

Return Of Frosh Brings More Work For Hatmen

Campus hat societies will come back into their own this year with the return of a full class of freshmen to Penn State.

For the first time since World War II, hat societies will handle their traditional job of enforcing freshman customs in addition to fostering Penn State traditions and College welfare programs.

Hatmen and women, selected to the honor groups on the basis of scholarship, leadership and service to the College, are easily recognized around campus by their bell-shaped hats.

Assist Cheerleaders

In addition to enforcing customs, hatmen also assist the cheerleaders with the flash card display at football games, and act as a guard of honor when the Lion football team enters the field.

New students probably will first come in contact with the hatmen during the flashcard display at the first football game. Hatmen will be assigned as row captains to guide new students in the art of spelling out the various patterns.

The highest such honorary at the College for the men is Lion's Paw, a group restricted to 15 senior men.

Mortar Board is the highest senior women's honorary, with members chosen for leadership in campus activities and high scholastic standards.

The two other senior men's hat societies are Skull and Bones and Parmi Nous.

Parmi Nous, oldest upperclass honorary society at the College, selects its members from those lettermen, managers and school publications men who have distinguished themselves and have shown qualities of leadership in their respective fields.

Sports managers, varsity athletes, political leaders and publications men who have excelled in their respective fields are eligible for membership in Skull and Bones.

Junior Societies

Blue Key is one of two junior honorary societies for men. Mem-

bers are selected for service, character and scholarship; first managers in athletics, publications men and general activities men are eligible for tapping.

The newest hat society on campus is Androcles, founded last semester for junior men prominent in numerous campus activities.

Orienting new students on campus is the duty of Chimes, junior women's honorary, which also holds bi-monthly meetings better to acquaint transfer students with the College and its activities.

Druids is the honor society for sophomore men who have shown exceptional ability in athletics in their sophomore year at the College. Cwens, sophomore women's honorary, chooses its members from those who have shown outstanding ability and scholarship. To develop campus leaders is the aim of Cwens.

Coordinated by Council

The honor groups are coordinated by Hat Society council, organized in 1944 and composed of two officers from each hat society. All general regulations concerning activities of these honorary groups are drawn up by the council.

Tapping of new hat society members is held at scheduled times each year with special ceremonies usually at the Lion Shrine or on the steps of Old Main. Informal initiations are held later.

In general, new members are chosen by incumbents, generally on a point basis. Points are given for activity in different fields according to a system set up by Hat Society council.

Tribunal To Punish Violators Of Freshman Customs Code

Student Tribunal, men's highest judiciary body, is the agency that will enforce freshman customs. It will prescribe disciplinary measures for freshmen who fail to comply with the regulations set by Cabinet last semester.

This semester is the first since the war that freshman men are back on campus. Along with them come customs and punishments that have been prepared by Tribunal over the summer.

Members are appointed by the All-College president, with the approval of Cabinet, at the end of the Spring semester. It handles cases dealing with traffic violations on campus, infractions of the undergraduate regulations of the College, and breaches of the town ordinances by undergraduate men. Such cases are turned over to Tribunal by the Dean of Men when brought to the attention of the College.

Can Summon Students

Tribunal has the power to summon before it any student over which it has jurisdiction. It has the power, granted by the All-College Constitution, to affix just punishment upon any student found guilty of "conduct detrimental to the College," and may recommend penalties up to and including expulsion from school.

Students may appeal Tribunal decisions to the Student Court of Appeals, which was set up at the end of last semester by Cabinet.

Tribunal is primarily interested in solving and preventing problems rather than in issuing disciplinary measures to punish violators. In recent years traffic violations have occupied most of the time of the judicial body.

"It is only with the cooperation

of the student body," according to Neil See, chairman of Tribunal, "that we can beat the traffic problem. This year the problem will be worse because there will be more cars on campus with little or no increase in the number of parking places."

Penalties

Penalties range from reprimands to fines and recommendations for dismissal from school and that the violation be placed on the transcript of the student committing the error.

Tribunal members are also empowered to act as investigators of possibly illegal conduct, when occasion demands. However, if Tribunal members are involved in the case, or have any special interest in it, they lose for that case their right to sit at the trial.

Tribunal members for this year are Neil See, Edward Sykes, George Demshock, Carlton Durling, Richard Schoenberger, Harry Cover, Bryson Craine, and Raymond Evert.

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Dramatic Groups Offer Chances For Young Actors

"The play's the thing" was the opinion of a rather successful writer, William Shakespeare by name. New arrivals to the campus who agree with the Bard of Avon and who want to enter Penn State dramatic activities will find wide opportunities.

Aspiring actors and actresses at Penn State aim their sights at membership in Players, to which they may be admitted after they participate in Players' dramatic productions.

Choosing Casts

"Best man wins" in acting auditions. After the cast for a show has been picked, rehearsals are held every night except Saturday for six weeks.

Besides acting, students may work on advertising, costuming, painting, construction, lighting, management, property, and make-up. Size of the crews varies with different productions. The time that crews are required to work also varies according to the amount of costuming, construction, etc., that each show needs.

Prof. Arthur C. Cloetingh heads the group. Directors of the plays are Robert D. Reifsnieder, Warren B. Smith and Kelly Yeaton.

Plan Shindig

A "get-acquainted" shindig will be held by Players in Schwab Auditorium in Orientation week. Students interested in dramatic work should take advantage of this chance to get full information on what Players is, what membership in the group entails, and which positions are open.

At this meeting, they can talk to senior managers and people on various crews, explore the loft, and rummage through the costume room. Refreshments will be served. Students will be able to sign forms for the Players file used in calling actors to take part in future productions.

Plays Tuesdays

The best place for inexperienced actors and actresses to start is in Five O'Clock Theatre. Statistics prove that those who begin with this smaller-scale dramatic group almost always end up in Players.

Every Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock this organization presents short original plays, the classwork of students. These productions are presented script-in-hand and are guided by student directors, with casts picked from earlier tryouts for the bigger plays.

Those acting in the plays spend seven to eight hours rehearsing, usually in the daytime. Prof. Warren B. Smith, director, has announced that Five O'clock Theatre will open midway in the semester.

Musical comedy is taken care of by Thespians. Each year this student group produces a well-known musical hit—last year it was "Girl Crazy"—and also an original musical revue. Raymond Fortunato, a music graduate who is on the business staff of the College, is faculty director.

Enlarged Counseling Plan Will Aid New Students

To carry on personnel functions necessary for the large group of men living at the College this Fall, the dean of men's office has established a new corps of resident advisors.

Under direction of G. M. Guthrie, the group consists of about 40 resident advisors who are enrolled in the Graduate School. Advisors are selected from every school at the College to enable them to answer questions of all the men or to be able to refer questioners to others who can answer their questions.

There will be 21 resident advisors in the West Dorm area and 19 in the Nittany-Pollock area, with about one adviser for every 90 men. Previously there was an advisor for each 175 men.

Functions of advisers will involve facilitating academic, vocational, and social activities of men living in dormitories. With such a large number of residents, it is inevitable that many will feel lost in the crowd and without any real contact with the administration of the College. In this sense, the resident adviser is the representative of the administration to the student.

The adviser does not take over the role of the academic adviser; rather, his activities supplement those of the academic adviser. In the area of social and sports activities, advisers will help organize such programs as the students want and need.

They will not direct these activities but will carry them through their early phases until residents themselves are able to direct them. They are not intended as disciplinary officers.

Advisers have already gone through a training period to teach them the philosophy and techniques of their work. During the year there will be a weekly two-hour meeting for discussion and coordination of the program and a weekly individual conference with a supervisor.

There is a counselor's suite on each floor of each dorm unit. A typical suite consists of living accommodations and a room for meetings with individuals and small groups.

Dr. Guthrie will be assisted by Frank S. Simés, graduate student in education, who will live in Irvin Hall and will head the freshman program, and Joseph A. Errigo, who will continue the work in the Pollock-Nittany area.

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