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It's Up To You

As the Class of '56 you have been brought to the Penn State campus a few days before the upperclassmen in order to become acquainted with the campus and to help you adjust yourself to your new environment.

A thorough orientation counseling program has been set up through the hard work of many people, students and members of the administration alike. We are anxious for you to get to know Penn State and to enjoy your stay here. But even the most thorough counseling program cannot succeed without the cooperation and interest of those for whom the program was established.

We therefore urge you to attend all the scheduled meetings announced by the orientation committee. If you become confused on any point, ask your counselor. He may not know the answer immediately, but he will know where to get it or can tell you where you can get the information you want.

Penn State, you'll find, is different in many ways from your high school Alma Mater. It abounds with traditions and customs with which you should become familiar early in your college career in order to better understand and appreciate how things are done here.

The orientation program has been well-planned to thoroughly acquaint new Penn Staters with Penn State. How well it does the job now depends chiefly on you.

New Parking Plan Utilizes Space

One of the more serious problems on campus for many years has been the lack of adequate parking facilities for students, faculty, and administration. After much consideration, a plan was finally devised which would utilize to the utmost what parking space is available.

It is unfortunate that many students and staff members who would like to be able to drive to their classes will be unable to do so, but, under the new plan, those who must of necessity use their automobiles on campus will be assured of a regular parking space.

To many the plan may seem unfair, but it appears to be the most feasible solution. After extensive study by a special student-faculty-administration committee, the current plan was approved. Under the provisions of the parking program, deans and department heads are allotted quotas of parking spaces which they in turn designate for their staff members who need parking space. The only students who will be allowed to drive on campus during school hours are those who commute from areas beyond the borough limits or who are physically-handicapped. These students will get their permits when they register.

Undoubtedly there will be students who will violate the provisions of the new code. However, a word of warning should be sufficient. The campus patrol will be watching for these violators and stiff penalties can be expected.

The new parking program can be very successful with the cooperation of everyone concerned. And perhaps, in time, there will be plenty of parking space for everyone who wants it.

1952 Grid Hopes Not Too Promising

On the Nittany campus, King Football is already breathing deeply of the invigorating air of a new gridiron campaign. And with football's new life comes the new hope that goes with a clean-slate start—hope for an excellent Penn State season.

However, this year is not likely to show a 1947 rainbow with a Cotton Bowl hanging on the end of it. Certainly the Blue and White should give the fans more to cheer about than moan over because State's capable Coach Rip Engle has guided his team to two winning seasons (5-4 and 5-3-1.) But it is not merely coachly singing of the blue Blues to say that the Lions face a suicidal schedule, which has a foreboding of a lean winter following a drought of football victories in the fall.

Why the pessimism? State meets nationally ranked Michigan State, Big Seven power Nebraska, potential Eastern ruler Penn, and Big Ten power Purdue. To add misery to such misery-producing company, Pitt, Syracuse, and West Virginia are unusually loaded and Southern Conference foe William & Mary looks impressive.

To the new students who, we trust, will be rapidly forming new allegiance to their Penn State team, let's hope that the Lions will also be their team on Saturday night if it turns out to be gloomy. And gloomy Saturday nights are not too remote a possibility judging from the 1952 Nittany schedule.

The crowd loves a winner and how easy it is to cheer a winning team. Let's hope, along with hope for Rip Engle's brawn-trust in the coming football wars, that Nittany fans will stick to the team like Pittsburgh baseball fans stick to the National League's twenty-fathoms-deep Pirates.

—Jake Highton

Collegian Staffers Welcome Freshmen

To the many words of welcome you've already had, the staffs of the Daily Collegian wish to add their greetings.

This is the first issue of the 1952-53 Daily Collegian. Between now and next May, the business and editorial staffs, both composed entirely of students, will be working hard to give you over 150 issues of your newspaper. That's right—your newspaper. We will endeavor to give you complete coverage of the campus and, with the services of the Associated Press, give you the major stories of world news events.

We're only human. There will be times when we'll be wrong (very few we hope). There will be times when we won't have all the news. But keep in mind that we're trying, and trying hard. Remember, too, that we're only students like you, and that putting out an eight-page newspaper Tuesday through Saturday in addition to our regular schoolwork isn't the easiest thing in the world.

Looking back on what the editor said at this time last year, we came across the following paragraph:

"As a student newspaper, it is the job of the Daily Collegian to reflect student opinion. But if a newspaper is to be more than a mirror, it must do more than reflect; it must also be a leader."

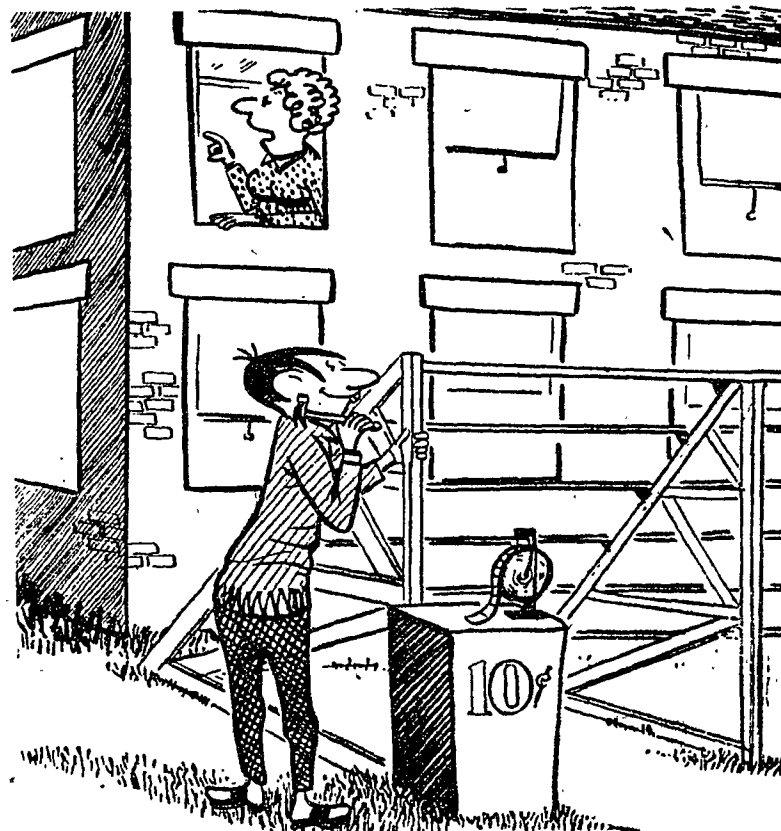
We pass this on to you because it is exactly the way we feel. Our stories on the news pages will be as objective as we can possibly make them, but on the editorial page we reserve the right to criticize—the students, the faculty, the administration, any organization, and the ideas of any of these groups.

Criticism is not a one-sided affair, however. We expect and hope to get intelligent, legitimate criticism by which we can profit. Through the "Safety Valve," our regular letters to the editor column, we hope to get student opinion on many subjects. Anyone, student or otherwise, is invited to write to the "Safety Valve." All we ask is that the letters be signed so that they may be printed. Names will be withheld on request.

The motto of the Daily Collegian is "For A Better Penn State." We hope that you, the class of '56, will keep that motto in mind as you progress through your college career.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"You girls must be getting careless about pulling the shades—Worthal is setting up his bleachers again."



The Way We See It

By DAVE PELLNITZ

Well, here you are at Penn State!

We think you're going to like it here. We certainly hope so anyway.

Right now you're probably pretty well lost. We can remember vividly our first few days on campus after transferring in our sophomore year from a Penn State center. Coming from a small high school and a State Teacher's College that wasn't too much larger, the size and scope of Penn State sort of awed us. It continued to awe us for some time, too.

At first you're likely to walk around campus eagerly searching for familiar faces which, for some strange reason, seem to be strangely lacking. Some of you will undoubtedly suffer the pangs of homesickness, but that's all part of going to college. Don't let it bother you too much.

One of the things that amazed us when we first arrived on campus was the wide variety of extra-curricular activities, all of them eager for new blood. If you're normal you'll probably see at least three or four that strike your fancy and you'll be disappointed when you find that you just don't have time for all of them.

For the athletes, there is everything from football to golf in the inter-collegiate line, while there are even more numerous intramural teams in which the sports-minded can participate. Facilities for hunting, fishing, riding, golfing, swimming, hiking, and other outdoor recreation are available to those who desire them.

For those who like their activities a little less strenuous, there are plenty of opportunities avail-

able. In the music line there are the famous Penn State Blue Band, the College symphony orchestra, the Glee Club, the Chapel Choir, Treble Singers, various ROTC bands, plus several student orchestras. All of these groups will be holding try-outs soon.

Among the major publications for those interested in the literary fields are Inking (campus literary magazine), Pivot (the poetry effort), the Daily Collegian, Froth (so-called humor magazine), LaVie (the College yearbook), Penn State Engineer, Penn State Farmer, plus many newsletters and bulletins put out by the various schools of the College.

For would-be actors and actresses, Penn State offers the Penn State Players, Thespians, and Five O'Clock Theater. Students interested in forensics may try out for the College debating teams.

No matter what your interest, be it cave exploring, foreign languages, literature, etc., you'll find an organization of some kind at Penn State to fill your desires. And if you're of a religious nature, there are local clubs and societies representing almost every faith.

But don't get the idea that all is play at State. Remember that you're here to get an education—and that should remain uppermost in your mind, particularly during your first four semesters.

Your first inking that all is not fun will probably be your first trip to Rec Hall to begin what is spoken of in whispers around here—registration. Registration is what every student, from senior to frosh, comes to dread after his first encounter with it. You can expect to be pretty well con-

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New College Diner

Complete Food Service

Between the Movies

Freezer Fresh Ice Cream