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## Registration: Smooth

Registration for 11,189 students was reported to have gone smoothly by C. O. Williams, Dean of Admissions. He added that only a few seniors experienced any difficulty.

This marks the second semester that the present registration system has been in effect. It is based strictly on alphabetical order with no preference given for class. Formerly juniors and seniors registered first and sophomores and freshmen, last.

Much criticism was voiced by upperclassmen after last fall's registration. It was felt that allowing all to vie for courses at the same time would result in underclassmen filling classes that were needed or wanted by upperclassmen who had only a semester or two to go before graduation.

Williams last fall described this as just a fear, and one that, while being understandable, was not justified. The results of both the fall and spring semester registration periods seem to bear this out; few had difficulty.

Many found they had to make changes, but upperclassmen had little difficulty getting what they need. Most departments, by a system of pre-registration, see that students in that department are taken care of, and during registration many closed sections are re-opened to accommodate a graduating senior.

Williams has said in the past that the first answer is careful planning of each semester schedule during the entire college career. Then if immediate problems arise, they can be ironed out by consulting representatives of the college deans at registration.

Consulting the college deans and department heads, Williams said they felt the new system was definitely superior to any of the several old plans that have been attempted in recent years. They report that few students came to them with problems and that those that did were accommodated.

The new registration system seems here to stay. It may now be impossible to schedule all mornings empty, but in consideration of both student and faculty needs, it seems the most satisfactory.

## Players and the TUB

President Eisenhower's approval in January of giving Players permanent use of the Temporary Union Building on weekends was action deserved by the group. The permission must be given final approval by the Board of Trustees before becoming effective.

The Players have needed a new Center Stage since they were evicted from Woodmen's Hall in State College last fall. Last semester the group staged productions in the TUB Friday nights.

The biggest drawback facing the administration in giving Players the TUB was the fact that General Extension needed permanent quarters rather desperately. A convenient compromise was reached by giving Extension use of the building during the week and Players on Friday and Saturday nights.

—P. M.

## On Pogal Resignation

Gordon Pogal left campus politicians speculating last night on what would become of the Lion Party when he resigned his position as clique chairman. According to Mr. Pogal, the new organization of the party warrants a new set of officers and leaders.

Whatever his reasons for leaving the party, Mr. Pogal does so with a better than average record behind him. He ran one of the cleanest elections campaigns this fall the campus has seen for awhile and he put four out of six candidates into office. However, we are awaiting the result of a University Senate "request" that he provide the party with a good constitution.

—P. M.

## Gazette ...

**Today**  
CENTRAL PROMOTION AGENCY ART and DESIGN STAFF, 7 p.m., 6 Carnegie  
COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 8:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF CANDIDATES, 7:15 p.m., 214 Willard  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, old and new, 6:45 p.m., business office, Carnegie Hall  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF SENIOR BOARD, 8:45 p.m., 9 Carnegie  
COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., business office, Carnegie Hall  
GLEE CLUB SPECIAL REHEARSAL, 7 p.m., 200 Carnegie  
NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church  
PLANT SCIENCE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 111 Plant Industries  
WCA SQUARE DANCE, 7 to 9 p.m., TUB

### UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Eleanor Brenner, Hugh Browne, Robert Franks, Charles Gabriel, Maurine F. Gandy, F. J. Phillips, Jeanne Ripley, Charles Tsch, Dr. J. C. Shaw, Dr. D. J. Shaw, Robert Stittler, Carl Stohler, William Strausser and Larry Young.

## Activities: Invaluable

Want to get the biggest bargain now being sold at the University? Want a buy that can top any of the first-of-the-semester sales at Keelers, the A Store, Metzgers, or even the UBA at the BX in the TUB?

Then hurry out and join a Penn State activity.

Activities at the University have been developed to a point where they are second to none in the nation. As to benefits that may be gained, they may be matched only by academic pursuits. Put them together and you have an unbeatable combination.

Development of the system of activities at the University has been fostered by the site of the campus which is far removed from outside diversions. This prompted students, faculty members, and administrators early in the school's century of progress to begin building outstanding activities. This interest added to the need for school-sponsored diversions due to the location of the University produced today's activity system.

Many persons, particularly in technical fields, hesitate to participate in activities, feeling they will take too much time away from the books. This is not so. If the student will not over-indulge in activities and will plan his time wisely, a happy medium can be achieved. Students who have lost out academically because of activities, have failed to do this.

Much is to be gained by this participation. The sincere worker can gain skills, both in and out of his field, that are not available in the classroom. In addition, many of the programs offer academic credit for satisfactory participation.

Add to this the opportunity available to meet and work with other people. It is quite hard for anyone, be he engineer, farmer, or homemaker, to spend his life today as a hermit in a cave. In activities he makes friends and works with them.

The University fathers heartily approve of these activities and go to considerable efforts to aid them. It is realized the way students spend their time outside the classroom is important in their over-all development and should bear a relationship to what their studies are intended to accomplish. They should, for example, provide opportunities for the development of leadership, self-reliant thinking, and active interest in community life.

With this in mind the University and the students now engaged in activities have tried to make worthwhile and rewarding outside interests available to students. They are there to be taken advantage of by interested students.

## Are They Firetraps?

When two administrators of the physical plant refused to comment last night on any alteration plans for Engineering A, B, and C, they proved unnecessarily uncooperative. The men, W. H. Wiegand and C. A. Lamm, both of the Physical Plant, said they were familiar with the charge made in the December-January Engineering Newsletter by Barry Mills that the engineering buildings were "potential firetraps," but declined any comment on plans for rejuvenation.

We feel justified in asking the Physical Plant for a progress report on the matter at this time. Mr. Mills presented the problem in the newsletter, writing, "There is an absolute lack of any real fire protection for more than 80 students who occupy the top floor of each building, six hours a day." He went on to say that students would have little chance to escape from the third floor in case of fire because of the location of stairways, the absence of an emergency fire-escape, and the danger of being overcome by gas and smoke.

Mr. Mills also went so far as to make suggestions to alleviate the situation. According to his editorial in the newsletter, the Physical Plant refused comment at that stage of the game, too.

We are not necessarily endorsing Mr. Mills' cry of alarm over the firetrap potentialities of the buildings. Both Mr. Mills, as a student familiar with the buildings, and Physical Plant personnel are in better positions to estimate such a situation than we. We do feel that those complaining of danger, who have gone so far as Mr. Mills has in presenting the problem and offering constructive suggestions for improvement, deserve an answer of some kind, be it negative or positive.

We hope the Physical Plant will realize our questions are not mere methods of gathering a "scoop," calculated to upset the equilibrium of the administrators. They signify, rather, interest in the physical properties of this school and warrant some measure of cooperation.

—Peggy McClain

Few are wise enough to prefer useful reproof to treacherous praise.—La Rochefoucauld

To prepare us for complete living is the function which education has to discharge.

—Spencer

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Let's get in this long one—they're either lined up for a snap course or a good teacher."

Irritating

## Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

### PARKING AND COPS—

Why is it the student body, and even certain members of the faculty and administration, see the Campus Patrol and University parking regulations merely as an object of scorn; something to laugh at?

We were very provoked last Saturday when a fraternity brother proudly announced he had accumulated a "grand total of 14 parking tickets the past semester" and "just keeps them for souvenirs." The poor campus patrolmen, particularly the student members, were just overgrown kids playing cops and robbers in his opinion.

How does he get away with this? He uses the family car, which is not here all the time, and does not register it with the patrol. Thus, they seem to miss getting him for anything more than the ticket, and he has the last laugh.

The patrol has a record of the licenses of every car in Pennsylvania; and it seems they should refer to this in the above mentioned case which is just typical of many. They should be required to pay the penalty as well as those who have registered.

Also, the patrolmen, particularly the students, should get their dander up and start getting tough with these habitual offenders. Please don't take out your ire on the majority of students who are law-abiding, however, fellows; you know the ones to get.

To top it all, the friend is the kind who, when held up by heavy traffic at the intersection of Pollock and Burrows roads, yells, "Where the h— are the Campus Cops?"

### MORE PARKING—

While, on the subject of parking, let's see if we can solve the problem of what to do on campus where there are more cars than parking space.

Robert Dennis, president of the Association of Independent Men, says the problem is particularly acute among his dormitory constituents. University sources also report the tight spaces have faculty, administration, and Physical Plant employees all fuming.

Someone has to go. As usual, it looks like the student is going to have to be the one. It is seemingly impossible to ask University employees, faculty, and administrators and even students who live far from campus to walk. There, the ax falls on the dormitory men who have the problem along with the rest.

Our answer is to alter another "privilege" of the Frosh. Scoop out a big parking area somewhere out on the University farms and, while allowing them to have cars, require them to keep them out there. Since they all live in dormitories, they are able to walk to class.

### US AND POLITICS—

Last night several members of the staff of the Daily Collegian were accused of backing the recently formed Campus Party. Therefore, let's try to state our policy.

We, as a newspaper, back no party although we reserve the right to criticize or praise either or both parties.

No staffer, once he attains junior board status on the editorial staff, is allowed to be a cardholding member of any political party.

We do not, however forbid staffers to attend party meetings or be seen with politicians.

Also, we are not responsible for indiscriminate remarks by any staffer, from editor down, as to what he personally thinks of any party, party member or candidate, or party constitution or platform. We frown on this practice, however, since the staffer is the newspaper to many who hear him.

So, it would be appreciated if the Daily Collegian, as a newspaper, would be kept out of political "mud-slinging" in the future.

### CLASS QUESTIONS—

Another peeve we have today is directed against those who heckle their fellow students when they ask a question in a class.

Besides embarrassing the questioner, this indicates very bad manners on the part of the heckler or hecklers. Yet it happens all the time. We asked a question during a literature final and were answered by a chorus of titters from our fellow students. To us the question made sense.

### UNSIGNED LETTERS—

One more irritation before we sign off. We wish the people who write letters to the editor would sign their names. They have to be signed in order for us to use them, although we will drop publication of the name on personal request.

We can see why some will not sign their names, but others we can not. Often they are well written, but apparently, the writer has not had the courage of his convictions for he has failed to sign them.

Please sign your letters to Safety Valve.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

7:25	Sign On
7:30	Scott Unabridged
8:30	Music of the People
8:00	Behind the Lectern
9:00	Informally Yours
9:15	News
9:30	This World of Music
10:30	Thought for the Day