

Student Affairs Plans Major Changes by Fall

Major changes in the Office of Student Affairs "to meet student needs in the 1970's," were announced yesterday.

The changes include a consolidation of the offices of dean of men and dean of women, the development of a decentralized student affairs concept within a University Park residence area, and the strengthening of Commonwealth Campus student affairs work.

Charles L. Lewis said that Raymond O. Murphy, coordinator of men's programs, would head a new division of University Park Campus student affairs. This division will carry out the work formerly centered in the offices of the dean of men and the dean of women.

Dorothy L. Harris, dean of women, will become special assistant to the vice president for student affairs. She will plan women's educational development and services, explore new areas of service, and assist in evaluating present services.

Merle E. Campbell, dean of students for the Commonwealth Campuses, will head the expanded student affairs programs for Commonwealth Campus students.

consolidations will be effected in time for fall registration, Lewis said.

Gary Scott has assumed new duties as administrative assistant to the vice president for student affairs. He has served as assistant to the director of placement for the past two years.



RAYMOND O. MURPHY
New Campus Division

A pilot program for decentralized student affairs services in a residence hall area will be initiated this fall.

"Over the past 30 years, the University has achieved a national reputation for its pioneering work in student affairs," Lewis said. "We are thus building on a very strong base."

The pilot program for decentralized services in residence halls will be launched this fall in one of the clusters of residence halls on the University campus. Approximately 2,000 students are housed in each of these clusters. A complete office of student affairs, with broad decision-making powers, will be established in the residence hall area. The office will be responsible for functions now handled by several different groups within the Office of Student Affairs.

A primary objective in this program, Lewis said, is to assist students in the development of new programs that will contribute to the educational climate and to the self-fulfillment of students as individuals. It will also shorten response time and place the decision-making processes of the University in every-day proximity to students.



DAVE HANDLER (right) and John Schutrick, announcers on WDFM, who will be handling the radio station's 6 to 10 a.m. chores, new scheduling hours which began yesterday.

Faculty To Join In Consumer Panel

Nine University faculty members will take part in the 14th annual conference of the Council for Consumer Information to be held at the Conference Center, Thursday through Saturday.

The conference, co-sponsored by the College of Human Development, Penn State Continuing Education and the Council, is expected to bring together more than 100 professionals in consumer-related work from throughout the country to consider the theme, "Problem Areas for Consumers."

Sessions will open at 9 a.m. Thursday with a brief address by Attorney General William C. Sennett, Pennsylvania's attorney general, who will be introduced by Dean Donald H. Ford of the College of Human Development. Dean Ford also will welcome delegates.

Mrs. Jeanette Lynch, assistant professor of family economics and home management for the conference, will preside at the morning session.

Several consumer specialists from the faculty of the College of Human Development also will speak at the opening session of the conference. They are Ruth Ayres, head of the Department of Textiles and Clothing, who will discuss "What it Takes To Work for Consumers"; Marjorie Knoll, head of the Department of Home Management, Housing

and Home Art; and Geraldine Gage, associate professor of Family Economics and Home Management, whose joint topic is "Consumer Problems as Families See Them."

Louise Gentry, assistant dean for resident instruction College of Human Development, will speak on "Focus on Consumer Education," at Friday's luncheon. Ivan L. Preston, assistant professor, school of journalism, will discuss "Mass Communications and the Consumer" at the Thursday afternoon session.

Marjorie East, head of the Department of Home Economics Education, will preside at the conference banquet Thursday night.

Robert O. Herrmann, assistant professor of agricultural economics, will serve as chairman of the Friday morning session on "Some Financial Concerns for Consumers."

Consumer-interest specialists from the University of Michigan, the Consumer Research Foundation in Sacramento, Calif., the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, and other government agencies also will speak or serve on panels.

Faculty and students at the University who are interested in consumer affairs may attend the conference sessions as guests. Community leaders with consumer interests have also been invited.

Staff To View Project Home

Staff members of News and Views, student-published magazine of the College of Human Development, will explore the College's research house with Ruth Smith, assistant professor of family housing and home art, at 7 p.m. Thursday in S-207

Human Development Building. The Research House, 14,000 square feet of living space built within the walls of the Human Development Building, has been used as a research center for housing livability. Families with children ranging

from preschoolers to college age have lived in the house while it was being researched. News and Views is published quarterly and distributed to students in the college, plus interested alumni, parents, professionals, and faculty.

Opposed by Old Main

Coeds Stay in Dormitories

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40's and 50's when the majority of downtown housing was in boarding houses, where a boy and girl might be sharing the same bathroom, and there were no locks on the doors. But now there is an entirely different setting. These are apartment buildings with locks, he explained.

Another rule Dench is trying to abolish is the required sponsor for the town girls. "Nowhere else in the world is a 21-year-old woman not accepted as a responsible adult," he said.

The dormitories can be kept full, without having to bring the sophomore men back, Dench said. "The University has to turn away students because of not enough dorm space," he pointed out, "and students aren't dropping out for academic reasons at the rate they were before."

"The Dean of Women's office thinks that if it change the current policy all the senior women will want to get out of the dorms. But apartment living isn't that advantageous, especially for a girl. Only the really independent girls will move off, a small percentage of senior women."

Apartments Cheaper
A TIM survey on housing costs show that the average downtown apartment costs less than the dorm. A rooming house averages \$10 a week, a new apartment is \$50 a month per man.

Dench claimed that the DOW office is also hindering TIM's efforts to "clean up" State College by allowing girls to live in places TIM wants to condemn because they don't meet the housing codes. "Many of the reasons girls have to get out of the dorms are put up, fake," he said. "They will do anything, even live in a dirt hole, to get out of the dorms."

He answered the question, "Why do girls want to live downtown?"

"For one, some can't stand the community living with 70 other girls. Also, Penn State's purpose, as a university, is to educate. And Penn State girls are not learning how to take care of themselves. They leave here not knowing how to be independent. Many marry soon after graduation, without having lived on their own, and often face problems in their marriage because of this."

This last theory is accepted by many people on campus, Dench said. He cited as an example the fact that certain majors in the College of Human Development require girls to live in the Home Economics management houses for one term, because, as Dench said, "They realize that managing on her own is a necessary part of a girl's education."

Also, according to Marjorie East, Head of the Department of Home Economics in the College of Education, plans are being made to allow girls in that major to live off-campus during their entire junior year as part of the emphasis in their curriculum on management. As an experimental pilot program, four girls in HEED will be living off-campus this term.

"This opportunity should not be limited to girls in just one major," Dench believes.

Dench conceded that dormitory living is necessary for freshmen, to help them get adjusted and to develop group thinking. "But the University also has the commitment to help senior girls get adjusted to the outside world, and to develop the individual," he said.

"There are 7000 men in town now, but the number won't continue to grow be-

cause the University population is stabilizing. The town, however, is still growing and can take the increase," Dench concluded.

Dean Harris' View
Whatever reports Dench and the USG off-campus housing committee compile will inevitably land on the desk of Dean of Women Dorothy L. Harris. Dean Harris's opinions on the subject differ widely from Dench's.

"It's very simply this—if you let the girls out the rents will go up immediately in town, and increase the competition for rooms. There are just too many 21-year-old

girls who have the money to pay the rent. Even if we let 200 girls out it would cause trouble," she claimed.

"There's no point in running research if you don't have a plan for the Board of Trustees," Dean Harris added.

Does she think the rule keeping girls from renting apartments in buildings where there are single men will be relaxed? "We've already experimented with it and it didn't work," she said. "It's not a decent living situation. The girls didn't get a minute's peace, and some asked to come back on campus."

Dean Harris doesn't anticipate any change in dorm living in the meantime. "The dorms weren't built to be beautiful housing units. They were built to keep costs down. By the time the bonds are paid off, the dorms will probably be obsolete. The balance of the dollar determines these things," she said.

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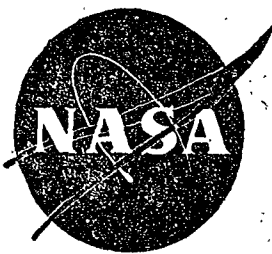
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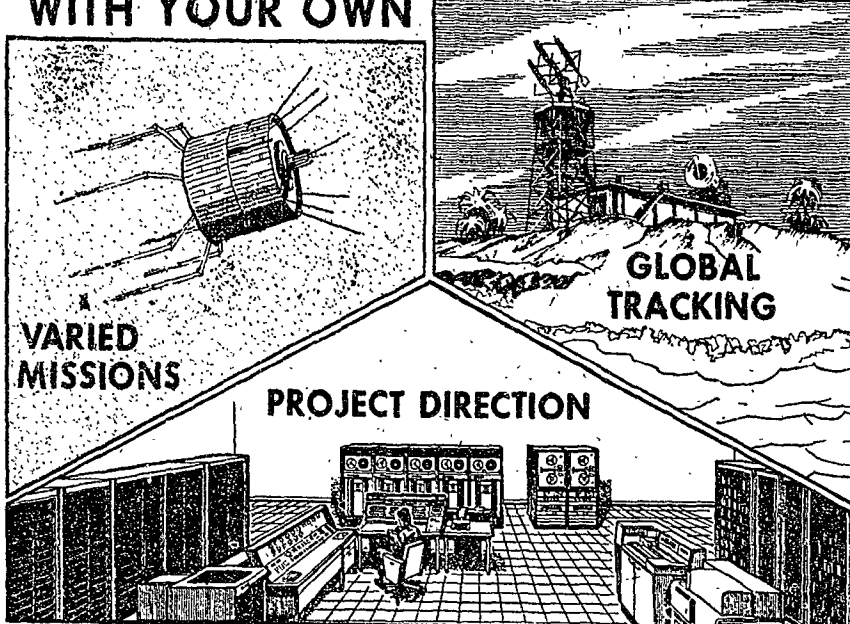
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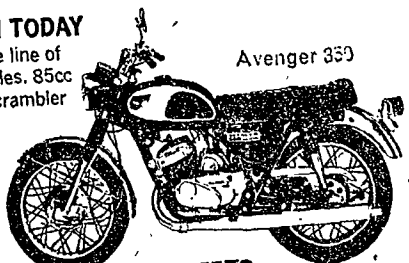
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