

the cobbler's bench

Problems, Problems—

By DON SHOEMAKER

Now that you're here, it's only fair to warn you . . . life at Penn State isn't all a bed of roses.

There are a few minor inconveniences you'll have to get used to. But you'll survive.

One of the biggest problems you'll have to face is the weather. It's different than weather anywhere else in the world.

There are three main types of Penn State weather.

1. Big-weekend weather. You can be sure that it will rain or snow before every big weekend at Penn State. It's traditional. Two years ago, for instance, there was 18 inches of snow during Junior Prom Weekend. They had to shovel the snow off the football field before the game. And just last year, during Alumni Weekend, there was a hurricane. The football team dressed in bathing suits for that game.

2. Pre-vacation weather. You can always be sure that two days before Thanksgiving or Christmas vacation there will be an ice or snow storm. But when school opens again, the weather will be fine—just so you can get back to class on time.

3. Monsoon season weather. Every year, somewhere between the middle of March and the end of May it rains. It rains sometime during every day for about a month. And it usually manages to rain the hardest during the ten-minute break between classes.

Except for big weekends, the period before vacations and the monsoon season, the weather is pretty good—or maybe we should say less bad than at other times. During the rest of the year, you can expect more or less normal weather. Normal weather at Penn State is defined as no more than two inches of rain in any 24 hour period.

Penn State men are beset by another peculiar problem—dating. The ratio is approximately three men for every woman. This makes a Saturday date next to impossible—unless, of course, you put in a reservation three months ahead of time.

There is a solution, however. You can transfer to hotel administration. Hotel administration, oddly enough, is under the College of Home Economics. And there, of course, the ratio is just the reverse.

Naturally, a three-to-one, ratio is great go for you gals. But you have problems too. You see, freshmen must be in the dorms by 8 p.m. on weeknights, 10 on Fridays and 1 a.m. on Saturdays. Upper-class women are lucky. They have more liberal hours.

But you're lucky in a way. Your predecessors weren't allowed to date at all. Signs of progress.

For a while, these problems will probably get the better of you. But fear not. After a while, you'll cease to be bothered. You'll become part of the system. And the system is something you can't fight. Welcome to Penn State.

Drive Set For Series Membership

The membership campaign for the annual Community Concert series will be held the week of Oct. 3. Students, faculty members, and townspeople will be able to purchase a \$6 membership until the quota, the capacity of Schwab Auditorium, is reached, or until noon Oct. 8.

The concert series board of directors, composed of faculty members, townspeople, and students, then will meet with a representative of Community Concerts, Inc., of New York City, to select the four or five programs which will compose the series.

The board tries to arrange a well-rounded series that will fit the University calendar and that will include one concert a month from November through February or March.

Most important, the programs must be suitable to the artist's schedule and to the budget as collected in the membership campaign.

The Community Concert series at the University has been in existence since 1950. Prior to this series, an Artists' Course brought artists to the University. This group would schedule the program in advance and then sell the tickets.

The demand for the concerts became so great that the Course attempted to run a double series. This double series failed because the demand for the series slackened after the war, and the Artists' Course disappeared from campus.

The desire for concerts in the late 1940's led to the establishment of the Community Concert series. The campaign this fall will include more than 100 volunteer workers who will sell the memberships. The program for the series will be announced later.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



The Collegian

Student-Run Paper Opens 51st Year

This year The Daily Collegian begins its 51st year of publication as a student operated newspaper.

For it was in the fall of 1904 that the first issue was published under the name of the State Collegian.

Since then the name has changed to the Penn State Collegian and finally to The Daily Collegian.

In its infancy the paper was an eight column, four page weekly. Since then, it has grown into an eight page tabloid published Tuesday through Saturday. This year, for the first time, The Daily Collegian will be able to expand to 12 pages when necessary.

The Daily Collegian actually had its beginning in The Free Lance, first published in 1887. The Free Lance was a combination literary magazine and newspaper published in booklet form. However, due to mechanical and financial difficulties, publication was suspended and 17 years later the modern era of Collegian began.

Freedom from Censorship

From the very beginning, The Daily Collegian has operated free from censorship by faculty or administration. It is one of the few college papers with such freedom. The late President Ralph Dorn Hetzel was the first to clearly set forth the principle of a free press at the University when he told a new editor, "No member of the College administration will censor your copy in advance of publication."

This policy continues today. Collegian is operated by two staffs—editorial and business.

Staff Makeup

The editorial staff is made up of four boards. The senior board determines editorial policy and is composed of nine members, each in charge of one department of the paper. Junior board, sophomore board and candidates make up the remainder of the staff. Three junior boarders assist

senior board in the daily publication of the paper. Junior boarders also write major news stories. They are assisted by sophomore boarders and candidates who also write headlines and follow the copy to the print shop to read proof.

In addition to campus news and editorial comment, Collegian also devotes one page each day to national and world news. This news is provided by the Associated Press wire service. Collegian is one of the few college papers which has such a service.

Business Staff

The business staff is divided into three departments—advertising, circulation and promotion. Each department has four boards similar to the editorial staff.

The advertising staff handles both local and national advertising. Staff members sell ads to both town businessmen and campus groups.

The promotion staff handles publicity and self-advertising of Collegian.

Collegian is delivered to distribution points in fraternities, dormitories, town restaurants, the Student Union desk in the Hetzel Union Building and faculty and administration offices each morning by the circulation staff.

Staffs will be sending out calls for candidates soon. Candidates need not be journalism majors. Candidates are required to attend weekly classes in Collegian operation and policy and to work in the Collegian offices in the basement of Carnegie Hall.

Promotion is based on ability, interest and effort.

Fraternities Have Deferred Rushing

The fraternity rushing program at the University is designed to give the incoming freshman ample time to become acquainted with college life before he considers becoming affiliated with a fraternity.

Under University regulations, freshmen must live in University dormitories and may not pledge until their second semester.

However, during the first semester, freshmen may visit fraternities informally and have many opportunities to learn about fraternity life.

In October or November, Interfraternity Council, the fraternity governing body, begins to formally acquaint freshmen with fraternity life.

During this time, a movie on fraternity life is shown and the fraternity system at the University is explained.

Rushing Magazine

The magazine, Penn State Fraternities, is distributed to all freshmen. The magazine includes pictures of the various houses at the University and a brief history of each fraternity. A reply card is enclosed in the magazine for freshmen to express their interest without any obligations. Open houses on specified after-

noons or evenings affords the new student the opportunity to become more closely acquainted with fraternity life.

After this initial indoctrination period, most chapters begin their individual rushing programs about Dec. 1.

Rushing Code

According to the fraternity rushing code, "freshmen who express interest in fraternities may receive personal invitations to visit houses for lunch, dinner, houseparties, informal social occasions, etc."

However, official pledging does not begin until sometime after the beginning of the second semester. The official date will be announced by the IFC.

Also, freshmen who do pledge, must remain in the dormitories for the rest of the academic semester. The period of pledging usually extends into the sopho-

Frosh Awarded 2 Scholarships

Two students entering the University as freshmen this semester have been awarded the Allied Stores Corporation 1955 scholarships honoring Allied Stores vice president, Albert Coons.

The two are enrolling in the College of Business Administration. They are Marcia L. Snyder, eighteen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George V. Snyder, 132 S. 16th St., Camp Hill, and Gerald E. Carlson, twenty, 115 Cottage Ave., Connelville.

The scholarships, open only to employes or relatives of employes of the 14 Allied stores in the state, are presented to exceptionally well-qualified high school graduates.

more year at which time the pledge takes up residence in the chapter house.

Housebills

Fraternity house bills vary from \$65 to \$90 per month. This total includes room, board, and social fees.

In order to rush a fraternity, it is necessary to have a 1.0 All-University or previous semester average.

There are 52 approved fraternities at the University and they house more than 2000 men.

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