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The Registration System: It Works

At long last, the University registration system has reached efficient—if not near perfect—operation.

After a series of improvements, many undertaken despite much student skepticism, the registration system has been perfected to the point where most students may register in a few minutes.

Penn State's registration system was a victim of the institution's rapid post-war growth. As enrollment rose by leaps and bounds, the registration system that worked for a few students began to break down. As recent as four years ago, first phase registration and boards of control were common words. Now, most students on campus do not know what they meant.

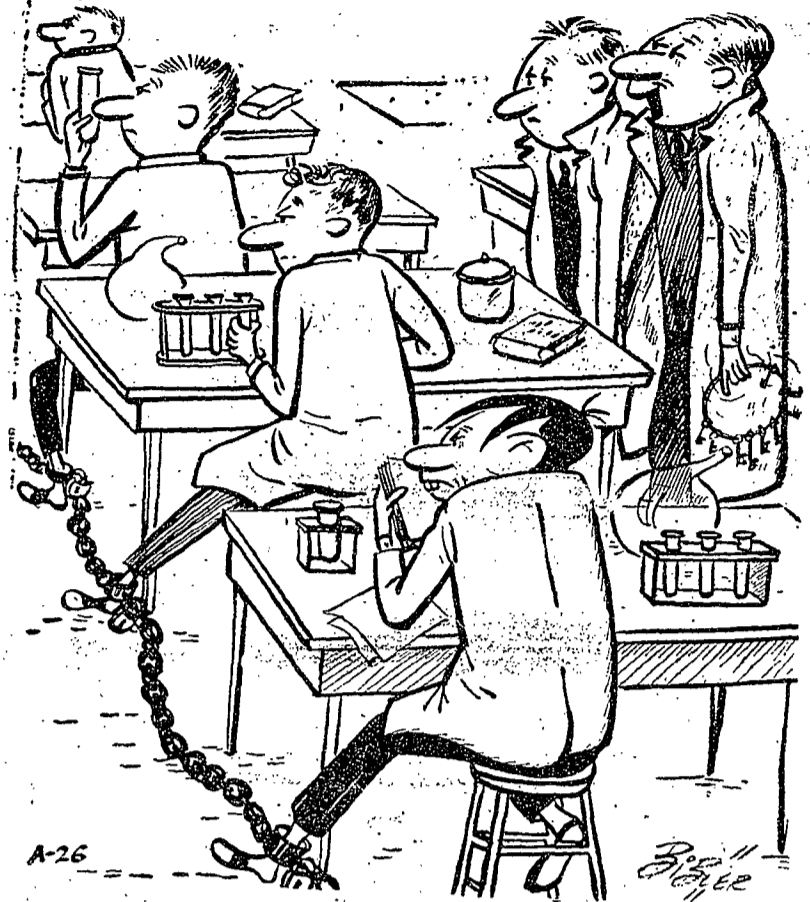
This semester saw two innovations in the system. First, the registration schedule was shifted to allow a more even flow of upper-classmen in Recreation Hall. This eliminated

many long lines. Second, registration forms were numbered for easy handling by students and checkers. These innovations helped eliminate two of the biggest jam-ups uncovered last semester.

The outstanding flaw remaining is premature closing of courses. Too many students this semester found themselves up against closed sections, many times in required courses. It is almost impossible to measure how many students can be expected to enroll in a class. However, it is desirable to investigate possibilities of opening new course sections when the demand is great.

All in all, the system has come a long way in the past few semesters. It has overcome the handicap of being a small-school system in a large school. Those affiliated with registration operation are to be commended for developing a really efficient system.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



Americanism, and Real Americanism

The professional reactionaries and their fellow travelers are having their heyday in the state of Alabama.

A recent issue of the New York Times reported that publishers of public school textbooks were having difficulty in complying with the new anti-communist state law. The law requires the publisher to certify that authors of the books are not communists, and requires deletion of "subversive" material from texts.

Passage of the law seems to have arisen from a controversy in Birmingham in 1951 when a group required 60 deletions by the publisher before it would approve a book. Even more, the group required the deletion of an entire chapter on racial minorities. The group was critical of the book on the ground that it contained "anti-American propaganda."

The controversy was then followed by the

resolution of the State Education Board, calling on publishers to delete subversive matter from textbooks sold to the state of Alabama. However, publishers are having difficulty in getting membership lists of organizations declared subversive by the Federal government.

The only hope can be that the action of the Birmingham group will not become a universal practice in the state of Alabama, and add to the carnage of the recent rage of bookburning.

Of course, the saddest part of the situation is that anti-Negro bias is being cloaked in supposedly anti-Communist legislation. This is the crux of the matter, and it should not escape notice.

We must beware the professional reactionary and his fellow travelers. Call them Birminghamians, or call them Alabamians, but don't call them Americans.

—Len Goodman

Gazette...

- Today**
 ACEI meeting, 7 p.m., Atherton Lounge.
 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS ORGANIZATION, 8 p.m., Legion Home, Pugh street.
 OUTING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 109 Agriculture.
 PENN STATE FARMER, 7:30 p.m., 105 Agriculture.
 PENN STATE GRANGE, 7:30 p.m., 100 Horticulture.
 PHI UPSILON OMICRON, 6:45 p.m., Home Ec Living Center.
 PLAYERS ADVERTISING WORKSHOP, 6:45 p.m., Loft, Schwab Auditorium.
 WOMEN'S CHORUS, 7 to 9 p.m., 1 Carnegie.
- Tomorrow**
 NEWS AND VIEWS, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Economics.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Graduate student in EE wanted for part-time laboratory work.

The following camps will interview prospective counselors. Students may sign up at the Student Employment Service: Ken-Mont and Ken-Wood—Feb. 12; Delwood—Feb. 17; Barree—Feb. 24; Trail's End—Feb. 27; Hiram House—March 2; Abington YMCA—March 16.

INFIRMARY

Thomas Ball, Sidney Brindley, Marilyn Cameron, Louis Cohen, Robert Dyer, Lloyd Eddings, Barbara Lordly, Clark Nicklow, Bruce Spengler, William Stiffler, and Suzanne Strom.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

E. I. DUPONT will visit the campus to interview graduating seniors in Chem., Comm. Chem., Phys., Science, ChE, EE, IE, ME, and Mining Engr. on Feb. 22, 23, 24.
 EASTMAN KODAK CO. will interview graduating seniors and M.S. candidates who have completed at least one semester in Bus. Adm., Acctg., Bus. Mngt., Eco., Finance, Trade & Transportation, Chem., Phys., Science, Math., ChE, EE, IE, ME on Feb. 22 and 23.
 FEDERAL AGENCY ENGAGED IN NATIONAL SECURITY WORK will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., A&L (Eco., History, Pol. Science), Languages (not Romance), Geography, and Secretarial Science on Feb. 22 and 23.
 BETHLEHEM STEEL CO. will interview graduating seniors in ME, CE, ChE, EE, IE, Mining Engr., Metal Ceramics, and a few students in Purchasing, Acctg., Finance and Industrial & Public Relations on Feb. 22 and 23.
 WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP. (Research Labs. & Atomic Power Div.) representatives will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem., Math., Metal, Phys., ChE, ME & EE expecting to receive their degrees in 1954; and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on Feb. 19.

Froth: A Plot

It is no coincidence that some 400 new students and the Penn State Froth appear on campus simultaneously. It's a plot.

Froth, which calls itself the campus humor magazine, employs hundreds of pretty, athletic, ambitious, luscious-voiced, all-weather coeds to peddle its product. This too is a plot.

Thus, this warning. Eat a hearty breakfast, new students. Wear dark glasses. Carry no money. Perhaps you too can avoid Froth.

Elsewhere on this page, the publication has taken space to give us all a fair warning. "Today," the ad shouts, "Froth—Today!" Today, we are warned. Today we must be extra cautious. Today we must buy bicarbonate. Today we must laugh eagerly at any little thing which hints of humor. For there will be no joy at Penn State today—today Froth is out.

Today Froth celebrates—or assassinates—St. Valentine's Day. Hearts will be broken. It will become this newspaper's duty to reassure those who believe in this happy little institution, St. Valentine and his day, a day dedicated to hearty stuff—cupid, love, chocolates.

Froth will attempt to do to St. Valentine's Day what Scrooge tried to do to Christmas. It will not succeed. Cupid lives, and he will live forever. He, among others, does not read Froth.

—Mike Feinsilber

CLEVITE CORP. (Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co. and Brush Electronics Co.) will interview graduating seniors in Acctg., Bus. Mngt., Chem., Phys., Metal, ChE, EE, IE, and ME on Feb. 22.
 WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE COMPANY (Industrial Products and Air Brake Divisions) will interview graduating seniors in ME and a few outstanding EE, on Feb. 22.
 GENERAL RAILWAY SIGNAL CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE, IE, ME on Feb. 23.
 NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm. and Liberal Arts on Feb. 23.
 HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Liberal Arts and Education on Feb. 23.
 AMERICAN SUGAR REFINING CO. will interview graduating seniors in ME, IE, Chem., Engr., Acctg., and A&L on Feb. 23.
 MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM CO. will interview graduating seniors in P.N.G., and Mining Engr. on Feb. 22.
 PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS CO. (paint div.) will interview graduating seniors in Chem., Commercial Chem., Bus. Mngt., ME, ChE; M.S. candidates who have completed at least one semester in Chem. and Chem. Engr.; and Ph.D. candidates expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 in Chem. and ChE, on Feb. 23.

U. S. Resources Seen Declining

By BETTY KOSTER

The United States is continuing to expand its consumption of mineral resources at an alarming rate, E. Willard Miller, professor of geography, told members of the Faculty Luncheon Club Monday in a talk on "How Long Will the United States Mineral Supply Last?"

Miller explained how this country has changed from a position in 1939 of being the world's greatest exporter of mineral resources to that of the greatest importing nation today. We are not self-sufficient in many minerals, he said, and ever since World War II, when consumption was expected to take a normal decline, the United States has continued to expand rather than diminish the use of these scarce minerals.

As an example, Miller cited the vastly important copper mining output which has steadily declined. He compared the copper situation in 1939 when the U.S. was self-sufficient to the present situation in which this country has been forced to import about half of its national consumption.

"Many once discredited copper piles are being worked again," he said, "and only by going after very low grade deposits at a heavy cost to consumers can the U.S. hope to regain its lost self-sufficiency."

Bad situations are also developing in zinc and lead production, he pointed out, but because of the large supply of these metals in Canada, there has been no noticeable shortage in this country.

Miller believes that one of the causes of present shortages is that the American people have not thought a great deal about these problems due to the fact that there has been no real need to worry in the past.

"Mineral output has increased about 20 times since 1880, and little has been done to expand geological surveys to discover new deep seat deposits which might offset these gains," he said.

He also recommended increased development of new techniques in recovering minerals and greater national recognition of the problems of this diminishing supply before the last tons of these minerals are removed.

"We still have a great mineral economy in the U.S.," Miller stated, "but the American people cannot take the chance of being careless with their mineral wealth."

Plastics will be used increas-

ingly as the mineral supply decreases, he said.

However, he felt that plastics would never be able to compensate completely in many mineral functions such as electric wiring, although it might prove valuable in one great mineral consumer, the automobile industry.

Shifflett Appointed Tribunal Chairman

William Shifflett, eighth semester hotel administration major, has been appointed Tribunal chairman for the spring semester. He replaces Thomas Farrell who graduated in January.

Shifflett also takes over as chairman of Freshman Customs Board. Shifflett served as a member of Tribunal during the fall semester. Members are appointed for a one year term.

Tribunal will not meet this week.

Geography Honorary Initiates New Members

Gamma Theta Upsilon, national geography honorary, has initiated 12 new members. Membership in the honorary requires six credits of geography, a major or minor in the field, and a 1.5 average in geography courses.

New members are David Young, Neil Walp, Arthur Getis, James Laughlin, William Lear, Barbara Tooma, Edward Williams, Theodore Fuller, Charles Koval, Henry Weimer, Walter Martin, and Mildred Ross.

Allan L. Rodgers, assistant professor of geography, is faculty adviser.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:25	Sign on
7:30	Mr. X (BBC Drama)
8:00	Record Prevue
8:15	US Marine Corps Show
8:30	Seque Session
9:00	Semi-pops
9:15	Campus News
9:30	Masterworks Hour
10:30	Sign off

Today! **FROTH** Today!