

# Fall orientation to stress workshops

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About 6,400 frightened and confused new students will descend on University Park Fall Term. To alleviate some problems facing transfers and freshmen, the orientation committee is planning a week of workshops including relevant issue programs and social functions.

For the first time transfers and freshmen will meet in separate sessions devoted to their own specific needs.

Ron Lewis, town area chairman, said the most

difficult problem in dealing with transfers is getting them involved. Many feel detached from University Park and tend to stay within their branch campus cliques, he said.

To help transfers feel more involved special sessions are being planned. According to Marilyn Shorr, new student programs director, one workshop will be devoted to careers with a special session on solving career decision problems. The session is designed to help undecided juniors determine whether

they should change majors or not, she said.

The town committee plans to work with the Organization of Town Independent Students to organize an information center in the HUB. Lewis said the committee will explain University Park registration and answer any questions transfers have.

Two other transfer programs include a consumers' discussion of town merchants and a discussion of legal aspects affecting town tenants.

To spur overall student involvement Orientation Co-chairman David Ladov said the committee plans to integrate educational information programs with social and recreational ones. Shorr said including educational programs is an attempt to deal with relevant issues.

According to Debbie Archibald, area chairman, East Halls is hoping to have a rather unique educational program. They want to show the movie "Future Shock"

followed by small group discussions with faculty members; she said.

Faculty members will explain how the movie relates to their particular college, Archibald added. She said this discussion hopefully will open communication between faculty members and students.

To facilitate communication in Pollock area a social barometer exercise is planned. According to Pollock area chairman Sally Kealy topics are rated from negative five to positive five. Three to four people get in front of the group and tell where they would place the topic on the scale and why.

Kealy said not all of the selected topics are controversial. Topics like the color green or spring also are covered. Kealy said that the exercise "brings people out." She said, "It gets them to tell why they feel and how they feel."

Shorr said the educational and relevant issues program also includes sessions on

minority groups, sexuality, women and the legal obligations of the 18-year-old.

In order to keep the programs operating smoothly, the orientation committee obtains about 300 orientation leaders. According to Ladov, the leaders each volunteer to work with 20 to 30 new students during the orientation week.

Co-chairman Stacey VanPelt said, "The orientation leader is the only personal way to get Penn State across to the new student."

Ladov said an attempt is being made to provide the orientation leaders with more training. In the past, they often just welcomed everyone and put up posters and signs, he said.

Ladov said three training sessions are required for orientation leaders. One general session is held to familiarize orientation leaders with their duties, followed by two sessions in the dorm areas to develop communication skill and

work out plans with the resident assistants.

VanPelt said this year the orientation leaders have the option to continue as assistants to the resident assistant after orientation.

Ladov said orientation leaders often can be helpful to new students during the first few weeks of the term by answering questions about courses, drop-add or pass-fail.

Besides the new programs the orientation committee plans the regular social program with jammies, concerts and movies.

The committee does not anticipate ending the program on Friday, VanPelt said, but plans a tentative concert and national speaker for the weekend. These events would be aimed at the entire student body, she said.



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