

Loitz becomes international trapshooting champion

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Brother Joseph William Loitz, Phi Kappa '80, went to Australia to represent the United States at the Australian National Trapshooting Championships. In the International Competition, Brother Loitz was the double rise champion and placed second in the single barrel event. The two-man American team won three of the nine cham-

pionships and placed high in all the events. They clearly dominated the competition and excelled well above the other countries.

Trapshooting is a sport in which the objective is to break a common object, usually clay disks the size of ashtrays, using a 12-gauge shot gun. The disk is hurled into the air, like a frisbee, in an arch-like manner, flying 9-20 feet high and traveling around 51 yards.

There are three different events in

trapshooting competition, and the shooter will try to hit about 100 objects per event.

First Event

The first event is called the single barrel event and consists of trying to hit a single disk thrown into the air using only one shot. Everyone stands 16 yards from the machine that throws the target.

The second event is called the double barrel competition, and in



Joseph Loitz, Phi Kappa '80, center, captain of the All-American trapshooting team, stands with expert trapshooter Hueford Baller, left, and shooter assistant John Bentwright.