

Editorial Opinion

Welcome '63

The class of 1963 enters the University today and another school year for approximately 15,000 students begins.

A word to freshmen—right now everything may seem confusing to you. The campus is large, but in a short time you will feel as if you have known it all your life. Advantages of this immensity will come to your eyes soon.

First and foremost, you must acquire the wish to take advantage of the opportunities offered to students on this campus. Most of these take root in the academic spirit of a University. Once this spirit becomes a part of you, other highlights of college life will follow.

To those of you who may be interested in extra-curricular activities, there is an extraordinary selection from which to choose. But activities on a college campus should take a back seat to studies. Once the study problem has been overcome, these activities can be pursued to a degree in which a happy medium is reached between the two.

Students previous to you have recognized this problem. In trying to provide a solid academic start they have enacted such programs as deferring membership in fraternities and sororities until the second semester.

To most of us who have been here for one or more years, the University has become an object of pride. You freshmen will develop and cultivate this pride eventually, and through this development you will become an integral part of the University. But it should be kept in mind that student action of any sort reflects upon the institution from which it springs. Good action can only make the University a finer institution. Detrimental action will harm both the student and the University.

You have four wonderful years ahead of you as college students if you will learn how to use these years to the best advantage both to yourselves and the University. Good luck to you in your opening days on campus and in the many days to follow as students of The Pennsylvania State University.

Frosh Class Gift

Freshmen will have an opportunity during their first week at the University to take part in one of its best traditions—the Senior Class Gift.

The traditional gifts of graduating classes may be seen throughout campus—the Nittany Lion shrine, the western gate, the new Beaver Field scoreboard, the Mall gate, to name just a few.

Under a program to begin this year, students will contribute toward their graduating class gift each semester. The final gift selection is made by a vote of the class just before graduation.

Contributions for the Class of '63 gift will be made during registration in Recreation Hall this week together with those for the Classes of '60, '61 and '62.

Goal for the gift collection is \$4 from each class member by the time he is graduated. The new plan enables a student to do his part to maintain the class gift tradition on an "easy pay" basis.

Graduating classes of the past look with pride upon their gifts, especially when they return to campus. Freshmen can show upperclassmen and alumni that they mean to continue the gift tradition by contributing readily this week.

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Collegian Starts 55th Year Uncensored

Entering into its 55th year of operation with this issue, The Daily Collegian can make this statement—fifty-five years old; 55 years free!

Collegian is one of this country's few student-operated college newspapers which is still free from censorship and day-to-day supervision.

Collegian is operated by two staffs—editorial, headed by Dennis Malick and business, headed by George McTurk. They are responsible to Collegian, Inc., their publishing body, composed of six students (of whom Malick and McTurk are two) and six faculty and administration members.

James H. Coogan, Jr., director of the Department of Public Information, serves as president of the board.

Newspaper policy and the paper's day-to-day operation is determined by the Board of Editors of the editorial staff.

The other three editorial boards, Board of Advanced Reporters, Board of Intermediate Reporters and Cub Reporters, are responsible for gathering and writing the news and features which appear in the paper daily.

Advanced and intermediate reporters cover assigned beats and take general reporting assignments. Advanced reporters also assist with editing jobs in the daily operation.

Cub reporters aid in writing stories and headlines while they attend classes taught by members of the editorial board. They also receive individual coaching from advanced reporters under a big-and-little brother and sister plan.

The business staff consists of three departments—advertising, promotion and circulation—which also use the "board" system. Local and national advertising is handled by the ad staff while the promotion staff handles Collegian publicity and the circulation staff distributes papers to their pick-up points.

Collegian is published Tuesday through Saturday mornings and is usually eight pages long. Four of these pages are devoted to local and campus news; one page is held for Associated Press news; one page contains editorial comment and columns; and two pages carry sports.

The Collegian will issue its first call for candidates during the second week of classes. A coke party and open house will be held in held in the city room in 8 Carnegie.

This is the first of two formal calls for candidates made each year. The second will be made at the start of the spring semester.

However, students may join the staff by reporting to the Collegian office from 10 to 6 p.m. weekdays. Staffers need not be journalism students.

Grad Oral Exams Set for Sept. 16-19

Graduate students who plan to take written foreign language examinations on Nov. 2 and who have not taken the preliminary oral tests, should arrange for the oral tests immediately.

These tests will be given Sept. 16-18 and the morning of Sept. 19. Students should register for German in 227 Sparks and for French and Spanish in 300 Sparks.

Students who have passed the oral tests but failed the written examination should register for a re-examination no later than Oct. 12 in 227 Sparks for German and in 300 Sparks for French and Spanish.

Written examinations in English for foreign graduate students should be completed by October 5 in 247 Sparks.

University Given \$1000 For Corn Hybrid Study

The University has received a \$1000 grant from the Cooperative G. L. F. Exchange Inc., to be used for a study of the evaluation of corn hybrids for silage.

The project, which hopes to provide farmers with fundamental information for producing good silage corn, is under the direction of Dr. John B. Washko, professor of agronomy.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"TUITION WENT UP AGAIN THIS YEAR."

Prexy Welcomes New Students

by President Eric A. Walker

I should like to welcome each and every one of you to The Pennsylvania State University. All of us here at the University—the upperclass students as well as the faculty and the staff—are glad to have you with us.

I believe sincerely that you have made a wise choice in selecting Penn State for your collegiate studies. The University is one of the largest institutions of higher education in the country. It is also one of the best. As a Penn State student, you are now a member of a distinguished community of scholars—a community in which almost the only vocation—perhaps the only vocation—is the search for truth and knowledge. Here you will find the resources to pursue that search in almost every area of interest to human beings and to pursue it as far as your ambitions and your abilities and your desires dictate.

The primary purpose of a university is to discover, conserve, and disseminate important knowledge. To carry out this purpose, your professors have gone to great lengths to see that your education is the

best that can be designed.

But you are not here to be taught. You are here to learn. There can be indoctrination but there can be no real education unless you—each and every one of you—are driven by your own thirst to know and to understand; unless you are motivated within yourself to seek out and examine phenomena independently and to resolve problems in your own terms; unless you are deeply committed to the proposition, laid down over 23 centuries ago by Socrates, that "the life which is unexamined is not worth living."

Education, pursued in this fashion, is one of the most exciting and personally rewarding experiences in which man can participate. If, during your studies at Penn State, you become deeply impressed with this truth—if you master the techniques and the tools of learning and become imbued with a passionate desire to use them for the rest of your life—the University will have achieved its purpose. And you will have realized the highest possible return on your investment in your education.

Good luck and best wishes!

