



## Hetzel Rates Freshmen Country's Best

### Fraternities Vie For Freshmen as Rushing Season Opens at 7:30

#### Hacker Explains Code At First Meeting Of New Class

#### 1200 Eligible Rushees — Secure Dating Cards

Fraternity rushing officially opens this morning at 7:30 o'clock as 52 fraternities join a mad scramble in the quest for priority in the minds of 1200 freshman men.

An eleven-day rushing period under the supervision of Interfraternity Council was outlined to the prospective initiates at the first Freshman Week mass meeting in Schwab auditorium by George M. Hacker '37, president of Council, last night.

Hacker expects that a new ruling of a silent period between the time the freshmen entered the auditorium last night and 7:30 o'clock this morning will provide the most satisfactory rushing system devised in Interfraternity Council history. Last year the congestion in Old Main after the mass meeting proved disastrous when so many freshmen were missed in the rush.

#### Explains Silent Periods

Hacker, in explaining the rushing code, made clear the importance of the silent periods. The rushing will be divided into two periods. The first will end next Wednesday night, September 16, at 8 o'clock. A silent period will exist until 8 o'clock Friday morning, September 18, when the second period will begin and extend until 8 o'clock Sunday night, September 20. Monday evening, September 21, the freshmen will go to the house they favor in token of their willingness to be pledged.

The first period will have a restriction of two dates with each house. The second period will be open to any number of dates.

Dates are interpreted to be dinner dates and luncheon dates. Luncheon dates will extend from 11 o'clock un-

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### College Changes Automobile Rule

#### Student Car Owners Required To Obtain Auto Permit, Buy License Plate.

This year for the first time any student here may own and operate an automobile while attending school. Previous to this year students were allowed to have cars only if they were able to show that they needed them for some special purpose as business or to commute.

This blanket regulation was difficult to enforce and objected to by many parents and students. Last spring it was decided to adopt for a two-year trial period a new car licensing plan. By approval of the Board of Trustees and the College Senate that plan will go into effect this fall.

Under it every student who wishes to operate or keep a car while residing in this community will be required to obtain a permit from the Campus Patrol office. This request must also be signed by his parents or guardian. He will then be issued a permit card and a license plate for the car. A twenty-five cent fee will be charged for these.

Permits May Be Revoked For violation of any driving or parking regulations this permit and license may be revoked. Parking must be within certain specified areas. Cars may not be driven more than 20 miles per hour while on the Campus.

The permit may also be revoked if the student is convicted of violation of any State or Borough traffic laws or ordinances. College authorities point out that the plan is still experimental and will probably require certain modification and revision before a completely satisfactory arrangement is worked out.

### Freshman 'Get-Acquainted' Dance To Open Social Season Saturday

Under the able baton of Bill Bottrif and his recently augmented fourteen-piece band, Penn State's social season will swing in action in Recreation hall Saturday night at 9 o'clock with a free "Get-acquainted" Dance for Freshmen. Sponsored by the Student Union Board this dance is an annual affair held in the interests of the incoming freshman class in order that they may have a brief respite from the badgerings of pledge-conscious upperclassmen.

The dance also serves to facilitate acquaintanceship between the freshmen and all co-eds, with whom the former "shall not associate within a three-mile limit of Old Main, except at regular houseparty periods, house dances, or all-College dances, or when escorting women to and from such functions."

The dance will be a stag affair, no couples being admitted. Freshman men who wish to obtain tickets may do so at no charge by presenting their matriculation card at the Student Union office all day Friday and Saturday morning until noon. Freshman women and any upperclass women who wish to attend will be admitted without tickets merely by presenting themselves at the entrance to Recreation hall on the night in question.

According to George L. Donovan '35, Student Union manager and chairman of the dance committee, all dances will be tag dances and informality will be the keynote of the af-

fair. In past years, Donovan stated, the "Get-acquainted Dance for Freshmen" has been a most successful dance and this year bids fair to being no exception to the rule.

Speaking about last year's freshman function, a prominent senior co-ed who said she did not care to have her name revealed, stated that it was one of the most enjoyable of all of the College dances. "Fresh from their native towns," she explained, "unspoiled as yet by Penn State's ludicrous version of the 'dance beautiful,' known vulgarly as 'the hop,' these freshmen sure have a swell time and show us co-eds a real good time. Yes," she concluded as a senior in three numeral sweaters and two honorary hats took her in tow, "I shall certainly be there Saturday night."

In addition to Chairman Donovan the committee in charge of the dance is composed of Gene C. Ziegler '37, Women's Student Government president; Jean Schantz '37, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council; Russell Gohn '37, president of the Penn State Club; and Johnson Breneman '37, COLLEGIAN editor.

### Players' Tryouts Set for Monday

#### Neusbaum Issues Call for Cast Of First Show, 'Personal Appearance'

Tryouts for the first Players show of the year, "Personal Appearance," will be held in Recreation hall on Monday and Tuesday nights at 7:30 o'clock, Frank S. Neusbaum, director, announced today. All those who expect to try out for parts should report to the Players office, Room 413, Old Main, today, tomorrow, Monday, or Tuesday for an appointment.

Neusbaum also announced that these would be general try-outs for all the Players productions of the year and that those who failed to get parts in "Personal Appearance" would be kept on a list. They will then be called for parts in shows later in the year.

#### Play Had Long Run

Those students who wish to work on the technical staff, either in publicity, costumes, or stagecraft, should also sign up at the Players office, Neusbaum said. He also emphasized the fact that freshmen have an equal opportunity with upperclassmen for parts in this and other plays.

"Personal Appearance" was the outstanding comedy hit on Broadway two seasons ago. Following its appearance there it had a successful road tour. The story has a Pennsylvania setting, the action taking place on the road between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. It deals with a famous motion picture actress who, while on a "personal appearance" tour, is delayed for some time at a filling station.

The play will be presented in the auditorium as a part of the Dads' Day program here on October 3. Rehearsals will start Thursday night, Neusbaum said, and the cast will be announced Wednesday.

### 1st Synthetic Theelin Made at College Laboratories

From the laboratories of the Chemistry-Physics School this summer comes the news of the first synthetic production of theelin, one of the two female sex hormones. The feat was accomplished by Russell E. Marker and Thomas S. Oakwood.

This was the first time in the field of chemical research that theelin was created synthetically. It is the result of a year and a half's work. Marker claims that the discovery will involve important practical applications in modern medicine.

Theelin is crystalline and white in appearance, much the same as salt and sugar, and is responsible for the secondary sex characteristics that distinguish women from men. Secondary sex characteristics are the ones that involve external appearance.

Theelin is similar to vitamins but is much stronger. The synthetic production was evolved from ergosterol, a by-product of yeast.

### President of College Appeals To New Students To Refrain From All Disorderly Conduct

#### Assembly Tonight Will Give Student View Of Activities

#### S. U. Sponsors Affair In Auditorium at 7:30

With a view to presenting the range of work and points of view of the various activities—extra-curricular in particular—a mass meeting for all freshmen will be held in Schwab auditorium tonight under the direction of the Student Union and the chairmanship of George M. Hacker '37. Student Union's function as correlating agent of all activities will be explained.

Representatives from a wide range of College activities organizations will address the freshmen as well as sports captains, managers, and student government officers. Speaking for the Women's Student Government Association, Gene C. Ziegler '37, W.S.G.A. president, will outline the co-eds point of view and stress the need for more complete participation of co-eds in their governmental set-up.

Newmeyer to Speak In the absence of Frank A. Osterlund '37, senior class president, who is delayed in Portugal and will not return to school until September 25, Alvin S. Newmeyer '37 will extend the official welcome of the senior class to the freshmen. Robert E. Morini '37, president of the Athletic association, will explain the functions of that body, and Russell G. Gohn '37, president of the Penn State Club, will speak for that organization.

Other speakers included on the program include a representative of the Interfraternity Council, sports captains and managers, publications, dramatics, and honoraries representatives and others.

Mass Meeting Friday Night A second mass meeting for the purpose of outlining the program of religious activities of the College will be held in Schwab auditorium tomorrow night beginning at 7:30 o'clock, and will be presided over by Reva M. Lincoln '37, president of the Penn State Christian Association.

Invited to attend the affair and sit on the platform are all of the pastors of State College churches, secretaries and officers of the P. S. C. A., and certain members of the student government. Prof. John H. Frizzell, of the department of public speaking, College chaplain, and chairman of the board of directors of the P. S. C. A., will be the principal speaker.

William I. Waugaman '37 will make announcements for the student councilors and George M. Hacker for Interfraternity Council. In his speech, Professor Frizzell will outline the aims, program and scope of the P. S. C. A.

### Freshman Week Dates to 1925; Comparison Shows Few Changes

The opening of Freshman Week today will inaugurate the twelfth year that Penn State has held an early program of this nature to acquaint entering students with the campus and to help them orient themselves. The first one was instituted in 1925 and proved to be such a success that it has been continued ever since.

The Freshman Week program has shown very few changes during the past decade. The schedules for the new students of ten years ago were almost the same as those for the class of 1940. Freshmen were brought into contact with the dean of their school, the head of their department, and the administrative officials of the College. They were trained in the use of the library and given advice as to how to study and budget their time. They were introduced to athletics and the men to the R.O.T.C. Song practices were held, at which time new students were taught the College songs and yells.

Ten years ago the new students were required to assemble each morning of Freshman Week at 8 o'clock in the auditorium for Chapel exercises. Freshmen were assigned a seat number before arriving at the College and in this way it was possible to make their attendance compulsory. At 4:30 in the afternoon they were required to attend organized sporting events under the supervision of the department of physical education.

Lectures on the following subjects were given to the students formed into groups of about 300 each: History of the College, The College and Its Relation to the Public, Student Conduct, Military Courses, Student Health, Physical Training and Sports. The psychological test and physical examinations were given to incoming students. The male members of the freshman class were assigned hours to receive their R.O.T.C. uniforms and there were various periods scheduled for registration. Perhaps the greatest change that has been effected in recent years was the introduction of the student counselor plan, sponsored by the Christian Association.

#### To Address Freshmen



Alvin S. Newmeyer '37

### Burns Seriously Injure Bill Rhoda

#### Nittany Gridiron, Ring Athlete Hurt While Working On Construction Job

A late bulletin from the hospital last night stated that Rhoda's condition remained unchanged. The Lion athlete's nurse said that it was rather early to notice any marked improvement. He was resting as comfortable as possible under the circumstances and was still in a serious condition.

William P. "Whitey" Rhoda, veteran varsity halfback and lightweight boxing star, is slowly recovering in Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, from serious burns received last Friday when he slipped with two heavy buckets of hot asphalt while working on the new addition to the State College high school.

Attempting to swing the two buckets around, Rhoda slipped and went down on one knee. The asphalt from the pail in his left hand splashed over his wrist, and in agony he dropped the other bucket, spilling the mixture. The entire right side of his body was covered by the fluid, which was over 400 degrees Fahrenheit in temperature. His right arm and right leg were injured, and his face was also splashed.

As he was wearing no shirt or undershirt, and only a light pair of canvas trousers, the asphalt immediately touched his skin. Out of his head with pain, Rhoda jumped to his feet and ran through the gymnasium before he was finally caught by fellow employes.

#### High Class Rankings Praised by Hetzel This Morning

#### Convocation Officially Opens Freshman Week

Welcoming the members of the class of 1940 at the convocation in Schwab auditorium this morning at 8 o'clock which marked the formal opening of Freshman Week President Ralph D. Hetzel said that they represent the best prepared group of freshmen entering any public institution in the country this fall and the best ever admitted to the College.

In support of this statement, Dr. Hetzel said that because of the careful methods of student selection that the College must follow in meeting enrollment demands, more than three-fourths of the new class are boys and girls who ranked in the upper twelfth-fifths of their high school graduating classes. Registrar William S. Hoffman declared further that more than ninety per cent stood in the upper three-fifths of their classes. Those in the third fifth were selected on the basis of excellence in a competitive aptitude test.

"The President reminded the freshmen that to fail in their work is to cheat themselves and the State, which is financing the greatest part of their education in return for the future leadership they will provide.

#### President Hits Bonfire

In conclusion, President Hetzel appealed to the freshmen to discontinue the "disorderly demonstration" which has been held by past freshman classes on Alumni Day night, namely the building of a bonfire at the intersection of College avenue and Allen street. In speaking of this the President said:

"I am going to make only one request of this Class, namely, that you refrain from the type of disorderly demonstration which has been staged during the last couple of years in the mistaken idea that it was in keeping with a College tradition. Nine years ago the student body abandoned that type of childish action. Such occurrences lead to nothing but destruction of property, danger of personal injury, and even threat to life, to say nothing of the disrespect in which this places the College. Such demonstrations are not only out of the 'prep' school class but they do violence to every element that makes for true college spirit."

In so far as can be determined, this reference of the President marks the first pronouncement by him regarding the Alumni Day demonstrations.

Welcome Mass Meeting Held Although the convocation this morning marks the official opening of the College year and the beginning of Freshman Week, a Welcome Mass Meeting, under the auspices of the P. S. C. A. and the chairmanship of J. Lloyd Larkins '37, was held last night in Schwab auditorium.

Of an informal nature the meeting was made up of short speeches, skits, songs, and dancing and was well attended by both freshmen and upperclassmen. The serious end of the program was taken care of by speeches by Larkins, George M. Hacker '37, and William I. Waugaman '37. As chairman, Larkins extended a hearty welcome to the Class of 1940 and acted as general integrator and master of ceremonies of the evening.

In a short address, Hacker reviewed the principal phases of the Interfraternity rushing code and described the procedure followed during that period. Waugaman explained the reasons for and the methods of conducting the counselors' meetings to which the freshmen have been assigned and urged all freshmen to attend. The speeches were interspersed by songs by members of the varsity quartet, tap dancing by William G. Marlin '39, Theopian headliner, and a piano and song act by Don Dixon.