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## Orientation:

### Students get involved

by Stephanie Guion

Orientation, although viewed by some as a tedious, over-emphasized waste of time, plays a grave role in the agenda of any post-secondary education institution. The primary function of orientation is to simply orientate the incoming freshmen to the university and familiarize them with their new surroundings. Freshmen arrive on campus full of questions about where to go and who to see; everything from "Where do I park?" to "How many desserts are we allowed to eat at one meal?" At the Hazleton Campus of Penn State it was the faculty, staff and student government's responsibility to see that these functions were carried out and these questions answered.

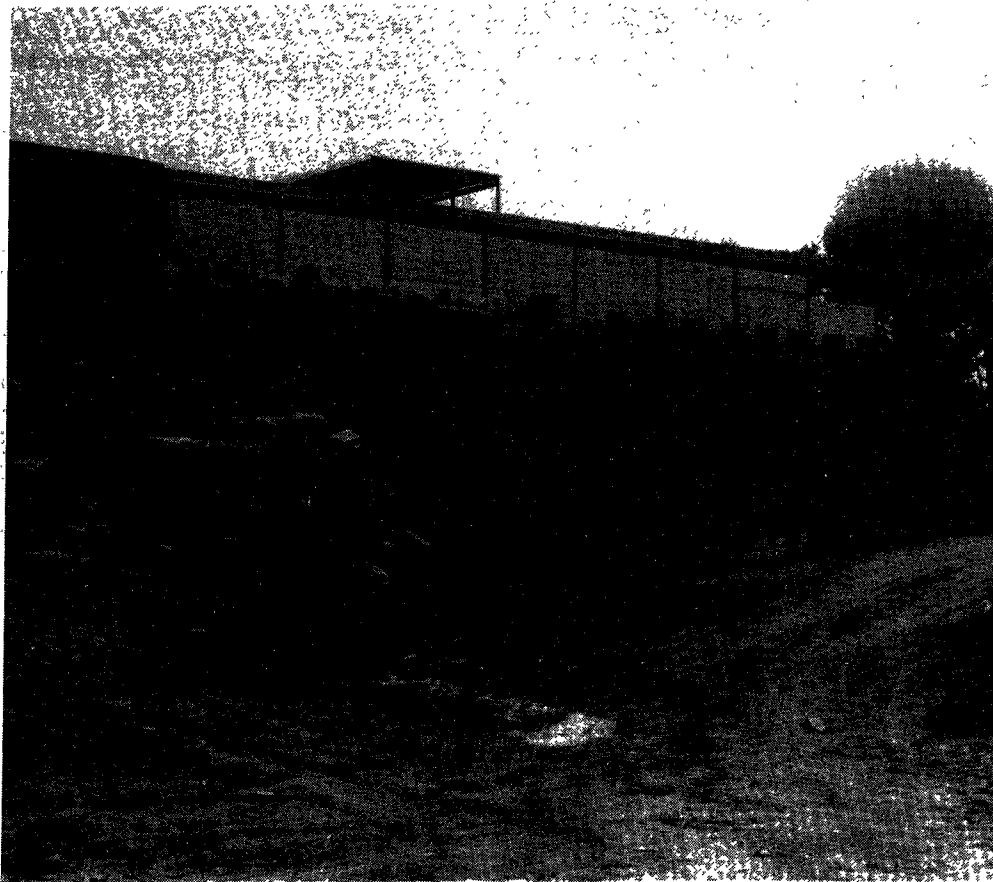
The sophomores played a vital part in the orientation program. As put by SGA's president, Ron Drum, "They were extremely helpful, and energetic, and contributed their time and efforts in any way possible."

The sophomore duties consisted of making up the majority of the committees which planned the activities for Orientation Week. According to sophomore Brad McNab, "The faculty and sophomores on the committees worked better together than any other in the past."

"The freshmen arrived on campus this year with enthusiasm," said SGA president Ron Drum. He also believes the orientation program helped stir up even more of it.

Advisor for the orientation program, Mr. Everitt Binns, also believed that through sign-ups for the different clubs and organizations and attendance at the Thursday night dance, the freshmen proved their enthusiasm and desire to get involved.

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New Gym: October, 1975 - Not much has changed

## NEW GYM: What Happened?

by David Kraft

"We don't even have a key," said Dr. William J. David, Director of the Hazleton Campus, as he referred to the new multi-million dollar Physical Education Building.

The proposed dedication set for October 17 had to be postponed because of various difficulties that arose in June of this year. Monies provided for the purchase of equipment such as lockers, basketball backboards, and various other objects was not obtained until quite recently. Shipment of these facilities to the campus is expected in the near future. Problems were detected as the general contractor, (Sutter Corporation of Berwick), discovered ventilation difficulties within the structure causing an accumulation of condensation on ceiling and floor tiles. Overflow grids surrounding the swimming pool had to be redesigned, resulting in further delay of the building completion.

In search of some sort of physical activity, we look toward the quiet, almost windowless three story edifice situated in the uppermost region of our campus. We anticipate some sort of sign indicating that entrance to its' hallowed halls will be permitted. We talk amongst ourselves patiently until it can be ours to appreciate and enjoy.

As of now the Physical Education Building remains in the possession of the General State Authority (Department of General Services), who must inspect and approve the structure. If found to be satisfactory, the property will then be transferred to the University.

Dr. David pointed out that the expected completion date is scheduled for mid-October and active use of the facility by students is also planned for that time.