

# College Problems Aired At Student Encampment

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While most students were preparing for their return to the Penn State campus, a group of 91 students, faculty, and administration members was spending three days at the Mont Alto Forestry School to discuss campus problems.

This gathering, known as the first annual Student Encampment, began Sept. 4 and continued through Sept. 6. President Milton S. Eisenhower brought the idea for a student encampment

from his previous experience at Kansas State University.

The encampment was not limited entirely to social activities or business. The business phase of the gathering was summed up by the Prexy in his keynote address Thursday afternoon. He said that the encampment could serve to improve relations among students, faculty, and administration.

## Improved College Program

The encampment, he added, could also improve the College program as a result of increased student responsibility and leadership. An improved College program could work toward the best education for students at the lowest possible cost, he said.

Not to neglect social life along with the business phase of the encampment, Thursday night's program centered around a dance and wienie roast. The dance was held in a chilled, wind-swept outdoor pavilion, music being provided by a juke box with an avaricious appetite for coins.

After some of the boy scouts in the group fought the winds and were finally able to get two fires going, charcoal-colored, roasted dogs were consumed by all. Seasoning for the hot dogs consisted of cinders, mustard, and all the other trimmings customary at an outdoor roast.

## Discuss Student Affairs

Workshop sessions Thursday afternoon were for the purpose of organizing the order of discussion for the workshops Friday morning. Viewing these morning sessions through eyelids opened at varying widths, the groups discussed the National Student Association, student leadership, student citizenship, student-faculty relations, cooperation and responsibilities of students, communications, the book exchange, recreation, dormitory food service, and encampment evaluation.

After anywhere from two to four hours of discussions, the first plenary session was held Friday afternoon. Group chairmen presented the main points of discussion up to that point, and suggestions were made in some cases for changes that could be made when final recommendations were presented.

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# Deadline Set For Customs Exemptions

Korean veterans and all veterans under the G.I. Bill, in order to be exempt from freshman customs, are instructed to turn their names into the Student Union desk in Old Main by 5 p.m. Friday, James Shulte, co-chairman of the Joint Customs Board, said.

Exemption cards for these men will be available Monday morning at the Student Union desk. Only if veterans turn their names into the desk and then, pick up their exemption cards, will they be exempt from customs, Shulte said.

All other students, women and men alike, who may for some reason think that they should be exempt from customs, will have to appear before the board for permission. The time to appear will be announced at a later date, Shulte said.

Customs for all freshman men and women will begin 7 a.m. Monday morning. Freshmen will be expected to wear their dress customs at that time, Shulte said. They may be purchased at the Used Book Agency, beginning 9 a.m. today, he added.

Students must have a well-rounded program, a variety show took the spotlight Friday night. Business was set aside, fun took over, and some people tried to display talent, although many in the group questioned what the semanticist would have said about some of the so-called talent. Included in the program were acts by the women students, the men students, and the faculty-administration group.

Saturday morning's workshops organized the discussions held in the various committees. These were presented as recommendations at the second plenary session. (Continued on page fourteen)

# Starlight Dance Set For Old Main Lawn

Jack Huber's orchestra will play for tonight's Starlight Dance, an annual Orientation Week function sponsored by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils for all students.

Alan McChesney will be vocalist at the event, which will take place from 8:30 to 10 p.m. on the lawn in front of Old Main.

At 6:45 p.m. coeds will see the Women's Recreation Association program at Schwab Auditorium, and men will meet with student counselors at the same places they met last night.

Freshman men in ROTC will meet at 8 tonight at the balcony of Recreation Hall. At 10 p.m. women will hold dormitory unit meetings and men will consult with resident counselors.

Panhellenic Council and Leontides, independent women's organization, will hold a program at 6:45 p.m. tomorrow in Schwab Auditorium. At the same time, men will hold dormitory meetings sponsored by dormitory councils and the Association of Independent Men.

Sophomore men in ROTC will hold military meetings at 8 p.m. The Air Force will meet in Schwab Auditorium and the Army in 121 Sparks.

Dormitory unit meetings are scheduled for coeds and consultations with dormitory counselors in the counselor's rooms are planned for 10 p.m. tomorrow.

# Racial Equality Council Formed In May, 1941

The Council on Racial Equality was formed in State College in May, 1941, as a result of discriminatory practices by local barber shops. Some local barbers refused to serve Negroes because they believed that in so doing they would be running financial risks.

The council was set up as an attempt to provide first-class, non-discriminatory barber service to all students and citizens. In 1947 CORE opened a drive to set up the new shop. By selling tickets good for haircuts at the new shop when it should open, CORE was able to raise over \$1800.

On Sept. 30, 1949, the new shop was officially opened. The shop was named the CORE barber shop because its opening marked the end of a two year struggle by CORE in order that it might be created. The shop is located on Beaver avenue.

# Hatmen To Enforce Customs

New hazards will be in store for freshman men when the hundred-odd members of men's hat societies return to campus to enforce freshman customs.

Bell-shaped black hats, which distinguish the "local Gestapo," will soon be seen on campus, downtown, and outside dormitory units. Hatmen will appear out of nowhere to check freshman handbooks, ask questions concerning the College, and call for a chorus of Penn State songs and cheers.

Hat societies are organized to recognize students outstanding in leadership, scholarship, and service to the College. Applicants are carefully screened on a point system. Points are awarded according to positions held in extracurricular activities.

## Form Honor Guard

In addition to enforcing customs, members sponsor pep rallies and football dances, usher at athletic contests, assist cheerleaders with the flashcard system, entertain visiting speakers and sports teams, and aid in Campus Chest drive collections. At home games the hatmen line up on the field to form an honor guard when the football team comes onto Beaver Field.

The highest honorary society for senior men is Lion's Paw. A maximum of 15 are tapped annually on the basis of work and service on campus for this organization. Members of Lion's Paw do not wear hats.

Parmi Nous, senior men's hat society, was founded in 1909 to honor campus athletes. Membership has been extended to students active in government, dramatics, publications, and forensics.

Skull and Bones, senior honorary, taps men outstanding in athletics, sports managers, class officers, and editors of campus publications. Besides carrying out the regular hat society duties, each (Continued on page sixteen)

# Musical Tryouts Scheduled

Individual tryouts for new students who are interested in participating in various campus musical activities will be held this week according to the following schedule:

Chapel Choir (open to men and women): tryouts 9 a.m. to 12 noon today, tomorrow and Friday in 214 Carnegie. Appointments will be taken in 216 Carnegie.

Glee Club (open to men): tryouts all week in 206 Carnegie. Appointments may be made in 216 Carnegie. Accompaniment is needed.

Treble Singers (open to women): tryouts 9 a.m. to 12 noon today, tomorrow or Friday in 200 Carnegie. Appointments will be taken in 216 Carnegie.

Blue Band: Marching Unit (men), Concert Unit and Prep Band (men and women): tryouts 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. today, tomorrow or Friday in 109 Carnegie. Sign up in advance in 109 Carnegie. Students are asked to bring their own instruments if possible.

College Symphony Orchestra (men and women): tryouts for strings 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. today or tomorrow in 107 Carnegie. Students may sign up for appointments in 216 Carnegie. They are asked to bring their own instruments.

# Presbyterian Students Hold Reception Today

The Westminster Fellowship and the Presbyterian Church will hold an informal reception for new students 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. today at the Presbyterian Church, Beaver avenue at Frazier street.

Punch will be served, and it is requested that ties not be worn.

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