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New Registration Plan: What's Involved?

The new registration plan outlined to students last week is not the first major change in registration procedures which the present generation of Penn State students has seen proposed and put into effect. In revising the registration program, the University apparently is seeking the most workable and expedient arrangement and the one most fair to the majority of students. Although change does not necessarily result in improvement, experimentation is one way to show up flaws in a plan, and perhaps indicate methods for improving it.

Two years ago, the University used pre-registration as the means of assuring seniors they could schedule the courses they need for graduation. Some departments have carried on with their own pre-registration system for students majoring in that particular field.

Under the new plan, students in all classes will register together, in alphabetical order. However, according to the plan, departments will be required to take care of the needs of seniors. A pre-registration plan could be used within departments to accommodate students enrolled in those departments. It is not inconceivable that some seniors might need credits in courses not offered by their own departments.

If seniors are required to pre-register with other departments, a partial return to the old system, where most of the work of registration is done before the students enter Recreation

Hall is suggested. If this is the case, possibly registration time in Rec Hall would be shortened, but the entire procedure would be lengthened.

If departments merely reserve space in sections for seniors who register toward the end of the alphabet, faulty predictions could result in overcrowded sections, unfilled sections, or even gross schedule distortion for the seniors.

After the new plan is in effect these difficulties could probably be eliminated, because students would be able to fulfill requirements in the semester or year prescribed by their curriculum schedule, and more definite predictions of the needs of seniors could be made.

However, students themselves are interested in the way the plan will affect them next semester, rather than how well the program will work two or three years from now.

There is no real assurance that the plan will still be in effect two or three years from now. That, however, is not necessarily bad. If certain parts of the program prove unworkable and a better solution is found, a change should be made.

Arrangements should be made so that registration in the fall is just as satisfactory to seniors as the system which has most recently been in effect. A long range viewpoint is fine, but next year's senior class is entitled to as much consideration as other senior classes have had.

Segregation Decision: An Evolutionary Step

Governor Herman Talmadge of Georgia has described the Supreme Court's decision on the legality of segregation in public schools as making the Constitution "a mere scrap of paper."

On the contrary, the decision supports not only the principles of the Constitution, but again demonstrates the flexibility of the Constitution in relation to changing conditions. It has been stated that the decision was "social," rather than judicial. This is true. Yet, because of the significance of the decision at the time when it came, the judiciousness of the decision is amplified.

The Voice of America carried news of the court's decision to countries behind the Iron Curtain in an attempt to prove to these peoples that the United States is not a 20th Century slavemaster. It is unfortunate it was necessary to broadcast anything. It was necessary, however. One can only wonder what would have been done with the news had the court's decision been otherwise.

The decision itself is a step on a road of social evolution which has been taking place since the Civil War. The Southern states have been the first to admit this. They have, however, been slow to permit changes to occur. The

court's decision was a step toward speeding that evolution and listing it as a credit to the United States of America in this era of international propaganda for world political control.

The court took note in its decision that the segregation of school children per se is a determining factor in their development into citizens of this nation. Much has been said about training military personnel to know what they are fighting when they enter the field of battle above and beyond elements of combat. How could Negro children in segregated schools be taught about the American ideals of equality of opportunity when they were already beginning from birth—separated from the community's majority, and treated as inequals?

The court may have violated tenets of the states rights in its decisions. It could not, however, avoid the status of the United States and its citizens in appraising the privileges American citizens enjoy. The decision was a catalyst needed to spur a section of the nation into a vitally needed action. The catalyst may need time to make the transformation. But whether the transformation is immediate or slowly accomplished, America will be better off because of it.

—Phil Austin

Safety Valve—

Spring Week Trophies

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations to Chi Phi and Sigma Sigma Sigma on winning the Spring Week trophy! They did a fine job.

I would like to know, though, why the Spring Week committee gave no recognition to the second and third place winners.

When over 40 groups enter a contest and put in as much time, trouble, and expense as was put into this year's Spring Week, I think tangible recognition should be given to at least the second and third place groups.

The reason, as I understand it, that no runner-up trophies were presented was financial.

However, it seems that, when over \$7000 is raised, approximately one fifth of it by the second and third place winners, the Spring Week committee should be able to find the price of two \$20 trophies for these runners-up. Haven't they earned some form of recognition?

—Tod Adams

Thanks Service Group

TO THE EDITOR: On behalf of those who will receive the benefits of their efforts, we would like to publicly thank Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, for the terrific job it did with the Ugly Man contest this year. This is just one more service of this group which

Gazette . . .

Today

CHEMISTRY-PHYSICS STUDENT COUNCIL, 8 p.m., 105 Osmond

NEWMAN CLUB DISCUSSION, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center

PENN STATE GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., Mineral Science Auditorium

RADIO GUILD, 8:15 p.m., 228 Sparks

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Jesse Arnelle, Laura Chandler, Hugo Cooper, John Fry, Edward Graham, Evelyn Grubb, Kenneth Hohe, Yvonne Irwin, Frank Kernan, Courtland Nichols, Miriam Olander, Roger Owens, Cecelia Poor, Julian Rappaport, and Thomas Costas.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Camp Quinibuck will interview coeds for summer camp jobs Friday. Students wanted for meal jobs on and off campus.

should have the respect and support of all Penn Staters.

Also, we would like to express our gratitude to all those who contributed so generously in the contest. The \$1218.77 received from the contest brings the Campus Chest total receipts to \$10,394.52.

—Richard Gibbs
Campus Chest Chairman

Packer Elected Head Of Soph Hat Society

Richard Packer, fourth semester hotel administration major, has been elected president of Druids, sophomore men's hat society. Other officers are Joseph Krufka, third semester industrial arts major, vice president; and Robert Hamel, fourth semester hotel administration major, secretary-treasurer.

Kummer Awarded KDKA Scholarship

Lee Kummer, sixth semester agronomy major, has been awarded the KDKA, Pittsburgh radio station, agricultural scholarship.

In addition to receiving a cash award, Kummer will meet with other winners from Ohio State University and West Virginia

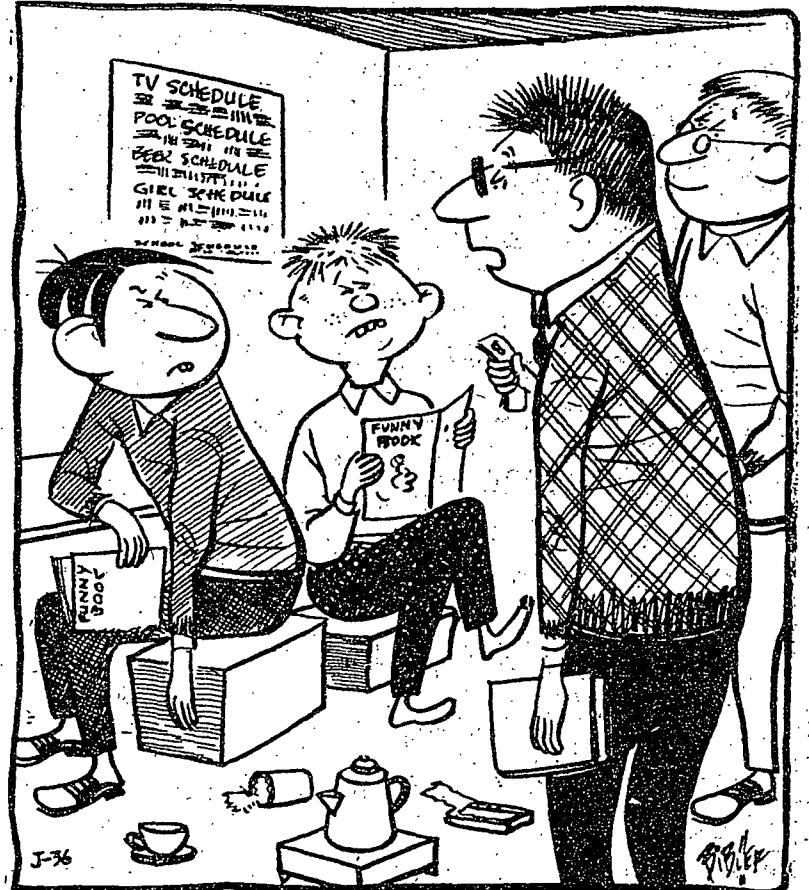
University to compete for a summer job at the station.

The student chosen for the job will gain practical experience working on agricultural broadcasting, Russell B. Dickerson, vice dean of the College of Agriculture, explained.

James Houck, second semester agriculture economics major, has been awarded the Danforth Leadership Training scholarship for the summer months.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Our class would like to know how much you an' Bolivar would take to enroll in American Government—Snarf grades on th' curve and he always flunks two."

'Inaccessible Valley'

Lost Horizon

By NANCY WARD

Probably the favorite Penn State cliché is the time-honored remark of a campus visitor who some years ago observed that the University is equally distant from surrounding areas of civilization and equally inaccessible from all.

On the whole, Penn Staters are happy in their stronghold "in the shadow of Nittany Mountain" and travel rather uncomplainingly via Boalsburg Bus, Greyhound, or Model T to municipalities more fortunately endowed with faster modes of transportation.

In order to augment the obstacles to the student's annoying family and friends with occasional visits, the University recently has permitted students in all colleges to schedule Saturday classes. Within ten years it is to be expected that the average student will spend half his summer parole from the University reacquainting himself with relatives and long forgotten home-town chums before he begins a search for summer work.

Perhaps in 1984 an enterprising explorer will stumble upon a forgotten race in the Nittany Valley . . . a people garbed in Bermuda shorts and knee socks rather than currently fashionable space suits . . . a people nourished by Mexi-hot's and Corner coffee. A people whose chief diversions are listening to readings of Winnie the Pooh during birthday parties at fraternity houses and employing their own Senator McFrothy to rout out subversives who, through cunning espionage, discover who's just been tapped for Lion's Paw.

Penn Staters even now are a curious bunch. Undergraduates will turn out en masse at 2 a.m. on a cold and windy night to welcome home a triumphant basketball team . . . the same team they've booed two weeks before on the home-town floor. They'll rap political candidates in dorm discussions and sandwich-hour get-togethers and then pass election polls by without the flicker of an eye.

Their reputation for apathy is time worn—political candidates assail it, professors bewail it, but seldom does action belie it. Students graduate and become instructors and entreat their students to seek an intellectual dawn. Candidates are elected and charge other of the chosen few with apathetic leadership.

Some faculty charge other faculty with easing up on further study once they're firmly entrenched in the academic regime, and with requiring too

little mental exercise of their students. About then the administration decides it won't ease its stand on an issue if the students aren't going to press a stronger battle.

But then there's the thought that students of the Farmer's High School couldn't even import their imports on busses. Must have been a long cold walk.

2600 Freshmen Are Expected Next Semester

Approximately 2000 freshman men and 600 freshman women are expected on campus for the fall semester. To date, 1610 men and 863 women have paid their \$25 enrollment fees and have been accepted.

C. O. Williams, dean of admissions, said that because men are more slow to apply and because cancellations run high for women, the number of freshmen to come on campus in the fall will correspond more closely to the 2000 and 600 figures.

Enrollment so far for the six University centers is 243, with 149 men and 94 women. Sixty-eight men have paid their enrollment fee for Mt. Alto.

Williams said that besides the students who have applied for admission to the centers, some freshmen will have to attend the centers because housing facilities on campus will be filled.

Last fall, 2058 freshman men and 752 freshman women were accepted on campus.

Cloudy, Possible Rain

Today will be cloudy with the chance of rain this morning, the Meteorology department reported yesterday. The temperature will remain about the same.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:30	Speech and Hearing Clinic Series
8:00	Spotlight on State
8:15	Guest Star
8:30	Women's Angle
9:00	Les Brown Show
9:15	News
9:30	Masterworks Hour
10:30	Sign Off