

Freshmen Will Hear Prexy Talk

Dr. Eric A. Walker, president of the University, will address all incoming freshmen, transfer students and students who have come to this campus from one of the Commonwealth Campuses at 9 a.m. tomorrow at Recreation Hall.

Prior to Walker's address, the students will be introduced to the deans of the University's nine colleges by Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, special assistant to the president and dean of admissions.

Walker first came to the University in 1945 as head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and director of the Ord-



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nance Research Laboratory. In 1951 he became Dean of the College of Electrical Engineering and Architecture.

Early in 1956 he was named vice-president of the University and was elected president after the resignation of Dr. Milton Eisenhower in June of that year.

He was born in Long Eaton, England, on April 29, 1910.

Walker graduated from high school in Wrightsville in 1928. He then went to Harvard University where he received his bachelor of science degree in 1932, his master's degree in business administration in 1933 and his doctorate in engineering in 1935.

Walker is an active member of many education, engineering and civic committees. Some of these include the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle State Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; the National Science Board of the National Science Foundation; Phi Kappa Phi; Tau Beta Pi, and Sigma Xi.

— Fraternities were forbidden at Penn State until 1887.

Prexy's Welcome

I am happy to welcome all of you to the campus for the second term of the 1961-62 session—and especially those students who are joining us here at University Park for the first time.

The first term of this session, you will recall, started in June and ended in August. I'm glad to report that this, the first term under the new four-term calendar, was a very successful one. A total of over 6600 students registered for regular graduate and undergraduate programs; about 22,000 people attended short courses, conferences, workshops and seminars; and almost 4000 people visited the campus through scheduled tours and programs.

In August, the University granted almost 850 degrees, including 500 at advanced levels, to start many new citizens off on their careers in business, education, industry and effective living.

The student governments functioned in excellent fashion, we enjoyed performances by several outstanding artists and had some excellent theatre, and there were almost no

student incidents that reflected adversely on the reputation of the University.

Despite all this activity, we have been able to put the campus back into some semblance of order and to repair the grass and clean up the damage left by the ravages of last winter. I hope the present generation of students—the present trustees of the beauty of the Penn State campus—will treat it as well as did the students who were with us this summer.

I am sincerely sorry that we were forced once again to raise the tuition rates. As you all know, we were given no choice in this matter. I think, however, that we can all be relieved that the increase is no larger than it is. The fact that the increase is not larger is a result of the wonderful co-operation of all the faculty and staff in trying to do the best they can with what they have. I hope the students, too, will co-operate in this endeavor with the same spirit of dedication and purpose.

Once again, welcome back! Best wishes for an exciting and stimulating year.

—Dr. Eric A. Walker

HUB Desk Supplies Information

Can you tell me how to get to Stevens Hall? Where can I buy my dink? Questions like these are all in a day's work for the people who stand behind the information desk in the Hetzel Union Building.

Supplying the answers to the thousands of questions that are asked each day is only one of the services supplied by the HUB desk.

It is the central place to purchase tickets for sporting events and the Artist Series. From 1959-60 a total of 79,284 tickets were sold or distributed.

If you want to telephone home and can't remember the number, the HUB desk has telephone directories for all major eastern cities. If phoning won't do the job, the desk can supply you with travel information in the form of rail, air and bus guides.

The HUB desk keeps generous

supplies of magazines, records, newspapers, cards and ping pong balls. In the past, over 200,000 Collegians have been picked up at the desk annually.

Geology Prof Speaks To Mineralogical Society

Richard H. Jahns, professor of geology and chairman of the Division of Earth Sciences, addressed a meeting of the Mineralogical Society of Pennsylvania at the Hetzel Union Building on "Gem-bearing pegmatites of southern California."

Dr. Jahns, who came here a year ago from the California Institute of Technology, spent several years in the mapping and geological study of the rocks he will discuss, and subsequently published several technical articles on the subject.

Term Plan Replaces Semester System

Arriving just a few weeks ahead of the class of '65, is another newcomer to campus this year—the four-term plan. Its introduction has made "change" the by-word of the student population.

The plan, installed in June, divides the academic year into four terms, each 10 weeks long. The first term ended Aug. 24.

Under the new plan, the fall, winter and spring terms are equal to two of the old 15-week semesters.

The summer sessions were replaced by the summer term which is equivalent to each of the other three terms—fall, winter and spring.

This enables an incoming frosh to complete work for a bachelor's degree in three years, although it is not mandatory.

Fall term classes which will begin on Monday, Sept. 25 and end on Thursday, Dec. 7, will be recessed on Thursday, Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The winter term will extend from Friday, Jan. 5 to Saturday, March 17, and the spring term from Wednesday, March 28 to Friday, June 8.

Also making its debut under the four-term plan is the 75-minute class period, replacing the old semester's 50-minute session.

Accompanying the change is an increase in the intervals between

classes from 10 to 20 minutes. Frosh will soon learn that this is much more adaptable to the customary "HUB coffee break."

Change is also evident in the class day which will run from 8 a.m. to 9:55 p.m. and in the individual student's credit load which will range from eight to 13 credits.

The old week-long final examination period has been eliminated and finals will be given during the last class period or upon other specification by the professor.

The next question to be answered is "who done it?"

The four-term plan was devised by C. O. Williams, assistant to the president for special services, after the University Senate had charged the president to draw up a plan for year-round operation of the University.

The Board of Trustees earlier had asked that the plan be ready by Oct. 1, 1960, for implementation this fall.

And now it's yours—the four-term plan, so "carry on frosh."



a portrait of Miss Maryann Luther



It's the Same Welcome Mat

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