

You're New Here

Yes, you're new here. That's why the College—upperclassmen, faculty members and administration—is expending so much in time, effort and money to prepare and conduct this Orientation Week for your benefit.

The purpose of Orientation Week is at least three-fold: To welcome you as members of the Penn State family to the home campus. To provide an opportunity to become acquainted with each other, thus aiding in the development of class and school spirit, and in the integration of students from far-flung freshman "farms" into a more homogeneous group.

To ease the transition from small, closely-knit, intimate campuses to the hurly-burly bustling of the thousands of strange individuals engaged in the myriads of activities that make up education at Penn State.

1. The Collegian, the students' newspaper, welcomes all new students, farmers, transfers and those from the undergraduate centers, on behalf of all upper-classmen.

Perhaps last year you were scarcely, if ever, aware of actually being a Penn Stater, but we on campus have been painfully cognizant of your absence, and have eagerly awaited your arrival.

The numerous activity groups—athletic, government, publication, social, musical, dramatic and many others—depend upon a constant influx of enthusiastic and energetic new blood for their continued success and existence.

So, although we heartily approve of the farm system because it enables the College, to a greater extent, to carry out its educational duties to the citizens of Pennsylvania, we still feel the pinch of the shortness of time for adequate training of replacements for student enterprises.

2. You may find a tendency to stick very closely to the group of friends you met and studied with last year, and thereby become cemented into a narrow and confining clique.

We hope you will be able to resist this trend, for during your College days you should make the most wide-spread and lasting contacts for life.

Orientation Week offers many opportunities for beginning the habit of forming new acquaintances. Participation in all its programs (required) and an enthusiastic adoption of the Penn State "hello spirit" will quickly start you off in the right direction.

3. Although college life is no longer entirely new to you, the change from your first year's work will still be a tremendous one.

Almost everything will be different, and usually on an enlarged scale—many more fellow students, a larger and, we hope you'll soon agree, lovelier campus, more demands on your time for extra-curricular activities.

Now perhaps you have or will receive a distorted impression of the College because of undue emphasis being placed upon extra-curricular activities, each group adding to the din by selling itself to prospective candidates.

Let us try to correct or prevent such a notion by stating unequivocally that we realize that the cardinal reason for anyone's attendance at college is, or should be, the acquisition of an education.

However, since the classrooms and textbooks are automatically and forcefully brought to every student's attention, and since it may not be self-evident to everyone that these are not the only components of a complete education, we feel justified in bringing them to your attention.

Remember, Orientation Week was designed for you. Attendance at all its functions is compulsory, because you may not, at this point, realize their true worth. Student leaders, having already passed through the mill, have spared no effort to make their share in the program as interesting and to-the-point as possible.

The success of Orientation Week rests in your hands. As usual, the more you put into it, the more you will profit from it. We wish you the best of luck.

Welcome to Penn State!

'Hello'

Penn State's old-time "Hello Spirit" was once widely-famed for its wide-spread spontaneity, so unexpected in a university of its size.

It gave rise to definitions of a Penn State Alumnus as a guy who, when he sees a parked car proudly emblazoned with Penn State stickers, waits around for a couple hours, so he can announce himself to the owner as "Joe Smoe, '23."

One of its foremost, as well as most prominent, supporters was the late "Prexy" Ralph Dorn Hetzel, whose cheery greetings to everyone he passed were well-known and cherished by everyone from the lowliest verdant frosh to the "BMOest" senior.

Then during and since the war years, perhaps because of the inordinate speed of the accelerated program, or possibly because of "Prexy's" absence, the custom of saying "Hello" has dwindled to almost nothing.

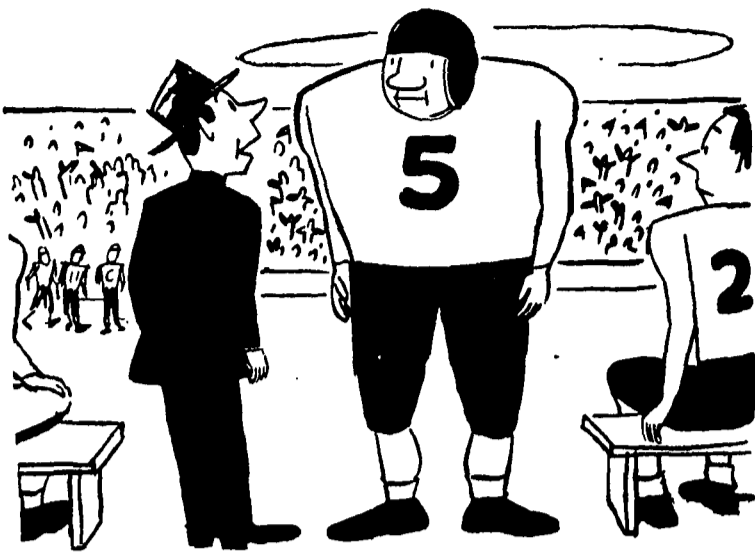
Wouldn't this be a good time to revive the friendly tradition? An excellent start can be made by resurrecting the old "Hello Walks," the diagonal ones leading to Old Main, on which all passers-by greet each other.

Frankly, we aren't much worried about you new snobs quickly getting into the spirit of old State. Remembering our freshman days, so long ago, it seemed to be the natural thing for us to do.

But those old set-in-their-ways juniors and seniors coming back this week-end may at first be a little startled to be greeted by strangers, but we can soon jolt them out of their lethargy and get them back into the practice.

Let's try it. It's such a simple thing to say "Hello," and the results are often surprising. You meet the nicest people that way. And it will transform Penn State into an even friendlier place.

—No. Sophs.



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"Take it easy, now—remember whose side you're on!"

We Apologize

We're genuinely sorry, sophomores, but we just don't have a permanent Student Union building of the size and type you ought reasonably to expect on a campus the size of Penn State.

Why, we really don't know, for there has certainly been enough agitation for one, and recognition of its need and value have persisted for many years. Not only that, but many man-hours of planning and work have been expended in its behalf.

Student Unions, as they exist on nearly every other major campus in the country, are complete student centers. With local variations, they provide facilities for almost any conceivable leisure-time activity.

Most of them contain ball-rooms, lounges, bowling alleys, snack bars, auditoriums, banquet halls, hotel rooms, hobby rooms, meeting rooms and book exchanges.

Before his death, Prexy Ralph Dorn Hetzel appointed a 13-member committee headed by Samuel K. Hostetter, assistant to the president in charge of business and finance. Its duties were to survey the facilities in other Union buildings and make recommendations for such a structure on the Penn State campus.

During the summer, five Mid-West Unions were studied by members of the committee. The enthusiasm of the committee members, and the advice and warnings they received should enhance the possibilities of eventually acquiring the best Union in the nation at Penn State.

In the meantime, College officials have been energetic in obtaining interim facilities for leisure activities, in the form of TUB (Temporary Union Building) and PUB (Pollock Union Building).

TUB, formerly a USO building in Lebanon, was purchased, erected on Shortlidge road just past the College Infirmary, and opened in February. Ping pong, dancing, reading and a snack bar have been its major attractions.

PUB, until this summer the Pollock Circle Dining Hall, opens Monday for the first time in its new role, after extensive alterations. For men only, it will feature eight ping pong tables, card tables, reading room, and coke, candy and cigarette machines.

Orientation Bulletin

Because of space limitations and the complexity of the Orientation program, only the functions which will be attended by large groups are listed below.

Men's counselling hours are printed elsewhere in this issue of Collegian. Times of health exams, swimming and the various tests are given in the individual hectographed schedules, which were passed out by members of Chimes.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- ENGINEERING School meeting, Schwab, 8 a.m.
- LIBERAL Arts School meeting, 121 Sparks, 8 a.m.
- COMMERCE meeting, 10 Sparks, 8 a.m.
- AGRICULTURAL School meeting, Schwab, 9 a.m.
- CHEMISTRY and Physics School meeting, 119 Osmond, 9 a.m.
- EDUCATION School meeting, 110 Electrical Engineering, 9 a.m.
- SONG Practice, Chem and Phys, Hotel Administration, Home Economics, Aero Eng, Schwab, 11 a.m.
- HOTEL Administration and Home Economics meeting, 3 White Hall, 1:10 p.m.
- MINERAL Industries School meeting, 110 Electrical Engineering, 1:10 p.m.
- PHYS Ed School meeting, 114 Irvin Hall, 1:10 p.m.
- WSGA, All Women, Schwab, 7 p.m.
- STUDENT Gov't. program, All Students, Rec Hall, 8:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- SONG Practice, All Students except Chem and Phys, Education Aero Eng and Phys Ed, Schwab, 11 a.m.
- DEAN of Men, All Men, Schwab, 1:10 p.m.
- WRA, All Women, Schwab, 7 p.m.
- PSCA Mixer, All Students, front of Old Main, 8:15 to 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- SONG Practice, All Students except Chem and Phys, Education and Liberal Arts, Schwab, 11 a.m.
- PAN Hel and IWA, All Women, Schwab, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- TRADITIONS, All Women, Schwab, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- WRA Open House, All Women, White Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- ALL-COLLEGE Mixer, Rec Hall, 8 p.m.

Extra-Curricular?

This week and for many to come, you will be bombarded on all sides by enticing cajolements to enter "Activities." "Be a President!" "Be a Captain!" "Be a Star!" "Be an Editor!" "Be a Hatman!"

These various garnishes on the meat of education will be described to you in glowing terms of glamour, glory, honor of the College and fraternity and sorority spirit. Little if any mention will be made of the months of drudgery and menial tasks, the seeming eternity of candidacy.

Pushed and pulled in many directions by your own desires, tastes and ambitions as well as by the coaxings of friends, you will no doubt be confronted by many tormenting questions. What can I really get out of it? Am I good enough to make out? How many should I go out for? Which ones?

A realistic and honest perspective is an absolute prerequisite for attacking the extra-curricular problem. We are unable to go along with the school of thought that "one's courses shouldn't interfere with one's social life or activities."

Extra-curricular activities are truly educational. Many of them give practice in the actual working of the classroom theories in your chosen field; others, no less important even though not directly related to your major, provide excellent opportunities for personality, character and leadership development.

There is probably no better way to acquire the vital knack of getting along with all kinds of people. To succeed in activities, one must develop self-disciplinary and time-budgetary habits. These traits, of course, will be valuable assets throughout life.

Students in two types of groups have in the past been noted for their extreme lack of interest in things extra-curricular. They are independents in general and students in the "tough" schools, Chemistry and Physics, Engineering and Mineral Industries.

Although recent trends show evidences of a healthy reversal of this condition, students in these categories are particularly urged to participate.

Our advice, then, is to study the various activities which you will read about in Collegian and hear about from speakers and counselors. Pick out the two or three most interesting to you, watch Collegian for their calls for candidates, and give them all you can, after first saving enough time for adequate study.

But don't forget, they're extra-curricular.

It's Your Collegian

As you will very quickly become aware, "The Daily Collegian" is a student newspaper, written by students, of students and for students.

In its attempt to present student opinions on the many matters with which they are concerned, it does not pretend to be omniscient, or to have divining powers. Its opinion may often be a decided minority one, many times erroneously or incorrectly.

That's one of the reasons we throw our editorial page open to readers, for letters of 200 words or less upon subjects of general interest to the student body or to the College.

Obviously no libelous or patently "crank" or prank letters will be published. We will not edit letters in any way, except when we have to cut them to the 200-word length because of space shortage.

Names, addresses and telephone numbers must be included in the letter before it can be printed. For everyone's protection, we will always verify the authenticity of letters.

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