

Know Your College

13. The Future
By Lew Stone

With the approach of Commencement, it is appropriate for those about to graduate from the Vale of old Mt. Nittany to dream a vision of what Penn State will be on their fifth . . . or 25th . . . or 50th class reunion.

THE POTENTIALITIES OF SERVICE which the College can offer to the citizens of Pennsylvania have not yet been fully realized, although Penn State has never remained static, but has continually expanded and progressed in its efforts to fulfill its trust as the land grant college of the State.

What the College is to become, and what it is to do, must largely be decided by the people, whose College it is. The people, in short, must decide 1. What they want, and 2. If they are willing to pay the fare.

THE DECISION WILL BE DIFFICULT to make, and will probably not satisfy everyone. On the one hand, increasing numbers of taxpayers are demanding for their children the educational benefits of Penn State, at prices they can afford.

Arrayed against expansion of the College are many of the small, private liberal arts colleges throughout the State. Feeling the pinch of increased costs, and lowered dividends, they complain that Penn State's "octopus" educational tactics are depriving them of students and threatening them with ruin.

THE COLLEGE'S RESEARCH PROGRAM is in a similar dilemma. Those who benefit think that not enough work is done, although research accounts for one-third of the budget. Others consider that education should be the College's only function.

Finances, then, appears to be the ultimate answer to the future of Penn State. Given enough, it can become one of the most outstanding institutions of higher education in the nation, capable of adequately training 25,000 Pennsylvania youth.

SUCH A SWOLLEN CAMPUS ENROLLMENT will bring with it many problems, such as a large and capable faculty to maintain, and even decrease the student-to-instructor ratio, more classroom space, additional housing and feeding facilities.

Dwelling for a moment on the new building situation, the need for several is apparent and acute, even at the present. Among these are a student union, auditorium, enlarged library and field house. Each will be attended by a traffic and parking problem.

MANY OF THE PRESENT BUILDINGS are antiquated and are tolerated only because of the desperate need and the lack of replacements. Slated for razing are the "temporary" Engineering buildings, Textile chemistry, Walker laboratory and the Armory.

Recreational facilities will be greatly expanded. The golf course may need relocation, a little further from the present campus, possibly in a new recreational area, containing the lake now visualized by the Liberal Arts Student Council.

ON THE PRESENT SITE OF THE COURSE may grow a modern 50,000-seat "bowl," and a 30,000-seat field house, attracting crowds from the entire state. Traffic, parking, hotel facilities and access to State College by car, bus, rail and air will have to be coped with.

Student life will be greatly altered. Great pains must be taken to assure the all-around growth of each student's personality and character. Individualism must never be sacrificed to the clamor for "mass-produced" graduates.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT WILL ASSUME an even more predominant role in College affairs. Some way must be conceived to stimulate more widespread interest and participation in student self-government.

Orientation, counselling and advising will demand more thought and emphasis. A one-semester, one-credit orientation course should be of inestimable value in inculcating new students with the traditions and spirit of Penn State.

UPPER-CLASS COUNSELLORS and faculty advisors should be assigned to new students on the basis of their interest, ability and desire to help the freshman make a difficult and vital adjustment.

Student activities will be greatly expanded to allow every student to engage in one or more extra-curricular pursuits. Dramatics, musical and handicrafts groups will benefit greatly from construction of the Student Union building.

ACQUISITION OF A STUDENT PRESS in the near future should be but the first step in the development of a student publications building, complete with all necessary equipment. A student radio should be started.

In spite of problems and obstacles, one thing seems certain—that the future will see the realization of that **BETTER PENN STATE**.

Belles Lettres
Newly-elected officers of Belles Lettres are Joel Fleming, president; Carole Werner, vice-president; Lavina Marchett, secretary-treasurer; and Georgiana Sukoff, correspondent.

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Burgess Raps Traffic Blocks In Windcrest

The latest development in the Windcrest campaign against speeding in the trailer village is a release from George W. Smith, Burgess, stating that:

"All Windcrest residents are warned that severe penalties may result from the nailing down of planks and other forms of physical blocking of Windcrest streets in such a manner as may result in the injuring of persons or damaging of property, including passing vehicles."

The campaign was initiated by residents of Windcrest yesterday who based their complaints on the fact that children and even parents could easily be hit by cars as they speed over the narrow, curving roads.

Yesterday a representative of the residents turned over to the State College police department the license numbers of four cars reported to have been speeding through the area early Sunday morning.

The representative indicated that charges would probably be pressed against the violators of the 10-mile-per-hour speed limit.

Collegian Lists 46 Promotions

Marlin Weaver, business manager of the Daily Collegian, yesterday announced the promotion of 46 staff members to the Junior Board advertising section, Sophomore Board business staff and Junior Board classified section.

Those promoted to Junior Board advertising section are Herb Blough, James Cochrane, Larry Dunn, Norma Gleghorn, Suzanne Halperin, Delores Horne, Ruth Johnson, Owen Landon, Laura Mermelstein, Drew Mahla, Ruth Philips, Bill Schott, Barbara Sprenkle, Pete Vrabel, Hal Wollin and Winnie Wyant.

Shirley Fuller was the only person named to the Junior Board classified section.

Those promoted to Sophomore Board business staff are Albert Adelman, Helen Aicher, Roger Bartels, Lee Berger, Robert Brady, Alfred Chieppor, Pat Gleichert, Juliette Guyer, Dale Jackel, Dale Johnson, Peter Kalondiak, Mary Kauffman, Jacqueline Myers, Hugo Maandes.

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Scabbard and Blade

Officers of H Co., 1st Reg. Scabbard and Blade, advanced ROTC national honor society, were elected recently. They are Robert Keller, captain; Augustus Pierce, first lieutenant; Dominick Abrunzo, second lieutenant; William Ritchey, first sergeant; and Joseph Bedell, senior member.

Keller and Richard Manchester will attend the organization's national convention at Atlanta, Ga., early in October.

Forster Goes Abroad To Tour Britain, Teach History

By Stan Degler



Dr. Forster

Dr. Kent Forster, genial young history professor, will obtain some "on the spot" information on the European situation when he goes abroad this summer as a member of the faculty of the School for Social Research in New York.

The College history professor will teach an orientation course in the history and culture of Great Britain, and supervise excursions for students around London and Nottingham.

The group will examine textile plants, coal mines, the school system, public housing and the socialized medicine program.

A European trip will not be an entirely new experience for Dr. Forster. Last summer he visited England, France, Italy and Switzerland as a member of the American Friends Service Committee. His job was to orient American students going abroad and foreign students coming here on ships crossing the Atlantic.

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Dr. Forster came to the College as an instructor in 1941, and after a "hitch" in the service, worked his way to the position which he now holds as associate professor of modern European history.

He took his undergraduate work in mathematics at Washington and Lee, and his master of arts and doctorate of philosophy degrees in history at the University of Pennsylvania.

While an undergraduate he participated in track and cross country, at which he describes himself as "distinctly mediocre." He was also interested in international relations.

From 1942 until 1944, Dr. Forster served in the Army Air Corps. His particular job was in the statistical control division of command headquarters for the Air Transport Command, where his mathematical training was put to use. He went through Officers Candidate School and rose to the rank of Captain before he was discharged in December, 1944, and returned to the College.

Fees—

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time table must be strictly followed and that students will not be admitted to Rec Hall except at their scheduled time. This Fall's alphabetically-scheduled registration is the first such attempt at alleviating the disorganization that ordinarily results during registration.

All students who have not pre-registered or who have changes to make in their pre-registration schedule, must report to the Board of Control at the Armory to determine whether or not the course is not closed and to be properly enrolled in the course before they will be allowed to complete registration at Rec Hall.

Check Schedules

This procedure might require considerable time and delay the student in being ready for his turn at registration in Rec Hall. Therefore, Watkins urges all students to check their schedules after receiving their Spring grades and to be prepared to have a change of schedule signed by their advisor so that they can be cleared through the Board of Control in time to report at Rec Hall at the scheduled time.

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