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## Proper Counseling Means Happier Students

Last spring All-University Cabinet passed a recommendation to the nine student councils that they set up student advisory programs within the individual colleges.

Essentially these recommended programs would work like the big-little sister system employed now by the School of Home Economics. Students newly enrolled at the University are "assigned" to an upperclasswoman for academic guidance and counseling in such matters as arranging schedules, study habits, and generally becoming acquainted with University life and students.

While the recommendation has been discussed to some extent by college councils, it has been neither approved nor rejected; it has been merely "tabled."

By such tabling actions, councils are passing by a program that could be well utilized to orient new students and thus alleviate in part student reaction to "bigness" and "strangeness" of a University as enormous as Penn State.

A need for some kind of new orientation system, in addition to the week-long one now in effect at the beginning of each semester, definitely exists. New students, the majority of which have just come from high schools or colleges with enrollments of little over a thousand, are quite justified in their complaints that they are not sufficiently indoctrinated to such a large community as Penn State.

For instance, when a freshman arrives on campus he is thrust into a living unit housing several hundred students. He is given a small mountain of literature telling him the rules of the University, the location of buildings on campus, where his mailbox is, and the hours during which he must attend Orientation Week meetings.

This literature is invaluable, as far as it goes. But its influence lasts only the short span

of the first week on campus and is supplemented by little more than nightly counseling visits from hatmen and hatwomen for two or three weeks and the combined interpretations of a dozen or more classmates, equally strange to the campus.

Hatmen and hatwomen, acting as counselors, cannot possibly fill all the guidance needs of a new student. The fact that one such counselor must meet with as many as 20 and 25 new students at a time is sufficient reason. But added to this is the fact that only by sheer chance are these counselors enrolled in the same curriculums as their counselees.

Thus, through such a counseling system as now exists, new students do not feel the personal element of common bond so essential for a smooth acclimation. As a result, these same students usually suffer for weeks from severe doses of homesickness, foster a certain degree of resentment of their "unrecognized" status on campus, and in some instances even withdraw from the University to go home to transfer to a smaller school.

Any one of these results hurts the University. They do not make for a perfectly harmonized student body, and they do to a great extent limit utilization of new students in both academic and extra-curricular activities until these students have, usually through their own ingenuity and curiosity, sought out the most effective means of becoming a part of all phases of campus life.

New systems of orientation will mean work for present students. They will involve time, for setting up such systems and for implementing them. But at the same time they will, if intensified, offer that personal element of guidance that is so imperative to a well organized student body.

—Peggy McClain

## Safety Valve—

### Defends Famous

TO THE EDITOR: The decision of Ernest Famous, Elections Committee chairman, that the State party could distribute its controversial handbills was far from lacking responsibility (Thursday's Daily Collegian). It was correct and unrepachable. The State party admits the handbills were in bad taste. No matter what his personal feelings were regarding the taste of the literature, Mr. Famous realized he had no right to forbid their distribution. If this was a clear and obvious violation of the election code, the course could have been different.

This is not a question of whether or not you like or dislike the publicity. It is a question of whether or not Mr. Famous should have stopped the political campaign, a few days before elections, on his own personal opinion. Had he stopped the publicity, and the State party lost the election, he would have had to share the blame.

The power of prohibiting a party from using publicity, it believes legitimate, is the power to destroy. It is conceivable the Elections Committee in the future, could muzzle party publicity programs . . . on the grounds of "mud slinging." Mr. Famous was wise in not muzzling the State party. If the entire Elections Committee determines a publicity violation, changes are then presented to the party, and not before.

The State party has obviously made a great political blunder. It has paid the price in the way it should. To blame the Elections Committee chairman for not making a decision, he had no right to make, is wrong . . .

—Mildred McCowan  
President, Women's  
Recreation Association

He has half the deed done, who has made a beginning.—Horace

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I've got one student that I dread to see put up his hand."

College, USA, VIA

## The Paddy-wagon

By PADDY BEAHAN

### New Paint Jobs

If the Nittany Lion wasn't painted last night, it may be due to the lesson learned by six Rutgers sophomores who literally painted the town red while in Princeton for the Rutgers-Princeton game in September.

The brush-happy six coated the Princeton Tiger statue, various landmarks, and the Nassau Tavern door before police caught up to them. Their explanation was, "It's just an old rivalry. As a sophomore, you begin to understand what college means to you."

Princeton just couldn't get into the spirit of the thing—possibly because Palmer stadium had been doused with red the last time Rutgers played at Princeton.

The University fined the six \$125; the borough fined them \$15 apiece and ordered them to write a 2000 word essay explaining their "premeditated and deliberate defacement of public property."

Lehigh didn't take any chances. In October the Lehigh and Rutgers student councils signed a peace pact.

Because Syracuse and Colgate were planning a similar pact, a couple of Syracusans evidently decided to get their orange licks in on the Cornell campus. Statues of Ezra Cornell and Andrew White were decorated with orange shoes, buttons, and beards.

Syracuse rivals avenged themselves by painting lingerie on the statue, "Suppliant Persephone," or "Magnificent Obsession" as it was labeled by a Penn State fan.

At Syracuse, by the way, Alpha Tau Omega is appealing for stockings for the ATO cannon. The cannon, a genuine Civil War field piece, is fired after Syracuse touchdowns; the stockings are used to make powder charges, or so the brothers claim.

Time is Cheap  
Women at Ohio State will be able to stay out up to half an hour later on Jan. 29—if their

dates have an extra 30 cents. The one o'clock curfew is lifted provided the students pay a penny a minute for the extra time.

Women Student Government Association sponsors the "Penny-a-Minute Night" to pay for the cost of sign-out books in the women's dorms.

The Bell Tolls?  
Ohio State received a Victory Bell from three alumni groups this fall. The 2,420-pound bell cost \$2,535 and was installed in the tower of the stadium. The school, said the Ohio State Lantern, waited with baited breath for the first melodious tinkle.

And it was only a tinkle; the public address system had to be

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## This Weekend On WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

Tonight	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Sports Roundup
7:35	Hamburger Stand
8:15	Prisoner at the Bar
8:45	Just for Two
9:30	Hi-Fi Open House
10:30	Sign Off
Tomorrow	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Third Program
10:30	Sign Off
Monday	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Guest Star
7:45	Sportlight
8:00	UN Story
8:15	Top Drawer
8:30	Progressions in Rhythm
9:00	Spotlight on State
9:15	News
9:30	Symphony Hall
10:30	Sign Off

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