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A TRADITION WORTHWHILE

Now that Student Council has handed down the ultimatum that these customs must remain "as per handbook," we pause to consider the reason for such action. The laxity in observance of Penn State's customs has loomed large in the eyes of the members of the governing body and was the greatest and most powerful argument of those who opposed the move to permit juniors to go bareheaded.

There is no doubt but that a laissez-faire attitude exists in Penn State regarding customs. After the gradual let-down in the treatment of the yearlings during the first few weeks of harsh justice, a carefree pose of indifference is assumed by students and the only persons who ever maintain a firm stand on regulations are the members of the Tribunal. They could not forget—administering penalties for law-breaking is their task. Council discussion ran in a path which yearly has been trod by every Council and Tribunal—that there is an indifference toward tradition which sooner or later must be remedied, that no what-do-I-care attitude can cling, leech-like, to Penn State, sucking out the life-blood of tradition.

Penn State has its honored customs; its traditions worthy of respect. But when an effort is made to throw away tradition without offering a remedy, the cause must fail. Then, as a means of strengthening the tubercular vertebrae of customs, why not inaugurate a tradition worthwhile? Why not install a Move-up Day?

Penn State has never experienced the thrill of a Move-up Day. Never have the seniors stalked the campus, feeling that they have completed their college career and are no more to be looked upon as mere apprentices. Never have the juniors thrown aside their forced dignity, to grasp the senior's level-headed viewpoint of life. At no time have sophomores put away their self-importance which they attach to their station and assumed the becoming poise of third-year men. And never have the freshmen been permitted to toss their dinks into a huge bonfire, adopt sophomore dress customs, and rise from the ignominy of their position as neophytes. To look forward to a Move-up Day would be awarding the bestowal of a privilege. It would be honoring a tradition which would be really a tradition.

Penn State is sadly in need of a custom which would be sure of strict observance, a tradition which would not lightly be discarded. A Move-up Day, held each year on the first Saturday in May, would command a high place in Penn State's code; it would be a custom the coming of which would be awaited with mingled feelings of regret and joy. A Move-up Day is the remedy for indifference to tradition—it has a place which cannot be denied. If other colleges are copying Penn State customs, they should be given the opportunity to copy a tradition worthwhile.

"TO THE LADIES"

"The only collegiate dramatic organization which plays a two-week stand at a metropolitan theater" is the boast of Pennsylvania's Mask and Wig Club in an advertisement. It is a challenge implied.

A town the size of State College cannot be expected to support a production for two solid weeks, and it is unlikely that any college show will run for two weeks in an out-of-town engagement. On road tours, however, the Penn State Thespians Club sets a mark at which any other club may aim.

The Thespians Club has undoubtedly made more progress in the last college generation than any other organization on the campus. It has danced its way to fame throughout Pennsylvania and within a few days will fill requested engagements in Baltimore, Old Point Comfort and points South. The Club has had a phenomenal growth; it has improved its productions and its financial standing until it now has a place of distinction in the collegiate dramatic world.

An untold amount of desirable publicity for Penn State has been reaped by the troubadours and in this respect the Club may be likened to athletic teams. The name "Thespians" has become a familiar one; Thespians performances are now heralded events in the cities in which they are given. The Thespians have accomplished things—in dramatic production, in organization, for Penn State. Our hats are off "to the ladies."

THE LAST LAP

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns" into channels other than class work. It might be wise to cast a glance at the College calendar and note that but eight weeks remain until the semester ends. A wrinkled brow at this time may save muttered oaths in a sweltering room in June.

It is, of course, characteristic of youth to live now and worry later. Yet it would be a better policy to work when human efficiency is at a greater height than when it lags in the days of late spring.

Far be it from this column to offer parental advice; this is simply a reminder. And, furthermore, it is not expected that a few penned words will cause an increase in the cracklings of opening book-covers. You who frown, however, it might be interesting to clip this article, paste it in a favorite notebook and glance at it as you madly try to digest a semester's work in a single night. Then ask your roommate to swing his number ten brogan in your direction.

FIVE SENIORS SEEKING VALEDICTORIAN HONOR

Five seniors announced their candidacy for the J. W. White fellowship and five for the valedictorian office at a meeting of the senior class Tuesday night. A class memorial committee was appointed with J. F. Prevost, chairman, and L. D. Page, C. S. Crawford and Thomas Cam, Jr.

For valedictorian these men are eligible: D. D. Henry, A. R. Gans, J. L. Dunlap, P. L. Cunnahan and L. F. Zerfos. For the White fellowship the choice will be made from E. L. Carnahan, A. O. Rhoad, R. E. Flanagan and V. L. Quinones. A committee composed of the class day chairman, the secretary of the class, and the head of the English department will make the choice.

It is also announced that five men have been admitted to the senior class. They are W. A. J. Shaner, J. M. McNamee, D. L. Elmisk, H. A. Weigher and R. E. Zimmerman.

"ACCOUNTANCY" IS TOPIC OF COMMERCE LECTURE

Taking "Accountancy" as his subject, Ernest Crowther of Pittsburgh, will deliver a lecture under the auspices of Delta Sigma Pi, honorary commerce and finance fraternity, in Old Chapel Thursday evening at seven-fifteen o'clock.

Mr. Crowther is the senior member of the Crowther and company, certified public accountants, a member of the Council of the American Institute of Accountants, and former chairman of the Pittsburgh chapter of that organization.

He had been employed with the United States Steel corporation and the American Structural Steel company previous to 1911. Since that time he has conducted his own professional office, and has gained recognition as an authority in the field of accountancy.

UNIT CAGERS ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINAL ROUND

Units three, four, and seventeen were defeated in the Armory in the non-fraternity basketball tourney on Wednesday night but only units four and seventeen were eliminated as unit three had won all of its previous games. The semi-finals will be held Friday night at seven-thirty o'clock in the Armory. The finals will take place some time next week.

HAIRCUTS TO BE METED OUT TO THREE PLEBS

(Continued from first page) seven men in the company of a girl whom he declared he could not lose. As this is the second time that Shatler has appeared before the Tribunal on the same charge, his sentence was not light. In addition to his haircut he will be sandwiched between two signs, one reading "I Couldn't Get Rid of Her" and the other "This Will Keep the Girls Away." To substantiate the latter, he must carry a huge club for two weeks.

W. S. Turner '26, was granted his plea that he might observe senior customs for the remainder of his stay at college. His two years of customs at Pennsylvania Military College and a year here were adjudged sufficient to make him immune from further restrictions.

Four freshmen were excused with no penalties either because of a lack of evidence or because of non-appearance of plaintiffs, while several other men proved to be missing when their names were called. John Gaca was charged with general freshness and a refusal to go on mail duty. He was dismissed, however, when no one appeared against him. The same lot fell to W. K. Czerninski, whom an anonymous letter charged with a number of misdemeanors. Because he had intended to hike immediately after orchestra practice, David Shouago was pardoned for appearing sweat-soaked at Co-op. L. J. Melley was also excused of a long and involved charge that he had been seen with a female friend.

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ANNUAL SUMMER COURSE OPENED FOR EXECUTIVES

Service to the industries of the state will be continued this summer at Penn State in its eleventh annual short course in industrial organization and management, open to industrial executives. A bulletin announcement issued Monday by the department of industrial engineering sets the date for the course for two weeks beginning June twenty-first.

Industrial management problems will be studied in the course this year under the direction of Prof. J. O. Keller, head of the engineering extension department, and Prof. C. W. Beese, head of the industrial engineering department.

"Solution of management problems is frequently an expensive process unless the specially trained man is there to find the trouble without hesitation," Professor Beese said. "Upon request of several leading industries there will be a number of pertinent problems of timely interest for the plant and office managers, superintendents, engineers, auditors, accountants, shop foremen and other executives who will attend."

PROF. BONINE ATTENDS FRATERNITY CONVENTION

Prof. C. A. Bonine represented the Kappa chapter of the Sigma Gamma Epsilon, honorary mining fraternity, at the national biennial meeting of the fraternity held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on April second, at which time elections for the year were held. Robert Meats, student representative of the local chapter, accompanied Professor Bonine on the trip.

During the convention a motion was brought forward and carried to the effect that Ceramic students would be officially admitted to the fraternity.

All of last year's officers were re-elected this year and are as follows: Professor C. E. Decker, University of Oklahoma, President; Professor Shamm, University of Nebraska, Vice-President; Professor W. A. Tarr, University of Missouri, Grand Secretary and Treasurer; and Professor C. A. Bonine, Penn State, Grand Historian.

DR. DUNAWAY OUTLINES SETTLEMENT OF STATE

(Continued from first page) than some of the southern states, in addition to many other races and nationalities. "There is no nation on the face of the earth that is not represented in the population of Pennsylvania," said Dr. Dunaway in concluding. "I looked forward to the day when the fusion of these heterogeneous peoples in the melting pot shall produce a new type, better qualified to carry out the welfare and uphold the honor of the state than those who have come before."

WOMAN SCOUT LEADER ADDRESSES STUDENTS

How Penn State students may better the youth of America through the boy and girl scout movements is being shown here this week by Elsa G. Becker, one of the four national scout leaders connected with the Laura Spelman Rockefeller fund. The work began Tuesday with talks on the ideals and the history of the organization in Old Chapel.

Miss Becker first came to Penn State last October. She met informally with a group of forty girls at that time. That the instruction is popular is evinced by the large number interested. The girl students are organized into patrols and study the technique of scoutcraft each day in the Armory in those groups. Not only have the girls been interested but boy scouts and men have been actively engaged in the sessions here.

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Memorial, Class Day Committees Appointed

The Class Day committee appointed by D. D. Henry '26 is as follows: chairman, P. M. Schaffer, W. M. Connor, Karl Wolfe, F. H. Bauer. Appointments to the Class Memorial committee are: chairman, Jules Prevost, L. B. Page, Chester Crawford and Thomas Cam, Jr.

FRENCH ARTIST ENGAGED FOR SUMMER INSTITUTE

Henry Mayer, Noted Actor and Professor, Will Act as Visiting Instructor. A noted French actor and professor of diction, M. Henry Mayer, has been engaged as the visiting instructor from France for the Institute of French Education at the Penn State summer session. The announcement was made Monday by Prof. H. P. de Visme, director of the institute.

Monsieur Mayer is said to be one of the most prominent artists of the Comedie Francaise, and holds many honors in successes attained on the French stage. It is always customary to have a well known French educator as a visiting professor at the Penn State summer institute, and in addition the entire faculty will be made up of native Frenchmen.

Professo de Visme also announced the publication of a special bulletin on the institute, and stated that already he has had requests from scores of American teachers of French indicating another capacity enrollment for the coming session. Nothing but the French language is allowed to be spoken by students of the institute.

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Fraternities Vital to Penn State—Warnock

That social fraternities are a real and vital asset to the Pennsylvania State College is the belief of Dean A. R. Warnock. He says they have met an emergency in filling a gap in the material and social life of the community.

"For many years," says Dean Warnock, "the fraternities at Penn State have enjoyed the confidence of the college administration and it may be said to their credit that during these years they have uniformly maintained an apparent purpose of cooperating with the college administration for the good of the college."

There are now fifty-two fraternity groups occupying their own or rented houses on the campus and in the town. Six years ago only seven fraternities owned their chapter houses at Penn State. Now most of the chapters own their homes, sixteen new houses being built in the past five years. Six of them were completed within the past six months. Chapter alumni are the owners in most instances. A new fraternity section has developed on the east side of the town with fifteen houses already built and as many more chapters owning lots in the section.

Working on the publication of next year's Freshman Bible, the Handbook staff has awarded the contract for the printing of this book to Swinston of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Because of the criticism that the paper on which the present Handbook was printed is too thin, the paper furnished by Swinston will be less transparent than formerly. Another improvement is the inclusion of a map of the borough. Assignments for the preparation of the various articles have already been given out and the completed stories are due next week. The staff expects that everything will be in the printer's hands by June fifteenth.

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