

PAPER POLLS STUDENTS

by Mike DeSimone

On Thursday, September 13, the *Lion's Eye* polled nine people concerning their opinions about registration this term. Four of the group worked on registration itself while the other five are assorted Freshmen and Sophomores who went through the registration lines. The question asked was: *What did you think of Registration and what was the biggest hassle concerning it?*

The Registration Workers:

Gary Keyes: "I was working on the second floor giving out those giftpaks and my main problem was running out of cards for the people to sign. All in all, everyone was cooperative."

Sandy Mehnert: "Registration, in my opinion went quickly considering the number of people involved. The majority were cooperative. There was, however, a lack of communication at the student personnel card station where I was working."

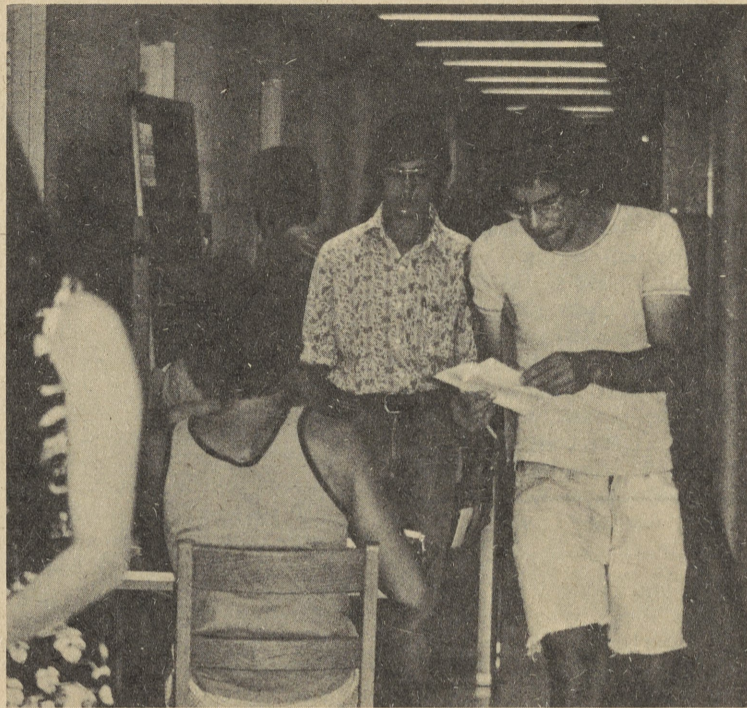
Ellen Jones: "The students were uninformed about a lot of the procedure; otherwise it was fun."

Dory Piccard: "I was working for a private club, Keystone Society, and I felt that the people who especially were helping out Dean Linder should have been paid. I thought registration went pretty smoothly, although I wish more people were interested in clubs."

The Registrars:

Rita Modesti, Freshman: "I thought I was being processed, though it was organized. The worst part was on the second floor, for I got a battery of everything from the clubs. Instead of getting information beforehand and deciding what I wanted to do, I had to decide everything then and there. We were told, 'Here it is, ya wanna sign up for it?' We couldn't take time to decide and work it into our schedules. Upstairs went fast, but clubs were a hassle."

Joe Krivan, Sophomore: "Nothing much can be done about registration for most of the things are necessary. But one thing that can be changed is the fact that when classes are closed or people can't be fitted into a particular class, they should be notified a few days before registration so they can iron problems out before they get to the registration line. It's a pain in the ass going halfway through registration and then finding out something's wrong, which means running back to find advisors and all that bullshit, then going back in line again at the bottom of the



81% Approved Orientation

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On Friday, September 8, the SGA handed out a questionnaire to the freshmen in order to find out what they thought about orientation. You remember, the blue paper you had to fill out before you could get your grubby hands on those free gift packs on the floor. Five hundred questionnaires were tabulated; the results are as follows: When asked if they felt that orientation answered most of the questions they had about college, 81.5% of the freshmen said yes, while the other 18.5% didn't think orientation was so hot.

Concerning the most liked part of orientation, the meetings with the upperclassmen led the group with 39.4% of the students, followed by the picnic which 34.4% preferred, the student club representation which got 20.4% of the vote, and finally the movie which got a measly 12.4% despite the fact that the auditorium was packed for both showings of "Play Misty for Me", and that the entire audience clapped like hell when Clint Eastwood punched nutty Evelyn in the face, knocking her over the cliff.

When asked about what they liked least about orientation, the freshmen gave such answers as the heat, long waits for placement exams, and long, boring lectures.

Finally the freshmen were quizzed over what goals they thought orientation best fulfilled; 45.6% thought it better acquainted them with the university, 13.6% believed that it made adjusting to college life easier, and 14.6% thought that it promoted the students to get to know one another better. About 12.4% didn't think it succeeded in any of its goals, but 19.6% believed it fulfilled all of them. For those of you who were counting up the percentages and got 106.4% instead of 100%, the kink was caused by some people who must have been smoking something other than tobacco because many questionnaires had two or three answers for one question.

stairs. So if that could be ironed out a couple of days before, it would make things much easier."

Richard Venberg, Sophomore: "The biggest problem that I found going through the registration lines, was that I had to drop three courses and add two others. It took me three hours to go through the line for that reason. Somehow they should make it easier to switch courses around."

Mike Rocklin, second term Freshman: "It was ridiculous. There's nothing else to say. I was taking pictures of it and every-

thing was like, "What do I do next?" as they were going through the lines. I didn't observe too much of Freshman registration, so that must have been awful since the Sophomores were bad enough. Before I even started I had to go through Mr. Rogel (station 1) four times and that's before I started. At first I thought "Oh yeah, just go upstairs and get registered." but what happened was that I wound up going back and forth for different cards."

Rick Toy, Freshman: "It's just a necessary evil. I really don't have any big gripes."

PSU STUDY REVEALS INFANT ABUSE

University Park, Pa. Sept. - A disturbing tale of mistreated babies has resulted from research on teen-age parents, conducted by Dr. Vladimir de Lissovoy, professor of child development and family relations at The Pennsylvania State University.

His three-year study on the problems of 48 teen-age married couples, 46 of whom were expecting children at the time of their marriage, shows, says the researcher, "that it is evident that these young parents were not familiar with developmental norms of their children."

"It is my conclusion that the children of many adolescent marriages have a high risk of joining the number of battered and abused babies."

Dr. de Lissovoy's study involved mothers who averaged 16½ years of age and fathers who averaged just over 17 years in age. 41 of the mothers and 35 of the fathers were high school drop-

outs, and they came from families described as "rural working class."

Dr. de Lissovoy points out that each of the couples was visited and interviewed at least five times at specific intervals during the three years.

"There is little question that these young parents were undergoing severe frustrations," he says. "Their lack of knowledge and experience, their unrealistic expectations of child development, their general disappointment in their lives and their lack of economic resources served to raise their irritability and lower their threshold of tolerance."

The effects of this situation were often alarming.

"To the question 'How often do you spank?' the mothers' replies included, 'When he deserves it,' and 'When I can't take it any longer,'" reports Dr. de Lissovoy.

Answers to some other questions—like asking the mothers when they expected their child to sit up for the first time without support, how often did they think the baby would cry for no reason, or how did they plan to feed the baby food he needed if the baby did not like it—showed poor comprehension of normal child development, says Dr. de Lissovoy.

Marital problems concerning finances, in-law relationships, and social activities were also problems of these young parents.

"The parents' personal, social and economic frustrations, which contributed to disenchantment in their marriage relationships, also affected their behavior toward their children," advises Dr. de Lissovoy.

One of Dr. de Lissovoy's criticisms is that people who should have been helping the teen-age parents were not doing their duty. Parents of the young couples too often advised them to "let the baby cry" or told them "you'll find out (for yourself) soon enough," he says.

Doctors, too, were often at fault he adds. Many times the doctors would try to solve the problems of the young family by handing the mother a mimeographed list of things like formula preparations and food supplements.

Dr. de Lissovoy cautions that generalizations cannot be made about all teen-age parents from this study.

"Because the sample was an atypical one, the results must be noted with caution," he warns. "Nevertheless, the findings merit the attention of those who work with adolescents in schools or in community agencies."

Keep the lounge clean . . . please? You don't find any empty cups and wrappers in pig stys, so what's your excuse?

Showers Being Built

by Dominic Oteri

John D. Vairo, Campus director, informed us of the showers which are now being built at the top of the hill. This is the first stage of a five stage building complex, and will be equipped with storage rooms, offices, and five showerheads.

Mr. Vairo stated that in the future there will be a large gym, more classrooms, office space and an indoor swimming pool. All this will come, assuming that funds are provided. He added that this will be an excellent addition to the physical education programs. The showers will not be opened to the General Public, only to the students and staff of Penn State.

We also went out to interview Mr. Alshouse & Son, the general contractors of this project. Mr. Alshouse said that it would be finished around the end of November, but the building will be up by the end of October. This, he explained, is because the rest of the equipment will not be in until November. Mr. Alshouse added that no strikes are likely to develop to hold back the progress.