

## You Too Can Mix Good Grades With A Good Time...

University Park, Pa. ... Two things many college students a few years ago claimed were irrelevant--good grades and a good time--are being revived these days at The Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Melvin S. Klein, director of student activities, says that students appear to have become very "academically oriented and career minded." At the same time, he adds, "students aren't apologizing for wanting to have a good time after they study. A few years ago, this wasn't the case."

He advises that extracurricular activities surely reflect the changes. There has been a boom in interest in curriculum and career-oriented clubs. And, for the first time in years, a regular Friday night dance is held on campus. A Free University course on Disco Dancing enrolled 500 students.

Dr. Klein offers some other related trends:

--There's an identifiable increase in attendance at activities sponsored by campus religious organizations.

--"Save the World" groups appear to be less active.

--Student organizations are "membership oriented," concerned with meeting immediate and practical needs of members, not with abstract social goals.

"From what I see," says Dr. Klein, "students in 1977 are sensitive to and concerned about the 'quality of life.' But they are now concerned with the 'quality of life' as it exists at this point in their lives only. This is perhaps why there's an increased interest in religious groups. Students, I think, are trying to relate religion to their current lives as students. The future and Society as a whole are not their only concerns."

According to John McCauley assistant director of student activities, out-of-the-classroom concerns of students are "more

practical and seen as another area in which to grow, not as a mere divergence from studies." Therefore, he points out, there is the new interest in clubs that can help students learn more about their job prospects, leadership skills, budget management, and planning methods.

"I agree," adds Dr. Klein, "and this is why we see student organizations being held more accountable by their members."

To illustrate the service-to-members functions of campus organizations, Dr. Klein lists ways in which groups help members with day-to-day needs. For example, the Organization of Town Independent Students (OTIS) offers workshops and pamphlets on such things as apartment contracts and other consumer related matters. The Graduate Student Association conducts seminars on practical topics like resume preparation and thesis tips.

Dr. Klein emphasizes that students should not be deemed less idealistic. Philanthropic activities have never tailed off. And students continue to be concerned about change. However, their approach seems to be better planned and processed through channels in a way in which change can be accomplished.

"They really do their homework," Dr. Klein says. "They express concerns in more sophisticated and responsible ways. Their campaigns reflect better planning. And most importantly, their efforts are related to areas in which students believe they can have an impact. They aren't taking on the Pentagon budget."

The concern with grades, say Dr. Klein and McCauley, is directly related to the job market and career aspirations. McCauley notes that students today, unlike many six or seven years ago, have long and

short-range career goals.

"They know where they want to be five years and ten years from graduation," he says. "And they realize that part of the plan is getting good

grades. They're working pretty hard."

McCauley chuckles and puts forth this example:

"You probably wouldn't have heard this too often in the

late '60s and early '70s when there were other things on students' minds, but we hear it often--'Can we leave this meeting a little early tonight? I want to go home and study.'"

## ...And Still Get A Job 'Two Daughters'

U.P., Pa.-- A leadership position in a student club might be as important to a job-hunting college senior as an "A" in a management course, says Richard Hess, assistant director of career development and placement at The Pennsylvania State University.

"Surveys have told us that among the many qualities companies are looking for in graduates are ambition, motivation, creativity, and leadership," says Hess. "I don't want to downplay these attributes as they are required in the classroom, but often the successful use of these skills outside of the classroom impresses potential employers even more."

Good grades are important, notes Hess, but they are seldom a sure-fire indicator of how well a student will do as an employee.

"There are a lot of C-plus students who will go straight to the top in some organizations and a lot of A students who will fall flat on their faces," Hess explains. "Recruiters know this is the case, too, so they look at

many indicators."

Hess suggests that a college student looking for a good job should get some "reality based experience," such as a planning or leadership post in a student organization related to that student's career goals. The enthusiasm and ability displayed in this post just may be the factor determining whether or not a job-hunter is successful.

"Companies are more and more stressing the concept of teamwork and the student who has experience with this concept will be a more attractive candidate," he says.

Despite the desire of companies for "active" people, Hess warns against the oft-used strategy of "padding the resume with a long list of activities." Recruiters can spot such a tactic, he says, and they are not impressed by it.

Hess offers this appropriate statement made to him by a recruiter for a top corporation:

"I don't want to see someone with 80 activities. Just give me one student government president."

The International Affairs Association will sponsor the movie "Two Daughters" as part of their foreign film festival. According to Paul Scartelli, president of the association, the Indian film will be shown on Thurs., Feb. 10th at 12:15 in the campus auditorium and again at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center. The festival is free and the public is invited to attend.

"Two Daughters" is a two-part subtitled film comprising "The Post-master" and "The Conclusion." "The Post-master" evolves around a student/postmaster and an orphan girl of ten. The small kindnesses the postmaster bestows on the waif, and the young child's growing affection for him are not fully appreciated until their separation is imminent.

In "The Conclusion" Satyajit Ray directs the characters into a series of humorous and profound decisions about love. A young woman forced into marriage runs away but later returns to her husband on her own accord.

## With A Grain Of Salt

U.P., Pa.-- Safety is important, however, the de-icing salt which is used to melt snow and ice has a harmful effect on plants.

Damage to plants takes several forms, says J. Robert Nuss, extension horticulturist at The Pennsylvania State University. These include burning and browning of salt spray-splashed evergreen foliage (usually along high-speed highways); "scorching" of deciduous plants (whose roots are damaged when excess salt in the soil causes moisture stress); and stunting or poor growth.

When diagnosing salt damage, says Nuss, it is important to eliminate other causes such as drought, fill over the root zone, wilt diseases, compacted soil or improper transplanting. All these conditions can cause the same or similar symptoms to salt damage.

The use of a minimum amount of salt mixed with sand will reduce the chance of damage to your plants. Don't try to melt six inches of snow with salt, but shovel first, advises Nuss. Leave the salt on the pavement after snow and ice are melted where it will be ready for the next snowfall. If

you do have to shovel the salt, don't pile it on landscaped areas.

Where large amounts of salt are needed, try to devise some kind of gutter along walkways and driveways to carry it off as it dissolves with water. This will keep it away from sensitive plants. It helps to keep soil levels about 2-3 inches above pavement level next to walks that are salted during the winter. This should prevent runoff into planting areas.

Salt-tolerant plant species can be used in the home landscape. These are often seashore natives which can stand heavy salt concentrations in the soil. But this is at best a poor solution to the problem, since salt-tolerant plants are often not suitable for new home landscapes and are seldom practical in established ones.

Ordinary garden fertilizer is a very effective alternative to salt for snow and ice control. A light sprinkling of granular urea on walkways will be as effective as salt. It will have the added advantage of enriching the soil it comes in contact with, so that instead of being killed or stunted, affected plants will actually grow more vigorously.



The ice-glazed snow seems to fuse earth with sky.