

Encampment Criticizes Over-Crowded Housing

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Overcrowded living conditions in University residence halls came under fire at Student Encampment in the report of the Academic Atmosphere and Culture Workshop.

The workshop recommended the University discontinue the policy of admitting more students than can be accommodated in the residence halls.

The report criticized the policy's "adverse effect upon student health and academic achievement." Encampment delegates speaking at the plenary session slipped into this semester's temporary housing for coeds.

Temporary Housing To End Next Week

Students who had visions of "country club" living when they came to the University and ended up staying in the Health Center or in study rooms soon will be in permanent housing.

Otto E. Mueller, director of housing, said he expects

all students, both men and women, to be out of temporary housing by the end of next week.

The overcrowded situation arises annually since the University takes in more students than its capacity to make up for the many early drop-outs.

Mueller explained, "If we only accepted the number of students the dormitories hold, there would be several hundred vacancies when classes start."

"This way we can give more people a chance to attend the University," he said.

Of the 103 freshman women originally living in the Health Center and recreation and study rooms, only 24 still have temporary housing. Mueller said this should be reduced to 65 by Friday and each one should be in a permanent room at the end of next week.

Seventy-one upperclasswomen are in temporary housing now but 29 are expected to be in permanent rooms by Friday.

Men students have had their share of crowded conditions, but only 12 are now in temporary housing, Mueller said.

In addition to both men and women in temporary housing, there are about 200 in converted double and single rooms. Mueller explained that students would remain in these rooms until vacancies arise.

Grant Awarded For Mushrooms

The American Mushroom Institute has given the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology an \$8400 grant to aid mushroom research over a three-year period. The grant will be allocated on an annual basis of \$2800 a year.

According to Dr. Leon Kneebone, associate professor of botany and plant pathology, who is in charge of mushroom research, the grant will assist studies of nutrition, development and pathology of commercial mushrooms. The American Mushroom Institute, official organization of commercial mushroom growers in the United States, has been supporting mushroom research at the University for three years at the rate of \$2000 a year.

The American Mushroom Institute also has given the University \$13,500 to purchase equipment for the new mushroom house on campus.

Student Job Applications Available

Students can obtain work doing everything from babysitting to working in the dining halls.

These jobs, and many others, are available to students by making application through the Student Employment Agency in 112 Old Main.

Application can be made there for either day-to-day or permanent part-time work on the campus or in town. The applications can be filled out at any time since job offers come into the office every day.

The agency tries to help students in need of financial aid first, although no application is ever turned down. If nothing turns up immediately, the student should keep in touch with the office secretary.

This makes the work easier for the secretaries and proves the student's interest in obtaining work.

The student must follow the procedure of first filling out the application form, then being interviewed by one of the secretaries.

Women as well as men may apply for work at the agency and the pay is usually in the form of meals.

The Agency is open 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

Insurance Program Deadline Extended

The enrollment deadline for the Student Insurance Program has been extended until Wednesday, October 1.

The deadline had been today. More than 3000 students have applied for the program already. This number exceeds last year's total enrollment.

Certificates of insurance and identification cards are being mailed to applicants now.

for scholarships and other University projects for which appropriate funds are not available. By action of the Alumni Fund Council, Walker received two 50-yard-line tickets for the Homecoming game, with accommodations for two at the Nittany Lion Inn.

A four-year, full-tuition scholarship for a member of the 1958 freshman class will be named in Walker's honor. Walker will present the scholarship to the designated freshman on Homecoming Weekend.

President Eric A. Walker, who is no relation to the donor, asked the alumni in a message last Spring for undesignated gifts to be used at the discretion of the Penn State Foundation board of directors subject to the approval of the University Board of Trustees.

Since then the owners of 30 American companies have posted a standing offer to match their employees' gifts to their colleges and universities regardless of whether those institutions are publicly supported or not. Through this offer hundreds of Penn State alumni enjoy a method of doubling their gifts to the alumni fund.

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It was suggested that some students might wish to transfer to another school rather than live in a lounge or the health center.

Another recommendation of the Academic Atmosphere and Culture Workshop dealt with "snap" courses:

"We recommend that the Inter-college Council Board investigate and seek to improve or abolish courses which are not sufficiently challenging to the average student. By eliminating these snap courses, students will better be able to take advantage of their elective hours."

Part of the workshop report section on academic achievement follows: "We recommend that:

•More rewards be instated, such as recognition on the diploma of high scholastic standing (e.g. cum laude, etc.)

•No penalties be imposed on upperclassmen for class cuts.

•There be a student evaluation of the University television courses so that there can be a combination of both student and faculty viewpoints on this matter.

•The continuation and expansion of final examination exemptions.

Louis Phillips, president of the Liberal Arts Student Council, was workshop chairman. Jean Kissick was secretary.

Alumni Fund Tops \$1 Million With Gift

The Penn State Alumni Fund was pushed over the \$1 million mark this summer through the contribution of George F. Walker, '24, who gives annually "what I can afford".

Walker's gift pushed the 6-month total over \$125,000 and the 6-year total over \$1 million.

The Alumni Fund was started in 1953 to provide monies

Circa Gets \$350 Grant For Year

The Artists Series Committee has agreed to partially subsidize the publication of Circa magazine with a grant of \$350.

The committee gave financial help to the campus publication last year but was unwilling to take over complete support for this year's issue. The remainder of the sum needed, about \$200, must be raised by the Circa staff, Editor Ruth Billig said.

This year, for the first time, manuscript contributions are not limited to students but will be accepted from graduates students, faculty members, off campus writers and anyone at a University center interested in submitting poetry, prose or art work.

"Circa has always been limited to being a student magazine," said Miss Billig, "but we feel that the magazine will be broader in scope if we make the talents of other writers available."

A candidates' meeting for anyone interested in working on the Circa staff is scheduled for 7 o'clock in 208 Boucke.

Only one issue of Circa is planned for this year instead of the customary two. Scheduled to appear early in the spring semester, one 50-page magazine will replace the two 30-page issues published each year since 1955. At that time, Circa replaced the Liberal Arts Lantern, a magazine published through the Liberal Arts Student Council.

"We stopped having two issues because we feel we can provide better quality and more quantity in one," Miss Billig explained.

The larger magazine will still be sold for 25 cents.

English Prof, Young, Is Dead

Henry Bruner Young, assistant professor of English composition, died June 23 at Philipsburg State Hospital. He was born Dec. 25, 1900.

He had been a member of the University faculty since 1926. He received his bachelor's degree in 1925 from the University and received his master of art's degree in 1927.

Mr. Young was eastern vice president of the American Business Writers Association and was a member of the University chapter of the American Association of University Professors, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Lodge 700 of the F. and A. M. and the Mt. Nittany Sportsmen's Club.

He was also active in the National Rifle Association and Boy Scout activities.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marian Lloyd Davis; a son, a daughter, a brother and two grandchildren. Burial was in Centre County Memorial Park.

Encampment Sheets Due

Any evaluation sheets not turned in at Student Encampment should be returned to the Hetzel Union desk by noon Wednesday.

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