

Confused? See Slang Defined

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If any of you new students thought your IBM processing was tough, you "Ain't heard nothing yet." Sad to tell, there just isn't an electronic brain capable of translating the local campus lingo.

Realizing your plight, the Collegian staff has done a little research on the outside world of inside slang and come up with a few workable definitions which we hope make sense.

First of all we have that Great Institution, Penn State Activities. Activities are largely composed of mickey mouse organizations which spend a great deal of time accomplishing nothing. Most of these are found in the "alphabet soup."

Alphabet soup? What else but that uncoordinated myriad of student groups which were unable to think up names (let alone a purpose) for themselves and so are known by the first letters of their titles.

Just for example we have AWS, a collection of budding Margaret Chase Smiths who spend one evening every other week discussing anything from regulations to beauty contests.

Then there is the BX; the FCAB; ICB; ICG; IFC; IFCPA; ISA; OSGA; SGA; the UBA and WDFM, the campus radio station which no students can hear because they don't have FM radios.

A favorite activity for amateur politicians is student government. Major legislative functions are delegated to the SGA assembly, also known as the "circus" whose main problem in the past has been to figure out which members can find seats. There's also Cabinet, another SGA body without a head.

Then there are the people who run these organizations—

the BMOCs (big wheels — no spokes.) Most of these students major in activities and are members of one of the hat societies whose badge of recognition, a small hat to perch on the tip of their little pointed heads, is their equivalent of a 4.0.

The biggest of the BMOCs are found in Lion's Paw, an organization which meets at undisclosed times with undisclosed motives for undisclosed activities.

Of course there's more than activities to Penn State, there are also the weekends. We have the skellar, the local soda parlor and hort woods, scene of Penn State's favorite sport. There are jam sessions, a popular form of quiet relaxation; and the milk run, the most necessary trip ever taken by fraternity men.

Speaking of fraternity men, there's the Greek (male or female), a student with a status symbol, and sorority rush, a two-week period of concentrated snobbery.

Of course, every now and

then you travel to Boucke or Sparks or Willard and meet with new terms — such as blubie, an exam for which everybody is unprepared and which is designed to test what you don't know. This is preceded by cramming, a futile attempt to equate knowledge with No-Doz.

Towards the end of the semester you meet with the term paper, a long collection of plagiarized cliches compiled at 5 a.m.

There are also such things as drop-adds, a means of transferring from a bad course to a worse one, and comedy hour or ROTC drill.

Many of your profs, along with those who work in Old Mania are members of the University Senate, an organization of grown men who insist that Penn Staters play war games even over the objections of the Defense Department.

Well, frosh, this is just a beginning. Make an effort and you too can become an uninformed, illiterate, skellar-rat—a real Penn Stater.

Israeli Playwright To Speak at Hillel

Moshe Shamir, playwright and best-selling novelist in Israel, will be at the Hillel Foundation tomorrow through Saturday in conjunction with the opening of the 1961 United Jewish Appeal Campaign.

Shamir will speak on Israeli life and culture at the Friday night services. As author of short stories, articles, plays and novels, he is recognized as one of the most important literary spokesmen of the Sabra generation.

Irving Davidson of New York City, humorist and lecturer on "Contemporary Jewish Wit and Humor" at a Hillel brunch 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The letter E is the most frequently used in the English language. The letter Q is the least used.

Excellence Award Given To Business Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, was one of 16 chapters to win an award for excellence given by its national organization.

The plaque was awarded to chapters with the highest accumulation of efficiency rating points given for activities, service and a research project. A K Psi received a perfect score of 100,000 points and will share the plaque with two other successful Northeastern chapters.

Navy Programs Explained

Representatives of the Willow Grove Naval Air Station will be at the Hetzel Union Building from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 21 to 24 to explain naval flight training programs to interested students.

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