

String Band, Monte Carlo Nite Highlight Orientation

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Faculty and students alike, especially the incoming freshmen, probably have noted on their calendars the week of August 30th to September 3rd with a large red circle.

As every veteran freshman knows the last week in August and the first week in September is orientation week. The administration and the student organizations, especially the Undergraduate

Eastern Branch Campuses Meet At Schuylkill

The first Conference of Eastern Branch Campuses of The Pennsylvania State University was held on August 7, 1976, with Schuylkill Campus as the host.

The conference, organized by Schuylkill Campus S.G.A. President Rose Kouri, was intended to familiarize each of the Eastern Branch Campuses student governments with each other, discuss some common problems, review each campus' orientation plans for this fall, and open much needed lines of communication between the Eastern Branch Campuses.

The following campuses were invited to the conference: Allentown, Berks, Capital, Delaware, Hazleton, Monto Alto, Ogontz, Wilkes-Barre, York, and host, Schuylkill. All were in attendance except Capital, Monto Alto, and York. Representing the Delaware County Campus at the conference were U.S.A. President James J. Leemon, Vice President John J. Callahan, and student senator John P. Graham.

A representative from each campus presented information of interest concerning his or her campus, including their plans for orientation.

Following this, the group was broken up into two groups. While one group discussed their orientation plans in closer detail, the other group discussed some of the problems various branch campuses have been having with the University Park Concert Committee, All-U day concerts, and the possibility of a concert sponsored by the Eastern Branch Campuses.

After the discussions were closed, the two groups were united to pool their thoughts and ideas. The chairperson of the group discussing concerts asked for and received volunteers to examine locations, prices, possible groups, etc., to see if a concert sponsored by the Eastern Branch Campuses is at all feasible. Reports on this information will be given at the second Conference of Eastern Branch Campuses which will be held some time early in the fall term. The date for the Conference has not yet been determined.

Student Association (U.S.A.) have spent their vacation preparing for the onslaught of students to hit the campus come September 7th.

As is customary every year, orientation week prepares the new Penn State students for campus life and college life in general. For most of the students high school is still fresh in their memories and orientation week is one way the university introduces itself.

And, indeed, every day from Monday, August 30th through September 3rd is filled with carefully scheduled activities composed by the administration.

Monday, August 30th, includes the virtually painless tuberculin tests, the general reception on the rear patio featuring coffee and donuts, pre-registration testing in chemistry, math and English for students who have not already completed the placement tests in these subjects. Placement tests will also be given in the Spanish, French and German languages. A word to the wise: taking the language placement tests or any placement tests is an easy way to receive required credits. If you place out of a course, you receive the credits for that course and advance to a higher placement level.

Other activities on Monday include the General Assembly where John D. Vairo, Director, and Stephen J. Gimballa, Associate Director for Academic Affairs on this campus are the key speakers. Open Forum follows where the student organizations and clubs on this campus introduce themselves and answer questions about their respective organizations.

Finally, at noon, there is the meatball sandwich sale sponsored by U.S.A. followed by the Associate candidate meetings for Electrical Engineering, Business, Letters, Arts and Sciences and Mass Communication.

Tuesday continues with the college representative meetings with degree candidates and pre-registration for the students tested on Monday. Also, the traditional Fall Picnic will be held on the north end of the main building with food and games, a rock group and a demonstration by R.O.T.C. The rain date is September 1st same time, same place.

Wednesday morning, all students register according to last name alphabetical listing. In the evening the film, Dirty Harry, starring Clint Eastwood, starts at 8 p.m. in the Lecture Room 101.

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Some Useful INFO To Remember

Did You Know . . .

If you do not happen to like a certain course you picked, you may drop the course during the first 21 calendar days of the term. If you would like to add another you can do so during the first 10 calendar days of the term. However, there is a \$2.00 fee for each, and forms (easy to fill out) can be found in Room 312M.

For the student who is a little unsure of a course he or she picked, the pass/fail option can be chosen instead of a grade average. Information can be found in room 312M.

If you are not quite sure of the major you have selected, the university gives you the opportunity to change your mind. Permission to do so requires the signatures of the former and new college reps.

There is a work study program (for eligible students) which will pay part of your tuition. See Dean Johnson in the Student Affairs modular to see if you qualify.

Free tutoring service is provided for most subjects. See the secretary in the Student Affairs modular to make an

appointment with a tutor.

Mrs. Blank in Instructional Services rooms 115 and 212K will order films from the Main Campus for use in class related projects. Transparency, slide, TV, video, and audio tape production is also available.

You can sell back to the bookstore for half price, textbooks which will be used again next term. Besides textbooks, the bookstore also sells school supplies, P.S.U. T shirts, jackets, jogging and tennis apparel, trade books, greeting cards, magazines, novels, and more.

The library offers many services. Renewals, can be made by telephone, and a book in circulation can be placed on reserve and held for you for one week.

This service enables you to borrow books from the Pattee Library, Widener, West Chester State College, Immaculata, and the Middletown Free Library. See the librarian for details.

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