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### CUSTOMS—OVER-EMPHASIZED!

Unless something in the nature of an idea hits the seven men who do all the thinking for Student Council, the class of 1931 will see its successors receiving diplomas on matriculating (as an alumnus suggests) and replacing the faculty on graduating. This, some seriously point out, would not be a bad move. Nevertheless, we object to it, at the risk of being damned as conservatives we object to it. To us customs have seemed important not merely because our predecessors have believed in them but because they have appealed to us. And it strikes us that if the majority of the students now attending Penn State are convinced that freshmen should have to obey certain rules, that seniors should be entitled to certain privileges then Student Council should follow that opinion—or at least acknowledge it out of sheer courtesy and sentiment. Instead, a group of self-styled wise men last year dictated a revolt and called the resulting confusion, student government.

Evidently there is a struggle between tyranny and democracy with a declaration of independence hanging in the offing. What surprises us most is that it has been hanging so long. The failure of the student governors to realize that a feeling of resentment exists at their high-handed measures last year, indicates either that they are asleep or are merely overlooking it out of convenience. One of these days an outraged mob will storm the Liberal Arts Bastille to inform their representatives that if there is any revolting to be done they, the students, will do it. Some of them will carry clubs. The debate will be general. So will the fight. Student Council will attempt to lay the blame on the Tribunal, or better yet on the students themselves, for failing to report the guilty ones. But the students will yell bunk, and carry the fight to the finish.

To some, perhaps, our attitude seems a bit severe. To others it may appear prejudiced. As a matter of fact we don't give a hang. We are of the opinion that students matriculating at Penn State have not in the space of a year reached the point where they can do without customs—and a customless institution is the current ballyhoo. Freshmen appear to us no more intelligent than the freshmen of a year ago, and the faculty has reported no indications of brilliance—certainly none whatever of halo. Yet there is the insistence by a few that the experiments of Move-up Day, already wobbly with abuse, be made permanent. Even the alumni have noticed the difference a year has made in college spirit and are deploring it, satirically, with the suggestion that the faculty be made to wear dinks. Very obviously tradition is on its last legs, and even these are bow-legged.

### BACK TO THE TOP

If Penn State teams continue riling up victories as they have been doing in the past two weeks, it will become platitudinous for as much as to hint that the college is "up there," athletically speaking. Certainly the Nittany Lion has come into its own, providing, incidentally, metaphors (of doubtful quality) for avid newspaper reporters. A comeback always wins the heart of the people. And the Nittany Lion, as Pennsylvania and Syracuse—and mayhap Lafayette—will attest, has come back.

What a change the past two weeks have seen! Shrouded in gloom after a heart-breaking defeat, both the student body and the team have emerged not only hopeful and courageous, but victorious. None of your arrogant, puffed up braggadocio, but a hearty fighting spirit has prevailed. There have been better football teams than the present Penn State eleven, there have been none gamer. And by the same token the spirit of the undergraduates has flamed as valiantly. Three years the students waited without more than one really major victory, and though a losing spell is inevitable in all colleges—for details consult Harvard—few college student bodies have exhibited the faith that Penn State undergraduates have shown in their team and its coach, now hailed as a miracle man. But it's old stuff for "Bez."

Last season gave indications that Penn State was to resume its place at the top. Its cross-country, soccer and boxing teams won intercollegiate championships, its track team finished second in the great intercollegiate title event, its basketball and baseball teams ranked among the best in college ranks. Only the football team remained below par. And so long as its eleven did not come up to its usual position, many were prone to overlook the achievements of

its other athletic teams. But this year the Blue and White set out to make a clean sweep. Already its eleven has bowled over two hitherto undefeated teams. Already its cross-country squad has been hailed as "the greatest team in the country today." Already the soccer team is rolling up new records. Surely it is a Penn State year.

### FOR FRESHMEN ONLY

It will be of interest to the freshmen (we flatter ourselves) to learn that tomorrow night the COLLEGIAN will ask candidates for its editorial staff to report for their initial meeting. It will be of more than usual interest, because more than the usual number of freshmen have professed an interest in the craft of journalism. The path the freshman reporter must follow is an easy one. As some have cruelly stated, anyone can learn to write—for the COLLEGIAN. This barb while more or less influenced by the inconveniences the president of the Humpty Dumpty Club suffers when a reporter rouses him three times a week by telephone, has in it a sting of truth. Any freshman of ordinary intelligence can "make" the staff—alas! many will say. But faculty members tell us that during his apprenticeship the freshman reporter will learn considerably more about the English language than he can possibly absorb in the classroom.

### MR. RUSSELL AND WE

In these days when liberalism and conservatism come to grips frequently enough to support a dozen worthless publications, there arises inevitably the accusation that the authorities of colleges—especially of state colleges—are placing their hands over the newspaper editor's mouth every time he opens it to speak. We know, despite Mr. Bertrand Russell's observations, of at least one state college where the editor's mouth and the authorities' hands are very far apart. Nothing that the COLLEGIAN has ever wished to print has ever been kept from its columns, except by the student journalists themselves.

However, if Mr. Russell is wrong he is interesting. He says "In the private universities it is the wishes of the millionaires from whom they seek endowments. In the state universities it is the parsons." This is the first time (if Mr. Russell's generalization includes us) that we have been informed that preachers run this college. About the only evidence we have of this sort of thing is in the clergymen's vehement denunciation of the Sunday blue law—and even there the authorities don't listen to them, darn it.

## The Bullosopher's Chair

### Session One

"What would happen, Smithers, if the football manager resigned because he preferred an 'A' in Biblical Literature to an 'S' in football?"

Smithers:—Since you mention it, Bullosopher, I should say that the manager would be regarded as mentally unbalanced. In the first place why should he be studying Biblical Literature? In the second place why should he prefer an 'A' to an 'S'? And in the third place what difference does it make?

"Ah well, the football manager at Harvard has just resigned."

### Session Two

"If it is true that more than sixty percent of the senior class etc. below in honor points, what is the faculty going to do about it?"

Smithers:—Search me.

"Well what do you think it will do?"

Smithers:—Being merely an undergraduate, Bullosopher, I do not know. However, assuming myself in the possession of a desk and a grey beard, I should advocate that the faculty get the selves a system less likely to prove a boomerang. If half of the senior class doesn't graduate the prof. will be in the Dickens of a fix. The classrooms will be choked. The instructors won't have the time either, for a round of golf at a cocktail. Anyway you look at it it seems to be a bad bargain.

"But scholarship Smithers, you know, is less objectionable than education with greased grades."

Smithers:—But in the faculty wishes to raise the standard of its students why doesn't it adopt a strictly scientific method of passing grade instead of "dickering around with a system that confuses even deans and makes regular blubber?"

"Why doesn't the faculty resign?"

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Editors Collegian, Dear Sirs:

Time was when the removal of the hat, like the ringing of the Old Main Bell, was reserved for sanctioned occasions such as meeting the future in-law, going to the barber, or becoming a senior. But nowadays, in keeping with the modern spirit of univocal marriages, hats' week, infant kings, etc., immunity from the dinky hat has been granted to that particular group of sophisticates known as juniors.

"We have to get used to it," is the junior's gloomy apology for the infringement; while the senior solemnly changes his loss of distinction to academic charity and dismisses the matter with a forced smile. The local representatives of Mrs. Dobbs and Mr. Stetson have offered only unbelievably mild expositions, probably on the theory that the senior finding his privilege too common to be pleasurable will revert to the Fedora, and business will be just as good as usual. Thus we find that though lack of respectation rather than strength of institution those collegians, who for the decade immediately preceding 1925 produced an annual blight in the form of class hats, now have gone to the opposite extreme and present a nudity which might sustain the charge of innocent exposure.

Let the fact be known that bareheadedness was bestowed on the senior purely as a means of class distinction, and neither logic nor loquacity can support the extension of his privilege to a lower class. If the three-yearlings, for purposes of hair-health, pompadour parade, or easy economy, find doffing a necessity, they should seek the non-confining beyond the three mile limit, shed the straw, and take a long walk. And if they desire not to get too far from the College, they can walk in a circle. But a bald junior promouncing on Allen street is as welcome a sight as a freshman on the front campus petting out prettiest co-ed.

Move-up Week has provided sufficient attendant evils in the form of annoyance, usurpation, and general freshness. The embalming of the junior's tam will tend still further to obliterate the lines of class demarcation. Gentlemen of Penn State, beware! Let not down that day when matriculating freshman will be awarded his diploma just so he can get used to having it around.

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## FORESTERS PLAN SAWMILL DISPLAY

Will Study Action of Crawler Tractor When Used For Lumbering Work

## ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

With the intention of increasing their knowledge of present day methods and practices in the saw milling industry, about seven hundred and fifty Pennsylvania sawmill representatives and owners arrive in State College this week-end for the fourth annual Portable Sawmill Week.

The convention conducted under the auspices of the Forestry department, assisted by the department of Farm Machinery officially opened in the forestry woodlot yesterday with a study of scientific wood-sawing methods and will close tomorrow afternoon with the Lafayette-Penn State football game.

The program contains many important lectures and demonstrations of current problems confronting the industry, as well as studies of new methods of operation and management in charge of four competent men the daily demonstrations of a fully equipped portable sawmill will be the outstanding exhibition. Among other important features there will be instruction in grading and sawing lumber and methods of filling and fitting saws.

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## "Y" Solicitors Start Annual Drive Monday

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will canvass the non-fraternity men for subscriptions.  
J. H. Smith, Eastern division manager of the Fuller Brush company, New York city, will address the managers, lieutenants, and solicitors at a supper in the University club the opening night of the campaign for the purpose of urging the men on to their goal. President Gwin, who was in charge of the arrangements for the supper, has also invited R. L. Sackett, dean of the School of Engineering, and other faculty members to speak to the gathering.

## Hillmen Succumb To Lion Harrier Combine

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ninth and Sawin in tenth, completed the scorer's list of finishers. Osterling, Gehring, Pettit and Carpenter brought up the race.

## Lions Prepare Lightly

Treading the strange course gingerly, the seven Nittany cross-country finishers accompanied by Coach Nate Catmell walked the four and a half mile distance Friday morning to familiarize themselves with the steep grades and muddy paths.

In the afternoon equipment was donned and a light work-out occupied the latter part of the day. Long, swinging strides carried the Nittany captain and his cohorts over the Mount Olympus course with speed and strength that boded ill for the Orange-clad men and filled spectators with no slight premonition of the race's outcome.

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TUESDAY—Nittany—Florence Vidor in "ONE WOMAN TO ANOTHER"  
WEDNESDAY—Adolphe Menjou in "A GENTLEMAN OF PARIS"  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY—Ramon Novarro, Marceline Day in "THE ROAD TO ROMANCE"  
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SATURDAY—Constance Talmadge in "BREAKFAST AT SUNRISE"

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