

of all things . . .

By MIKE FEINSILBER

So you came to Penn State, eh? Well, join the crowd. Stick around. Learn the ropes. Fight The System. Stand in lines. Eat the food. Hurry up and wait. You'll survive.

The red tape hereabouts is the reddest, and you're a stranger among strangers, living out of luggage and Thanksgiving vacation is 73 days off. What's more, if it isn't raining now, it will be soon. This is Penn State!

Before you are physical examinations, English usage tests, reading tests, psychology tests, language placement tests, a photograph to pose for, registration, customs, and—woe!—classes.

It's all very sad.

Customs are very interesting. Men and women students wear dinks, little caps which flop easily from heads, and cardboard signs worn around the neck with string which twists in the breeze, choking innocent Frosh. Lose more students this way . . .

Registration, too, is interesting. It is also complicated. A college education helps.

It's an ancient process this registration. Man against the IBM.

You see your adviser first, and he hands you a wad of forms to be filled out in multiplicity. With the University Catalog in hand, and a timetable (price: 20 cents) you select courses which you suspect you are going to schedule. Nobody ever was more wrong.

Your education begins in Recreation Hall. Other people, it seems, by sheer accident of birth, have names the first letters of which come before the first letter of your name, last.

So these people—the Abbots, the Adams, the Alberts—get into Rec Hall before you and schedule the courses you were going to. I know a miserable Zwalley who entered Rec Hall in the spring of '52 and, assumingly, is still there, registering.

Time you get in, you're given a choice. English Comp 1 happens to be filled, but there's Animal Breeding and Pedigrees 22 or Spherical Trigonometry 13, still open. You, the man behind the desk gleefully lets it be known, may schedule either one as electives.

Smile for joy.

Slowly, sadly, painfully, but inevitably, the delightful schedule you had worked a sweat over, with nary an eight o'clock and free Saturday mornings, fades away.

The awakening: You find yourself with six eight o'clocks, Saturday classes, and coffee hours when you're not normally thirsty. "Oh well," consoles the Smile behind the desk, "Early to bed . . ."

So you've registered. Freshman. You've traded your sloppy slips for crisp cards. You've done battle with the IBM.

You are a student at the Pennsylvania State University. Say, hey.

Think nothing of it, kids, the worst is yet forthcoming. Arm yourselves on the first day of classes with umbrellas and go forth to classes. First, find the classes.

It's a little game we play here at Penn State, find the classes. Freshmen are best at it, because they have been boning up on the locations of campus buildings as a customs requirement: that's so forgetful upperclassmen can find them.

Ten minutes are allowed to get between one class and another, and, often, that ten minutes must cover a lot of ground.

Try roller skates.

So you get to class. So the prof spends the first hour elucidating on how his name is spelled and pronounced and calls roll from those little pink cards. Your name is pronounced wrong.

Prof also assigns reading material in the textbooks you're going to buy. You leave.

Trudge downtown, and buy texts. Others have the same idea. Join the queue.

Textbooks are weighty toms, filled with small type on tissue-thin paper, selling at ridiculous (ha, ha) prices. Consider yourselves lucky, kids, if you get hold of them. They're rare. It's a capitalistic plot.

(Students can also go up to the Temporary Union Building and get used books a mite bit cheaper. But don't let this secret get out. Downtown thinks it's Socialism.)

Well, that's The System. It's been here 99 years. By now it's an Ol' State Tradition. Doff your dinks, children.

WDFM Meeting Open To New Students

New students may attend the first organizational meeting of WDFM, University radio station, at 1 p.m. Tuesday in 305 Sparks, according to David R. Mackey, general manager of the station.

The meeting, which was primarily called for last year's staff and all students who signed up for participation at the end of last semester, is also open to any student who is interested in joining the staff, Mackey said.

The station will start broadcasting September 21, the first day of classes for the fall semester.

Encampment Airs Problems Of University

MONT ALTO, Pa. — Approximately 130 students, faculty members, and townspeople attended a four-day conference discussing student and University affairs at the third annual Student Encampment held Wednesday through yesterday at Mont Alto Forestry School.

Discussions were centered in eight workshop areas, with final recommendations approved by the full body at a plenary yesterday afternoon.

Some of these proposals will next go before All-University Cabinet for action. Others will be sent to appropriate groups for their consideration.

Topics discussed were: Making Student Government More Effective, Nominations and Elections Systems, Centennial, Academic Honesty and Judicial, Cultural and Social Aspects, Campus Chest, Campus Community Government, and Academic Policies.

"The fundamental reason for the conference," according to Allan Schneirov, chairman of the encampment, "is to solve problems and make recommendations as to where and how these problems may be handled."

The meeting was established as an opportunity for students and members of the University administration to meet together informally to discuss mutual problems, and to acquaint student leaders with overall campus affairs.

Students Take Academic Woes To DIR Office

The Division of Intermediate Registration is a service department designed for students who are experiencing academic difficulties.

Contrary to popular belief, all students in DIR do not have low All-University averages. Some students enroll in the program to take advantage of the counseling service, to transfer to other colleges, or for other reasons.

However, students whose grade point average at the end of the second or third semester falls below 0.50 are not permitted to continue in any college of the University, but are referred to DIR. Students referred to DIR may be accepted for enrollment with a view of later transfer to a college. If not accepted for enrollment, students are dismissed from the University for unsatisfactory scholarship.

A student admitted to DIR remains enrolled there for at least one semester. With approval of the director, enrollment may be continued for a second semester. If, after being in DIR, the student

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Oh, my roommate is a nice enough guy—it's just that he's so dang big."

2 Magazines Give Campus Literary Touch

Students at Penn State publish two literary magazines once each year. They are 'Pivot' and 'Inkling.'

Pivot is the poetry magazine written chiefly by the students in English Composition 13, a poetry workshop. Poems by other students, are also considered, however.

The poems are usually about nature, college, and people's character. It is published in the spring. Profits from the magazine are usually contributed to some worthy literary cause.

Inkling is a prose magazine and is also published once a year in the spring.

Inkling is published by a staff headed by co-editors. It contains stories written by students. Any student may contribute.

The magazine also includes a picture and short biographical sketch of each student who has a story printed. Last year's issue also included reproductions of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's paintings.

Inkling will soon be sending out a call for candidates.

meets the qualifications for admittance into one of the nine colleges, he may transfer.

Orientation --

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dormitory council and Association of Independent Men in dormitory lounges.

10 p.m. — Women: dormitory meetings. Men: consultation with resident counselors.

Friday

6:45 p.m.—Women: WRA open house in White Hall. Men: Song and cheering practice in Schwab Auditorium.

Saturday

2 p.m.—All students: "Dink Debut" dance in Temporary Union Building.

7 p.m.—All students: Fun Night in Recreation Hall.

Women's Chorus To Hold Auditions

The Penn State Women's Chorus, formerly known as the Treble Singers, is open to all women students. Raymond H. Brown, assistant professor of music, is director.

Members of the chorus are chosen by auditions, which will be held some time during Orientation Week. Between 65 and 75 women compose the group.

The chorus presents concerts in the fall and spring. Brown said he hoped an out-of-town concert could also be scheduled this year.

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