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FRESHMAN WEEK AND RUSHING

Probably at no other time has Penn State so warmly and so enthusiastically welcomed a freshman class. Almost simultaneously with the College welcome to the Class of 1935, Penn State fraternities also extend welcoming hands to the new class. Freshman Week and Rushing begin together, and together they combine to formate probably the most active two-week period in the lives of the newest Penn State students.

If the purpose of Freshman Week is carried through students will become acclimated to the College and at the same time will have received enough information to launch them successfully on an all-important four year period.

If the purpose of Rushing is carried through successfully, at the end of a fifteen day period freshmen will find themselves safely quartered among friends, who have proved themselves congenial and who are vitally interested in the welfare of the new pledges.

Only the strictest observance of the Rushing Code on the part of both freshmen and upperclassmen will prevent the defeat of the primary objectives of Freshman Week.

Not until the first day of actual classroom work will freshmen be required to observe College customs as adopted by Student Council. But there is always one custom that should be observed at all times. The Penn State "hello" is more than just an underclass custom. It is a tradition that should be observed by all classes.

MORE THAN VICTORY

With many misgivings and a few audible groans, Penn State's student body several years ago greeted the announcement that in the future the College would offer no financial remuneration for athletic service. These doubts were not confined to the undergraduate body. There were alumni, and many of them, who voiced definite disapproval. And there were still more who offered no open objection although they looked forward to Penn State's athletic future with heavy hearts.

For several years Penn State teams have felt the effects of this new policy. Gradually, while other college teams have built up their football squads with experienced players, and made these players attractive offers, Penn State has taken young men with little previous experience and has refused to hold them with scholarships.

The 1931 football squad, facing a schedule as difficult as almost any team in the East, is composed entirely of men who receive absolutely no financial assistance from the College for their services on the gridiron. Looking at this situation from a comparative angle, it seems almost impossible for the Penn State eleven to compete with the high grade teams on the schedule.

And yet, strange to say, the student body does not seem to be gloomy over the outlook. Naturally, there is pessimism found in some corners, but the majority seem to view the situation with a feeling of relief—relief that Penn State has players on the field who are playing the game without the "win at any cost" idea—without any touch of professionalism in their makeup.

This is not an expression of the fact that Penn State students do not expect and hope for many victories during the coming football campaign. The long pre-season drills in the hot sun would seem ridiculous unless the ultimate aim of the coaches and players was victory over Pitt or Colgate or Syracuse. However, the stand taken by College officials against subsidization, and the hearty backing of this policy by an undergraduate majority, must indicate that at Penn State something in addition to victory is expected of its representatives on the gridiron.

The nation-wide economic crisis has apparently not affected the enrollment of Penn State's newest class. The 1,250 students form a group nearly 75 in excess of last fall's class. The depression, however, has taken its toll here, for there are many indications that the business slump has caused a serious dropping off in the enrollment of the three upper classes.

Director Bealek is to be congratulated for developing a well rounded intramural sports program during Freshman Week, pointing towards an attempt to relieve for a time the muddled brains of freshmen who are endeavoring to absorb a great deal of valuable instruction and advice within a short period.

OLD MANIA

There is a quaint old custom at this institution whereby practically every able bodied party who gets a chance to write a Message to the incoming freshmen does just that. This department has been scratching its head and biting its fingernails for these two weeks past, trying to think of something new & different to heap upon the poor boys, and we finally crashed thru in our usual Big Way. The Old Mania here presents a few valuable hints on

How To Study

Anybody really interested in finding out how to study can save themselves a lot of time and trouble by turning to page two of the September 10th issue of this rag, where there are two columns of fatherly advice on the subject, and trying to make head or tail of either column. It's all way over our head. For instance, it says: "But the importance of acquiring true or factual knowledge should not be minimized for on it depends the ability of using knowledge." Maybe you can dope that out. As far as we're concerned (and we're not concerned very much, believe us) it's just another way of saying, "You can drive a Rolls-Royce phaeton from here to Tyrone in thirty minutes if you have a Rolls-Royce phaeton."

Then there is a blurb which goes like this: "By continually forcing oneself to speed up, by skipping wisely, and by reading phrases and sentences instead of words, rapid reading can be developed." Now that's all right as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. That's all right for the first two weeks or so—just skipping dinky little sentences and paragraphs. But after a couple of weeks, a really good student can force himself to skip whole pages at a time. Pretty soon he will be able to force himself to skip chapters, and from there it's only a step to the point where he can skip whole books without batting an eyelid. And by the second or third year of this, even the average student can force himself to skip right past the library as tho it wasn't there.

There, you dopes! If you don't know how to study now, you never will.

One of the Mania's biggest worries at this time of the year is the business of meeting guys. Meeting the lodge bros. is bad enough, because you can usually remember their first names at least, and of course there is the good old time-honored formula. You simply force a fraternal grin all over your pan, extend the right hand, and exhort, "Howayya Joe gee ya lookin' green. have a good summer thanx fine." Once in a while you run across some dizzy bird who starts to tell you all about the swell time he had at the shore & how he practically got engaged to some million-dollar blonde, boy she was a knock-out no foolin' and—about this time you can ease out the nearest exit.

The other night the art editor of *Froth* went up to Old Man to look for something or other in the office, and found it locked. So he hunted up the janitor and asked to be let in the office. The janitor was very nice about it, but he couldn't let anyone in there without a pass—not even the editor-in-chief, let alone some 2nd art editor. "And where," asks Zern, "do I get a pass?" "I dunno," says the fella, "but you gotta have one." Finally a campus cop gave out that Mr. Ebert gave out the passes. So Zern calls up Mr. Ebert and asks if Mr. Ebert would please tell the janitor to let the art editor in the office and this is the art editor speaking. For awhile Mr. Ebert held out on the ground, that he couldn't be positive who he was talking to, but he finally gave in and told the janitor to stick right with the suspicious character and see that he didn't steal any of the priceless bric-a-brac or Persian rugs from the office. The art editor finally got back home without being arrested.

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COLLEGE REVEALS CAMPUS CHANGES

Grounds, Buildings Department
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Extensive reseeding and grading of the campus, the completion of four practice athletic fields, and the adaptation of the old College power plant for research laboratories are the outstanding features in a long list of changes already effected or planned for the near future by the department of grounds and buildings.

Constant reseeding of the main campus and the Allen street mall was made necessary in the last several months, according to Superintendent George W. Ebert. As a result, no functions will be allowed on the front campus until Spring, at least. No restrictions will be placed on the use of the natural amphitheatre southeast of Old Main.

Workmen are now grading out four practice fields for soccer and lacrosse south of the golf course and west of Atherton street. The fields will probably be ready for Spring practice.

Will Remodel Carnegie Library
Early this month plans for the utilization of the old Power plant were under way. Part of the building will be given over to petroleum research under the direction of Dr. Merrell R. Fenske, of the department of chemistry, who accomplished remarkable results in this field last year.

An indirect lighting system will replace the present desk lights in the Carnegie Library reading room before the end of the month, and new floor coverings will be laid in all public space of the library. Schwab auditorium will also benefit in the general overhauling with new floor coverings in the aisles and new stage curtains.

Two new handball courts were constructed in Recreation Hall under the north bleachers with the installation of partitions. A semi-permanent partition will separate the courts from the main floor, and a concealed lighting system will illuminate the courts.

Ban Posters on Campus
Minor changes include a rearrangement of Dean Charles W. Stoddard's office in South Liberal Arts building, cleaning of walls in Old Main, and repair work in the dormitories. The interior of the Armory will be painted this fall.

A new cement walk along the north side of Schwab auditorium was laid last week, while grading operations were conducted in wooded sections northwest of Pond laboratory and

Many Students Apply for Jobs In Coming Year

"I must have some work in order to remain in college," is a statement an unusually large number of students, both freshmen and upper classmen make when seeking jobs at the Christian Association office.

Thirty different kinds of work in which they are experienced are indicated by the students, some of them technical skills.

Believing that none of the townspeople or faculty members want the students to leave because of failure to secure work to help defray expenses, the Penn State Christian Association has made an urgent appeal to all citizens of the town to make a special effort to use student help either to work for board, room or pay by the hour.

WILL MEET AT LYTLE CABIN

The Penn State Christian Association will hold open house for all new students at the Andy Lytle cabin, at Shingletown Gap, Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. J. George Thompson, '33 will act as chairman at this meeting.

west of the Horticulture building.

Inasmuch as no arrangement has yet been made to supply bulletin boards on the campus grounds, Superintendent Ebert has announced that posters will be confined to those in the buildings and that no signs or notices will be allowed on the campus trees or lamp-posts.

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BASIC R.O.T.C. STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE NEW CAPS

Upperclass Officers To Wear Tan Belts, Regular Army Insignia

Modified overseas caps similar to those used in the air service will be issued to basic R. O. T. C. students in place of the overseas caps worn last year, according to an announcement by Captain Winthrop A. Holley of the department of military science and tactics.

The new headpieces will be trimmed with black piping, and will be issued immediately upon their arrival here. A ruling passed by Student Council at its last meeting makes it a tribunal offense for a basic student to omit wearing the cap when in uniform.

Long trousers will replace the breeches worn with riding boots in the advanced R. O. T. C. uniform formerly. Other changes in the advanced uniform include the substitution of regular Army insignia for that used in the past and use of tan Sam Brown belts instead of black ones.

To Enter Agricultural Show

College agricultural authorities will ship five pure-bred beef cattle and three registered horses tomorrow to the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Mass., where they will be shown next week.

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OBTAINS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In order to conduct special research studies on the mental attitude of the workers engaged in repetitive tasks, John R. Richards of the engineering extension staff at the College has been granted a nine-month leave to enroll in the School of Commerce and Administration at the University of Chicago. He will leave State College October 1.

BERG HATS

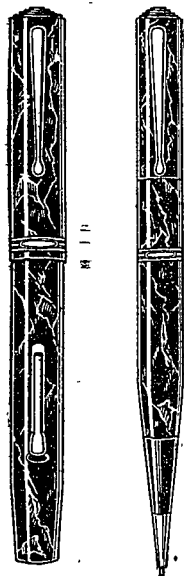


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