

# North To Start Trial Program

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The idea of a North Halls experimental dorm program goes from the planning board to the sounding board tomorrow night, when the North Halls Council presents a forum discussion at 7 p.m. in the lounge of Warnock Union Building.

The program, in its earliest stages of development, involves "total education," according to Joe Manfred, North Halls Council president.

The program is aimed at offering opportunity for an educational and cultural experience for the students of North Campus, and at decentralizing University offices, such as having counselors from the Division of Counseling set up within the area to give personal help to students.

Manfred emphasized that the program is still in its planning stages. Tomorrow night's open meeting will give North Halls students the chance to voice opinions and offer suggestions.

**"Open to All Suggestions"**  
"We're starting from scratch. There are ideas floating around that must be tied together. We're open to all suggestions," said Manfred.

The ideas include seminars on current topics, experimental film programs, experimental music groups and discussions headed by faculty members on subjects not offered as University courses.

"What we're aiming at is to give the students the opportunity they wouldn't normally get anywhere else," said Manfred. "As an experimental program, we aren't limited at all, but we have to find out what the students want."

**"Total Experience"**  
Manfred sees the plan as a "total educational experience." John Romano, co-ordinator of North Halls, said the idea is based on "the assumption that when a student goes to Penn State, he is concerned first of all with getting an academic education and preparing for a vocation."

"Students have found that they have other needs when they are exposed to other aspects of life on campus. It is the function of the experimental program to identify what those needs are and to meet them."

Romano said students are often frustrated with the size of the University. "The University is the place to experiment, to find yourself. The program is aimed at getting students involved," he said.

The Administration is committed to the

idea of an experimental situation, Romano said, but no guidelines are being set up by Old Main.

**"Administration Resource" Only**  
Timothy Langston, assistant dean of students is directing the Administration's involvement with the program. Langston said the Administration will not be in control.

"I will be there as a resource area. I don't particularly want Old Main to influence the project. There will be general needs supplied by the University, but if the program is to administer the needs of the students, it's necessary to involve the students, he said.

Langston defined his role as "listening and providing whatever resources I can."

Romano's viewpoint of the Administration's role coincided with Langston. "I believe the direction is going to have to come from the North Halls Council working together with the staff and students. We shouldn't be knocking on someone's door at Old Main. They're telling us we have to decide for ourselves. The burden of decision, what we're going to do and how we're going to do it, rests on the students, he said."

**Faculty Asked To Help**  
One aspect of the proposed program involves faculty participation. Langston said the faculty have "a lot to contribute." The plan for faculty-led discussion groups gives those who have a special interest or avocation the chance to contribute and share that interest with the students in a self-structured course.

This idea of courses taught for exploring interests is similar to the Creation program established in East Halls last year but "is not a duplication of that program," according to Langston.

The experimental program in North Halls will offer courses that are not taught on campus, art, music, culture and seminar discussions. "The residence halls are a lab for learning, not just a place to eat and sleep," said Manfred.

**Planning Required**  
Langston, in agreement, said, "The students should be getting something out of the residence halls so that when they leave they'll say it was complete." "But," he added, "a program which expects to work well must be planned well. This is where the interest of the students plays its role, he said."

Romano, Langston and Manfred are all confident and enthusiastic about the program. "Like any new program, it will start off slow but I have faith it will catch on if we have the right programs. If we don't, we'll get them," said Manfred.



**DERBY DAY:** Sorority sisters will be Chi's annual Derby Day gets underway "derby snatching" this week as Sigma tomorrow.

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# YAF Sponsors Herberg Talk

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Will Herberg, nationally known philosopher, author and social critic, will present a discussion of "The Moral Crisis" at the first meeting of the Independent Studies Forum at 7:30 p.m. today in 111 Boucke.

The Student-Faculty Dialogue of the Jawbone Coffeehouse will sponsor an informal coffee hour after the lecture in 112 Boucke, at which interested students and faculty can discuss the topic with Herberg.

ISF is a new, non-partisan study group, the Penn State chapter of Intercollegiate Studies Institute. According to its founder, "Morris Hurley (graduate philosophy), one of the great problems of our times is the tendency of intellectuals, especially students, to demand change without either evaluating the consequences of the change or clearly specifying proposals to bring the change about."

He structured ISF to be a discussion group, in which students would deliberate on the issues without becoming involved in anything except developing and articulating reasonable solutions.

"ISF, on the surface, may appear to some people to be rather similar to SDS's Free Speech Movement," said chairman Laura Wertheimer. "But actually we are very dissimilar. I think we will take for granted that the right of free speech actually exists on campus, and move immediately to use the right."

"Our emphasis will be on informing ourselves, through discussion, of the most reasonable and effective ways to improve our society without destroying it. We will try to work out the best solutions, painstakingly exploring as many consequences as we can see, and publish our proposals. If any other group wants to take them up, that's fine with us," she said.

Herberg is graduate professor of Philosophy and culture at Drew University. Known for his work in social philosophy and theology, he is the author of "Judaism and Modern Man: an interpretation of the Jewish Religion;" "Protestant-Catholic-Jew: an essay in American Religious Sociology;" "The Writings of Martin Buber;" "Four Existential Theologians;" and "Community, State and Church."

His articles have appeared in Intercollegiate Review, the national publication of ISI, as well as many popular national magazines, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and the Washington Post. He has written three monographs "The Jewish Labor Movement in America," "The Political Theory of American Marxism" and "Religion and Education in America," which are used at many Universities.

"Every age has its own challenge to morality, and the character of this challenge may well come to serve as a significant indication of the spirit of the times," Herberg said in an essay on the moral revolution.

## Greek Women Vie for Hats

# Derby Search Begins

Where, oh, where can the golden derby be?

This will be the question asked by many sorority sisters this week as Sigma Chi's annual Derby Day event gets underway.

Derby Day is a competition among campus sororities sponsored by Sigma Chi fraternity. It is held nationwide by all 44 chapters of Sigma Chi.

On Derby Day, Sunday, trophies will be awarded to the sororities which have gained the most points during the week. Each sorority began a

publicity campaign for Derby Day on Friday, to be judged on originality.

Last night a representative from each participating sorority dined in the Sigma Chi house. The girls were judged on personality and poise. Six finalists will return for dinner tomorrow when the brothers will choose Miss Derby Darling '68.

Prior to Sunday's final contests, there will be a jammy on Saturday night open to all sorority sisters and their dates.

Various games involving athletic ability will be part of Derby Day festivities beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday on the Hetzel Union Building front lawn. Ted Jeffers of WMAJ radio will emcee the events. At the end of the contests, Miss Derby Darling '68 will be announced and trophies will be presented.

## Army ROTC Cadet Officers Named

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps program here has a new staff. The brigade is now under the command of Cadet Col. William Wolington (10th industrial arts-Huntingdon Valley), Cadet Lt. Col. Timothy Stives (10th-economics-Morrisville) is the new executive officer. The brigade staff consists of Cadet Maj. Mack Brooks (12th-political science-Philadelphia), Cadet Maj. Steven Mimich (10th-industrial engineering-Schuylkill Haven), Cadet Maj.

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