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Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"Forget about what I want you to teach—Can you drive a bus?"
Teach Sunday school? Make minor repairs?"

Greetings to the 'Forgotten Class'

Every year amidst the hustle and bustle of the job of registering several thousand "regulars" a small group of 500-600 students enter these hallowed halls for the first time.

Given no sort of official greeting and not treated to a special program as are their fall counterparts, this class usually slips in relatively unnoticed by most of the University outside of the Dean of Admissions.

Of course, these novices got the usual wet welcome to University Park. In fact they arrived at one of the coldest, wettest, sloppiest, most miserable times we've had all year.

So now these aspirants have four long years to look forward to at Penn State. Some of them who have transferred from other universities will naturally compare them to their new home. The new environment, despite its present sodden look, will compare most favorably, we think.

To those who have just finished high school or who are entering a university for the first time some aspects of the new life may appear a bit disconcerting.

With little or no warning or preparation they are taken into the seemingly maddening whirl of registration. No one can tell them that the registering process is now down to a point where it is run off very smoothly. It probably wasn't too smooth the first time.

Then they find that they have been tricked into a situation where they must rush from a Rec Hall physical education class down to Temporary and continually rush in 10 minutes late and cower under an annoyed instructor's glare.

They will be indoctrinated into an endless round of standing-in-line experiences which are designed to try the patience to the fullest; will

be forced into writing home for more money when the book bill runs over the \$15 allotted; will be forced to stand for the first three Saturday nights at the movies.

There are other things which will at first seem strange or annoying or even downright stupid, but after a while they will become part of the routine.

To most the University will seem large, confusing, and impersonal. At various times to various persons it is all three. In fact, it's both large and impersonal all the time. However, there are ways for the student to erase much of the impersonality.

However, this job is strictly up to the student himself. No one can or will do that for him. It's not easy and the impersonality of the University tends to become an excuse for failures—both academic and otherwise.

No one makes any bones about the fact that here you're on your own. There is a great abundance of help for you here. The problem is knowing enough to use it in the right way—or to use it at all.

Some come here and lose sight of the fact that an education is the prime reason for enrolling; others let this fact hide the fact that there are a great many other things about college life which can be as equally rewarding as book work.

All in all it's a fairly tough adjustment which will seem like nothing if you make it and will seem insurmountable if you don't.

Out of all this remember one hackneyed, trite, slightly altered phrase: Be good to Penn State and it will be very good to you.
—The Editor

Book Exchange Progress

The Penn State Book Exchange has succeeded in staying modern by making the changes necessary to maintain the greatest efficiency.

The efficiency maintained by the Book Exchange is mostly an advantage to the student body. The recent example is the 10 cent reduction in both buying and selling used books.

Until this semester the Used Book Agency has charged a 20 cent handling fee from the student that bought the used book and the same amount from the student who sold the book. The money which was brought in from the handling fee was used mainly to pay salaries and build up equipment in the Book Exchange.

Over the past few years the students managing the Book Exchange and the UBA have been able to build up the business so that they can now charge the smaller fee of ten cents for the service.

We hope the same type of management will be continued so that the students will receive the greatest amount of service for the lowest cost.

This semester the UBA ran into some problems with receiving books. It estimated that approximately 16,000 books would be brought in for sale. Unfortunately it did not allow quite a large enough increase from last semester and had to stop receiving books six hours before the time it had set for the close. It had to close six hours earlier because it ran out of book

slips. This was a mistake that it expects to avoid in the future. We also expect not to see the same problem appear.

In attempting to increase efficiency the UBA is also trying to get the students to bring the books in during registration week. The managers found that it was very inefficient for them to receive books after the first day of classes. Most of the book sales occurred during the first and second days of classes with a gradual decline in sales on the succeeding days. If books were brought in on the second day they had a poor chance of being sold. Unsold books are an inconvenience for the UBA and the students attempting to sell them.

Managers of the UBA have found that if they can get nearly all the books in during registration week they can have more books and a better display for the students who come to buy them during the first two days of classes. They also find that the clerical work involved with the book slips is more efficiently completed over the weekend.

We feel that the Book Exchange and particularly the UBA has done an excellent job of making the business a smooth running and efficient service for the students. We hope that the UBA will grow in size so that students can take advantage more than they do now of the opportunities available here for saving money.
—Sue Conklin

Safety Valve

get our food wholesale it seems to me the University could make some attempt to feed its students at least as well as the students cooking off campus for half the dorm food price.

Student health is more important than extra days at Christmas. Perhaps as enthusiastic a student effort could have an equal effect on the administration. You can bet parents' supporting letters would not be insufficient—the reason given for less administrative cooperation at Christmas time. Why not try to correct the situation once and for all?
—Mrs. William Gray Galbreath

Gazette

AIM JUDICIAL BOARD OF REVIEW, 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, 216 HUB.
COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, Collegian Office.
COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIED AD STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Collegian Office.

COLLEGIAN ADVERTISING STAFF, 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, 9 Carnegie.
FFA, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, 112 Buckhout.
PANHEL, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, 203 HUB.
RESEARCH AND RECORDS Staff Meeting, 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, Collegian Office.
WSGA JUDICIAL, 5 p.m., Tuesday, WSGA room, HUB.

Phi Mu Alpha to Hold Annual Rushing Smoker

Phi Mu Alpha, music fraternity, will hold its annual rushing smoker at 8 tonight at Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

Third semester male students in music or music education or with a major music activity are eligible for the organization.

TV Engineers Needed

Students having experience in television engineering or television receiver repair who are interested in part-time work may notify L. P. Greenhill, associate director of the Instructional Research Program, at Ext. 2066, or William Potts, of the television project, at Ext. 693.

ICG Will Hear Reports From Committees Tonight

The Intercollegiate Conference on Government will meet at 7:30 tonight in 108 Willard. Reports from committees will be given in preparation for the Central Region Conference to be held in March at Hershey Junior College.

From Here By Ed Dubbs

That 'Ivy League' Suit

The "Ivy League" suit has come under attack from one of the nation's foremost designers of men's clothing.

The man, Silvestri, went as far as telling the New York Times that if the suit gets any narrower or more buttoned up, the typical American man and Joe College will look like the typical American snack—the hot dog.

But if you're tall and slender, Italian-born Silvestri admits you won't look too bad, but if you have any fat to you at all, you'll have that "stuffed sausage-like appearance."

Besides denouncing the "Ivy League" suit, Silvestri termed American men conformists in fashion, and this puzzles our Italian friend since America is supposed to be a land that prides itself on sturdy individualism.

"In Italy," he said, "each man seeks to dress differently from his neighbor. Here everyone wants to look alike."

Tomorrow I'll wear my one-button roll suit with pegged pants, just to please Silvestri!

Steve Allen, at times a very funny guy, does a clever bit once in a while. He reads letters to the editor from New York City tabloids in the spirit in which they were written.

When someone takes time to sit down and write a letter to the editor, he is generally so perturbed he could punch someone, usually the editor. So Allen reads the letters in this vein.

In reading the following letter, you might try doing Allen's bit. My comments are in parenthesis. The letter is to the editor of SIR, one of those cultural men's magazines on the market today.

"Dear Sir!
"What do you have against B-girls? Your article, 'The B in B-Girl Still Means Beware' (Sept.), shows how the law is trying to curb this form of 'entertainment,' but you don't make clear why you are against it.

"Naturally, I don't want to be put in the position of advocating vice. I don't advocate it (He enjoys it?). But many of these girls operate to provide men drinkers with pleasant conversation—and nothing more. Many of these girls do not attempt to take a customer for all he's got, because they figure he will come back time and again.

"Sure there are numerous sordid, vice-ridden B-girl joints. Yet in Chicago I know a number of pleasant places, where the girls—having nothing dirty in their minds (good, clean-cut B-girls)—just sit and drink and talk with the customers. They

don't make dates afterwards, either."
The Daily Collegian must have the wrong type of readers. We never get letters like that. Maybe we like B-girls?

Grant Given By Class of '16

The Class of 1916 has established a memorial scholarship fund at the University with a gift of \$5,785.

It is planned that various members of the class will from time to time add to the original grant, the income of which will be used to support \$150 scholarships.

The scholarships will be awarded to entering freshmen and they may be renewed for each of the recipient's four years if he continues to maintain a satisfactory academic record as well as qualifying in other ways.

Students in any of the undergraduate colleges of the University will be eligible for the awards. They will be chosen by the committee that also selects winners of the Alumni Memorial Scholarships.

Ceramic Society To Install Osborn

Dr. Elbert F. Osborn, dean of the College of Mineral Industries, will be installed as a national officer of the American Ceramic Society at its 59th annual meeting May 5 in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Osborn will become a trustee of the society's basic science division.

The society is a scientific, technical organization dedicated to the improvement of ceramic products and processes. Founded in 1899, it now has members in 47 countries.

Walker Will Address Chamber of Commerce

President Eric A. Walker will be guest speaker at the first membership luncheon of the State College Area Chamber of Commerce today.

Dr. Walker will speak on developments at the University. The luncheon is scheduled for noon at the LaGalleria Restaurant.