

# Stranded Students Make 'Best of It'

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Scientific observations on "the heaviest snowstorm in 19 years," "howling blizzards" and "below freezing temperatures" brought little comfort to stranded homeward-bound students Friday.

Hundreds of students attempting to return to Pittsburgh and other western cities after registration found themselves stranded by 12-foot snowdrifts which blocked low parts of the road outside Blairsville.

The slow crunch of chains and snowtires gradually lessened as the snow completely covered windshields and froze wipers. Cars ground to a halt as the 41-inch accumulation grew and three highway crews with three snow plows attempted to open the road.

Some students found themselves stranded anywhere from two to five hours, while others were included among the 400 to 600 motorists who spent the night in homes and motels in the area.

The most serious problems occurred when many who had little gasoline found that it was exhausted quickly when heaters were operated at full force. Those who did not run out of gas found themselves suffering from severe headaches from exhaust fumes that had filtered into the cars.

Some students left their cars and crowded into a nearby restaurant. Three enterprising students, finding the place staffed by only two women, donned aprons and went to work cooking, waiting on tables and washing dishes.

Telephone lines were overburdened as motorists tried to inform families of their safety. One student, who spent five hours in a restaurant, found herself the proud possessor of number 248—the number which indicated her turn to place a telephone call.

For those unable to cram themselves into nearby restaurants and homes, food became another concern. Students who had eaten breakfast in the early morning—or who had slept those few precious extra minutes—found themselves not only tired and headachy, but also hungry. Some set up a relay system from restaurants to students outside, others "stuck it out" until they arrived at home between 10 and 13 hours after they left State College.

## N. Halls Plans Spring Events

Representatives to the meeting of the North Halls Council were urged last night to promote better cooperation and participation in area activities planned for the spring semester.

Ralph Wise, chairman of the social committee, encouraged support for the Cupid Caper Dance to be held from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. Saturday night in the Hetzel Union ballroom. Plans for the future include fireside chats, mixers and possible participation in spring week.

Vincent Brown, chairman of the North Halls Tribunal, asked for more cooperation among the students in obeying the area rulings. The Tribunal is planning to make penalties for infractions more severe, because of the many cases it is compelled to hear. It was stressed that better area behavior would improve the possibility of having women residents next year.

## Company to Interview Seniors in Agriculture

C. J. Norton of the John Deere Co., Baltimore, Md. would like to interview four-year graduates in agriculture for employment with the company.

Interested seniors may contact the office of Resident Education, 211 Armsby.

## Jankosky Wins Football Contest

Frank Janosky, senior in electrical engineering from State College, was named winner of the \$300 first prize in the Chesterfield-L&M-Oasis football contest for his winning prediction of the score, 14-3, in the Penn State-Pitt game.

Second and third prizes of \$150 and \$50 were won by Samuel Robison, senior in mechanical engineering from Altoona and Earl Michael, senior in engineering mechanics from State College.

Contestants from 108 colleges and universities submitted predictions of the final and half-time scores of rival games plus empty cigarette packs, according to a company representative.



EVEN THE SNOWMEN HAVE "GONE GREEK" in honor of fraternity and sorority "Inspiration Weeks" and initiations as Tammy Creel views the Alpha Phi version of Frosty.

## Indie Council Plans to Accept New Members

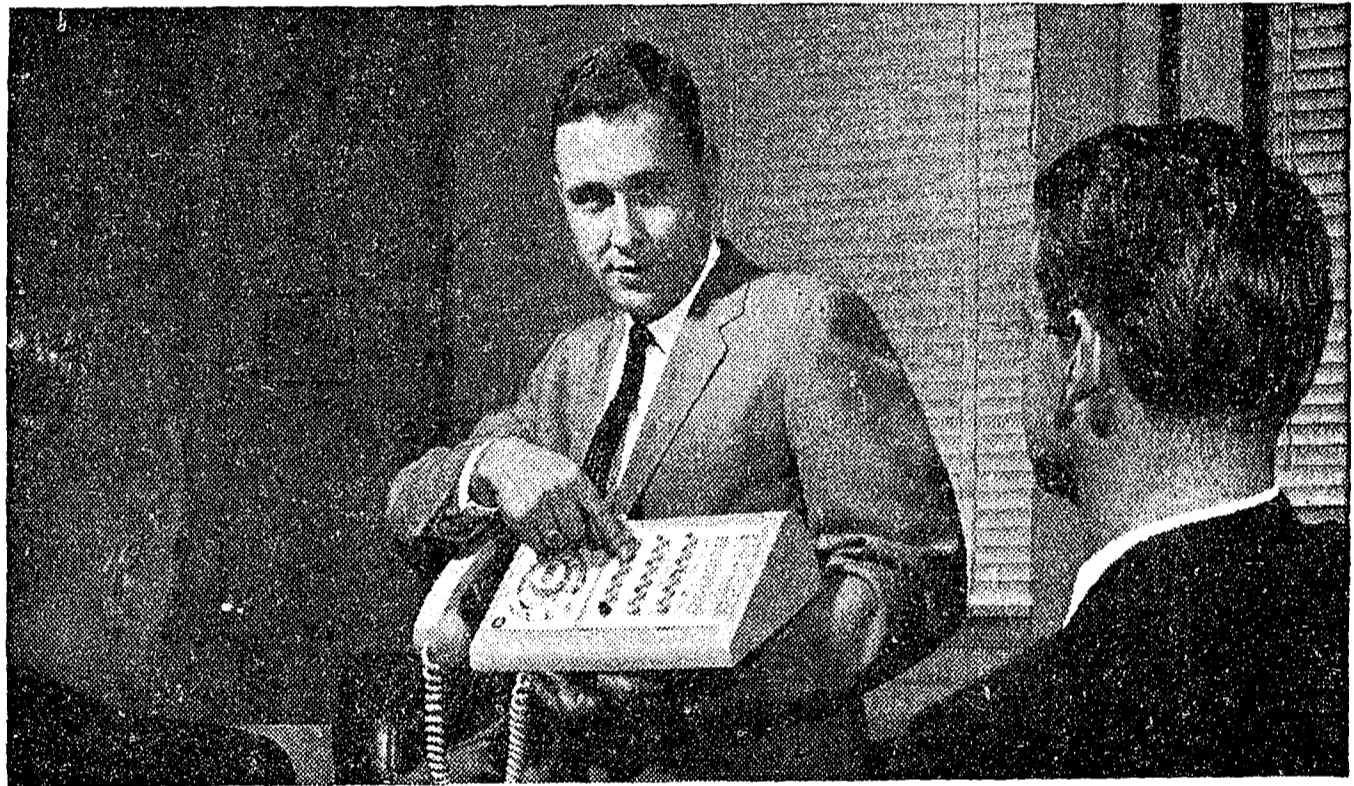
Leonides Council decided last night to accept new members this semester after it was noted by the President pro temp, Patricia Shockey, that the Council's membership has been cut nearly in half since the fall.

Graduation, student teaching and lack of interest were the reasons given for the drop in membership. Miss Shockey said she hoped that in the future, council members would suggest ways in which Leonides could be more active before dropping off for lack of interest.

Several council members suggested greater publicity as one way of making Leonides' work known. This would include a bulletin board with photographs and clippings of the council's projects.

Among other business, Linda Eager was appointed chairman of the proposed Easter egg roll and Joelle Bronstein was appointed chairman of the residence hall staff tea which will be held within a month.

Leonides Council also heard the first reading of the proposed constitutional revisions which will change the manner of electing council members from campus-wide elections to interviews held by a screening committee.



Loren Gergens briefs two of his salesmen on new telephone services for business customers.

## "I DIDN'T WANT TO BE STOCKPILED"

When Loren Gergens was working for his B.S. degree in Business Administration at the University of Denver, he had definite ideas about the kind of job he wanted to land. He was determined to profit from the experience of several of his friends who had accepted promising jobs only to find themselves in "manpower pools"—waiting to be pulled into a responsible position. "I didn't want to be stockpiled," Loren says. "That's no way to start."

As a senior, Loren talked to twelve companies and joined The Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company, an associated company of the Bell Telephone System.

From his first day challenges were thrown at him thick and fast. First, he supervised a group of service representatives who handle the communications needs of telephone customers. Then

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