

College Welcomes Class of '50

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First New Class Since 1945 Meets for Orientation Week

With the convergence of approximately 2,000 sophomores on the Penn State campus for the commencement of Orientation Week September 21, the College will welcome its first class of new students since the matriculation of the freshman class in the fall semester of 1945.

Forming a part of the record 8,000 undergraduate enrollment

New Enrollment Mark Set By 3,000 Added Admissions

In what Registrar William S. Hoffman calls "the greatest influx of new students that Penn State has ever had," more than 3,000 newly-admitted upperclassmen will move onto the campus next week for the first semester of the 1947-48 academic year.

With these 3,000 new admissions to swell the ranks of last semester's 4,959 students who paid registration fees for the coming semester, the Registrar's Office has estimated a total campus undergraduate enrollment of 8,000 students—the highest in Penn State history.

Foremost among the sources of new students are the state teachers colleges and undergraduate centers affiliated with the College. A total of 1,964 paid registrations have been accepted by the College from these schools.

According to figures released on July 29, the latest available, the approximate number of students by classes is sophomores, 2,104; juniors, 2,447; and seniors, 1,953. Future increases are most likely to come in the sophomore group. Of the present total paid enrollment of 7,718 students there are 6,164 registered men and 1,554 registered women.

Estimated Campus Enrollment
Total paid enrollment of students from affiliated colleges 1,964
Total paid enrollment of re-admissions and admissions with advanced standing 795

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Trustees Vote for New General Fee

A new general course fee of \$20 a semester was among the increases in charges and educational assessments voted by the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of the College at its September 5 meeting.

Effective beginning with the fall semester of this year, the increase marked the first time since 1923 that the College has raised its fees.

According to President Ralph Dorn Hetzel, the cause of the increase was traced directly to "the drastic price increases of the past year."

"Despite these unavoidable adjustments, both our tuition fees and our rates for room and board remain relatively low. I can assure you that the changes... were the least possible to maintain."

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Pep Rallies Return In Pre-war Style

Revived last fall by the Daily Collegian after a lapse of the war-years, Penn State's football pep rallies will be conducted again this season under the sponsorship of the Skull and Bones hat society.

Post-war pep rallies contain all the spirit, music and color which characterize a typical Penn State affair. Students turn out en masse to add a psychological boost to Coach Bob Higgins' Nittany Lion footballers.

Sparked by the Blue and White cheerleaders, headed by Stan Eisman and including Jimmy Mitchell, Bill Krause, Bill Bonsall and Susan Bissey, pep rallies feature the presence of Coach Higgins and the foremost of his varsity players.

Usually staged on Old Main's steps or at the Lion Shrine, pep rallies are preceded by gala parades led by Blue Band. The first rally of the current season will be held on the evening preceding the Bucknell game.

College Acquires Recreation Unit From Lebanon USO

A half-century of clamoring by Penn State students for a Student Union building has been partially answered at last by the Administration's acquisition of the Willow Street USO building located at Lebanon.

The twelve thousand square feet of building space will house student activities and recreation facilities and provide a leisure-hour student hangout. Erection will probably be completed by the start of the spring semester in February on the grassy plot north of the College Infirmary across Shortlidge Road from Jordan Fertility Plots.

Officials of the College emphasize that the new building is not a permanent Student Union structure, but is merely a "stop-gap" arrangement until a permanent and more extensive student activities unit might be constructed.

Donovan in Charge
George Donovan, manager of the present Student Union office

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Prexy Says

To the Sophomore Class:

We are happy to welcome you to the Penn State campus. You are the first class in the history of this or any other college to come to the main campus as sophomores. You have already gone through the process of adjusting to college life, but in many ways you will have to face new circumstances here. It will take you some time to get a feeling of class unity because you have not been together before. Nevertheless, I feel sure you will make these adjustments without too great difficulty.

You will find we are still laboring under handicaps because of the large enrollment and the problems of housing you and your class work. These difficulties have been with us and other colleges for several years because of the dislocations of war and its aftermath, as well as the problems of a rapidly growing college population. Those who have gone before you have risen to the occasion and we know you will too. We will do our best to help you get started and to make the most of the facilities provided here for your education. By working together I know we shall have a successful year.

—R. D. Hetzel, President

Undergoes Operation

President Ralph Dorn Hetzel returned to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Thursday to undergo an operation for an injury to his back.



RALPH D. HETZEL

Named President of the College on December 15, 1926, President Hetzel will begin his 22nd year at Penn State during the fall semester. After taking his law degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1908, he later was named to the president's chair at the University of New Hampshire where he served from 1917 to 1926.

Next Issue

Regular daily publication of the Daily Collegian will begin Friday, September 26, according to Donald W. Ellis, business manager. All classified ads and notices should be in the office by the afternoon of September 24, he added.

Swarthmore Address

The address of the new Penn State Undergraduate Center at Swarthmore includes the names of four universities and colleges: The Penn State College Center 855 Harvard Avenue Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

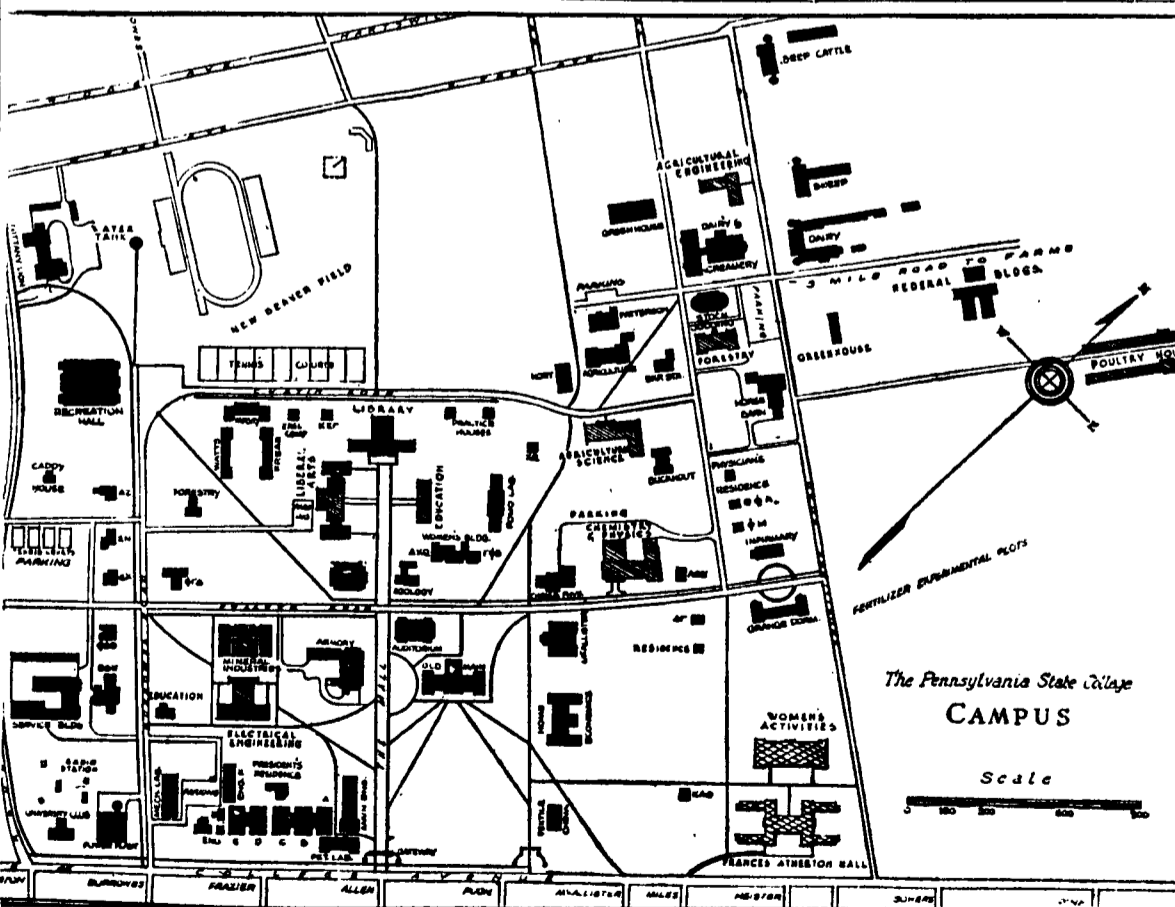
Orientation Week Schedule

(Ed. Note: The following schedule is complete as of publication but does not contain all meetings. Programs have been planned for the early evening hours to acquaint newcomers with various phases of campus life. Times for these special meetings will be announced at the first mas meeting Sunday night in Recreation Hall.)

Monday

8 a.m.—All Eng, Rec Hall; all Ag, 10 Sparks; Chem Phys, 119

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The building marked Women's Activities is Mary Beaver White Hall. The buildings marked Varsity and Frear are now Irvin Halls, women's dormitories. The temporary housing units of Pollock Circle, Nittany Dorms, and Windcrest are located on the grounds marked Fertilizer Experimental Plots, in the area bounded by Shortlidge road, the Poultry House (Barn) and East College avenue.

expected by the Registrar's Office and the largest incoming class in the history of the College, the new students will come from a total of 22 state teachers colleges, undergraduate centers, and other cooperating colleges throughout the state.

"Farmed out" to these institutions for their first year of college instruction, the new students will get their first taste of Penn State life under the guidance of more than a hundred student campus leaders. These leaders will introduce the newcomers to Penn State before the main student body returns the latter part of the week.

Sponsored by a 27-man committee appointed by College President, Ralph D. Hetzel, and composed of the Deans of all the Schools, certain Administrative Heads, and various student officers, Orientation Week is the present-day counterpart of Penn State's pre-war Freshman Week Mass Meeting.

Although there will be no green dinks, black bow ties, or match carrying, Orientation Week will be the closest thing to the famed "customs" period that the College has seen since the spring semester of 1946.

Beginning with a mass meeting of all new students at the Recreation Building 8 o'clock Sunday evening, Orientation Week has been established for the purpose of acquainting undergraduates attending Penn State for the first time with their new environment.

Prepare Booklet

In a booklet prepared by the committee and mailed to members of the incoming class, the new students are advised on the more important aspects of campus life.

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No Queue Blues At Book Exchange

"If the downtown book stores offer you four bits for a six-pound volume originally purchased for four bucks, don't be irritated," consoles Jane Weigle, chairman of the Student Book Exchange. "Stop singing the book queue blues, and start patronizing the student-operated exchange."

At the exchange, located in the east wing basement of Irvin Hall, students set their own prices. As the project is completely non-profit in nature, only 5 cents is charged on each transaction. This fee is used to cover cost of advertising.

Minors Falsifying Age In Taprooms Subject to \$100 Fine, Jail Term

Minors, misrepresenting their age in attempting to procure alcoholic beverages, will be subject to a fine of \$100 or 30 days in jail according to a recently enacted state law. Daniel A. DeMarino, assistant dean of men, stated this week.

Any student, attempting to purchase intoxicating beverages, whose age is doubted by the proprietor will be asked to fill out and sign a card swearing that he is at least 21 years old. The voting registration number or matriculation number must also be given, he emphasized.

The cards will be kept on file in the establishment and checked with the proper authorities from time to time. Even students with identification showing them to be of age may be asked to sign the cards, he added.

Special Sophomore Orientation Week Issue