



Feb. 7, 1956

IBM Magic Aids Registration

The tremendous task of registering over 12,000 students is made almost easy by IBM magic.

The "brains" of the International Business Machine Co. were located in a small corridor near the men's locker room in Recreation Hall during registration.

These machines, supervised by Harry A. Sperber, assistant scheduling officer, do everything except print the student directory, and they almost do that.

They count, assort, open new sections, and a hundred and one other things. And they operate at almost unbelievable speed.

Master Card Is Key

The key to the entire registration process is the master card, the orange one numbered "1," received by students before entering the main floor of Rec Hall.

It contains all the vital information about the student—the matriculation number, sex, curriculum, and major.

As the student makes his rounds to schedule courses, he receives two number six cards for each course.

As he leaves Rec Hall, all the IBM cards are collected, and rushed to the IBM's, with the master card on top.

All Cards Punched

The cards are punched by a machine placing all the information contained on the master card on every other card. The next step is to separate the cards—all the number three cards in one pile, number four cards in another pile.

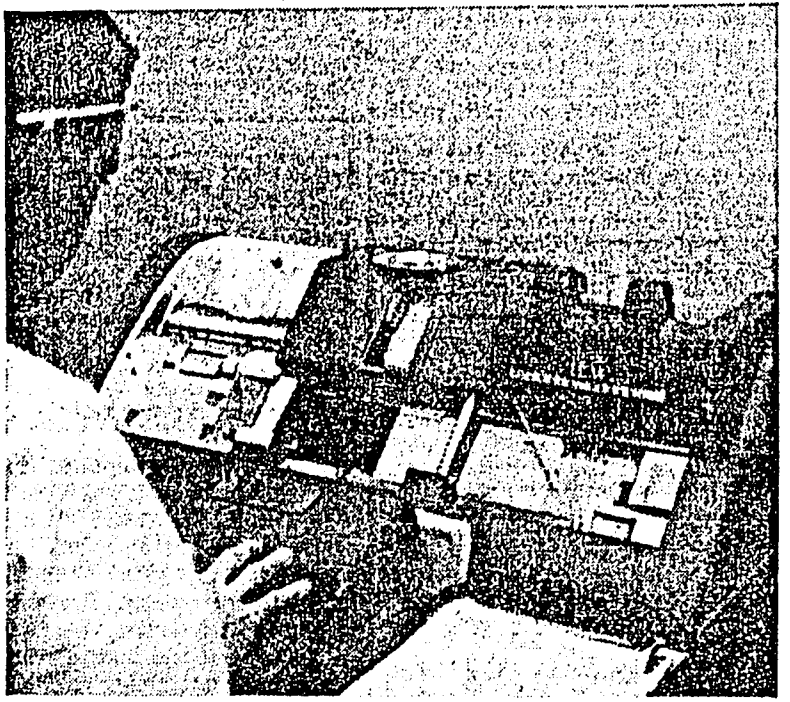
After the separation process, another IBM machine takes over. This one checks to see that the machine which punched all the cards from the master card didn't slip up somewhere on its 100-student-a-minute operation.

Within two hours after the student handed in his cards, the pink number six cards are back at the registration tables where the students picked them up.

Cards Determine Roll

The pink cards are then kept by the departments to determine the roll for the first class. The official roll, a printed sheet from the scheduling office, is not completed until sometime near mid-term.

The other cards go various places: the number one (master), two (official) rolls, three (statistical data), four (directory),



—Ron Walker photo

AN OPERATOR punches one of the many IBM machines found in Recreation Hall during registration. These rented "brains" make the task of registering over 12,000 students almost easy.

five (selective service), and six (course cards) are kept on record in the scheduling office in the basement of Willard.

The number seven card goes to the files of Public Information, the University's official news bureau, and the number eight card, the office of either the dean of men or the dean of women.

The ninth card, religious preference, goes to the University Chaplain.

Two Extra Cards

Graduating seniors receive two other cards, numbers 10 and 11. The number ten card goes to the scheduling office in the basement of Willard.

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Aug. 24, 1984

Computer problems plague drop/add

By KRISTINE SORCHILLA Collegian Staff Writer

Despite some shakedown problems, the University's new computer system will eventually prove itself to be better than the old one, a public information spokesman says.

"The computerized system is a large and complex system. The system in the end will provide more flexibility and more options to students with fewer hassles," Roger Williams said.

The response time of the computer during drop/add is one aspect of the system which officials hope to improve, said the executive director of computer and information systems.

"The system is working and is doing what we want it to do, but the computer is not as fast as we want it to work," J. Gary Augoustos said.

The slow processing time, sometimes taking as long as four or five minutes, caused students to wait in long lines which often wound through hallways and stretched outside of buildings. Many students were given numbers and told to return at a later time.

Some students expressed dissatisfaction yesterday with the slow processing and the long lines.

Shelly Pagac (senior-political science) said she preferred area registration to the computerized system.

"You're going to have problems with any new system, but I don't think it's working all that bad. I much prefer area registration because everything's there, you and you can see what classes are open, and you can see what classes are there," said Pagac, who waited in a line at the Burrows Building.

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Sept. 15, 1986

Donald Regan Campaign kicks off amid mixed protest

By CAROLYN SORISIO Collegian Staff Writer

White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan and 750 other guests in black-tie dress were treated to the University's finest as they helped to launch the \$200 million Campaign for Penn State this weekend.

"You'll never see Rec Hall look like this again," University President Bryce Jordan joked before Saturday night's festive dinner.

Rec Hall was transformed into what one host called the "Rec-Hall Ballroom" as silver metallic paper draped from the ceiling and soft-candlelight filled the hall.

While Secret Service men roamed Rec Hall, guests sat in groups of eight and were treated to French cuisine on fine linen tablecloths.

Slipping champagne, they listened to the evening's entertainment, which included a collection of Fred Warburg music performed by the Fred Warburg Singers.

Regan said he felt "right at home" Saturday night as he addressed the dinner crowd.

The mood of the country is right for the campaign to succeed, he said.

Regan said a dramatic increase in charitable giving coupled with corporations donating more to public institutions gives "every reason to expect the Campaign for Penn State to succeed dramatically."

Regan was the keynote speaker at the dinner, which officially launched the campaign.

Regan said he did not object to the protesters outside who were demonstrating against his visit because of his previous remarks about women.

"Come to think of it, even those protesters make me feel right at home," he said.

President Regan has helped to bring back a sense of pride in America, he said.

For example, he said, countries are beginning to support the idea of a free market economy.

Only with the help of universities like Penn State can the coun-

May 25, 1972

For 5 parole violations USG president jailed

By NANCY LOWRY and ART TURFA of the Collegian Staff

Undergraduate Student Government President Michael Shields is being held in the Centre County Jail on five counts of parole violations.

The alleged violations are: not filing a parole report for three months, changing residence without permission, traveling outside the parole area without permission, felonious intent in cashing a check and driving a motor vehicle without a license.

Shields was convicted of aggravated assault and robbery in January 1969, and was attending Penn State while on parole from the State Correctional Institution at Rockview.

An informed source said last night, there is a possibility Shields may be released by tomorrow. A hearing before the parole board will determine if Shields will have to serve his full sentence, confining him until 1975.

The date of the hearing has not yet been set.

A Pennsylvania parole agent said that whatever happens to Shields now, is up to the parole board.

"A great deal depends on the seriousness on the charges; how he's adjusted to his parole, and what he's been doing," he said. He added that Shields would probably be eligible for parole.

Shields was taken into custody at noon yesterday. That morning, he appeared at a hearing before District Magistrate

part of Spruce Cottage Tuesday afternoon.

The tour consisted of a look at the General Services office on the second floor of Spruce, conducted by Robb, a complete tour of Birch Cottage, headquarters of Donald Methlie, acting operations manager of the Campus Patrol.

The General Services office contained the office of the chief operator, as well as the office containing University operators. Two women occupied the office, answering information calls.

"The files are kept for two years, then retired," Methlie said in response to a question concerning what happens to the

files when the student graduates. "There's not a police force in the country that would give out information from these files," he added.

After the tour, Shields observed, "The personnel there were uplight at our presence, and didn't want to talk. There was a great deal of paranoia on their part, which is worthy of further investigation."

Tuesday morning between 8 and 9, an observer in the fitness parking lot observed "three or four" Bell Telephone trucks conducting various activities. He said at one point an ambulance was unable to turn around in the lot because of the trucks.

Other University departments hit with computer headaches

Although drop/add lines are the most recent things to suffer from the shakedown of the University's new computer, other aspects of student life have been affected.

Some students who graduated last spring were sent bills for Fall Semester, said J. Gary Augoustos, executive director of computer and information systems.

The printer broke down twice while he was in line, Campbell said. He called the process "mass confusion."

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Oct. 25, 1968

Police May Investigate Frats Serving Minors

By JIM DOBBS Collegian Staff Writer

The head of the Criminal Investigation Division of the State College Borough Police said yesterday that he considers that fraternities are private homes, but if someone complained that minors were being served alcoholic beverages, he would investigate the charge.

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