

ORIENTATION

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Association (SGA) Orientation Committee was responsible for the over-all planning of Orientation Week. Two members of the Committee, Jim Durso and Tim Mueller, stated that the primary goal of orientation was not to have the students learn all the information blasted at them, but rather to introduce the new students to various important people on campus. Durso pointed out that most of the material covered in administrator's speeches was included in the various publications distributed to the freshmen, such as the Student Handbook. Mueller also said that the idea of a campus tour was rejected as most of the students had received a tour at preregistration.

Another Committee member, Joseph Melnick, SGA President, said the aim of orientation was not only for the freshmen to become familiar with important people, but also become familiar with the campus, and important rules and facts of Highacres.

For orientation the freshmen class was divided into three groups. Each group went to a

separate activity, which meant that three activities were going simultaneously. Committee members openly admitted that at least one of the three activities was used primarily as a time-killer. Mueller said that the only real innovation in orientation this year was the three-way division of the students. Two groups had been used in 1974, but this year's Committee anticipated up to 600 incoming students. The Committee felt that with two groups, each group would prove too large to move between activities, so a third was added. Durso also mentioned that the Committee was hard-pressed to find locations on campus that could hold up to 300 people, the Commons was the only one available. There were several rooms which would accept 200 people in a pinch, a fact which necessitated smaller groups.

Melnick expressed his feeling that next year with the completion of the Physical Education Building the Committee's space problem will be solved. The gymnasium should easily accommodate the entire freshmen class.

At the regular SGA meeting on September 9, Melnick summed up the previous week's activities by saying "Orientation went well."

Morning Song

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also the untold promise of the new day, fresh and alive, growing and changing. We felt the new role in a sudden wave of songwriting, the enthusiastic acceptance of our own music by a steadily increasing following, and a mounting wish to improve and better ourselves. The production of Listen to a Sunrise, our initial L.P., and the acquisition of Greg Taylor on drums.

So the spectrum is complete. Yet it is only a beginning, like the first rays of the sun peeking over the horizon. There are many more hearts to warm and great distances to travel before the sunset, and, from what the clear morning sky tells us, our day is going to be a beautiful and memorable one.

Smoking Policy In Effect

A policy on smoking in classrooms and other facilities, designed to protect the rights of nonsmokers while at the same time providing arrangements for smokers, has become effective since September 1 at The Pennsylvania State University.

The policy follows recommendations to Dr. John Oswald, president of the University, from the University Council and reflects a growing concern of many persons about smoking in public places. These concerns were indicated in a poll conducted earlier in the year by students, which showed strong support for the regulation of smoking in classroom facilities.

In announcing the new policy, President Oswald, emphasized that "successful implementation of this policy will in large part depend upon the cooperation of the entire University community. With this cooperation, I am confident

that we can achieve the highly desirable objectives which were properly identified in the Report of the University Council."

The Policy does not apply to the hospital at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center nor to Ritenour Health Center at University Park, where special regulations already are in effect, nor to the J. Orvis Keller Building nor the Nittany Lion Inn, which likewise will have separate regulations.

The Policy states that smoking is acceptable in hallways where receptacles have been provided and where no contrary instructions have been posted, specially designated study areas, dining facilities, and public lounges; private offices and private laboratories, at the discretion of the assigned occupants; and designated foyers and lobbies.

"Smoking is not acceptable in classrooms and seminar rooms; study areas, dining facilities, and public lounges except in

special segregated areas provided for smokers; auditoriums, museums, and exhibition galleries; laboratories; elevators and stairwells; indoor recreation areas; and committee meeting and conference rooms."

The intent and spirit of the policy, as approved by the President, is to protect the rights of nonsmokers without placing them in the defensive position of having to request relief at every offensive incident, to provide ample arrangements for smokers, and to take into consideration the appearance and maintenance of the facilities.

The new policy also provides for reports of violations and complaints to be submitted to the Scheduling Officer of the Campus concerned who will route the information to the administrative officer or to the academic dean of the unit against which the complaint is lodged.

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