a talent show at Hollywood High School in 1955 and have been in demand ever since. The group is composed of Bruce Beland, Glen Larson, Marvin Ingram and Ed Cobb. Of the four, only Ed is a native of Hollywood. Glen was born in Long Beach, Marvin, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Bruce in Chicago.

Ed was an All-City football player, Marvin lettered in basketball and Glen and Bruce were track stars. Their records in the 440 and 100 yard dash, respectively, still stand at Hollywood High. All had other ambitions picked out; Glen, a television writer; Bruce, a public relations man; Marvin, an attorney; and Ed, a research chemist.

Glen and Ed attended Los Angeles City College until their career monopolized their time. Marvin and Bruce attended UCLA.

In 1957, when the Preps began recording for Capitol, they were the youngest vocal group on a major record label. Contrary to what seems to be the musical law of Nature for teen vocal groups, their career didn't end with one big hit.

Their first record, "Dreamy Eyes" was a success in 1957, but their million-selling "26 Miles" made them national celebrities in 1958. Soon to follow was "Big Man" which almost overtook "26 Miles" and helped The Preps' recognition as "Most Promising Vocal Group" of 1958 in the Cash Box Magazine poll.

There have been other hits—"Down by the Station," "Big Surprise" and "Cinderella" which they sang in the motion picture "Gidget."

By mid-summer of 1961, when their smash album, **THE FOUR PREPS ON CAMPUS**, became a national best-seller, it was apparent that The Preps had smoothly matriculated to college and adult audiences.

Recorded live amid the typical pandemonium of one of The Preps' campus appearances, On Campus contains audible evidence of why The Preps are one of the busiest vocal groups in the business. Equally as entertaining and successful was their follow-up "in person" **Album Campus Encore**.

In their brief career they've appeared on Ed Sullivan's show four times, Ernie Ford six times, Ozzie and Harriet another six, and Dick Clark's bandstand show fourteen times.

In addition, they've played almost every major state fair in the country and all of the top night clubs including Los Angeles' Coconut Grove and Hollywood's Crescendo, Reno's Riverside Hotel and The Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas. Their college appearances have taken them to every state of the Union, leaving broken attendance records in their wake.

If there were any doubts about The Preps' versatility, one of their hit records "More Money for You and Me" should have cleared them up. In it, The Preps' spin off amazing accurate imitations of other vocal groups ranging from the Fleetwoods to The Four Freshmen.

Tickets for their concert, Monday, are available in the bookstore for \$1.75.

## Dr. A. Schmittlein Recipient Of Kappa Delta Pi Laureate Award

Professor Edwin Peterson was a guest speaker at the Annual Awards Assembly held in Miller Auditorium on April 9. He has been a professor of writing and literature at the University of Pittsburgh for the past 35 years and is author of the recently published **Contemporary Composition**, a new visual approach to teaching English composition to high school and college students. During his years at Pitt, Professor Peterson has written several other books, and he has been awarded many literary honors. As a testimony to his teaching ability, his students take top writing honors in national competition.

## Dr. Biswanger Enlightens Students With Lecture On American Authors

"Homes and Haunts of American Authors," presented by Dr. Raymond Biswanger, completed the Faculty Lecture series for Slippery Rock's Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

In his lecture, Dr. Biswanger spoke about authors from Captain John Smith to William Faulkner. While displaying the homes of the authors, he told some of the pertinent details of their lives. A few of the authors which he touched were Irving, Poe, and Frost.

The "haunts of the lecture were the probable settings of those writers' work. Dr. Biswanger exhibited slides of such places as Irving's Tarrytown and "Sleepy Hollow," Twain's "Mississippi River," and Caldwell's "Tobacco Road."

Dr. Raymond Biswanger received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943 from the University

of Pennsylvania. As a participant in the R.O.T.C. program, he served as a Naval lieutenant in the Pacific campaign. After the war, he received his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to his coming to Slippery Rock, Dr. Biswanger taught in Cortland, New York and at the University of Georgia. He has traveled in forty-nine states and has acquired over six thousand slides.

Other features of the Faculty lecture series this year were Dr. George Moore's speech on "The Civil Rights Revolution," Dr. Kuh's comments on "The Second Liberal Art," Mr. McAllister's talk on "Life in the Sonoran," and Mr. Sims and Mr. Crape's "Duo Piano Concert." One of the coming features of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary will be the Arts and Science Festival, April 20-25.



Mr. Sebilla, Riek Levis, Dr. Snowberger

## Argentinian Coach Studies American Techniques at SR

Slippery Rock State College recently welcomed the arrival of Mr. Juan Sebilla, National track and field coach of Argentina. Mr. Sebilla is on a 75-day tour of America observing the American techniques of coaching.

Sports International, a newly-formed, non-profit organization made up of former Olympic athletes whose purpose is to promote physical activities in underdeveloped countries is sponsoring Mr. Sebilla's stay in the United States.

Mr. Sebilla was welcomed Sunday, April 5, by Dr. Snowberger and Mr. Paul Gates. He will be staying at Slippery Rock for 30 days and meeting with the P. E. professors to study the techniques of track and field in America so that he can obtain information

to supply his coaches in Argentina.

Mr. Juan Sebilla graduated from the Physical Education Institute at Rosario, Argentina, which is 200 miles north of Buenos Aires, and he is now in the process of working for his doctor in law at the University of Santa Fe in Argentina.

During his stay at Slippery Rock he will be speaking to various groups on campus and in town about his purpose in the promotion of physical education and observing classes in track and field at the college. He will travel to the college's competition at the Penn-Relays April 24 and to Kent State April 15 so that he may witness American track and field in competition.

established at the University of Pittsburgh the first bachelor's degree program for writing to be offered at any college or university in the U. S.—an accomplishment which has brought him wide recognition in academic circles.

The purpose of the Awards Assembly was to honor a student in each field of study who had attained outstanding achievement. Sixteen awards were presented to Slippery Rock students. They are: Alpha Delta Nu—Robert Williams, Alpha Psi Omega—Fred Woods and Stephanie Rose, Delta Psi Kappa—Linda Gilson, Gamma Theta Upsilon—Joe Grande, Nation Council for Geography—Lee Adams, Warren Strain Memorial Scholarship—Lee Ann Olin, Lambda Epsilon Delta—Mimi Betka, Mu Kappa Gamma—Alon Morgan, Phi Epsilon Kappa—Paul Bell, Pi Delta Phi—Nancy Kovacic and Jerry Carinci, Pi Gamma Mu—John Ohl and Nancy Kosinski, Sigma Tau Delta—Robert Weber, Kappa Delta Pi—Mimi Betka, Pan-Hellenic Association—Alpha Xi Delta, Inter-Fraternity Council—Theta Chi, Matilda Bailey Awards—Larry Kendall, Stephen Hunt, and Robert Weber. The Dr. Margaret Rhoads Teacher Laureate Award was presented to Dr. Albert Schmittlein, selected as outstanding teacher by members of the honorary societies. This is the second consecutive year that this award has been provided.

The Awards Assembly was presented by Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary society in education at Slippery Rock.

Dr. Schmittlein is married, has two sons, and resides on New Castle St. His higher education consists of a B.A. from Pitt, an M.A. from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from Pitt. He has been a member of Slippery Rock State's English department since 1956.

Dr. Schmittlein also has many publications to his credit. He has published articles relating to his field—American Novel and on aspects of journalism. He also helped edit Dr. Spott's Freshman English textbook and is now a columnist for the Butler Eagle.

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