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SOPHOMORE CUSTOMS

No progress is ever made unless some tradition is set aside. And tradition without any definite value is often ignored to the extent that it passes out of existence...

Fewer violations of Penn State customs would occur if dress regulations and other restrictions were limited to the first-year students. It is hard for custom violators to force freshmen to obey additional customs...

If dress customs have any value at all, and at many of the larger colleges, in the country their value in student training has been minimized, their worth is certainly not applicable to students who have become well acclimated to college life...

The problem of customs, long a live issue here, might be solved next year if Student Council would eliminate second-year dress rulings altogether and possibly shorten the duration of freshman regulations with the stipulation that they be strictly enforced by Tribunal in the curtailed period.

A recent communication from a Penn State "radical" who was apparently too radical to sign his name, revealed a certain conversation which the author said took place in the average "bull session"...

Because numerous unsigned letters have been received, we must again state our policy of not publishing any communications unless they bear the signature of their author. The signature will be eliminated from the printed letter if desired, but no letter will be published unless it has been signed.

ELECTION CODE CHANGES

The few infractions of the election laws, and some of the unpleasantness which cropped up, in the vicinity of the ballot boxes, might be entirely eliminated next year if the sound recommendations of the election committee officials are incorporated in the 1932 code.

Making and casting ballots in a room where students are not allowed to gather will encourage independent voting. A voter will be assured of privacy when he marks his ballot. Loitering about the polls will not be allowed, if the recommendations are adopted, and the entire process of voting for class officers will be carried through in a more efficient and dignified manner.

Although it is believed that comparatively few students had their ballots "cast by proxy," this practice will be further stamped out if athletic passes are substituted next year for matriculation cards. Of course, a strict check of those students actually in college will be necessary if this system is to be used, but it is apparent that the athletic card has all the merits of the matriculation with the added advantage of the voter's photograph for complete identification.

Finally, if the entire elections code is definitely compiled and published yearly in the freshman bible, fewer disputes will arise and the committee will have something more definite to back its decisions.

Another custom went the way of many other Penn State traditions Saturday afternoon. The annual tug-of-war, traditionally between the freshmen and sophomores, resulted in a battle between two groups of yearlings. Those who are saddened by the passing of another tradition might as well look at the whole thing philosophically. There is no need for forcing a traditional custom on a group of students who are definitely opposed to it.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Every time we see a Lambda Chi, now, we feel like bursting into sympathetic tears. They've had a horrible tragedy, way out there. After eighteen years of earnest endeavor the Lambda Chis have been awarded only one cup for their mantlepiece.

Well, you can imagine how elated the brothers were when they heard that their team had won the ping-pong championship. And that they were to be awarded a nice, big cup, with the names of the players printed on it and everything. Well, and then this individual who ran the tournament skipped town, cup and all.

After we told you about Snookly Sevast and her fifty-one different dates, we heard about a couple of others with pretty good records over there in the Fraser Street Doim. Vi Palumba, for instance, has gone out with at least forty-four fellows this year, and Dell Romanovsky seems to be coming along fine, but she lost count some time ago.

For instance, we want to know whether these girls have so many dates because of some particular charms, or if there is a reason for their having so many different dates. Aren't there any repeaters? Well, we'll see if we can't find out. That is, if it's possible to get near the place.

Bob Beachbold, Flotthman, wrote a nifty article the other night. He was in a fog at the time, and, very appropriately, he wrote how college drinking was surely on the decline. Bob sent the article to the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and they used it in their publication.

When the Sociology class visited Rockview Penitentiary some of the boys had a lot of fun. Bill Bailey, in particular, was having a top-topping time trying to get in a cell. He finally did get in one, and somebody locked the door. Yep, they let him out later, all right.

During the recent election excitement people tried to vote with auto licenses, Y. M. C. A. cards, and what not, and somebody wanted to trade a ballot for a cigar.

And there was a freshman who came up to the Commerce and Finance table looking rather bewildered.

"C & F" asked the election official "No, Sigma Nu," replied the freshman.

About town and campus. Nap Bauber, second Alpha Chi Sig Junior Class President in three years. Evie Reese, former Big Political Boss, dropped into town to survey the political situation and Jenn Davis. Is Bob Faries still in school?

We pass hot-shot Harry McCoy with an Old Main waitress. as usual he sneezes at us as only Harry can. Clay Musser, newlywed, is yawning awfully these days. Cully Deiser at the Move-Up Dance in evening pajamas. she was with Sid Chapman, that teetotal, mustachioed fellow. Happy, Happy Soper, with those red, red cheeks. Bernice Roubert posing prettily for Howard Elliston, our portrait painter. Bob Higgins has a new baby girl. Is beauty an asset or a liability in co-ed politics? Ask Sue Allen. she ought to know. Bet we get on your collateral reading pals.

Notes by Schools

The following statistics are a summary of how separate Schools voted for the class presidents in the elections of last week, according to election committee figures.

- Agriculture: Myers, 69, Crookston, 30, Bauder, 98, Conn, 38, Anderson, 56, Balthaser, 43
Chemistry and Physics: Myers, 16, Crookston, 22, Bauder, 41, Conn, 37, Anderson, 66, Balthaser, 61
Education: Myers, 35, Crookston, 17, Bauder, 32, Conn, 21, Anderson, 15, Balthaser, 24
Engineering: Myers, 149, Crookston, 49, Bauder, 130, Conn, 88, Anderson, 164, Balthaser, 113
Liberal Arts: Myers, 101, Crookston, 90, Bauder, 99, Conn, 95, Anderson, 105, Balthaser, 71
Mineral Industries: Myers, 15, Crookston, 13, Bauder, 21, Conn, 21, Anderson, 12, Balthaser, 26
Totals: Myers, 415, Crookston, 221, Bauder, 427, Conn, 303, Anderson 477, Balthaser, 378.

KUNDRED TO SPEAK TONIGHT

Anthony Kundred, flower breeder and gladiola expert, will speak on flowers in Room 107 Main Engineering building at 7 o'clock tonight. Mr. Kundred, who owns the largest plant nursery and gladiola farm in the country will visit the College as a part of a tour through eastern cities.

GAIN MINING CERTIFICATES

One hundred and sixty-two employees of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company at Shenandoah, recently received certificates in mining from the College. These men constitute the largest class on record to be graduated from the three-year course conducted by the School of Mineral Industries extension department.

WEAVER REVEALS, FARM INCOME OF 38 PERCENT IN BULLETIN

That Pennsylvania farmers pay thirty-eight percent of their net income in taxes is explained in a bulletin on rural problems compiled by Dr. Frederick P. Weaver, head of the department of agricultural economics. With mining the only other enterprise of those studied having an equally high percentage, the State farmers paid in one year eleven million dollars more than they would have paid under a system based on incomes.

STEIDLE ATTENDS MEETING

Dean Edward C. Steidle, of Mineral Industries School, attended the meeting of the National Industrial Conference board in New York city recently. World energy and the competitive position of coal were the topics discussed. Dean Steidle also visited Lafayette college and Lehigh university on his return trip from New York.

SPEAKS ON TAX PROBLEMS

Prof. Frederick P. Weaver, head of the department of agricultural economics, spoke on "Rural Tax Problems in Pennsylvania" before the Greensburg Kiwanis club Wednesday night.

PUGH LEADS CONFERENCE

David B. Pugh, of the teacher training extension department, conducted DuBois and Clearfield, last Tuesday and Wednesday.



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Miner.. Convict.. Editor anything to get the facts "Hands up!—and make it quick," shouted the burly mine-guard, holding his gun on a dusty, tired person who had just emerged from the shaft. "What for?" countered this individual. "You know me... I'm the editor who went down there to get a story." "Yeh—how do I know you're the one that went in?" said the guard. "Anyone of them lifers might knock a guy out and take his clothes." There is a lot of adventure in the editor's day's work sometimes. For example, this incident at a Southern coal mine where convict labor was then employed exclusively. A McGraw-Hill editor had gone down the shaft to get a story, to investigate some new processes that were being used. McGraw-Hill editors are not out seeking thrills. Their job is to cover the field, to know what is going on, to be where things are happening, to see the right men, to get the news, to study every important development and trend. They must be... they are... the eyes and ears of the readers and must bring to them the ever-changing picture of modern industry and business. That is why McGraw-Hill Publications are so vital to the business and industrial world today. That is why they are playing such an important part in the nation's industrial development. You who are about to step out into industry should make it your business to learn what industry's present leaders are doing and thinking now. You can do so by reading the McGraw-Hill Publication in your chosen field. Copies of these Publications are—or should be—in your college library. Business men, industrialists and engineers—600,000 of them—regularly read the McGraw-Hill Publications. More than 3,000,000 use McGraw-Hill books and magazines in their business. The Business Week, System, Howard Business Review, Aviation, Factory and Industrial Management, Industrial Engineering, Trade World, Food Industries, Sea Transportation, Electric Railway Journal, Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering, OVERSEAS PUBLICATIONS (Electricidad, The American Automobile, Ingénieur International, American Machinist, American Engineer, Engineering and Mining World, Published by an associate company, Business Publishers International Corporation)