

Editorial Opinion

YOU Have a Right

You have a right, a right to be proud that you are a freshman at Penn State. Just as you selected Penn State as the college you wish to attend, Penn State has selected you as the students it wishes to educate. For every one of you arriving on campus today six other qualified high school graduates were turned away.

We of The Daily Collegian commend you and welcome you to this academic community.

With our welcome, we extend a challenge for each of you to become an educated person worthy of the privilege of attending college granted to you.

In our world today, we are gaining more and more scientific knowledge which we use to learn about our environment. In our world today, educated man is making great strides to increase our knowledge of science with which to study our environment. With this scientific advancement has come a greater knowledge of the people with whom we live.

And with both these gains has come the realization that education alone determines how men will resolve their differences and learn to live in a peaceful, healthy and fruitful world.

You as freshmen are now on the threshold of obtaining the education necessary to live in today's fast-moving world and to retain the rights of our democracy. You have a head start because you live in a democracy; you freely chose where you wanted to attend college; you competed with many other qualified students and won.

It is now up to you to benefit from an education and to continue the advancement process.

Collegian's Role

With this issue, The Daily Collegian, student-operated newspaper of the Pennsylvania State University, enters its 55th year of editorial freedom.

This freedom, not often found among college newspapers, stems from our status. The Daily Collegian is chartered by the state of Pennsylvania. We are proud of this heritage and are vitally aware of the increased responsibility which editorial freedom brings upon us.

We strive to uphold this responsibility by carefully considering our editorial stands and presenting, to the best of our ability, an objective and unbiased account of the news.

The Daily Collegian is published by a board of directors composed of six faculty and administrative members and six students, including the Collegian's editor and business manager.

The board of directors has handed over responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the newspaper to the editor and business manager.

The news and editorial stands presented in this newspaper are determined solely by the Collegian's board of editors.

The Daily Collegian will print that news which the board of editors considers to be newsworthy.

The Daily Collegian sells advertising space for publicity. The news pages are not used for this purpose.

We jealously guard our right to comment without censorship on all issues which we deem pertinent to the interests of the student body at this University.

Since The Daily Collegian is a student newspaper, all news is directed primarily toward the student body.

We welcome comment on all issues from students, faculty and administrators through letters to the editor. But just as we strive to publish a responsible newspaper, we expect responsible and well-founded comment from our readers. Letters to the editor must be signed by the author and names will be withheld only with the consent of the editor.

The student body of the Pennsylvania State University is privileged to have an uncensored student newspaper. We hope that in the coming year we may serve you well and that you will in turn help us in our endeavors "For a Better Penn State."

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Four Periods of Play

by ann palmer

The first big event of your college career at Penn State will be the Navy football game next weekend. Some of you may think it odd that I mention an athletic contest instead of challenging you to pursue a vigorous academic life here at the University. And yet, the football game and a vigorous academic life are not incompatible.

As you are swept into Beaver Stadium on Saturday, try to think of the game as more than an athletic contest. Compare it to the college career which lies ahead of you and I think you'll receive a better orientation to college life than four weeks of class nights, orientation coun-



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selors and speeches could ever give you.

Think of your college days as the playing field... you are there determined to do your best. Beside you are many other "team members" who are also determined to do their best. All eyes are upon you out on the field. Spectators yell their advice, encouragement and criticisms. You hear them all... for awhile. Of course, you are nervous, anxious about the "game" that will soon begin. That's natural.

One feeling is common among the "team members"... it spreads and overpowers your anxiety. That feeling of determination and the will to succeed.

Pre-game warmup may be likened to Orientation Week. It's a time in which to adjust gradually to the rigorous "game" which will begin shortly. It's a time to break in the team—to get the members in shape. It's a time to

relax and catch the mood of the game—a time to stop listening to all of the spectators and listen to the coach.

The whistle blows, the spectators are roaring and you hear only the shouts of encouragement. You are the receiver. The time has arrived when you must catch the ball or miss it. As the kicker runs toward the ball, you are lost in a wave of confusion but as the ball comes hurtling through the air toward you determination again becomes the driving force behind your every effort. The ball is directly above you and you catch it. You begin to run swiftly and confidently toward your ultimate goal.

You surge ahead, the spectators go wild with approval, you smile to yourself and think how "great" the "game" is going to be. Suddenly you are knocked to the ground, dazed and wondering what happened to interrupt your smooth advance.

This first fall will be your hardest. It will fill you with wonder, anger, disappointment and disparagement. It will force you to ask yourself whether or not you should really be in the "game." Those of you who are men will get up, brush off the dust and get back in the "game" with increased determination. Others of you will limp off the field for a rest and others will leave the "game" for good.

For those of you who survive the first cuts and bruises, the rest of the "game" will be similar—with each fall easier to bear. There will be penalties, times out for planning strategy and recuperating. There will be ground lost and ground gained. The spectators will yell more and more as the "game" goes on but you will hear them less and less as you become more engrossed in what you are doing.

Your opponents will strive to unsettle you—they will hit you from all sides. They will discourage you and at times surge ahead of you.

You, however, will become thoroughly integrated with your fellow "team members"—you will work together and strive for success together.

Your most solid support will be your own determination. It will drive you onward and after four long, hard but all-too-quickly-over periods of play you will break away from your opponents and cross that line which marks the achievement of your ambitions—graduation.

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State College, Pa.

by kay mills

The Pennsylvania State University you have now entered is located in State College, Pa. That statement is a simple enough one but look at it a moment. Yes, look at the statement and then look at the town it concerns.

You have just become, as all the rest of us are, a representative of the University to the community. You will hear this so much in coming years you will grow sick of the idea. But "in sickness or in health," we're PSU. And PSU is in need of public relations with good many State College citizens.



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What caused this need of which I speak? Attitude, that infamous word. Our attitude is all wrong. And before this nasty beast has a chance to grow within you as it did me, I have an assignment for all new students. Take a walk. Take a walk after supper beyond the commercial confines of the campus.

Remind yourself that State College is a very pleasant little town in the cool of early evening. (Of course, if we all took this walk at once—which I sincerely doubt—State College might not be so nice to the hordes of us on its sidewalks.)

You will undoubtedly meet some merchants and other townspeople during your stay here that will sour you on this concept. Re-

member, however, that these people exist everywhere. They are products of diverse human nature, not State College. Treated with the respect they deserve, people are pretty darn decent all over.

Now this column might draw storms of protests if it appeared next week when the seasoned campus veterans return. I'd like any of them who might be reading now to consider the previous paragraphs before unleashing their verbal barrages.

I've had some buying experiences downtown that have made me rather upset, but I've had similar business dealings at home as well. Bear in mind that these people don't know you as well as the corner druggist in your hometown, either. We students tend to expect enormous benefits just because we're students.

Now I'm not saying there is nothing to be improved. Anyone who gives up trying anything should give up trying everything.

So this is the friendly old Collegian office "philosophizer" reminding you to look around, meet people and maybe help your fellow students more in the long run than they'd care to admit.

USG Officers Welcome Frosh

TO THE EDITOR: Welcome New Students.

On behalf of the Undergraduate Student Government, it is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to Penn State.

Whatever your interests may be, we feel that Penn State has much to offer, and we sincerely hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities available to you.

Your student government does many things to help supplement your college experience. The Orientation Week program is your first meeting with a student government service; we will endeavor to continue providing beneficial services and worthwhile programs throughout the coming year while at the same time creating a stimulating educational environment for each and every one of you.

You are a Penn Stater, and we wish you the best of luck.

- Dean W. Wharton, USG President
- Morris B. Baker, USG Vice President
- Margo F. Lewis, USG Secretary-Treasurer

2 cents worth

Ol' College Try

by dave runkel

BUTTON Frosh!
You are no longer on the top—high school seniors. You're on the bottom again. The lowest thing at this University.

Frosh. The ups and downs of life are almost, but not quite, I hope, as numerous as the ups and downs of the road you probably traveled coming to Penn State today.

You will find days and terms when everything seems to be great, then you will hit those days or terms when nothing turns out right. (College is just like any other thing, you see.) So, there is no reason to be frightened of this big University you have entered.

I'm sure you have received enough advice from parents, friends going to college, high school counselors and teachers to last for 20 years of college. I don't propose that you disregard it all, just most of it. You may be alone in a strange community for the first time, but so are 2,800 other frosh. Live your own life. Experiment.

College is the time for experimentation. Advice cannot be given to an experimenter. He must try things on his own. Don't be afraid to take courses in fields seemingly

unrelated to your curriculum.

You new coeds may not know it but the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC courses, about which you will hear the men in your classes complaining, are open to all Penn State students, even women. It may sound like a strange proposal, but perhaps it would be beneficial to take a ROTC course in military tactics.

And guys, don't be afraid of taking a home ec course like Problems in Providing Household Commodities. In a couple years you may wish you had taken it.

Experiment with the best way to learn. It's different for each person. Perhaps you can learn better by cramming the night before an exam. Or you may get nothing at all out of a cram session.

Take part in the nightly bull sessions, especially this week before classes start. Find out about the religion or creed of your roommate or the person across the hall. Some weekend attend the services of religions other than your own.

Experiment with your diet. (For some the daily fare of the dining hall will be experimentation enough.) Eat things you never have tasted. Drink drinks you never have drunk.

It's all part of your education. No one else can tell you or explain to you many things. You have to try them yourselves.

