

### Sophomore Edicts Mild Compared To '07 Proclamations

Freshman proclamations today, gently reminding the yearlings of their duties by rhymes printed on multicolored posters, are considerably milder than those issued by the sophomores twenty-five years ago.

The proclamation posted by the "Guardian Angels" of 1907 was printed on cheap green paper and attracted attention with a "Hey Rubs!" at the top of the poster. "You measley, young upstarts," it continued, "whose fond parents have seen fit to place you, their infantile offspring, into the gentle hands of the painstaking class of 1907, have ventured to show your verdancy where it must be endured by your honorable superiors."

"We realize how fresh and green you are," adds the proclamation, "and that these shortcomings are only to be polished off by a series of rubbating and empurpling chastisements, by the lordly diocese of the sophomore class."

### Student Publications Review Large Variety Of College Activities

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Group of 7 Comprises Important Campus Undertaking

BOARDS SELECTED BY STUDENT COMPETITION

Periodicals Will Call Candidates For Editorial, Business Positions Soon

Seven student publications, covering a wide range of College interests and serving as a review of all campus life, form one very important division of extra-curricular activities at Penn State.

The Penn State COLLEGIAN, semi-weekly newspaper; Penn State Froth, humorous periodical; Old Main Bell, literary magazine; La Vie, yearbook; Penn State Farmer and Penn State Engineer, departmental periodicals; and Student Handbook, informational guide, constitute the field of journalistic activities at the College.

Freshman Candidates Called

The COLLEGIAN, in its capacity as official College newspaper, is published throughout the College year, with the exception of holidays. Its entire news service is conducted by a staff selected by competition among student candidates. Its aim is to cover thoroughly every campus news source and to present a complete review of the activities and events of Penn State.

Early in the year, freshmen editorial candidates are called out, and following a six weeks' instructional course in newspaper writing, are assigned to work on the paper. As sophomores, these men work under the direct supervision of the junior managing editors and news editors. At the end of the sophomore year the junior managing editors are named from the sophomore reporters; these men, usually six or eight in number, are directly responsible for issues of the paper, which in turn, is under the supervision of the senior editors. The same principles are followed with business candidates, who are called out in the latter part of the freshman year.

'Froth' Depicts Humor

The Penn State Froth, comic magazine, represents the lighter phases of college life in ten ludicrous numbers during the year. Its contents are chiefly short humorous articles, light verse, sketches and jokes.

Froth follows very much the same plan as to editorial and business candidates as that used by the student newspaper with the exception that election to the board is based more upon the amount of work contributed than upon a competitive choice from a group of candidates in any given class.

The Old Main Bell is used in freshman classes in English composition for classroom study. It consists of stories, sketches, features, controversial articles, editorials and verse. Its editorial policy is to stimulate student writing and thinking, as well as to entertain.

Competitive System Used

Election to the board is competitive. A supplementary board of contributors, consisting of those writers who, no matter what their class standing, have proved valuable assistants, was promulgated recently.

The Penn State Farmer is a departmental journal dealing chiefly with agricultural topics in feature articles and departments. In addition to a circulation at the College, it has many agricultural readers throughout the State. The Penn State Engineer accomplishes the same ends in the engineering field. Although published by students who are elected to the staff annually, articles are frequently submitted to both magazines by faculty members.

La Vie, the Penn State senior yearbook, is published by a staff elected through competition in the junior year. In addition to covering the activities and events of the year and giving a complete cross-section of campus activities, clubs, and organizations, it presents the history of the class and records of class members. La Vie calls candidates in the sophomore year. Twelve men and women are selected to serve as junior editors, and this number is cut to six staff members who edit the book in their senior year.

The Student Handbook, published under the auspices of the P. S. C. A., is an informational guide prepared primarily for the use of freshmen. Competition on all publications is open to women students as well as men.

Executive Secretary



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### VERSATILE PLEBES MAY LEAD CHEERS

New Class To Elect Own Leader At Mass Meeting—Given Numeral Award

Freshmen with natural aptitude for appearing before large crowds, leading sections in songs and cheers, and performing acrobatic stunts may begin as early as their first year to develop their talents and gradually advance to positions as junior and senior cheerleaders.

The new class will elect their own cheerleader at a meeting during the year after all candidates for the post have appeared before the group and have been given a trial. The freshmen who secure the position will be awarded class numerals at the close of the year.

3 Assistants Elected

During the early part of the sophomore year, the head cheerleader will issue a call for candidates for the varsity cheering squad. Those who turn out will work under the supervision of junior and senior members of the squad at football games, mass meetings, and all the athletic contests. At the conclusion of the winter sports season three of the group will be selected by a board of five as junior cheerleaders.

From the three juniors a head cheerleader will be selected the following spring. The outgoing cheerleader, the director of athletics, the graduate manager of athletics, the football coach, and the president of the athletic association comprise the board which chooses the new leader.

Junior assistants receive class numerals for their work on the squad while the two senior associate leaders receive a four and one-half inch circle "S". The head cheerleader is awarded a block letter "S" of the same size.

### STUDENT COUNCIL, BOARD CONSTITUTE GOVERNMENT

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erning the women's dormitories, quiet hour, and the signing out for social privileges, and appoints all chairmen of social events. This group has no voice in any of the actions taken by the Senate, merely making suggestions to the higher governing body.

Students at Penn State elect their class officers each spring at a time designated by Student Council, and at present the men and women students have separate elections, selecting a different set of class officers. An Elections Code for the men's government before the elections, and an elections committee appointed from Student Council conducts the election. A violation of the adopted code disqualifies any candidate.

### 72 Percent of '35 Class Underweight, Physician Discloses

More than seventy-two percent of the present junior class were under the minimum average weight for respective heights and ages upon entering Penn State, according to a report issued by Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician.

The report, based on an analysis of the physical examinations given during the Freshman Week of 1931, showed that the average height of the class members was sixty-seven inches, and the average weight 137 pounds. Based on the height, the average weight should have been 141 pounds, the report said.

Heights of the students in the class varied from sixty to seventy eight inches. The lightest boy in the class weighed 85.5 pounds, while the heaviest boy weighed 257 pounds.

### P. S. C. A. FURTHERS CHRISTIAN IDEALS

Christian Association Directed By Seamans—Hammaker Leads Freshmen

Working to further Christian attitudes and ideals on the campus, the Penn State Christian association functions as a voluntary student organization which is campus-wide and non-sectarian in nature.

Harry W. Seamans, general secretary, and William L. Hammaker '30, associate secretary and freshman leader, comprise the graduate staff of the association. Two cabinets of men and women students under the direction of presidents elected by them are the principal groups in the student organization.

Freshmen Selected

For the first time last year, the men's cabinet selected a group of freshmen known as the Freshman Commission. Its members are chosen with emphasis on character, leadership ability, and whole-hearted attitude toward life.

The Freshman Forum, an organization open to all freshman women, aids in familiarizing its members with the purpose and projects of the P. S. C. A., and serves as a means of expression and inquiry. Discussion groups are organized early in the semester, with upperclass men and women as leaders.

Among the services performed by the association are the sponsoring of an annual religious series of prominent speakers, publication of the Student Handbook, holding of cabin retreats at the Andy Lytle cabin, and maintenance of an employment bureau, rooming agency, and other services.

SPONSORS ART EXHIBITIONS

Art exhibits, sponsored throughout the year by the department of architecture and honorary fraternities in the department, bring many outstanding collections here. The exhibition room is located on the third floor of the Main Engineering building.

RECORD NUMBER GRADUATED

A new high mark for graduating classes at the College was reached last June when 771 seniors received their diplomas at the Commencement exercises. The 1932 Penn State graduates, numbered 722, while three years ago 668 seniors were graduated.

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### 2 Army Cannon Once Led Attack On 'Fort Shivery'

Two harmless little cannon, now squatting on their concrete beds in front of the Armory, gaze stolidly at developments on the campus and reminisce on the many battle-fields they surveyed in the dim days of the eighties.

Silently, these two veterans of combat review days when, mounted on trunions, they gleamed in the sun and the spokes of their wheels glittered as they were drawn by students sweating to the commands of battalion commanders.

Those members of the "Old Guard" did not, however, limit their experience to the dust of the march and the playing of the national anthem with colors flying. They took an intimate part in conflicts between the "Town Muckers" and the "Old Main Rats," rival bands of students which sprang up as a result of separate rooming quarters half a century ago.

One spring day in the eighties, legend runs, the "Town Muckers" felt the urge for excitement at the expense of their rivals. Organizing a parade, they maneuvered about the terrace fronting Old Main and taunted the inmates with cries of "Government Papers" and "Rats." In those days the dark walls of Old Main housed most of the student body.

After this show of spirit the "Townies" were satisfied and returned to their haunts on Beaver Avenue where they roomed in what was known as "Fort Shivery," in the language of the "Rats." But the residents of Old Main were intent on revenge. Hauling out their heavy artillery they gathered a representative collection of rubbish, tin cans, and garbage, and rammed it all down the muzzles of the cannon.

Aiming the deadly instruments at the lodgings of their enemies, the "Rats" drew a bead in approved military style. After the addition of powder and the application of a match, amid a thunderous roar, the two stalwarts belched forth their questionable contents. Because ammunition supplies had been exhausted the barrage was lifted, but a notable military victory had been gained by the roomers in Old Main.

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