

STUDENTS ARE CONCERNED WITH GRADES

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.

Melvyn 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 extra-curricular 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 five hundred students. Klein also said that there is an identifiable increase in attendance at activities sponsored by campus religious organizations, "Save the World" groups appear to be less active, and student organizations are

"membership oriented" concerned with meeting the immediate and practical needs of members, not with abstract social goals.

According to John McCauley, assistant director of student activities, out-of-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.

"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."

The concern with grades, say 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 when 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 '60's and early '70's 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.'"

SUB

By the Members of the S.U.B.

The Student Union Board is in the process of planning numerous activities and events. These range from dances, coffeehouses, and cultural events.

The week of February 16th is tournament week. This is a chance for everyone on the campus to participate in game competitions such as pool, ping pong, and thumb-wrestling. All a student has to do to participate is to sign up on the respective posters for each event. The posters can be found on bulletin boards around campus.

The second Wednesday of every month is Lounge Lizard Day. This is a promotional attempt by the SUB to dress up the campus by getting the students to dress up. All of you should honor

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FACULTY AND STAFF CHOOSES WHO'S WHO

A committee composed of administrators, faculty, and staff members has chosen twenty-four Highacres students to be included in the 1976-77 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. "The Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" program has earned the respect of many college faculties and administrations throughout the nation. Each student chosen will have his biography presented in the 1976-77 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American

Junior Colleges.

The Highacres students selected are: Susan Cervasio, Ronald Drum, Patricia Golden, Elliot Grossman, Catherine Jenco, Raymond Kissner, Jr., Patricia Lawlor, Dimitrius Marinos, Patricia McGee, Brad McNab, Joy Mengel, Diane Moody, Vaughn Nattress, John Page, Constance Reck, Melissa Schnell, Greg Slusser, Frank Strauss, Terry Weaver, Linda Wermann, Matthew Werner, Patrick Wilson, Martin Yany, and Gayle Zimmerman.