

# New Matric System Has 8-Digit Code

An eight-digit code for University matriculation numbers will replace the present six-digit system when new-style matriculation cards are issued during spring semester registration, Dean of Admissions C. O. Williams has disclosed.

The new system, which is expected to last 100 years before duplication of numbers occurs, is necessary because

# Kaley Wins Ag Speaking Competition

Sylvia Kaley, junior from Pittsburgh, won the first prize of \$65 and a gold medal in the Guldin agricultural speaking contest Tuesday night.

The title of her speech was "Let's Build a Burly Business."

Others winning prizes were William Kulveski, sophomore from Cranestown, \$40 and a silver medal for second place; Lawrence Hutchinson, sophomore from Thornton, \$25 for third place; Walter Trumbauer, sophomore from Lansdale \$10, fourth place, and James Uhl, sophomore from Newfoundland, fifth place.

### Prize Presentation

The prizes will be presented at an Agriculture College faculty meeting between 4 and 5:30 p.m. Dec. 21 in 109 Armsby. Richard Pharo, senior in agriculture and biological chemistry from Bethlehem, will make the presentation.

The winners of the last four places had the following titles for their speeches: "Why Farmers Keep Records," "The Formation of Milk," "Let's Sell Proteins," and "Agriculture—Our Economic Foundation."

Judges for the contest were James W. Shigley, assistant professor of agricultural and biological chemistry; Roy C. Buck, assistant professor of rural sociology; and Harold J. O'Brien, assistant professor of speech.

### To Promote Leadership

The contest was originated because of an interest in youth, agriculture, and rural living, held by the late Paul R. Guldin. He felt that a contest of this type would help to develop more adequate rural leadership.

Although Guldin died before he could initiate the contest, it was begun by his wife and is sponsored each year by the Penn State Coaly Society, agricultural activities society.

# Sykes Chosen—

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mas Stewart, sergeant-at-arms; and Wayne Lippman, historian. David Allison has been appointed chairman of the Ugly Man contest, sponsored annually by APhiO.

A semi-formal dance will follow the banquet, beginning at 8 p.m. Music will be by the Mid-nights' Combo.

Tickets are on sale at the HUB desk for \$2.75. Pledges of Alpha Phi Omega are required to attend the dinner dance, Elder said.

### Sorority Pledge Admission

Carol Houck's name was omitted from the list of ribbonees of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

# Pre-Rushing Ends With Open House

Open houses in the sorority suites this afternoon and tonight will climax the three-day pre-rushing program scheduled by Panhellenic Council.

Freshman women may attend as many open houses as they wish. No limit has been placed on the length of time they may spend at one suite and no rule made against revisiting suites. School clothes should be worn.

### Not Obligated to Rush

The open houses are intended solely to acquaint freshmen with spring rushing procedures, Barbara Nichols, Panhellenic president, said. Attendance at the open houses does not obligate women to rush next semester.

Women have been advised by the council not to try to visit every suite, as there will be no actual rushing. No invitations will be sent after the open houses.

### Pins May Be Worn

Sorority women may wear their pins and may have their composite uncovered. In past years all sorority emblems had to be covered, but the ruling was changed last year.

Suites will be open this afternoon from 3 to 5 and tonight from 6:30 to 8. Four sororities will not be open tonight. They are Delta Gamma, Theta Phi Alpha, Phi Mu, and Chi Omega.

# HUB to Have Holiday-Meal

The Terrace Room, located in the Hetzel Union Building, will hold its first candlelight Christmas dinner next Tuesday, according to Mildred A. Baker, director of food service.

In addition to the regular menu, a complete seasonal meal will be served, with turkey and dressing. A flaming plum pudding will be the dessert feature.

The Terrace Room has been decorated with Christmas trimmings. Yuletide music will be heard at the dinner.

Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:45 p.m.

Miss Baker said other holiday meals will also be planned depending upon the reception given the candlelight Christmas dinner.

# UCA to Discuss Summer Projects

The University Christian Association will hold a coffee hour to discuss summer projects at 6:45 tonight in the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Lounge.

Slides and an informal talk will highlight the program for persons interested in summer projects sponsored by UCA.

Some of the projects to be discussed include work in Europe and Mexico, social service jobs, work camps, drama caravans and positions as interns in industry.

# Archaeological Findings Hold Key to Future Says Matson

Archaeological discoveries are of importance to modern society as more than curiosities, for the present and the future can best be interpreted by studying the past, Dr. Frederick R. Matson, said Tuesday night.

Dr. Matson is a professor of archaeology and a specialist in the field of radioactive carbon. His talk was the final lecture in the fall Liberal Arts lecture series.

Both economists and politicians would benefit from archaeological knowledge, Dr. Matson said. This knowledge would enable them to predict more accurately cycles of nature and to explain political policies to primitive people in terms which they can understand.

### Campus Fads Display Cycles

Cycles of nature are seen in a minor, short-term way on campus in fashion fads, Dr. Matson said. A broader, more vital cycle is now being studied in the dust bowl of the south west, he continued.

By studying tree rings, scientists have found that this year's drought is more serious than any in the past 700 years, Dr. Matson said. They have determined the geographic extent of the dust bowl by studying the migration of Indian tribes who lived in the area in the 1200's. As a result of these studies, archaeologists now have some idea of what to expect in the next few years, he explained.

### Archaeological Excavations

Turing to the problem of understanding people with cultures which are primitive or foreign to ours, Dr. Matson said that this understanding can often be gained by archaeological excavations. Archaeologists have frequently

found evidence of successive wars among the ancestors of today's nations. Historians feel that many of today's tribal, or even national struggles, are a continuation of a cycle of wars, Dr. Matson said. Foreign affairs experts must study the entire cycle, he said, in order to understand modern conflicts.



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several cases of more than one student receiving the same number have occurred under the present code, Dean Williams said.

The present system has been in effect since 1937.

### New Code Explained

The new code can be broken down into three components: a four-digit alphabetized code group, the last two digits of the year of admission to the University and a two-digit serial number within the alphabetic group.

The alphabetized code group will range from 1000 to 9999, and the other two groups will range from 00 to 99.

The present six-digit system is composed of a four-digit alphabetized code group, ranging from 0000 to 4600, and a two-digit serial number within the alphabetic group, ranging from 00 to 99.

### Admission Year Included

Inclusion of the year of admission in the new system extensively lengthens the life of the code, which also will provide for a finer distribution with the alphabetic groupings because of the increase of alphabetic group numbers, Williams said.

The eight-digit system has been tested against telephone directories from several metropolitan cities, including Manhattan and Seattle, and is currently being used by the University of Oregon in its matriculation card numbering system.

### New Matric Numbers

Every student now attending the University will receive a new matriculation number when he picks up his master card during registration at Recreation Hall. New students will receive their initial number under the new system.

Williams requests that students use their old matriculation number when filling out all registration cards for the spring semester in order that confusion may be avoided. Students will use the new number after that.

# LaVie Selects Junior Board

Forty-two juniors have been promoted to the junior board of the LaVie.

They are: Joanne Adair, Suzanne Aiken, Sharlene Baret, Edna Bright, Patricia Connor, Marilyn Elias, Anne Francis, James Franklin, Maureen Funk, Lynn Glassburn, Sam Glick, Judith Goodrich, Patricia Grossman, James Hart, Jack Halpern, Doreen Hayward, Joan Heilman, Phyllis Hodges, Nancy Horst, Josephine Hough, Barbara Hunter.

Carol Keplinger, William Kerns, Margaret King, Janice Krug, Blanche Kurtz, Marianne Maier, Ronald Martine.

Dorothy Mawson, William Meckling, Patricia Miernicki, Ruth Nisser, Carol Palmer, William Quinn, Barbara Rilling, Gail Rolle, Thomas Shiels, Susan Straight, Marie Thierwechter, Mary Ann Wagner, Nancy Wisely and Robert D. Yeager.

The new junior board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in 410 Old Main.

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