

Editorial Opinion

'For a Better Penn State'

Welcome to Penn State! Whether you be students or members of organizations participating in conventions or institutes at the University, the Summer Collegian welcomes you to spend the next twelve issues with us.

The Summer Collegian is student-operated and free of University censorship. In the fall, The Daily Collegian will begin its 55th year of operation as a student newspaper published and edited by students. The same conditions will prevail this summer and ensuing summers.

The Collegian feels free to editorialize on subjects of student and national interest and will continue to print the news objectively and as unbiased as possible. Collegian is not a publicity sheet and will print publicity only when it is also news.

Presenting the news is only one function of a responsible newspaper. It also has an obligation to interpret news and comment on it. As with The Daily Collegian, the Summer Collegian will strive "For a Better Penn State." This is not only our motto—but our single goal.

Meeting the Needs

A new era begins today at the University. The full-time operation of the University's vast physical plant has been a long while in the planning but this summer sees the operation of classes and activities on a 12-month basis. What lies ahead for the University? Only time will tell—perhaps it will be a tri-semester or quarter program, or maybe the continuation of the present summer session programs will be the best answer to meet the demands of the Commonwealth's students.

In addition to the regular 3-6-3 week summer school sessions, the University adopted two 6-week sessions in hopes of luring prospective students to begin their education in the summer rather than in the fall. A student attending both sessions will be able to complete nearly a semester's work and thus be able to graduate in three years. The University's turnover of student population will be greater and more students will be able to be admitted to both the main campus and its 14 centers scattered throughout the state.

Many educators predict that the 12-month operation of colleges and universities will not only be a necessity but a mandate by 1970. President Eric A. Walker has said that the University will reevaluate its academic program in 1961 and make adjustments if necessary.

Another aspect of the full-time operation of a university's physical plant is the planning for year-round operation of student government and student activities such as The Daily Collegian and the Women's Student Government Association. Initial steps have been taken this year to provide not 9 but 12 month operation in these extra-curricular fields.

Things to be considered in the future are the election of a Student Government Association president for 12 months instead of the nine month term which he serves now and the establishment of rules or provisions for students to attend school the entire year while serving in leadership capacities.

In the past, summer school students were composed mainly of teachers and other graduates working on master and doctoral degrees, students who failed subjects during the regular term and have to make them up by the next semester, or by students from other colleges and universities who want a three or six week vacation at Penn State's "Country Club." See how many of them are left today in proportion to the number of students attending summer sessions to accelerate in their studies.

The University is at a crossroads—time will tell which way it is to turn and how it is to best meet the needs of the coming generations.

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Campus Beat

Firecrackers, Pretty Girls Visit State

An old Chinese proverb we heard in our travels across the big green campus went something like this . . . he who plays with firecrackers is very likely to get burned.

It appears that some of the Greeks along fraternity row are now nursing wounds as a result of some "school's out" parties held last Saturday night.

The University appears to be all set to keep a watchful eye over any parties to be held this summer. Already the mimeographed sheets with rules and regulations and restrictions and other effective barriers to social activity are posted throughout the fraternities and dormitories.

Look out male students! For the next 3 days the campus will be covered with a 1000 sweet young things, all members of the Future Homemakers of America. And when these sweet young ladies leave, the customary flock of pretty school teachers will be brightening up the walks of Old Main.

Standing Stone Playhouse offers some interesting entertainment for the theatre-minded summer student. The Tuesday, June 23 performance of "Desire Under the Elms" is already sold out. Other coming attractions that look inviting are "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Diary of Anne Frank" and "Nude with Violin." We'll be sure to take a look at that last one.

With parking tickets, parking meters and all the other regulations, it is a relief to our persecution complex to hear a local resident speak kind words for the students. A prominent official had these words to say, ". . . we don't have near the trouble with the students considering the number of them."

The life of a State College policeman is not all peaches and cream. Two patrolmen observed a speeding car and gave it chase. After overtaking the car one officer attempted to write-up the driver but was delayed by a swift blow behind the ear. The man was subdued and is now cooling off in the local jail.

Wasn't registration a refreshing change after the usual fighting in lines and rescheduling. Even so there were a few unhappy faces in the crowd. It appeared they were those who missed out on the most recent graduation by a credit or two. And the only problems that cropped up for the "warm weather students" were whether to schedule a 3-6-3 or a 6-6 week basis. Of course the main consideration in this case is how to have the best hours of the day free for Whipples.

Well, students, it is time to go to class and compare notes. Be sure you take god notes and please don't set off any firecrackers.

—By Professor Wayne

Gazette

TODAY Glennland Pool, swimming, 4 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 9:30 p.m. U.C.A. Open House, Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel Lounge, 6:30 p.m. THURSDAY Glennland Pool, swimming, 4 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 9:30 p.m. Softball league, registration, 4 p.m., 202 Rec Hall Outdoor movie, back of HUB, 9 p.m.

Letters Welcomed

Letters to the editor are welcomed by The Summer Collegian. All letters must be signed and names will be withheld only if requested. Letters should be short and precise and be of concern to the University, students or townspeople.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Breakfast With George

Washington Has Nothing On Us

by George McTurk

Our fast-growing University will have something in common with the federal government this fall.

In Washington, D.C., when anyone wants to call a government office, he dials the exchange, "Executive," then the five digits of the telephone number.

Beginning this September, when someone wants to call a University office or a student in the residence halls, he will dial the exchange, "University", then the remaining five digits.

The new telephone system, called a "limited private branch exchange," will be the first of its kind in the state. A limited PBX is one in which you may dial into, but are unable to dial out of, without first getting the operator. This is similar to the system used by the federal government in Washington, D.C.

The handicaps of the present manual telephone system will be overcome by the new system. The dial service will be automatic, it will be faster, and fewer operators will be needed. The telephone line capacity will be increased from the present 2000 office lines and 1520 residence hall lines to a total of 5000 telephone lines.

The greatest innovation will be that you will be able to phone the residence halls anytime of the day or night. No longer will you be frustrated by the operator, because no one will cut into your conversation with the phrase, "Sorry it's 10 p.m."

This long-needed telephone

system will be located behind Boucke Building, in the attractive red brick building they've been constructing all this year.

At the present time, a manual switchboard for residence hall telephones on east campus is located in the basement of Simmons Hall. The switchboard for office telephones and west campus residence hall telephones is located on the ground floor of Willard. Both will be closed when the new building opens.

After the telephone building construction was completed in April, 10 telephone engineers from the Western Electric Co., began to install the complicated maze of wires which somehow, when all connected, dial that number for you automatically. Harry Kamarer, of Harrisburg, is their supervisor.

Kamarer, who has been with Western Electric for 19 years, said that a total of 5000 man hours will be required to complete the wiring job. At the present time telephone engineers are busy on the second floor of the new building installing 23,000 feet of cable and 10,000 feet of wire. The wiring is scheduled to be completed on August 8, and the (Continued on page eight)

