



PROMOTING ROTC in the Willard Straight lobby during the weekend, Air Force, Navy and Army seniors Richard A. Freeman, Robert J. Kolker and George W. Kuhlman Jr. (left to right) distribute information and Department of Defense pamphlets to two freshmen.

Freshmen Arrive; Class to Register

By ELEANOR B. RUBIN

Ithaca came alive Saturday as freshmen, transfers and foreign students began arriving at the University. Divided into six groups, the new students were launched into a four day orientation program of discussion, lectures and social events.

All new students will register in Barton Hall between

12:30 and 5 p.m. today. Old students will register in Barton Hall from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Group Heads Attend Camp For Training

Two hundred eighty upperclassmen went to camp for three days to become trained for orientation counseling. They heard speeches, held discussions and indulged in such typical camp activities as swimming, sports and camp fires.

The counselors had all been chosen by a group of 12 students who interviewed interested students last spring.

Arriving at Camp Cory on the morning of Sept. 13, the counselors unpacked their sleeping bags and divided into small discussion groups. The first speaker was J. L. Zwingle, vice president of the University, who discussed "Philosophy of a University Education." The small groups then discussed the speech.

The main emphasis of most of the speeches and discussions was on the necessity of knowing oneself, according to one of the counselors.

The following day, the counselors considered discussion techniques, read "The Adventures of Learning in College" by Roger Garrison, and planned skits. Prof. Robin Williams, chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology, spoke on "Why an Education?"

After the traditional morning swim at 6:45 the counselors held their last group meeting Sept. 15. Hadley S. De Puy, assistant dean of men and coordinator of student affairs, then addressed the group. After lunch, the counselors returned to Ithaca and their waiting charges.

University President Deane W. Malott will formally welcome the 2,275 freshmen at the 1964 Class Convocation in Barton Hall at 8:30 p.m. today. The program will also include speeches by Foster M. Coffin '12, director emeritus of Willard Straight Hall, Prof. Steven Muller of the Department of Government, and Richard G. Buckles '62, president of student government.

Freshmen were transformed into Jets, Buccaneers, Vikings, Spartans, Stetsons and Middies Saturday afternoon. These orientation groups are concentrating on two topics of discussion: "What is a higher education?" and "Why do I seek a higher education and how can I get one?"

Each orientation group met separately at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Orientation counselors gave a presentation which was followed by a lecture and discussion. The Viking group, for example, saw four orientation counselors present a skit from Plato's "Apology." Prof. Henry Elder of the College of Architecture, addressed the group on "Why does one seek a higher education?"

Elder stated that a higher education provides three things for the individual: an environment in which to learn, an aid in finding a way of life and the ability to face and enjoy problems.

Orientation events will close tomorrow with the traditional freshman class picnic at Hoy Field, Upper Alumni Field and the Agriculture quadrangle at 5:30 p.m. and the Willard Straight Open House at 7:30 p.m.

Foreign students will have a full day of orientation tomorrow. The day-long convocation is intended to assist the nearly 800 foreign students from over 80 countries to adjust to college life.

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Freshmen to Volunteer As ROTC Awaits Test

The University's voluntary Reserve Officer Training Corps program may succeed or fail today.

It will succeed, in the eyes of the Army, Navy and Air Force commanding officers, if enough freshmen join ROTC to keep their units producing as many commissioned officers as before. During registration today about 1750 freshmen will indicate whether they wish to take part in ROTC programs.

Another test for voluntary ROTC will come tomorrow, when sophomores who were required to take the first year of ROTC will declare whether they will continue in the program. Last June the University Board of Trustees, on recommendation of the University Faculty and Student Government, voted to rescind the requirement of two years' military training for undergraduate men. ROTC had been compulsory here since 1878.

While accepting the Faculty recommendation, the Trustees declared their intent "to give full support and encouragement to the voluntary ROTC programs." To further this end they made three requests:

1) They asked that the Department of Defense be urged "to take all possible steps, continuously, to improve the quality of ROTC instruction."

2) Urged Administration and Faculty to "inform and interest the student body in the voluntary ROTC program, in order that Cornell students may continue to qualify for commissions in the armed forces"; and

3) Asked Faculty to "re-examine the academic curriculum in relation to elective ROTC."

The Board of Trustees is at liberty to make ROTC compulsory again.

Both Army and Air Force programs have been changed, under the direction of the Department of Defense, to include more academic work in place of instruction by the military departments. Half of the classroom time in all four years of Army and Air Force ROTC is to be spent taking approved courses offered by the University's schools and colleges. Weekly afternoon drill will continue as usual.

In the Army freshman program, English 111-112, required of all freshmen, will count as the related academic course. Freshmen will also attend one hour of class taught by the Department of Military Science and Tactics weekly. Until a month ago the Army unit had planned two hours of military courses weekly for freshmen as in past years.

As announced last spring, freshmen and sophomores in the basic Air Force program will substitute academic courses in "mathemat-

ics, physics, chemistry, economics, modern foreign languages, or public speaking" for military courses during one semester each year. During the other semester cadets will take two hours in military courses.

The only exception to this change is the second year of the Army program, which still contains two ROTC class hours weekly each term. A subject not taught elsewhere at the University, American military history, forms part of the sophomore program. It is the "principal substantive course" taught by the Department of Military Science and Tactics in the basic program, according to Col. Charles H. Blumenfeld, new commanding officer of the Army unit.

The June decision of the Board of Trustees necessitated quick

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School for Fraternity Leaders Stresses Chapter Management

By ROBERT J. RABIN

A practical approach to sound principles of chapter management was the theme of the Interfraternity Council's first annual Leadership School, held at the University Sept. 13-17.

University President Deane W. Malott assured the fraternities of the interest and support of the administration in an address to the conference Sept. 14.

Approximately 120 fraternity leaders attended the five day program, which included public lectures by prominent figures in fraternity life, a series of discussion sessions of key areas of chapter operation and an informal dining plan which enabled the participants to meet and discuss fraternity matters.

The conference was the first of its kind to be attempted by any collegiate interfraternity organization in the country, according to George R. Simpson '61, chairman of the program. The leadership course covered the areas of scholarship, chapter administration, public relations, finances, stewardship and house operation.

"We believe in the fraternity system as a way of life," stated Mr. Malott in his talk. He noted the great opportunities for scholastic achievement within the fraternity system, and suggested that high scholarship is the greatest challenge facing fraternities today. "I can see no reason at all why the fraternity average cannot be higher than all men's average," Mr. Malott maintained.

Louis D. Corsun, National Director of Scholarship of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and former Dean of Men at the University of Alabama and at Florida State University, further urged fraternities to maintain a high academic standing.



THE NOON BREAK in the fraternity leadership school brings an opportunity for informal discussion of the morning's topics as the house officers lunch together.

"The Interfraternity Council has the biggest opportunity to insure the future of the fraternity system through a strong scholarship program," Corsun said. He outlined a six-point program which he suggested the IFC incorporate in its activities. The program was originated by Glen T. Nygreen, Dean of Students at Kent State University in Ohio.

Walter Duncan, Chairman of the Cornell Fraternity Advisers Association, advocated a reappraisal of fraternity financial structures.

He pointed out that chapters must "plan for the future," and increase the extent of the services they offer.

Duncan stressed the "sound dollar" as an integral part of a fraternity's planning. He suggested several ways of increasing income from the present physical plant, including larger memberships, housing during the summer months, and the inclusion of non-fraternity members in the dining plan and in living in the house to help meet

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Soviet Specialists to Study Research on Upper Campus

A team of eight Soviet agricultural scientists and information specialists will arrive at the University today as part of their month long tour of the United States.

The group will spend three days studying the latest research in dairying, apple storage, potato processing, human nutrition and family life, as well as administrative and organizational procedures.

Their program will include visits to the Geneva Agricultural experiment station; Ithaca research and extension facilities of the New York State Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics; the headquarters of the Cooperative Grange League Federation, one of the nation's largest cooperatives, and fruit farms in the area.

The visit to the United States is part of a summer-long exchange program between this country and the Soviet Union. They are the

sixth team to come here this year and several American groups toured Soviet facilities.

Lewis M. Childers of the United States Department of Agriculture, technical leader of the group, was a member of a USDA team of six agricultural information specialists, which spent most of July visiting Soviet farms, publishing houses and radio stations.

The Soviet visitors arrived in New York Sept. 12 and went directly to Washington, D.C. where they spent three days examining research and information facilities of the Department of Agriculture. From there they went to the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

After their Ithaca stay, they will go to the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Chicago, and Iowa State University of Science and Technology. They will end their tour in Washington on Sept. 30.

P. S. Kuchumov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the USSR, is the leader of the group. He is known for his research in agricultural mechanization, and has done research in potato breeding.

Vladimir Popov, director of the Soviet Ministry of Agriculture Publishing House, is also part of the group.

FOCUS ON ITHACA

The Cornell Daily Sun begins publication for the year with a special edition accenting the Ithaca Community.