

NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY PARK

Oswald "Optimistic" About Future Of Penn State

University Park--As classes begin on Sept. 8 at The Pennsylvania State University, its president, Dr. John W. Oswald, says that he is "reasonably optimistic" both about the future of his institution and of higher education in general.

Dr. Oswald, who is currently serving as president of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU), faces the dilemma of maintaining programs at Penn State for a record enrollment of some 52,000 students in the face of the knowledge that by 1985 there will be 23 percent fewer high school graduates in the State.

"Last year, we ended up with 1,000 more students at University Park than we had anticipated," Dr. Oswald notes. "I'm certain the economy was the principal factor. Many students were staying in school because they knew they would not find work if they dropped out."

Ten years ago, the President notes, if colleges and universities were hit with unexpected waves of students, they were able to come up with new dormitory facilities and classroom buildings.

"Now," he continues, "know-

New Smoking Policy To Protect Rights Of Non-Smokers

To protect the rights of non-smokers while at the same time providing arrangements for smokers, The Pennsylvania State University on Sept. 1 will institute a policy on smoking in classrooms and other University facilities.

The Policy will 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 Bldg. 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.

The recommendations of University Council, for the policy, (Continued on Col. 2)

ing that out in the distance is an inescapable decline in undergraduate enrollment, we can't afford to plan for new construction. And on the operating budget side, we are being forced to collapse positions at the same time we are hit with pressures for the growth."

Then why the optimism?

Dr. Oswald believes that public confidence in the universities, which declined so dramatically during the student unrest of the late sixties, is slowly recovering, and he thinks there are opportunities as well as problems ahead for higher education.

"In the past, we have been so inundated with students that we have hardly been able to keep up with their needs," he explains. "Many of the complaints in the sixties about the lack of attention

to teaching were justified. As we look to the future, to the extent that we will have less pressure from the number of traditional-age students, we have a real chance for qualitative improvement."

Because of its broad choice of curricula, Dr. Oswald does not believe Penn State's University Park campus will be greatly affected by a decline in 18- to 22-year-old enrollments, and he foresees a greatly expanded role in adult continuing education for the University's Commonwealth Campuses.

"I am reasonably optimistic about the future, but we will certainly have to plan intelligently to be able to be responsive to new needs as they arise," Dr. Oswald sums up.

My Column Or Something Like That

By: Joe College

For a title of my column, someone suggested I use something off the top of my head, but I didn't want to call my column "HAIR". Continuing with the voice of the people, (and that's pretty good considering the source), here's the latest installment of my column.

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Welcome back from a bumper summer, getting sore at the shore from too much fun in the sun. Straighten up, fly right. You're back in school again.

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What do you think of the idea of painting hockey lines in the third parking lot?

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P.S.U. offers a fine Artist and Lecture Series free to all students during the course of the year. For the price, how can you go wrong?

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The next time you're in the Springfield Mall, stop in Sam Goody's and say "Hello" to Chris.

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Since we call the church, "North Campus", we should call the new modulars, "Trailer Park West."

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They claim the new modulars have 4-40 air conditioning. That's four windows open at forty miles per hour. A study is now under way to put wheels on the modular units.

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You deserve a break today and priorities abounding! It took years to get the modulars for this campus and months to get Delaware County a new crime lab. Oh dem golden arches! It looks like a McDonald's. And who says crime doesn't pay?

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Speaking of priorities, why is it that when there is an obvious need for more classrooms, the new added space is used for offices? That's progress for you.

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While faculty and staff get nice, new, spacious offices, the U.S.A., The Lion's Eye, Keystone Society, and P.S.E.A. have one, beautiful, spacious 9' x 6' office. When one of the above student organizations has a meeting, the first concern is for alternate breathing.

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Would you believe the president of the Camera Club doesn't have a camera?

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Why is it that those who pay \$7.50 for a parking sticker have to park towards the back, while the "freebies" park closest to the building?

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In my opinion, the most exploited people working today are the ones working their way through college. It means some employers know how much they need the money for school and take advantage of it fully.

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Anything of interest you wish me to discuss? Just drop me a line at the Lion's Eye office, located with the U.S.A. office, the Keystone Society office, and the P.S.E.A. office in Room A of the modulars, somewhere in Trailer Park West.

New Smoking Policy

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followed a study that began last December by a sub-committee which had gathered comments and opinions from students, faculty and staff.

Modular Units

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There is also a proposed student typing area in the vicinity

of these offices.

In the next building are the Bookstore and two additional classrooms. The middle wing is made up of faculty offices. The following faculty now have offices in this building: Alwang, Arthur, Beards, Betts, Buckmaster, Burns, Clement, Franz, Ritchie, and R.O.T.C. faculty.

MORALS: Too Low For Higher Institute

By: Cosmo Cianci

Recently a tuition bill was sent to my home, not an unusual occurrence for many of you. Something new was "added", a debit of \$3.00 per each Chemistry Lab taken last year at Delco, and no doubt at every branch camp(us) including the Main Camp(us). Being familiar with policies and procedures to some extent, I decided to really follow this up to see if my memory was failing (getting senile, old man) or whether I was being charged, in my opinion, illegally.

I have discovered after mucho hassle that NOWHERE in any document relating to charges--general and/or specific--is there mentioned that a lab fee will be charged to every student REGARDLESS of whether or not breakage occurs. For any and all students who have not noticed on your September bill--look closely at your Winter bill to see if your General Deposit has been depleted according to my previous figure.

No doubt once the big-wigs of our illustrious university hear that someone is challenging their actions, they will issue orders that next year's catalogues, etc., contain some vague statement concerning lab fees. That, of course, is not the issue.

The issue, in this reporter's opinion, is that the Administrative Board, faced with a \$14,000,000 cut-back, is attempting to make this up in any way they can deviously think of. Some of us feel that, as students, we are denied a' plenty, and short-changed to boot. Now to be charged RETRO-ACTIVELY is toooo much. I have initiated proceedings to appraise the legality of P.S.U.'s actions. If they are indeed illegal, I am prepared to deal with the matter until I, for one, am compensated for this irresponsible act of injustice. Anyone who shares my sympathies, please feel free--and I urge this rather strongly--feel free to write to the Lion's Eye and express your feelings. (Letters to the Editor must be signed although you may request your name withheld from print.)

We certainly as a united effort can accomplish more en masse, although I shall maintain my offensive(ness). Further developments concerning this matter will appear in later issues of this paper as they mature. Until then . . .

THE WAY

Greetings to all.

A new scholastic "year" begins. Beginning in September, the following months will definitely age all, and mature . . . many. Allow me to explain.

We, all of us, will age physically. The question is how many of us will age on the other levels (i.e., as wine or cheese) or, to rephrase, how many of us will be more mature?

TO THE STUDENTS: Maturity will hopefully be achieved through introductions to various ways of approaching a problem. Now that you are in college, you will undoubtedly be introduced not only to various new problems, but also to new ways of getting around them and, hopefully, solving them. REAL maturity only begins at this point.

It is from here that you, as students, (new or old) must assume some new "responsibilities" inherent to maturity.

Become involved in your scholastic "career" with purpose and determination.

Take gaff from no one. Stand up for your rights--FIRST and foremost as a human being; secondly as an individual who is entering into a commitment of rather large scope and potential for the first time in your life (hopefully of your own choosing); and thirdly as a paying member of an "educational institution". You do have a say or two about what is being dished out to you because of the latter.

Never be afraid to make known that you disagree, or agree, in writing, say to the "Letters to the Editor" section of this paper, with something that you feel is being done against or for you. YOU ARE WHAT'S HAPPENING. If you take no interest in your Self and what happens to It, who will? "You are a child of the Universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here." (Desiderata)

TO THE TEACHERS: Once again you are faced with the round-faced responsibilities of mankind. Remember that you too were once in that position. Remember all the things that have been done to you and for you. Pass along as much goodness to your charges as possible while being fair, to them and to mankind. Yours is the enviable but awesome responsibility of molding not just minds, but the future as well. "Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth," (ditto) to youth, so that all can share in the knowledge which you have fought so long and hard for. Youth is dumb with fear of the unknown. Hold out your hand in friendship and you will be rewarded with not one but countless friends eager and willing to cross any bridge to help mankind achieve happiness.

Love and you will be loved in return. Teach and you will be "tached" in return, making the Way to Knowledge undifficult.

Love and Peace, Cosmo

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