

Borough, University Face Auto Ban Traffic, Parking Problems For Frosh To Continue

Traffic and parking—both on campus and in the Borough of State College—are problems which grow each year with increases in enrollment.

Insufficient parking facilities and traffic tieups on borough streets during rush hours are among the prices paid by a large University.

Open Houses Set for Chapel, Centers Today

Campus religious organizations will sponsor an open house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel. Students and staff members from each religious group will explain the University's religious programs, and show new students around the chapel. Exhibits, including one on the Chapel Choir's tour of Europe this summer, will be on display.

3 Groups to Meet
New students may also attend "get-acquainted" sessions from 7 to 9 tonight at their respective religious center.

About 1230 new students have been invited to visit the homes of 77 faculty members under the sponsorship of the University Christian Association.

The association will also hold meetings from 7:30 to 9 tonight at the Presbyterian Student Center, 132 W. Beaver Ave.; the Methodist Student Center, 256 E. College Ave., and the Memorial Lounge of the chapel.

Plan Open Houses
A reception and open house for Jewish students will be sponsored by the Hillel Foundation from 7 to 9 tonight at 224 Locust La.

The Newman Club will sponsor a "mixer" for Roman Catholic students at the Our Lady of Victory Church hall, 215 W. Fairmount Ave.

Pointers for 1902 Frosh
Some of the "Pithy Pointers" given to freshman in the 1902 Handbook were: Be manly, Keep your eyes open, Remember those at home, Don't be fresh, Don't take your cuts until you are obliged to do so, When you are in doubt, ask questions, but be careful how you ask.

The first definite steps to remedy the traffic situation were taken 15 years ago when the Department of Civil Engineering made a survey of the problem.

Many recommendations made as a consequence of this study were put into operation.

In 1954, the State Department of Highways made another survey of both the borough and campus.

By the time the report reached the University last February, it was somewhat out of date. The report also gave a somewhat distorted picture of the needs and facilities at hand, University officials agree.

Third Survey Made
For example, many of the parking tabulations on campus were taken at times when students did not ordinarily use campus parking facilities—such as lunch hour and from 5 to 6 p.m.

To determine present needs, a third traffic and parking survey was taken last spring under the direction of Calvin G. Reen, professor of civil engineering.

The first step in this study was aerial photographs taken at one hour intervals throughout the day. These gave an indication of the number of parking spaces not in use at given times. They showed how quickly the stalls filled and how much waiting for spaces was in evidence.

Traffic Counts Made
Next, traffic counts were taken to determine points of congestion. These counts took place during the week of May 13 to 17. Counting was done by means of both automatic tabulating machines lent by the Department of Highways and student counters.

Both pedestrian and vehicular traffic were totaled during this period.

From the findings of this survey, recommendations are being made to the University administration concerning alleviation of these problems.

One "worry" the University has removed from the minds of new freshmen is the possession and operation of motor vehicles.

This is the third year in which first- and second-semester students have not been permitted to "possess and/or operate a motor vehicle (automobile, motorcycle or motor bike) in the University community," defined as within the limits of Centre County.

Started in 1955
The car ban was placed on frosh in 1955 to ease the University's big parking problem and to "improve the scholarship" of first-year students. Officials said the ban will be carried on indefinitely.

Students who violate the regulation may be suspended from the University.

Only a few exceptions occur in the ban. Students who are physically handicapped or are commuters may consult the dean of men, dean of women or University Health Service for exemption from the ruling.

Makes No 'Specials'
No special permissions are given to freshmen for possessing or operating cars on "big" weekends or during the final examination period.

C.O. Williams, dean of admissions and registrar, has said that, with many distractions during the first year of adjustment to campus life, without autos he believes the freshman scholarship record will probably increase.

3 to Air Studying At 'Coke Hour'

A panel of three faculty members will discuss "Getting the Most from Your Studies" at a "coke hour" from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Memorial Lounge of the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.

The discussion, which will begin at 3:45, will be preceded and followed by an informal social period. The program is one of a series designed for freshmen under the title "Clues to Campus Life."

The series is sponsored by the University Christian Association.

In the 1890's the number of women students ranged between six and 16 each year. Former Governor James A. Beaver served 41 years as a trustee of the University.

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