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### FORTUNATE FRESHMEN, WELCOME!

If an indefatigable statistician wished to invade a novel field of research, he might calculate just how many times a chain of words taken from all the speeches of welcome directed at the class of 1932 at Penn State between today and the opening day of college would circumbulate old Mount Nittany.

Speeches of welcome, besides being interesting by comparison, are extremely necessary. Someone besides fraternity salesmen and hometown friends must greet the newcomers officially, hand out the key to the college and campus—for a few days—and express the cordiality of Penn State. Someone must venture a bit of fatherly advice and make a prediction or two concerning the future of the class of 1932.

If we may, we'd like to be the first to salute you, fortunate freshmen. Fortunate, we say, because you are only beginning the happy adventure which some of us shall be ending too soon; lucky because you are matriculating at one of the most democratic and fascinating colleges in the country; because you are about to learn of obedience, college spirit, friendship and fraternity as you never have learned of them before.

Those of us who were born too soon envy you who are about to make history for old Penn State during the early years of her new era of success, accomplishment and prosperity. The new gymnasium, dormitories, infirmary, engineering buildings and the handsome proposed student union are all for your future use and convenience.

Welcome, fortunate freshmen—and good luck!

### FOR FRESHMEN ONLY

The freshmen are here. And from now on, words of advice will resound in classrooms, litter the street corners and flutter faintly into eager, believing ears. There will be organized advice, well spoken and eloquently delivered, there will be "official" advice and informal advice and secret advice. All sorts of advice.

Even our foolish contemporaries, the Prothmoguls, have sensed the gravity of advice giving to such an extent that they have offered the first counsel in a serious manner. Even the Collegian joins the ranks of sages long enough to comment on what is perhaps the three most outstanding problems of the incoming and inexperienced freshmen, namely, fraternities, customs and traditions and contacts.

When a prospective pledge is being rushed by two or more fraternities, his troubles begin. He has been treated so hospitably by each group that he fears to make his final decision. He is stumped, perplexed. Knowing that the best years of his early life are to be spent among the men of his choice, the freshman should select his associates judiciously. That a fraternity possesses an array of high sounding campus offices should be of little import. Consider men, character and personality first. Fraternities are not purposed to acquire a shelf of shining trophies or to intrigue men of athletic prowess, even though in many cases such a degrading tendency is apparent. There is a much higher, a more noble purpose. Consider it carefully.

Customs, hampering as they may seem, are really beneficial as you will discover in due time. True enough, they are often petty, silly and inconvenient, but they help teach the yearling a lesson that he will grow to value, the lesson of obedience. Every man, no matter how great, how powerful, must learn obedience to some one. Secondly, the little green drink and funeral socks and tie and contagious "Hello" will bind the class of 1932 with the common ties of companionship, hospitality and respect, a trivium essential to real friendship.

Generally speaking, Penn State traditions are fine and admirable, really inspiring to the man with an iota of imagination. There are deplorable traditions, too, resulting from unfair criticism and the yearly utterances of constant fools. Traditionally R. O. T. C. and the co-eds are regarded generally disdainfully. Yet there is no real argument for such an attitude. It simply exists because the narrow views are accepted annually by the newcomers without any care of thought, without any extensive reasoning. The correction of such an impression would be a noble cause for which the present freshman class could work.

Even professors and instructors and department heads are condemned by unthinking students who know the accused examples merely as they were described last year, two years ago and years and years back instead of as the men they really are. Never accept an opinion of either a professor or student until you have made a personal and careful investigation. Often you will discover that the unpopular figure has more admirable qualities than have been credited him.

Contacts, associations with men and activities, deserve thorough consideration by the freshmen. You should realize early the future value of them and gather facts about character, types, habits and the value of friendship. It is even advisable to undertake some extra-curricular activity, something to develop initiative, personality and perseverance, something to stimulate an additional interest in Penn State, something to bind you closer to this institution of your choice.

### THE NEW ERA

Newspapers have not announced it. Historians are not recording it. Students are not celebrating it. Yet there is little doubt that Penn State, despite the apparent indifference of her constituents, is unconsciously passing into a new era—an era of prosperity, advancement, growth, success. Hand-capped to some extent by lack of finances, this institution has pushed itself to the fore among America's great colleges by her invaluable gift to national education, by her services to this state and many others and by her extensive research work.

Every year, thousands of people benefit directly and indirectly by Penn State service. Farmers, engineers and their concerns, chemists and men of every industry receive some aid, be it great or small, from Penn State. The recipients have been grateful. They have realized the value of this college, they have found an interest in her and her advancement, they have sensed the new era.

If, when the \$8,000,000 bond issue for equipment and general improvements at Penn State waits the approval of voters in the November election, the thousands chance to remember past favors and therefore cast their votes favorably, there will be little question of the success of the issue and Penn State will merge into the newest of new eras, into the greatest of great eras.

### The Bullosopher's Chair

Smithers: Greetings, Bullosopher. You've had a pleasant summer, and all that, you're looking well, and all that—

Bullosopher: "Yes, yes. I'm in the best of shape, physically and mentally for our verbal combats and I hope that you will offer me at least some cheap sort of competition this year. (Ahem)"

Smithers: As I thought, you're the same old Bullosopher, conceited, overconfident, and without a pleasant word for your old school companion. Haven't you learned—

Bullosopher: "By the way, that reminds me that I have learned a few things this summer. I know, for example, why ink smells so putrid, why some hair is wavy and some straight, why girls no longer seek beauty of face in a man, and dozens of interesting little things."

Smithers: "I've even learned that there are two types of dates—intellectual and otherwise, and that the majority have leaning toward the otherwise. Of course, I've always felt that there were dates other than the common type, but I never dreamed they would be called intellectual."

Bullosopher: And have you ever had an intellectual date?

Smithers: "Frequently."

Bullosopher: And have you always enjoyed them?

Smithers: "Yes and no. Depending, of course, upon the companion. If she is clever and interesting, mildly and pleasantly satirical and still keeps her head on her shoulders, then I can spend an enjoyable evening of conversation. If she is dumb, says 'yes' to your every assertion, says 'cute,' 'wonderful' and 'zealand,' and indulges in superlatives, then I'm in for a damp evening, unless, of course, I convert the intellectual date into a common one."

Bullosopher: (pen-sive): Hm. I see Strategy and resourcefulness, instead of perfection of feature and immaculateness of dress, become important factors in this new era of necking, shall we call it?

Smithers: "Exactly. But of course the old hangovers still serve a modern purpose, just as the fancy frills on a cake make it appear more palatable."

Bullosopher: For our first agreement in months, I'll concede that the age of fancy cakes is past.

### Custom Revisions Greet Yearlings

Freshmen this year will be greeted by a slight change in College customs, which, while not extensive may be considered conducive towards pleasure in the ranks of freshmen.

The alterations, five in number, are especially designed to lessen the troubles of the first year men. One of the revisions is that which grants the use of any of the doors in Old Main to the freshmen. Formerly they were allowed to enter and leave the building by only the East door, front door and through the "Y" Hut.

Other changes made at the last meeting of student council include the dropping of the following rules:

"When leaving Chapel, the faculty passes out first and the seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen follow in order."

"Freshmen may not linger in the vicinity of Co-op corner."

"Freshmen shall not wear athletic, society, or class insignia from preparatory schools."

"Freshmen shall attend all class recitations."

Recommendations for a different type of Stunt Night also were submitted to the Council, and some action may be taken early this fall. The recommendation suggests that members of the Druid and Fint societies take an active part in the program.

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Commissions Grant Right-of-Way From Stover Station To Tyrone

The Interstate Commerce and Public Service Commissions recently handed down a decision granting complete trackage rights to the Bellefonte Central railroad from State College to Tyrone.

The Bellefonte Central was given permission to build the six-mile connecting link from State College to Fairbrook, annex the Fairbrook branch of the Pennsylvania railroad from Fairbrook to Stover Station and were conceded trackage rights over the Pennsylvania railroad from Stover Station to Tyrone.

Officials of the local railroad have let the contract for building the new six-mile stretch to a construction com-

### Prof. Dedrick Prepares Articles for Magazine

Prof. Dedrick has not definitely decided how many articles he will write. All will concern the processes used in the milling of flour which has been developed at the College experiment station as well as the production of foods from flour and the research work in which he has been interested.

Putting to advance the general knowledge concerning the production of flour and its associated products, Prof. Benjamin W. Dedrick, of the mechanical engineering department, is planning a series of articles in Food Industries, a magazine published by the McGraw-Hill Publishing company.

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THURSDAY—  
H. B. Warner, Leatrice Joy in "MAN-MADE WOMEN"

FRIDAY—  
William Boyd, Jacqueline Logan in "THE COP"

SATURDAY—  
Colleen Moore, Ford Sterling, Lawrence Gray in "OH KAY"

MONDAY—  
Reginald Denny, Sam Hardy in "THE NIGHT BIRD"

TUESDAY—  
Marion Davies, Jetta Goudal in "THE CARDBOARD LOVER"

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