

Encampment promotes unity

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"Things might get a little rough," coordinator Bruce Kelly told 1973 Encampment participants.

He was not referring to cooking meals over an open fire or spending the night in sleeping bags. Despite the original intent of Encampment planners to hold the event at Stone Valley, the group of student leaders, faculty members, and town, state and University officials met at the Elks Country Club in Boalsburg. The only informalities were a few participants wearing pullover sweaters rather than suits and ties or slacks rather than dresses.

The roughness referred to possible arguments among participants in the various workshops on problems facing the University and town.

The arguments did not develop. While disagreements were expressed among town and University officials and students regarding the feasibility of landlord-tenant laws, the removal of cars from campus and the construction of buildings on campus and in town, each side respected the other's opinion.

The consideration shown by

Encampment members prompted University President John W. Oswald to tell a group of Encampment participants, "I'm glad we started it again."

The last encampment, held in 1969 at the Mont Alto campus, did not go as smoothly. A group of black students demanded the original schedule of workshops be adjourned and the rest of the session be devoted to discussion of black students' problems at the University.

But no one broke the peace this time. Perhaps the issues were not as big, perhaps the participants were less militant or even more apathetic.

One student, commenting on the workshops planned for Saturday morning, said, "I'm more interested in lunch."

But lack of participation did not seem to affect any workshop. And while some presentations may have seemed a little tedious to the participants who spent Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Encampment, everyone left with a better understanding of the people on the other side of Old Main's walls.

People who expected major accomplishments from the Encampment came away disappointed. As Kelly pointed out, "This isn't a place where you get things done."

He added, "I think it depends where you put your expectations," as to the success of the Encampment.

Kelly said the Encampment offered each of the participants plenty of time to contact other participants, if not in a workshop then during one of the informal hours.

Oswald attributed the success of the event in part to holding it locally rather than "making such a big do" of sending participants in buses to another location.

Oswald told Encampment participants in the final Encampment address, "I am very, very pleased to have it become a reality." He added he is glad there has been "perceived the need of the University and town to devise ways and means of more than chance communication."

Kelly summed up his feelings on the Encampment, saying, "I hope that if nothing else, we come out feeling a little closer as a University community."



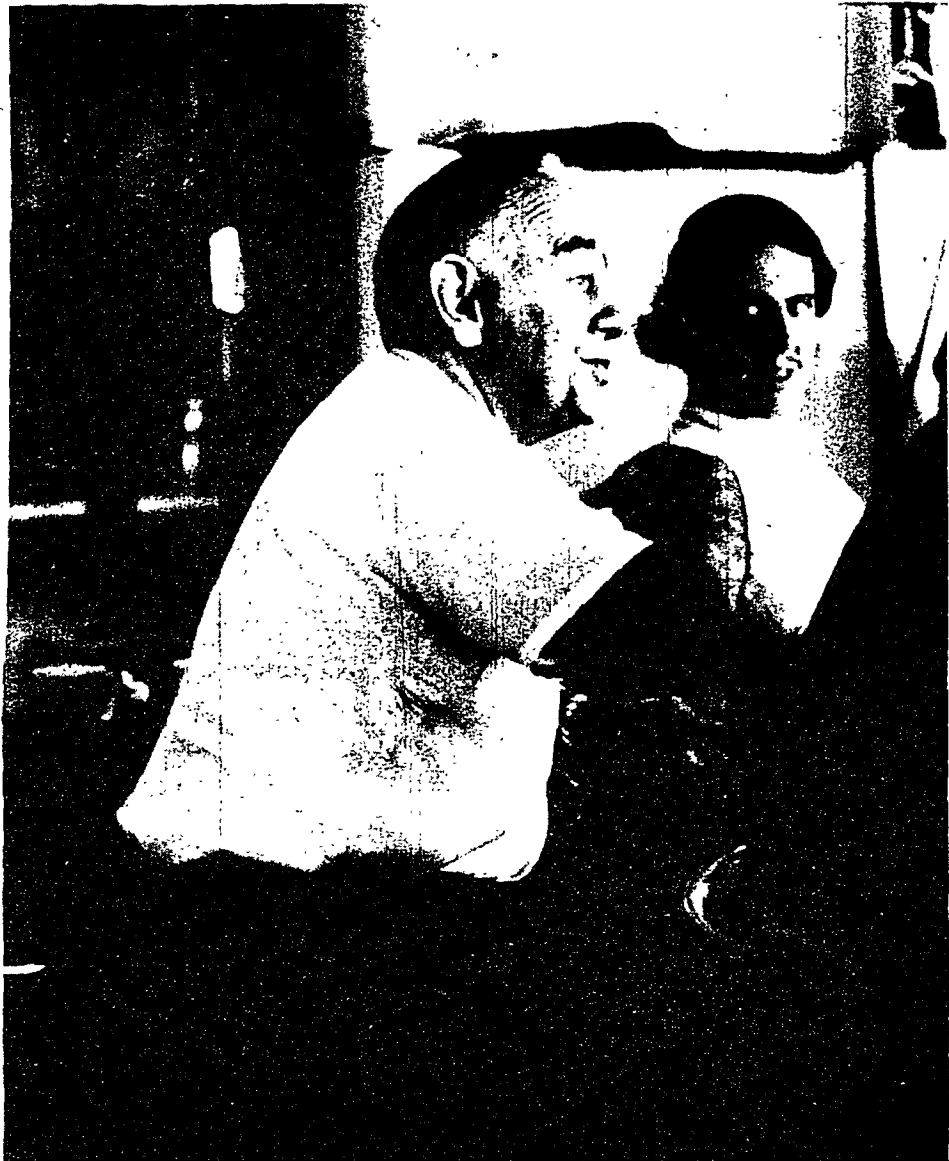
Encampment '73

At left, University President John W. Oswald fields a question at a workshop on "The University Hierarchy - Battling the Bureaucracy" Saturday morning.

Upper left, Safety Director David E. Stormer and State College Borough Police Chief Herbert Straley conduct a workshop on "Crime in the University Community" outside the Elks Club lodge.

At right, Vice President for Student Affairs Raymond O. Murphy and Stormer relax between workshops Saturday afternoon.

Photos by Steve Ivey and Rick Nelson



UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Monday, September 10, 1973

Sports: Entries for intramural touch football, tennis singles, and team golf, 4:30 p.m., Room 206 Rec Hall.
Undergraduate Library Jazz Session-Orientation Program, 7:30-9 p.m., HUB reading room.
Naiads Try-Out, 7 p.m., White.

MEETINGS

OTIS, 6:30-7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room.
USG-Senate, 7:30-10:45 p.m., HUB assembly room.

OFFICIAL

Fall Term classes begin, 8 a.m.

INTEREST GROUPS

Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., Room 308 Boucke.
Eco-Action, 8:30 p.m., Room 301 Boucke.
Zoller Gallery, Visual Arts - New Faculty Show.
Young Socialists, 7:30 p.m., Room 167 Willard.
Women's Varsity gymnastic team, 5:30 p.m., White.

EXHIBITS

Kern Gallery - Shirley Sturtz, jewelry, prints, paintings. Paul Jay, pottery.
Museum of Art - Gallery A, PSU Faculty Graphics.
Zoller Gallery, Visual Arts - New Faculty Show.
Pattee Library - Circulation Lobby, "Retrospect," Janet I. Dougherty, multi-media drawings and paintings.

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