

# Out of the Past

By IRENE WALTERS

## 3 YEARS AGO

Slippery Rock expanded by opening an Allegheny-Butler Extension Center. Freshman subjects will be offered at the Pine-Richland Senior High School. These courses will be taught by regular full-time college faculty members.

Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival will be held in Miller Auditorium. A band made up of 130 students from 30 colleges will participate. Mr. Dwight Baker of Slippery Rock College will be one of the four directors.

The geography department is offering a "Tour to Mexico," under the direction of Dr. John M. Ball, chairman of that department. The tour will include sightseeing in and near Mexico City, as well as a circle around western Mexico to Queretaro.

Wrestlers finished the season by taking fourth in the State College Tournament at Lock Haven. Bob Fisher, Dave Hannah, Martin Rusnak, and Ed Onorato scored for the Rockets.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Slippery Rock's Masquers and dramatic fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, presented the melodrama, "All My Sons," by Arthur Miller at Sheehy Theater. The play was directed by Miss Janette Burns and starred Don Kelly, Kris Kostas, and Russ Everett.

The annual home exhibition of the Varsity Gymnastic Team was presented to a packed house of students and out-of-town guests. The program included precision marching, tap and modern dancing, men's and women's tumbling, springboard and elephant skills, a clown dance and act, and work on the horizontal and parallel bars.

"The Poet of the Accordion," Mr. Lloyd LaVaus, was the guest performer at a concert presented in the college gymnasium. The concert, while both entertaining and educational, was not very well attended.

## 30 YEARS AGO

The faculty of the college adopted a plan to give regular semester examinations in all subjects. These examinations are to be two hours in length, and will be given on the last four days of the semester. Final examinations will count one-third and class work two-thirds in determining the semester grade.

Dr. Mildred Rodgers of New Castle presented her impressions of Europe at chapel. She reported that she noticed little war-like spirit in France, but was very conscious of such a feeling in Italy and Germany. Dr. Rodgers spoke of the prestige of Herr Hitler, and voiced her conviction that he is rapidly gaining ground.

The Westminster Titans defeated Slippery Rock's basketball team 48-22 as hundreds packed the spacious Teachers College gymnasium. This concluded the basketball season with a record of 10 wins and 8 losses.

# Letters To The Editor

Mr. Editor,

Although it may come as a surprise to the student body—and the staff of the Rocket—the fact remains that there is a world outside the town limits of Slippery Rock. People from that world are strange—they are always making problems out of trivial things—civil rights, politics and justice.

Here at Slippery Rock our problems are much more important, we have grave indignities—male students must wear ties in the cafeteria, and heinous crimes—dirt in Old Main. Unfortunately there are some dissenters among us, they say we should take a stand on something, or worse yet express an opinion. One of these dissenters has called the student body apathetic, and referred to our college paper as being stagnant and dormant. This is not true. Our paper may be conservative and follow a middle of the road policy but it does avoid controversy.

James R. Young

Editor of the Rocket:

Attempts at "humor" without regard to the possible consequences involved should be beneath the dignity of the paper. By printing the article on "dirty Old Main" you have criticized without offering any solution. Need I remind you that that is one of the requirements you listed for letters to the editor.

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# SLIPPERY CORNER

## Editorials

### More Mental Food

Our college is an ocean. Like an ocean the college houses a species of life common only to it. It provides (or should provide) the food necessary for the species to grow. If it does not, the species dies or is retarded in growth causing eventual ruination to itself and that which depends upon it.

Is the student not the species of our ocean? Are books not the food required for proper mental growth?

Recently a poll was taken of over a hundred students (see pg. 6). They were asked if they felt that the supply of books in the bookstore was adequate. Many felt that it did not contain what was needed or that it did not have what was wanted.

Slippery Rock needs more books. The faculty, the Educational Council and the students want more books. But then, Co-operative Activities and the bookstore management say that there is not enough space to expand, that there is not enough space now to house what books are ordered. They claim that more student help is needed, that more would be needed if the bookstore were expanded. Also they add: finances are limited.

Let me ask. Which is more important—education or elbow room? If more space is needed, get more! For instance, in the Hub how much space is wasted? If you can have vending machines taking up space along one wall, why can't you have bookcases along the others? The cases could be display cases of some sort, taking up two or three feet at best. The books could be catalogued and then requested when the buyer finds what he wants. Cases could be locked to prohibit those with sticky fingers, and the extra copies of books for sale could surely be stacked somewhere nearby.

If more student help is needed, get more! How many students know, or would know, that help is needed? And how many students are there on this campus that need or would like a chance to make some money so they could buy things such as books?

If money is a problem, get more! I know—'easier said than done'; but if our school can get money appropriated from the state to build buildings, it could at least try to get some for books.

Our ocean expands. New species will arrive, and they may be much hungrier than what exists now. If the food for their growth remains constant when it is not even adequate now, the species will suffer as it presently does.

Note: If the food is there, the species must take advantage of the abundance.

### World, World— What In The World!

A college paper is just that, a college paper. The Rocket is a college paper. It is not the Pittsburgh Press, the New York Times or even the Slippery Rock Signal, and it cannot be compared to them as such.

Every paper has its purpose. The Press carries all kinds of news. It is a large publication; it is a daily. Its readers want all types of news, and it has the space and money to print everything it deems right. Its readers seem satisfied.

The Signal carries only local news or news that pertains to local people. It is a small paper; it is but a weekly. Its readers want local news, and the paper's finances are such that a once-a-week paper and local news result.

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## Greek Nu's

By BETTY ANN KARPA and JIM KELSO

Congratulations to Delta Zeta's Sue Straub on her recent pinning to Ed Neely and Lynn Mason to Jerry Carinci. Delt, Laurel Dunn, took second place in a recent swimming competition at Pitt. Mary Ann Craig was recently pledged to Sigma Tau Delta, the honorary English fraternity.

On April 2, the pledges of Delta Zeta will hold a dance in the Hut. The pledges will be initiated on April 3. A banquet will be held at the Methodist Church following initiation. The new sign in the grill, listing the prices, was donated by the Deltas.

Kappa Delta pledges will hold a party in honor of their sisters on March 24. The pledges will lead their sisters in songs and games and return prized possessions which have been disappearing during the past month. KD, Judy Mowery, was initiated into Delta Psi Kappa on March 23.

Tri Sigma chairmen for 1965-66 are: social, Reenie O'Toole; Founder's Day, Joan Montgomery; directory, Eileen Hayner; charm school, Suzanne Bazin; membership, Lucy Isacco; music, Myra Bonanni; public relations, Michelle Stabile; Robbie Page Memorial, Rita Mizgorski; Sentinel, Nancy Darby; scrapbook, Mary Lou Kleber; Triangle correspondent, Mary Feuer; Walton House, Suzanne Stephenson; tea chairmen, Jan Davis and Rita Sinatra; and rush, Carole Rodgers and Becky Jacobs.

The Tri Sig's and the Sig Pi's are planning to exchange pledges.

Alpha Xi Delta's Pledge Formal will be held on April 3, at the Penn Grove Hotel Ballroom. Entertainment will be furnished by a New Castle combo and Mr. Hazley. A smorgasbord dinner will be served.

The brothers of Theta Chi have announced plans to enlarge the house they presently occupy. The new addition will provide space for 20 to 30 brothers next semester.

Brother Dave McMillin has recently received the Norman Hawkins award for being the outstanding senior of the year in Theta Chi.

On Friday, April 23, the brothers and dates will travel to the Garden Gate Restaurant for their annual Carnation Formal.

Mr. William "Pop" Storer was one of five men recently initiated into Sigma Pi. Other new brothers are: Bill Cousins, Rich Dugan, Bill Thompson, and Bob Thompson.

Red and black dress, decorations, and lighting provided atmosphere for a "Go to Hell" house party last Saturday, March 27, with pledge Gary Brown, dressed as a devil, conducting all visitors to Hell. Gary is also pledging Alpha Delta Nu, the honorary science fraternity.

On Saturday, March 27, the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon held installation ceremonies for new members and next year's officers. New brothers include Tom Chunko, Gary Ford, Tom Murdock, Tom Goe, Brant Pekarski, Jim Sipe, Terry Rush, Jim Swidzinski, Don Kozallo, Jack Miller, Bill Wiltshire, Bill Fleming, and Tim Witt.

The newly installed officers are: Joe Yavorka, President; Tom Christopher, Vice-President; John Hamilton, Treasurer; Joe Mroczkowski, Secretary; Chuck Trickett, Historian; Joe Puzio, Chaplain; Clare Lias, Sgt. at Arms; Charles Bomer, Pledge Trainer; and Rich Fasson, Rush Chairman.

Tomorrow evening, the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon will sponsor a formal dinner dance in Grove City. A featured event will be installation ceremonies for the "Order of Diana," a women's auxiliary organization for TKE.

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