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# **Ivory Tower**

Mount Nittany's Vale too easily becomes an ivory tower to many Penn Staters. Shut up in this beautiful valley many students soon forget there is a world stretching beyond those green hills.

At the beginning of the semester you'll probably read the newspapers-even glancing at the front page before turning to the sports section.

Even this minimum readership soon seems to wear away. Studies will take up more of your time. That extra five minutes of sleep, that you need so desperately, will deprive you of your usual chance to grab a paper on your way to class.

Little by little the hills close in on you. Before you know it you're locked in vour ivory tower.

Perhaps the World Series will penetrate to the tower—if there's no important football game at the same time. And perhaps you'll even know how close you are to being drafted. But for the most part your horizons will be bounded by Boalsburg and New Beaver Field.

It's not entirely your fault, either. The Daily Collegian must take some of the blame. As a news-paper it should keep you informed on national and international news.

The Collegian tries: In the regular editions, starting Tuesday, you'll find a column devoted to late news. Limitations of various kinds, however. make it impossible to make this column as exten-

make it impossible to make this column as exten-sive and complete as it should be. You can use this column, though, as a step-ladder to climb down from your ivory tower. Read this column and then follow up its hints on the radio and in the city newspapers.

College students are, theoretically, the leaders of their generation. In order to lead, though, you must know where you are going. You must know something about the world and your country. The next few months have been called one of

the most decisive periods in the history of the world. To get out of touch with the news now should be unthinkable.

Take a look at some of the things that the next few months may decide. Can you afford to get out of touch with them?

Here is a partial list of some of the things you could watch developing: the presidential elec-tions, the UN General Assembly, the Berlin problem, the "Cold War," inflation in the United States, the Palestine problem, the reconstruction of Ger-many, the spread of Communism in the Far East. Each of them affects students-as members of

the world community and citizens of the United stay out of that ivory tower! —by Elliot Shapiro. States.

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## **Orientation Critique**

Just how well has Orientation Week fulfilled its purpose, of integrating new students into the life and customs of the Penn State campus? Who is more qualified to say than those for whom the effort has been expended?

Now, while the impressions of the week are still warm in your memory, is the time for you to let us know honestly of what value your time has been to you. For next year, and especially the year after that, it will be your task to orient the newcomers.

Very likely, in fact, you will be confronted with the immeasurably more important and more difficult task of welcoming freshmen, who will be making the transition directly from high school without the benefit of any college life or any indirect "orientation" into things Penn State.

Last year, student planners were under a terrific handicap in their attempts to improve orientation-where those improvements entailed changes over the previous 20 years' programs.

Your candid appraisal, coming at this most opportune time, will be forwarded to the administration's Orientation Week Committee, which should be most forcefully impressed.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 REGISTRATION, Recreation Hall, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, .1:30 to

5 p.m. SONG Practice, all new students except Chem and Phys, Edu-

cation and Liberal Arts, Schwab, 11 a.m. PAN Hel and IWA, all new women, Schwab, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

GLEE CLUB tryouts, sophomore men, 200 Carnegie Hall, 1 to

## **Pioneers**

Pioneers, O Pioneers. Class of '51 will have a chance to blaze the trail in a new enterprise which should grow into a famed tradition-a flash card rooting section.

Through the use of brilliant blue and white cards against a background of white shirts and blouses, many spectacular and colorful designs and maneuvers will augment the spirit and enthusiasm of this season's football games.

Consider the potentialities. Imagine a Nittany Lion chasing a Temple Owl or a Bucknell Bison, or squeezing a Syracuse Orange—all in motion and in vivid color. Of course such intricate maneuvers are many years in the future, still in the dream stage. Much hard work and devoted en-thusiasm are required to change the vision into an actuality.

A good beginning is of the utmost importance to the eventual success of such an ambitious un-dertaking. The necessary hard work will, how-ever, be amply rewarded by the resultant increase in school spirit, and in the favorable publicity the College should receive.

The opportunity—and the burden and responsi-bility—of participating as rooters falls to the sophomores for a very good reason.

When planning long-range projects, one of the first requisites is to provide for continuity of trained and interested leaders. Since you sopho-mores will be here longer than the rest of us, you will naturally be the ones most able to continue

Mistakes will be made this first season, and inefficiency will be evident; it will be up to the sophomores to correct these mistakes in the next two years and increase the organization's efficiency.

It is our hope that eventually, the card rooting section will be as well-organized and active a group as the publications, dramatic, governmental and musical organizations now are. After all, each of them started out in the same way-with nothing but an idea and the will to succeed and improve.

As an added incentive to sophomores hesitant about joining, section L will be reserved for signed-up rooters only. This section, extending from the 23 to the 35 yard line, is the closest to the mid-field stripe of the three sophomore

sections. You won't be assigned specific seats in the section, either, but will be permitted to sit with your friends, wherever you please. Furthermore, the maneuver instructions will be so simple that no practice sessions will be required.

So when the call is made next week, offer your services to demonstrate your school spirit, to help spread the College's fame or to get a better seat without going to New Beaver Field before noon. But volunteer. Remember, it will be first come, first admitted.

## The Bambino

A little over a month ago baseball's all-time great, Babe Ruth. lay pale and wasted in death. Any tribute paid to him would sound as hollow as the tapping of a gourd when compared to the mighty deeds which stand as permanent me-

morials to the Babe. The passing of the Bambino, baseball's brightest star, and a man as American as apple pie, was mourned by people all over the country. Millions of words were printed and spoken in tribute to Mr. Baseball.

Now people all over the nation are streaming into moving picture theaters to see and to idolize the Babe in the new film "The Babe Ruth Story."

The film gets off to a good start . . . but it is corny, it is hammy. It is inaccurate in detail and

in viewpoint. It makes a sweet sticky goo out of one of the greatest baseball players of all time. The best critics condemn it as unanimously as do the sportswriters who knew the real Babe fr the day he came up as a rookie with the Baltimore Orioles. It is no more the Babe Ruth story than it is the -by George Vadasz.

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8 p.m.

TRADITIONS, all new women. Schwab. 7 p.m. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 WRA Open House all new women White Hall, 7:30 p.m. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 ALL-COLLEGE Mixer, all students invited, free, Rec Hall, | for its producers. After all that's what counts....

