

Research Review

# Student Attitude Survey Planned

By KAY MILLS

A survey of student attitudes on college life may aid the University in better adapting its programs to students' needs, two staff members said recently.

Dr. Martin L. Zeigler, director of Student Affairs Research, said a questionnaire is being developed in an attempt to learn more about the students, their aspirations and their feelings toward the faculty and administration.

"The University wants to know if there may be more it can do for students as future leaders and citizens," Richard Stafford, research associate said.

"After learning more about the attitudes, the University can determine which are based on facts and which are 'myths,'" Stafford said.

"Attitudes are not always justified by the facts," he added, citing as an example, the feeling that students get no individual attention.

"Penn State ranks high in the services available to students," Stafford said. He listed pre-registration counseling for students and parents, orientation counseling, residence hall staff, faculty advisers, chaplain's office, off-campus religious activities, the psychology clinic, the Division of Counseling and the health center.

The services are here, but no one chases a student so he will take advantage of them, Stafford said.

If a questionnaire can determine how prevalent these "myths" are, the University will be in a position to explode them by educating people about the facts of the situation, Stafford said.

On the other hand, he added, the University may also discover that certain conditions really do need correcting and can take the proper actions to change them.

The questionnaire is now in the planning stage. "We must determine whether it measures what it should measure," Zeigler said. When the pilot work is finished, he added, a random selection of students will be asked to complete the questionnaire. The data will be

# Penalty Structure Described

By DAVE RUNKEL

(This is the fourth in a series of articles discussing the men's disciplinary system. Today the main penalties which a student may receive are discussed.)

Penalties ranging from tribunal warning to dismissal may be imposed on a student who has broken a University regulation.

A tribunal warning is merely a verbal warning by a student tribunal, Daniel R. Leasure, assistant dean of men said. There is no formal action connected with this penalty, and it is noted on the tribunal files only, he said.

The next highest penalty, in terms of severity, is tribunal probation. This penalty is a probation with the tribunal for a specific amount of time, Leasure said. This probation is noted only on the student's personnel file held by his counselor.

Office probation is next, Leasure said. This is a probation with the office of the dean of men. It is noted on the student's file in the dean of men's office.

Disciplinary probation is the most severe of the probationary sentences, Leasure said. This probation limits the student's participation in student activities. The student cannot work on any committees or hold an office in any University-chartered activity.

This probation must be approved by the dean of men and by the student's college.

This penalty is also noted on the student's transcript. The student may petition to have the notation removed from his official record during his last term. The petition must be turned in to the office of the dean of men for removal of the notation upon graduation, Leasure said.

The first penalty which may require a student to leave the University is suspended suspension, Leasure noted. This penalty gives authority to the dean of men to suspend a student for any further incident of misconduct without further action by any disciplinary body. This penalty is also noted on the student's transcript.

A temporary suspension is suspension for a short, definite period of time, usually one or two weeks. This also is noted on the student's transcript, Leasure said.

Suspension is removal from the University for a specific amount of time, usually for at least a term, Leasure said. A student must be approved by the Senate Sub-Committee on Discipline before he is permitted to re-enter the University. At times this suspension may take effect at the end of the student's current term, Leasure said.

The stiffest penalty which may be leveled against a student is dismissal from the University. A student who has been dismissed may re-enter the University only after the dean of his college and the President have approved his readmittance.

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(Continued from page four) seems to be linking the student demand for flexibility with haphazardness. The two are not synonymous, no matter how serious a case of bureaucratic lethargy a committee may be afflicted with.

But superceding all these points is the administrative iron hand. Student demands are now, and always have been, just too much trouble for a busy grey flannelled corporation to bother about.

It knows it doesn't have to give one inch. If this causes student discontent it tosses that off as a not very serious occupational hazard.

It is almost funny, but in the next breath members of this corporation turn around and ask why the students don't become doting and donating alumni.

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