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THE MUETZE—AND WHY NOT?

Many years ago in Old Heidelberg, the custom was established of having two vari-colored student caps: the muetze for street wear, and another, the name of which at this moment escapes us, for dress.

The muetze recently has found a place on the American college camp, and is being worn, under various appellations, at many of the larger, more progressive universities. Fraternity colors are being incorporated into the muetze, and the custom of wearing the quaint European cap is rapidly being taken up by fraternity men throughout the United States, and notably in the larger institutions of the East.

Chatterers, of course, must have something to keep their jaws moving. Chatterers, because they talk so much and to no point, usually have a great deal to do with formulating the truck openly-advertised as "campus opinion." This sort of opinion is going to hinder the wearing of the muetze at Penn State unless those students who have purchased Heidelberg caps in fraternity colors have courage enough to dispel the doubtful clouds of talk and tattle, and swing out with the new headgear.

The first man to wear a dinner jacket at a formal affair must have felt quite "blooty," and that situation must not be allowed to prevent Penn State from retaining her individuality. The muetze is a harmless, prepossessing, colorful little cap, and the wearing of muetzes in fraternity shades certainly would brighten the dull days of winter in the mountains. Just to start an argument: we're for 'em. How about a "Swing Out Day?" (Perhaps they'd match up well with Lion Suits, too.)

A NEW MODUS OPERANDI

Student Board and Women's Student Government, having been forced to chew and digest, some little time ago, a case which could have been avoided, recommended that certain rules be changed in the Women's Handbook. 'Twas done.

One of the new rules reads to the effect that chaperons are unnecessary should a Co-ed have occasion to dine at a fraternity house on Sunday. That rule is wise enough.

And then there's another one to be printed which will clear up a haze that exists in many fog-enveloped minds. And it means just this: that, while in State College, students are under the jurisdiction and supervision of the College authorities. This also takes into effect the periods before and after regular vacations, including Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day and—ah—Penn Game. And it's another wise rule—it's going to keep some students from distinguishing themselves by trying to answer "Yes" or "No."

PENN STATE A. AND M.

After due deliberation we quote from a rather reputable Pittsburgh daily, the following words, contributed by a former Penn State student.

"When the Land-grant College Commission investigates the Pennsylvania State College, it will find an institution headed by a man who knows nothing about agriculture and whose desire is for a university like Pitt."

Our smile smiled, we enter immediately into the more serious aspect of the statement. The writer follows the above eye-opener with the admonition that since the University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh university and Carnegie Tech are so well equipped to take care of the more elevating sort of thing, Penn State in deference to these more worthy institutions, must restrict its field entirely to agriculture and the mechanic arts.

Of the \$4,234,500 which the College is now asking of the Pennsylvania legislature, this "short horn" alumnus pertinently asks just how much will be used to "promote agriculture." Quite a bit we venture. But on bended knees we pray that it is not devoted to the promotion of an egg-laying contest, the lack of which, the writer points out, puts this State so far behind many, many others.

Eggs! Certainly a big issue to some people, but just as certainly not vital to the welfare of tomorrow. Balance the thing a bit. On the one hand is a Penn State devoted to hen-raising and sledge-swinging and on the other is a Penn State not competing with, but aiding other Pennsylvania institutions in the education of Pennsylvania youth. What is an under-sized egg as compared with an under-sized cranium?

But to quote this over-zealous writer further. "If the Commission compels Penn State to quit dreaming of competing with Pitt and Carnegie Tech, and makes her become what she was supposed to be primarily and spend her money on farmers and mechanics, it will be doing good service to the State."

Pennsylvania for bigger and better hens! And should there be some being bold enough to mention culture and polish and scholarly attainments, he will be told that there are already in the State three colleges who cater to that sort of stuff. They will serve.

Properly to equip forty thousand students? They will not!

—R. M. A.

GET THE HOOK

And we utter it penitently and imploringly. And if our beseechings still seem sibilant and inaudible we repeat doubly voluminous HATRACK!! COATRACK!!!! Or just plain hooks. In other words, we'd like to have, please, more parking space for wraps.

To go into the history of the case: It's unfortunate but mandatory that heavier-than-air wraps be worn this kind of weather. Somebody started it and it's still being done. Therefore, we arrive at the admission by both sides that there are wraps requiring parking space. Where? is question.

The Registrar sadly enough did not compute the congestion of Hardin Halls in allotting the classrooms, and hence the usurpation by the students of even standing room. For evidence we refer the honorable judges to Liberal Arts, Old Main, and the Engineering alphabet during the class-change period. Further and more concrete evidence will be gladly furnished at request.

Too many fedoras and square backs are replacing janitors' embellishments. Hence we advocate and request that bids for adequate checking facilities be sought at once. Hooks, plain hooks, in the walls may alleviate our dilemma. At any rate, will some one start the ball rolling on a Hatrack fund by stepping forward with the first dime?

—P. R. S.

INSERT TITLE HERE

Ye editor in quandary his feeble brain doth rack. He searches for a potent quip, a pretty pun to crack. Student ills provide his theme, though sometimes this proves meagre, and though his thread be bare and worn, he spins with fingers eager. The Council here proposes song; instructors cut their classes. The proxy meets a single stude and not expected masses. Alimni blind with famous smoke, grovel their ways about, finding fault and mending not at all, without a doubt. That college there, where trees grow tall, they say is useless now; the thing to do is place all studes behind a rusty plow.

Solutions to these things and more, ye writer must devise. His mouth is tight, his fingers long, he uses ears and eyes. His every power must always live, his thought well never drop. The midst of things about him lies, he thinks not where to stop. An idea ho! O, muses please, be kind to him once more. Suggest to him what he may laud, or what he may deplore.

And should he make a step that's false, keen men on him will pounce. "See here. What's this? I told you so. Your brain weighs not an ounce." A lesser moment though, he writes a page or two that's fair. His favor then runs high, though we grant th' occasion rare. A grin sardonic on his face, he takes the good and bad. He can not be made angry; he will not be made glad.

The hard life is a merry life, daily impossible's done. A task it is to smaller folk, the editor makes it fun. Student opinion's a bit of clay, moulded at his will. A suggestion meets approval 'ill his edict makes it nil. He knows his life's a piece of a life. He's gone to the dogs through ink, but still he knows he's with his ship though the doughty vessel sink.

—R. M. A.

SECOND YEAR MEN INSPECT FRESHMEN

Sophomores Surprise Yearlings And Conduct Wholesale Customs Check-up

REEDER AND H. S. BUCK ADDRESS PEP GATHERING

With an outburst that dispelled all doubt as to the attitude of the sophomore class in regards to the carrying out of Penn State tradition, the entire body of second year men took the freshmen by surprise last night and conducted a wholesale check-up of customs as their contribution to Check-up Week.

Unknown to the freshmen, the sophomores held a meeting in Old Chapel last night just before the regular freshmen gathering which was called at seven-thirty o'clock. A. J. Gares, president of the class, presided and urged the second year men to thoroughly inspect all plebes.

Reeder, Buck Speak S. L. Reeder, senior class president, and H. S. Buck, head cheerleader, spoke at the meeting and pointed out to the sophomores their prerogatives in maintaining Penn State traditions.

Following the pep session the entire second-year body moved to the Bull Pen and there "penned" in the freshmen. The first-year men were allowed to leave the meeting place but only after a rigid review of socks, dinks, bibbles and matches.

Search Out Delinquents While this inspection was being conducted other sophomores divided into small groups and scattered throughout the town, searching for crying freshmen who had spent the evening in places other than at their class meeting.

Not content with checking up on all yearlings who could be found on the streets and campus, a committee of the sophomore class obtained permission of the manager of the Cathaum theatre to enter the movie and demand that all freshmen leave their seats. These unfortunates were met at the door and dealt with deservingly.

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Fifty Freshmen Get Haircuts, Bird-cages

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Evaswick would not need to bring any ham. Evaswick was late, but it seemed that he had a perfectly valid excuse, for he had "been down to see the cow-boys in the movies at that nice theatre on the front street."

M. J. Borthwick, who made his second how to the Tribunal Wednesday evening, will also have his hair dressed ala collegiate on Co-op corner Tuesday evening at seven o'clock. He will wear a shredded wheat box to keep his ears warm and a sign with the caption, "Just a Blockhead."

W. E. Albright will adorn the Campus with a fruit basket head-dress and a sign bearing the words, "I am a Peach." His misdemeanors were general.

The remainder of the five hundred cases will be acted upon in Tribunal meetings during the next two weeks.

DEBATING TEAM TO MEET RUTGERS HERE TONIGHT

Modification of Volstead Act Opposed by Undefeated Negative Squad

The team that has gone undefeated in all its forensic encounters, including a heated battle with Lincoln university last week, will meet another threatening rival when the Rutgers trio opens its verbal barrage on the Volstead question here tonight. Hostilities will open in the Auditorium at eight o'clock.

The debate will be an open forum contest in which the audience may express its opinions and also decide the winners. Penn State's representatives, N. R. Adams '28, J. W. Brandt '29, and Gilbert Nurick '28, will maintain the negative side of the argument: "Resolved, That the Volstead act should be amended to permit the use of light wines and beer."

Until Saturday the Lions had an unblemished record. Though the affirmative group dropped two contests over the week-end the whole squad has been strengthening its arguments this week and is entrancing itself to continue its winning tactics against the speakers from President Thomas' university.

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GRID AND DIAMOND PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Line Candidates and Battery Aspirants Working Out In Stock Pavilion

VETERANS DIRECT WORK IN ABSENCE OF BEZDEK

Hampered by Coach Bezdek's forced absence, the winter football and baseball practice sessions are nevertheless being held regularly. Three times a week the footballers work out under the direction of "Don" Green-shield, "Dinger" Dangerfield, "Red" Darrough and "Pin" Pincura. The diamond candidates are indulging in their pre-season conditioning under the supervision of several of last year's letter men. Practices are being held at the stock pavilion.

Blackboard signal drill and dummy scrimmage comprised the work accomplished by the griders at the three practices last week. Although the men are being drilled in many of the fundamental signals, condition, form and proper methods of offense and defense are the points being stressed.

With the baseballers, Al Lesko is the only veteran receiver working out. "Heinic" Harris, varsity first baseman, several newcomers, and Lesko are handling the shoots of fifteen men trying out for the pitching assignments.

Prospects look bright for the 1927 Penn State ball team. With both Sty-buski and Haines swinging mighty arms and backed up with Van Atta, Plotts, Campbell, and the two twirlers Roepke and Phil Page, who are now busy with basketball, Lesko and Harrington will have a warm time behind the plate.

Battery practice sessions are held in the Stock-judging Pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Agricultural Students Hold Banquet Monday

The winter short course students in agriculture which closes today and the instructors in this special work held their annual banquet Monday evening at the University Club. Mr. F. R. Topley of Monroe county and Mr. Harry Poorbaugh of York served as toastmasters.

Short addresses were given by Acting Dean of the School of Agriculture, M. S. McDowell, and several other instructors. Expressions of appreciation by those who enrolled in it two months ago have been received by the department.

Thirty-two students will receive certificates of graduation, three of whom are girls. Fifty-one students completed the two weeks course.

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