

5000 Independents Governed by AIM

The Association of Independent Men is an organization composed of nearly 5000 men. In fact, every male student not belonging to a social fraternity is automatically a member of the organization, according to the AIM constitution.

The AIM government starts with four individual councils—Nittany, representing the men in Nittany dormitories; Pollock, representing the men in Pollock dormitories; West Dorm, which is the representative body of West Dormitories; and Town, which represents all the independent men living off campus. The last alone represents more men than the Interfraternity Council.

The supreme governing organ of AIM is the Board of Governors, composed of the four officers of each council, several representatives-at-large, depending on the councils' representation, and the four officers of AIM. All legislation affecting independent men must be passed by the board by a majority vote before it can go to the four councils for final approval.

Officers Listed

The new officers for AIM this year are Robert Dennis, president; James McDowell, vice president; Forrest Crawford, secretary; and Bruce Lieske, treasurer.

Being president of AIM is the first office Dennis has held at Penn State, since coming here last fall semester after serving four years in the navy. His proposed program for next year reflects his own rapid rise in student government. He hopes to promote a wider participation in student government on the part of independent men.

Due to his influence, the eight positions on the AIM Judicial Board of Review this year were open to all independents willing to apply.

Orientation Program

This year's orientation program, according to Dennis, will lean more toward promoting AIM to the new students than has been done in the past. Dennis plans an active program to try to interest new students in AIM and the opportunities for good leadership.

The group's social activities are all conducted with Leonides, independent women's organization. The main events for this year include the Autumn Ball, the independent's number one dance, which will be held during Homecoming weekend; and Dink Debut, a dance for freshmen soon after Orientation Week to acquaint the frosh with each other and with other students. In addition there is another dance date open for AIM in March, which has not yet been filled.

NISA Conclave

The National Independent Student Association convention, scheduled this spring at either the University of Texas or the University of Illinois, is another big item on the AIM calendar.

NISA is composed of 90 some schools, in six districts all over the country. Penn State is in the northeast district, along with such schools as Cornell and St. Lawrence. James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men in charge of independent affairs and one of the AIM advisors, is a national faculty adviser of NISA.

Last year's convention, in April at Cornell University, featured the theme of "Reciprocal: Responsibility of the Individual in Independent Organization."

According to Robert Solomon, co-coordinator of NISA this year, who served as chairman of the Penn State delegation to the convention last year, AIM is trying to arrive at a schedule of dues. (Continued on page eighteen)

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New students on campus will have an opportunity during these first few weeks, to become acquainted with members of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity.

This organization helps freshmen during Orientation Week by manning an information booth at the Mall and Pollock road, and by conducting tours of campus.

Members of this group conduct service projects throughout the year.

Last year, besides assisting freshmen during orientation week, members also helped at registration in Recreation Hall in the fall and spring.

Other projects were soliciting for Campus Chest during the regular drive, setting up and taking down the bloodmobile equipment, and conducting a "keep of the grass" campaign.

They also aid with publicity during Religion-in-Life, assist as guides at several alumni and University functions, conduct the Ugly Man contest to collect. (Continued on page twelve)

Transport Group Open to Students

Delta Nu Alpha, transportation honorary society, is open to students who have a 1.0 All-University average and who are either transportation majors or are simply interested in transportation.

During the school year the group takes field trips to various industrial plants where it studies various traffic departments. Members have the opportunity to discuss transportation difficulties with department managers.

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