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CUSTOMS AGAIN ON TRIAL

Following a trend generally characteristic in colleges throughout the country, last year Student Council abandoned all customs which were not considered constructive and did not contribute in any measure to the highest objectives of the College.

President Hetzel, in his convocation address, struck an important note when he said that the existing customs at Penn State should be measured against the much quoted definition of College Spirit—"absolute and complete loyalty to the highest objectives and ideals of the College."

In revising the customs regulations last year all those customs which were so objectionable to students as to prove detrimental to good spirit in the student body were abolished. It naturally follows, then, that those customs which were retained were considered beneficial by the student governing body.

How students at Penn State will feel about customs in future years is questionable. At present, however, student regulations have decreed that the code of first year customs now in operation here is worthwhile and should be upheld.

Certain factors this year might work towards a still further trend against the strict enforcement of first-year regulations. The general intercollegiate sentiment against the practice, coupled with the fact that this trend possibly influenced Student Council to abandon a few customs here, might easily lead towards swaying the balance a little further and causing the freshmen to ignore the customs which were retained.

The attitude among upperclassmen concerning this question also presents a serious problem with which Student Tribunal must cope. New students rarely find customs unbearable until such a suggestion has been made by an upperclassman.

Whether certain customs here do or do not fulfil their intended purpose is not the most vital phase of the question at present. Customs are a part of Student Council legislation. It is up to the Tribunal to see that these customs in their curtailed form should at least be given a fair trial.

For two years Penn State has existed as the "no-bulletin-board" campus. Meetings have continued, notices should have been posted, but there was no suitable vantage point upon which to post them.

One solution to Penn State's problem of posting notices might be a large, attractively-designed board with a glass case in which notices could be placed. The Student Union could supervise the placing of notices, and all publicity for the board would be submitted there.

INTERFRATERNITY BALL

At the last Interfraternity Council meeting the question of holding Interfraternity Ball Friday night of houseparty was referred to the houses. Sentiment among fraternity men seems to be in favor of retaining the annual affair as a spring social function.

True, if a decision was made to hold the all-Greek affair this fall, a gap would occur on the spring social schedule. However, this is the only real reason suggested in opposition to the proposal of making this all-College function an added attraction for houseparty.

Why not give it a trial? Wouldn't it add to rather than detract from the excitement of fall houseparty? A large dance in Recreation Hall during a colorful season of the year would at least be unique.

The financial saving to all fraternities joining the Ball would amount to nearly one hundred dollars for orchestras alone. Fraternities, however, after having budgeted their incomes to cover this amount, are usually reluctant to make a change, even if the change will result in a substantial saving.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Watching that little, tan dog and that dizzy airplane, we might have had a swell time at the game Saturday if Moon McMillen had only parked himself on the ground during time-out. But Moon insisted on walking around the field and we immediately became annoyed because we couldn't find any reason for the one man parade.

Then it all came to us out of a clear sky, like a check to a football player not enrolled at State. Moon must have been doing some rushing, and the evertions of the game had made it come back to him like a nightmare.

That was just our guess, of course. And we figured that every player answered the same "Nerts, Moon."

For the benefit of all those Seniors taking Com. 99, who certainly could not be expected to have understood all this the first time, we are repeating what Mr. Butt explained at the early meetings of the sections.

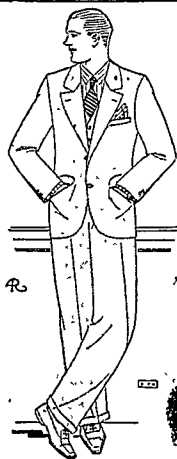
Fellows, you are to come to class equipped with a ruler. This must be a ruler with which you can measure—not one simply to draw straight lines.

And a six inch ruler WON'T DO. It has to be longer. Like, for instance, twelve inches. Only the portfolio in which you carry your statistical supplies is eleven inches long, and a one-foot (or twelve inch) ruler would hardly fit into it unless, by chance, you inserted it diagonally.

Now, as to co-ordinate paper. Mr. Butt doesn't care whether you use paper with light blue or with black lines for preliminary work. Either will do; suit your own taste.

That's about all, except that in making graphs you should remember to so place the numbers that they are bisected by the lines to which they refer.

Okay, anybody want to study statistics? Everybody welcome. For today's assignment look up the number of osteopaths in Virginia—male, female and total.



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MONTGOMERY'S at Penn State

Gauger Appointed Director Of Mining Research Work

To Head Program for Aiding Industries Within State

As the initial step in developing a research program in the School of Mineral Industries, Dean Edward Steidle has announced the appointment of Dr. Alfred W. Gauger as director of mineral industries research.

Dr. Gauger, nationally known as an expert in this field, comes from the University of North Dakota, where he has served as director of the division of mines and mining experiments for five years.

The Mineral Industries experiment station, which corresponds to the College Agricultural experiment station, will be situated on the third floor of the Mineral Industries building.

Secure Analytical Head. Some of the projects now under way, which are highly technical, include approved investigations in oil and gas production, a survey of ceramic materials, corrosion investigations, and studies in the preparation and processing of Pennsylvania coals.

The problems are exceedingly varied. In some cases matters of conservation, more efficient recovery, and better utilization will be important. In other projects the object may be a study of undeveloped resources, while in still other cases the studies may lead to development of new products and new uses for old products which will increase the market.

To Establish Department. In addition to this research program, Dr. Gauger will act as professor of fuel technology in an effort to develop the first department of this type in East Pennsylvania.

TO DIRECT Mineral Industries Research Here



DR. ALFRED W. GAUGER

Dr. Gauger, who is the first fuel specialist on the Penn State campus, was graduated in chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1911 and received a Ph. D. degree in 1922 from Princeton University.

TO DIRECT FRESHMAN WORK

Karl Mayer '31, a member of the Mont Alto faculty, will direct the activities of the Hugh Beaver club at Mont Alto, this year.

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Penn State Alumni Found Everywhere, Hibshman Declares

'No matter where you go there's a Penn State man.'

This observation was borne out by Edward K. Hibshman, executive secretary of the Alumni association, while he and a friend were on a fishing trip this summer in an unfrequented section of Canada.

"We were pitching camp at the very end of the trail one night," said Mr. Hibshman. "Hudson Bay was over 150 miles away, and our camp site was the last on earth where we expected to encounter anyone we knew."

"Aren't you Ed Hibshman?" came a voice from one of the canoes. And as the men joined us at the camp fire, sure enough, two of them were Penn State alumni whom I had known as undergraduates.

ANNOUNCES SALES TOTAL

Over 100 student tables, desks, chiffoniers, chairs, and bookcases, valued at approximately \$618, have been sold since the beginning of the semester by the department of industrial engineering, according to E. M. Armstrong, who is in charge of the sales.

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DESCRIBES LABORATORY HERE Description of the Diesel spray laboratory at the College is contained in a lengthy article in the current Automobile Engineer, a technical magazine published in England.

FRY GAINS COMMITTEE POST J. Martin Fry, member of the College agricultural extension staff, for the second time in four years, has been appointed to the agricultural committee of the Kiwanis clubs throughout the country.

CATHAUM Winner Brothers Theatre (Matinee Daily at 1:30. Evening opening time 6:00 p. m.)

TUESDAY—The Four Marx Brothers in "MONKEY BUSINESS"

WEDNESDAY—Warner Oland, in Sax Rohmer's "DAUGHTER OF THE DRAGON"

THURSDAY—Janet Gaynor, Charles Farrell, in "MERELY MARY ANN"

FRIDAY—Constance Bennett, in "BOUGHT"

SATURDAY—Bert Wheeler, Dorothy Lee, in "TOO MANY COOKS"

NITTANY THEATRE TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—Lowell Sherman, Mae Murray, in "HIGH STAKES"

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FRIDAY—"MERELY MARY ANN"

SATURDAY—"BOUGHT"