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## The Class of '59: It Has a Lot to Learn

The Class of 1959 has a lot to learn. Learning, both in and out of classrooms, is its main function.

Somewhere soon every new student has an obligation to himself to find the purpose in his collegiate life. This obligation extends to his parents, to the state, and to the University.

Some 8000 persons asked the University to allow them to fill the rolls of the 3464 new students expected to arrive today. About 4300 were turned down. There was no room for them.

The lucky ones—you—got in.

If you fail to fill the role you were given by your admission, it will be a shame. Your education-to-come represents an investment on the part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that far exceeds the fees you will pay here.

And your presence here necessitates the absence of another applicant.

Find your reason for existence at Penn State. Go after the education you came here for. It will not seek you out.

Find a place in the community that is Penn State. Don't be content to be a face in the crowd, a name on the list.

Going to Penn State can be as dull as bending pretzels eight hours a day. It can be as lonely as an outdoor swimming pool in February. It can be as stupid as a never-ending drink binge.

Or it can be something else: a rich, developing experience worthy of the investment it represents.

There are an infinite number of new experiences to be had here. We suggest trying most of them.

The Penn State graduate who admits he never attended a lacrosse game, never looked in on the Penn State Room, never saw the inside of a fraternity house, never attended a Chapel service is admitting he wasn't really a college student. He might just as well have stayed home, taking his courses through the mail, never bothering to get out of bed.

Likewise, the freshman who avoids customs, who goes home every weekend, whose only friends next spring are those he had before Sept. 11, 1955, is wasting a whale of a lot.

Penn State, in the first semester of its second century, has the facilities and the personnel to be a great university.

Does it have the third necessary element to make it great—the students?

The Class of 1959 is the largest single entity on campus. In its ranks, is the answer to that question.

Something new usually generates hope of great things to come. And there is nothing newer at the University today than the Class of 1959.

If the new class turns that hope into reality, it is indeed welcome to Penn State.

If the new class makes that hope a farce, it shouldn't have come.

We hope you are welcome.

—The Editor

## A Niche in Time—If You Seek It

It doesn't take much mental acumen on the part of you freshmen to realize that you have come to a mighty big school. As a matter of fact there are approximately 11,500 students enrolled on the main campus. And there are many more at the centers.

The size of the University has a tendency to scare many students. It shouldn't.

There is a common belief that large schools are "heartless diploma machines" which treat students as so many cogs in a machine. But that notion is more often mistaken than not. Especially at Penn State.

Here is a school with a heart. Run by people just like you. They may have high-sounding titles and big offices, but remember if it weren't for you they wouldn't be here. They have your interests at heart and will always be ready to help you, if you'll only ask them.

One big disadvantage of a large school: if you need help and advice you can't sit back and wait for those in authority to come to see you. There are too many students here and more often than not your difficulties will go unnoticed until they have reached serious proportions.

When help is needed you have to go out and seek it yourself. Don't be afraid to. No one is inaccessible. That's where too many students make their mistake. They let things slide until they are in serious difficulties and then it is often too late for help.

There are also a number of students around here who have quite a bit to say about the way

this school is run. They are called student leaders.

They are also just like you. They too will welcome the opportunity to help you. Many of these men and women will counsel you during your Orientation Week. Get to know them. They will make valuable friends.

One of the best ways to become close to the students, faculty members, and administration officials who lead the University community is through the medium of extracurricular activities.

The University offers activities to suit the interests of every student. Whether it be chess, spelunking or politics, you name it—Penn State has it.

When choosing an activity the new student will be wise to go slow at first. It is best to do good work in one major activity, than produce mediocre accomplishments in several.

Also, freshmen should remember that the jump from secondary school to college is a big one academically. Therefore, the demand on your time should not be too strenuous at first. An acceptable scholastic rating is required for students desiring to pursue activities.

But join an activity by all means. If you don't you will miss half of what college really is—making lasting friendships and serving your Alma Mater.

In your ranks are the student leaders of the future. Who knows? You may be one of them. We hope to be reporting your accomplishments soon.

—Mike Miller

## Gridiron Prospects: an If, an And, a But...

What with the unpacking to be done, the never ending lines to wade through, and the general hustle and bustle of your first day at a University the size of Penn State, we doubt if you've had even a moment to think of anything else... and particularly the oncoming football season.

But with many of the upperclassmen, who have things "lined" up already, it's one of the major topics for in just 13 days Penn State will roll open the Centennial season with Boston University at Beaver Field.

And what with the return of the blue and white jersey with number 42 sewed on it—that of halfback Lenny Moore—plus the rugged nine-game schedule that looms in front of the Lions, there's reason for talk across the tables.

Penn State lost a roundhouse of veterans by graduation when 13 lettermen received their diplomas last spring. In addition, only 11 lettermen returned but head coach Charles "Rip" Engle has a host of sophomores who may help to plug a few holes.

We could go on for pages with "ifs," "ands," and "buts" about the coming season as far as the Lions' lineup and who will be where, so we'll stop here with one last reminder. Engle

and his six assistants have been working the Lions in rugged pre-season drills in an effort to come up with the best combination. Injuries and scholastic troubles could toss a monkey wrench in the Lions' grid machine—to say nothing of our speculation—during the next 13 days, so we'll leave the coaches with their headaches.

Ike Gilbert, the Lions' graduate manager of athletics, has lined up a peach of a nine-game card with Boston U., Army, Virginia, Navy, West Virginia, Penn, Syracuse, Rutgers, and Pitt.

The caliber of Penn State's home card with Boston U., Navy, Syracuse, and finally Pitt is proven with a note about the Navy contest—it has been sold out for nearly a week! And this will be the Panthers' first jaunt to State College in 12 years. Navy's last trip was in 1932.

The Lions look equal to the schedule but the competition has improved so the Lions could still be better than last year and still not match their 1954 7-2 record. But no matter what they do, a good cheering section always helps. See you at the game.

—Roy Williams  
Collegian Sports Editor

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"My advice would be to go to college. I've found my degree led to success and financial security."

milling around...

## On the First Day

By MIKE MILLER

So you finally made it.

Well, we've been waiting for you for a long time, class of '59. It's good to see you.

How do you like this place? Big, isn't it? Yeah, and that's not just a rumor you heard. You really do have to memorize the names of all the buildings and their location.

But it's not so hard, really. You'll get it down by the time you're a junior.

Say, that trip up was tough, wasn't it? What with Dad not going over forty and Mom remembering all the stuff you left behind you thought you would never get here, didn't you?

Well, now that the parents have headed for home I'll bet you wish you were still on the road—only this time on the way home. Don't let the homesickness get you down, though. You'll get over it by the time June rolls around.

That dorm room isn't at all like the one you have at home, is it? Sort of bare and cold looking. But don't get any ideas about procuring some of those nice blue signs you've seen around the campus. Those men in the blue uniforms who directed you to your dorm have a way of getting mad at students who do that. They're called the Campus Cops and you'll be hearing more from them later, unless, of course, you're good boys and girls.

Got a lot of unpacking to do, have you? Well, don't worry. By the time you have everything straightened out you'll have to send most of it to the laundry.

Beginning to wonder why they got you up here a week before classes start? Oh, you'll be busy all right. You'll have your eyes, mind, English, and, most of all, your patience tested.

It's fun, though. You'll go to buildings you don't know to get to take tests you think are ridiculous. And later on you'll be informed that you are best suited to be a YMCA director. That will be good news since you're enrolled in Electrical Engineering.

But the best time of all comes when you register. You'll breeze into Rec Hall at your appointed time and emerge, if you're lucky, much later the same day—a shell of your former buoyant self.

You'll leave a pink card here and a white card there and don't forget to pick up a blue card at Station 12-A. Your perfect schedule of no 8 o'clocks or Saturday classes will deteriorate into a horrendous mess of six 8 o'clocks and coffee hours when you're not thirsty.

Instead of English Comp I and Lit 5 you'll be taking Principles of Mapmaking and Integral Calculus. Real fun.

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## Bus Ad Council Is New Group

The Business Administration Council, the youngest on campus, is the major student organization of the College of Business Administration.

The council strives to improve student-faculty relationships by sponsoring luncheons and coffee hours at which students and faculty members can discuss mutual problems. The council also promotes the College of Business Administration on campus through higher moral and scholastic standards, makes recommendations on the curricula being offered in the college, cooperates with other student councils in the many phases of campus activities through the Intercollegiate Council Board, and provides for matters pertaining to the welfare of students within the college.

Annual Career Day

The purpose of the annual Career Day, the most important council-sponsored activity, is to explore the opportunities for service in the major fields of commerce, industry, labor, trade, and government. Last fall Ralph Bunche, director of the United Nations Department of Trusteeship and Information, was the principal speaker.

The Career Day program also include a series of panel discussions which were concerned with management, marketing, accounting, insurance and finance, and economics and labor. At the head of each discussion panel was an outstanding person in each field.

Fresh Mixer Planned

During the first week of classes a freshman mixer will be held. The purpose of the mixer is to acquaint the new students with the faculty and council members.

Officers for this year are: president, Joseph Ginsberg; vice president, Edmond Kramer; and secretary, Nancy Blaha. Freshman representatives will be chosen this fall.