

Prexy's Welcome

I should like to welcome each of you to the University Park campus of The Pennsylvania State University.

You have perhaps heard that Penn State is a large, impersonal place. It is large. It is large enough to provide you with a competent corps of faculty in almost any discipline or specialty you might wish to study. It is large enough to provide you with research facilities, many of them very expensive, in most of the areas of science and scholarship of interest to man. It is large enough to provide an extra-curricular program of outstanding musicians, actors and other performers second to no other in the country. It is large enough to provide a sports program that includes chess as a varsity activity. It is large enough to be good.

But I think that you will find that it is not impersonal. Penn State is a residential campus. By this I mean that most of the students who attend the University Park campus live at or within walking distance of University Park. Further, most of the faculty live within the immediate vicinity. We have here, then, a community in which the major occupation—perhaps the only occupation—is the search for truth, the exploration of ideas, the development of knowledge and intellectual power. This common abiding interest makes for true fellowship, a fellowship that cannot be duplicated at an institution in which the only contact between students and students and between faculty and students is maintained during class hours.

But here I must give you a word of warning. Education is basically a lonely affair. It can be measured not by what you are taught, but only by what you learn. And learning is a tough, individual process. Others cannot do it for you, nor can it be made easy. The faculty, the laboratories, the library—all these exist to help you learn, not to teach you. The value you receive from this help depends squarely on you. And I might add that you will be short-changing yourself if you limit your "work"—your reading, your studies, your discussions, and so forth—to that assigned by your professors. Those assignments represent minimum requirements. You can get full value of your Penn State experience only by making the fullest possible use of the facilities and resources made available to you.

All of us—the faculty and the "older" students alike—are glad to have you here.

Good luck and best wishes!

—Dr. Eric A. Walker

Convocation to Keynote Week

President Eric A. Walker, will address approximately 4,100 freshmen, transfer students and students who have come to this campus from one of the Commonwealth campuses tomorrow morning.

Walker will speak at the traditional President's Convocation, which marks the opening of Orientation Week activities. The convocation will be held at 9 a.m. in Recreation Hall.



ERIC A. WALKER
... to speak tomorrow

In addition to hearing Walker speak, the new students on campus will be introduced to the deans of the University's nine colleges, the dean of men, the dean of women and other University personnel.

Undergraduate Student Government President Dean Wharton will also welcome the new students.

STUDENTS WILL be escorted to the convocation by their Orientation Week leaders.

Walker, who received his doctorate in engineering from Har-

vard University in 1935, was born in Long Eaton, England, on April 29, 1910. He received his secondary education at Wrightsville high school. He went on to Harvard, receiving a bachelor of science degree in 1932, a master's degree in business administration in 1933 and then his doctorate.

WALKER CAME to the University in 1945 as the head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and the director of the Ordnance Research Laboratory. He assumed this dual role after having been head of the electrical

engineering departments at both Tufts College and the University of Connecticut.

In 1951 Walker became dean of the College of Engineering. Early in 1956 he was made a vice president of the University and on October 1, 1958, he became President.

He succeeded Milton Eisenhower as President.

Walker is member of many professional and educational groups. He has received honorary degrees from eight colleges as well as several medals and awards.

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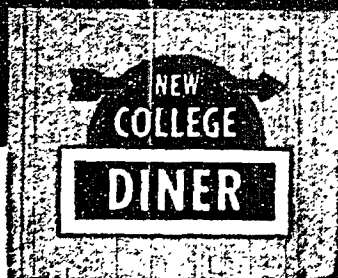
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