

Dean Elmer R. Kiehl, College of Agriculture, welcomes one of the class of 1970.

The University Begins Its 128th Year

With a new president and a record registration, it's 'back to school' for 18,500 on the Columbia campus with an orientation and get-acquainted program for the newcomers



“NEW STUDENTS, WHY ARE YOU AT MU?”

As thousands converged on the Columbia campus last month for the beginning of the University of Missouri's 128th academic year under the leadership of a new president, Dr. John C. Weaver, new students, mostly freshmen, participated in a four-day orientation program, recorded in these pages by the *Missouri Alumnus* camera.

The 18,500 registration was a substantial increase over the 17,582 students who had registered at the end of the fourth week of classes in the fall of 1965. But, although the numbers represented another record, con-

fusion was at a minimum as carefully-planned orientation programs guided freshmen and transfer students through their first days on campus. Attendance at the meetings was compulsory.

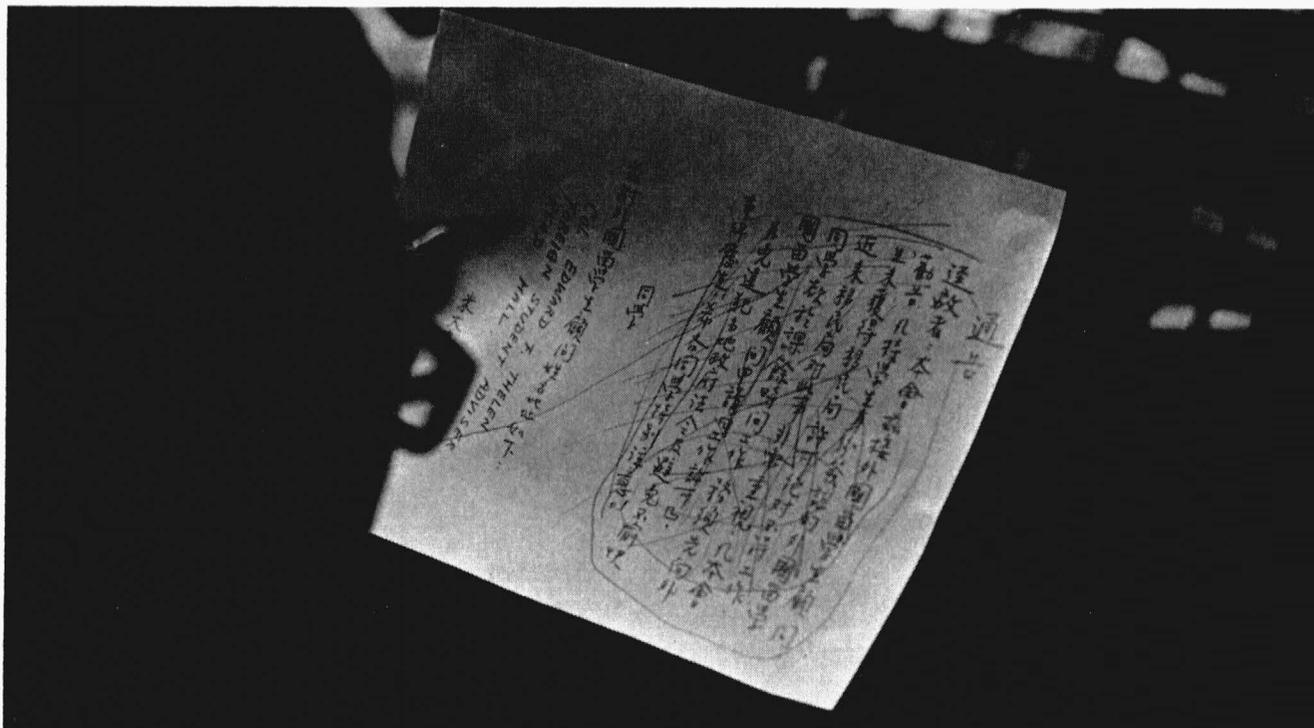
An official welcome from the University family was delivered by Chancellor John W. Schwada to new students and their parents at the Convocation in Brewer Field House September 6. University deans and directors were introduced from the platform. Thus began the orientation program, its theme “The University,” the sub-theme, “New Students, Why Are You at MU?”

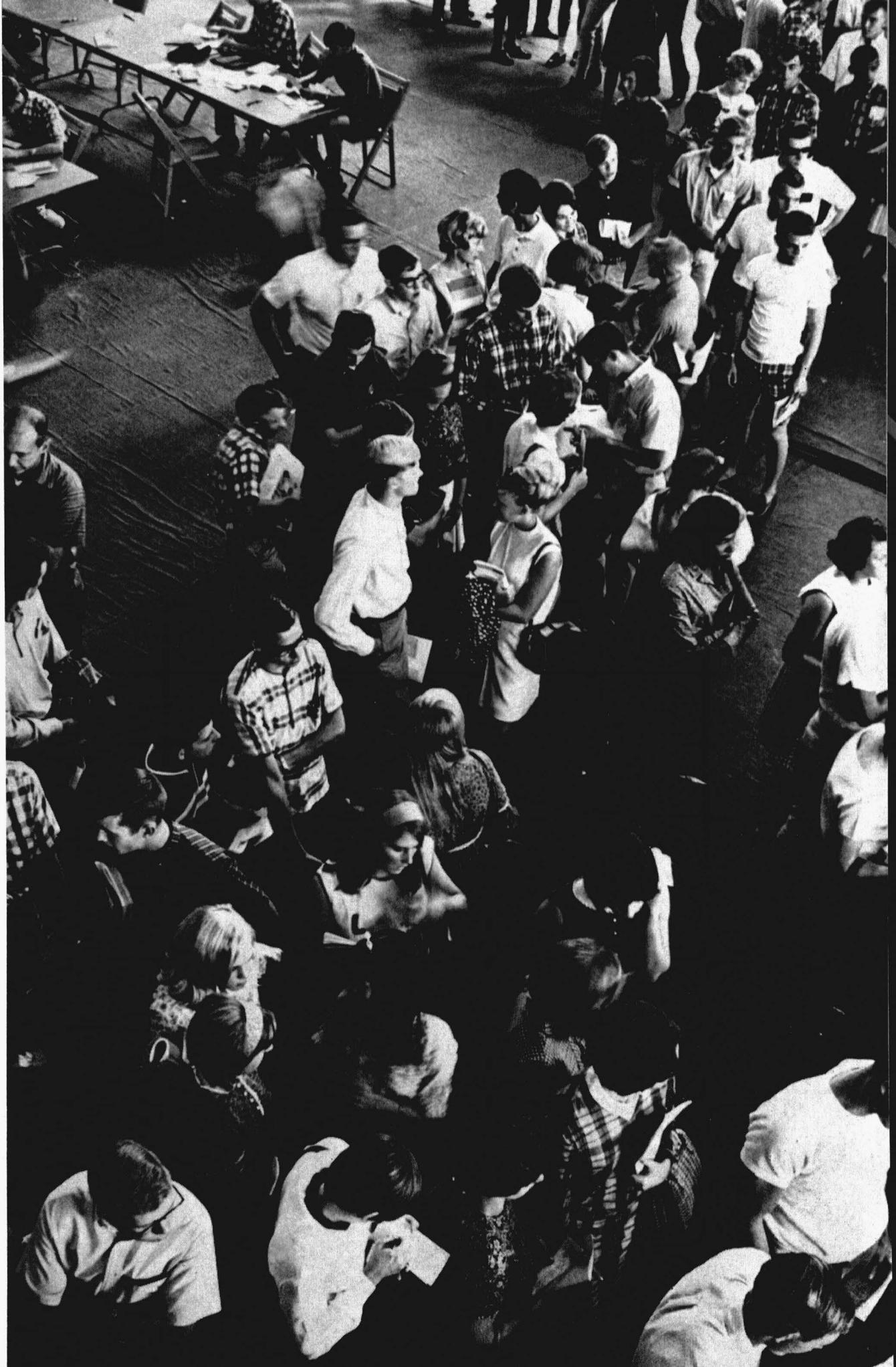
“THE UNIVERSITY: Introduction to the World of

A carefully planned orientation minimizes confusion.



Col. Edward F. Thelen, foreign student adviser, speaks to approximately 125 new foreign students who bring the total on campus to roughly 500. Below: a student reads the instructions of the president of the Certified Chinese Students Association: Listen to Col. Thelen and do what he tells you to do. Opposite page: a line of students serpentine through registration.







Cheerleaders, Tiger mascot, and pom-poms make a stir at a pep rally.



An orientation scar.



But, in the end, orientation is mostly new students meeting with the people who will teach and advise them in these first years away from home.

An orientation is a looking back, a looking ahead

Ideas" was discussed that evening by a panel of members, moderated by Dr. Herbert Schooling, dean of faculties. The next day, students heard another panel, led by Dr. Robert Burton, assistant dean of the College of Education, discuss the evolution of higher education and its relationship to past societies in a program entitled: "The University: A Look into the Past."

Student leaders discussed "The University: A Place for the Active Student" in another panel program. Later the newcomers received information about the major student personnel services, including Student Financial Affairs, Student Health Service, the Mental Hygiene Clinic, Testing and Counseling Service, and the Dean of Students Office, in a program called: "The University: Student Personnel Services."

THE CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW University leaders occurred that evening when deans and directors of the University's Schools and Colleges met with students in their divisions to discuss divisional topics. The next morning, September 8, freshmen registration began.

Tours of the campus and the Library were provided for all new students. Foreign students met with their advisor for a special program. The Association of Women Students gave a Coke party for new women students. In the afternoon, a faculty panel, led by Capt. Edward S. Bridges, assistant professor of aerospace studies, discussed the leadership responsibilities of the modern university to the twentieth century in a program called: "The University: A Look into the Future."

Faculty members joined students for dinner in residence halls, fraternities, sororities and student cooperatives on September 8. Later, students had the opportunity to meet Chancellor Schwada and their deans and division leaders at the Chancellor's Reception. A Dance was held on the terrace of the Student Union.

Graduate students were recognized in a special program: "The University, Learning by Association." Students met members of the Graduate Student Policy Committee and the Dean of the Graduate School.

AND, ON SEPTEMBER 12, classes began!