

Coal Regions Hold Future Tourist Lure

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The awe-inspiring, man-made landscape of Pennsylvania's anthracite coal region could attract tens of millions of potential tourists if properly exploited, two University geographers have reported.

The bizarre and grotesque terrain has long hindered full success in drawing new industries and workers to the economically depressed area.

Yet this very factor—appearance—renders great interest to the visitor, according to Dr. George F. Deasy and Dr. Phyllis R. Griess, professor and associate professor of geography.

Some find the terrain repulsive, they said, adding that "it can be disliked but not ignored; the traveler is constantly aware of its presence because this gigantic distortion represents the largest concentration of man-disturbed terrain in the world."

The basic desire of man to recapture, if only briefly, the familiar sights and sounds of his past may help lure tourists to the area, the geographers said.

An aura of the past is found in many mining towns and villages long ago condemned as unsightly and out-of-date. The Greek and Russian Orthodox church spires lend many towns a foreign air and are a "first-class tourist lure" as works of art and symbols of a different culture.

As a result of tourist spending, employment opportunities would increase, while the area's economy would be more diversified and would fluctuate less, the geographers said. Tourist facilities would add to the pleasures of life for permanent residents.

Most individuals in the region would benefit in income, they said.

Since tourism was first proposed last spring as a possible cure for the area's economic blight, the idea has had widespread publicity, Griess said.

A tourist bureau has been established recently in this eastern section of the state. "We cannot be sure, however, whether this has any relation to our suggestions," Griess said.

WDFM Will Receive Applications Tomorrow

Students interested in joining any department of WDFM, the University's student-operated FM radio station, may apply tomorrow at 7 p.m. in 121 Sparks.

Students in any curriculum and of any term standing may sign up. No experience is necessary.

Sculplatters to Meet

The Penn State Sculplatters, a group specializing in German and Austrian folk dancing, will hold its first meeting of the year at 7 tonight, in 302 Engineering B. All those interested are invited to attend.

Photo Staff Will Meet

The Collegian Photography staff will hold a short meeting at 6:45 tonight in the Collegian office in the basement of Sackett. All returning members are asked to attend. Prospective members of the staff should sign up Wednesday night at the general open house.

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Pottsville Starts Frosh Customs

POTTSVILLE — Customs were initiated this week at the Pottsville Center for the first time in the school's 28-year history.

All freshmen are required to wear large namecards about their necks, similar to those on University Park frosh. In addition, beginning students must carry matches at all times, and on request of an upperclassman, must furnish a light or "suffer" the consequence — a solo rendition of the PSU Alma Mater.

A tribunal has been selected from among sophomore student leaders and will serve as the judiciary body for "offending" frosh. Penalties will range from picking up loose paper about the grounds to stacking books in the library.

The Customs Period will extend at least until sometime during the second week, when the freshmen meet the sophomores in a tug-of-war. Should the sophomores win, the period will continue until Penn State wins its next football game.

Over 225 students are enrolled at the Center.

Panhel to Meet Tonight

Panhellenic Council will hold its first meeting of the season at 6:30 tonight in 203 Hetzel Union Building. All sorority presidents and Panhellenic delegates are asked to attend.

'Welcome Navy' Dance Honors Middies

The Midshipmen from Annapolis had a chance to savor some Penn State hospitality at the "Welcome Navy Night" dance held in their honor Saturday night in the Hetzel Union ballroom.

The evening's entertainment included music by the Ivy Rocks and several acts that were pre-

sented at Friday night's Freshman Class Night and Dink Debut. Both the dance and the Dink Debut were sponsored by the Men's Residence Council.

The dance was arranged after MRC contacted the midshipmen brigade at the Academy and

found that there was a desire for such an affair, Bruce DeWoolfson, vice-president of MRC and chairman of social functions for the weekend, said last night.

Over 4,000 people, including 400 midshipmen, attended the dance, he said.

The Daily Collegian

FOR A BETTER PENN STATE

You are cordially invited to attend an open house at the offices of The Daily Collegian, your student newspaper.

This open house will be held at seven p.m. this Wednesday evening for those interested in any phase of work on the newspaper. The functions of all of the staffs and the procedures for becoming a member will be explained at this time.

The new offices of The Daily Collegian are located in the basement of the new north wing of Sackett Building on the Mall.

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