



**FROM UTTER EMPTYNESS TO UTTER CHAOS**—These scenes depict something new in the life of a freshman, the ritual of registration. At the left is Rec Hall before the hordes of students descend on it. At the right are the lines of students waiting to pick up their number 6 cards, with the inevitable "I'm sorry, but that section is full," waiting for them.

# Honoraries Recognize Scholarship

The University has scholastic honoraries in almost every course and curriculum.

The societies, besides giving recognition for high general scholarship, often perform service functions for the University and sponsor social functions.

Phi Beta Kappa, the liberal arts society, is probably the best known. This national honor group is the oldest Greek-letter fraternity in the United States.

Its counterpart in the technical field is Tau Beta Pi, engineering fraternity founded in 1888. It gives recognition to engineering students with Dean's List averages.

Alpha Lambda Delta for women and Phi Eta Sigma for men are the two freshmen scholastic honoraries.

Both societies initiate students who have attained a 3.5 average or better during their first semester at the University.

Other major honoraries and the fields of study they represent are:

Alpha Epsilon Delta, pre-medical; Alpha Pi Mu, industrial engineering; Chi Epsilon, civil engineering; Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering; Gamma Sigma Delta, agriculture; Iota Sigma Pi, women's chemistry.

Keramos, ceramics; Omicron Nu, home economics; Phi Kappa Phi, general scholastic; Phi Lambda Upsilon, chemistry; Phi Sigma Iota, romance languages; Pi Gamma Mu, social science; Pi Lambda Sigma, pre-legal.

Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics; Psi Chi, psychology; Sigma Alpha Eta, speech and hearing; Sigma Delta Epsilon, Women's science; Sigma Pi Sigma, physics; Sigma Tau, engineering; Sigma Xi, science; and Xi Sigma Pi, forestry.

**WELCOME FROSH**

## Answer Man Can Be Found At HUB Desk

Do you want a ticket to the Dink Debut? Do you want to borrow a deck of cards for a bridge game? Do you want to know at what time you can get a bus to Pittsburgh?

If so, the man behind the information desk on the first floor of the Hetzel Union Building can help you for service is his main function.

The HUB desk is the main information center of the campus. It provides news of all campus events as well as time schedules for buses, trains and railroads, and student and faculty telephone directories.

The HUB desk is the place to go for tickets to the Artists Series, Thespians and Players' productions, banquets, dances and lectures. Approximately 40,000 tickets for University and local events are sold over the desk annually and this number does not include the tickets distributed by matriculation cards to students.

A Lost and Found Department is located at the information desk for the benefit of students, and it accumulates a large variety of such things as gloves, fountain pens and slide rules each semester.

The HUB desk also lends records from its large collection, and playing cards and ping pong paddles for use in the activities on the ground floor of the building.

## MI Students Employ Exam Honor System

Students in the Mineral Industries College are gradually replacing their instructors as exam proctors.

This individual and group proctoring by students taking an examination is known as the honor system.

Dr. Howell, head of the geophysics-geochemistry department says, "The honor system tends to build trust and accord and create a sense of mutual effort and an atmosphere of cooperation and understanding."

To have an effective honor system, the students must be mature and know and respect their classmates. It's the responsibility of each person to attempt to stop any cheating during an exam and if this fails, to report the cheater to the honor council, which is composed of students.

The honor system is not new to the University but has only recently been re-introduced after an absence of 50 years. It was first established in 1910 by electrical engineering for seniors only, and later extended to the entire Engineering College to include juniors. Since this proved to be a great success, it was adopted throughout the University.

But the honor system wasn't in operation very long before it was dropped because of excessive amounts of cheating. The breakdown of the program has been attributed to the effect of World War I on the students' values and the inclusion of freshmen and sophomores who hadn't developed respect for the program. The idea of re-establishing an

honor system came about as a result of investigations by the Senate Subcommittee on Academic Honesty. This committee was organized at the 1954 Student Encampment.

In its report it concluded that faculty proctoring bred distrust, suspicion and broke down the class' morale. A recommendation was made for the adoption of the honor system, the final decision remaining within each college. To initiate the honor system, 85 per cent of all the upperclassmen in the curriculum which

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## Hat Societies Counsel Frosh

Last spring 190 students were tapped for ten hat societies. They were chosen for outstanding service to the University through work in such activities as student government, publications, dramatics, forensics and athletics. All-University averages were also considered.

The hat men and women's main job is the counseling of freshmen and transfer students during Orientation Week. They teach the school traditions, songs, rules, and supply information about courses and activities. Customs are enforced through their efforts.

The senior girls on Mortar Board wear blue hats. Grey hats distinguish members of Scrolls for seniors, Chimes for juniors, and Cwens for sophomores.

The men's societies wear black hats. Skull and Bones and Parminous recognize seniors; Androcles, Blue Key, and Druids are for juniors and Delphi for sophomores.

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