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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Friday, October 23, 1936

REMEMBER FRESHMAN CUSTOMS?

NE OF THE most persistent problems of student government in the past several years has been that of customs and their enforcement. It first presented itself back in the days when the College put on long pants and became known for more than Penn State Jessie, and one of the best paid football teams in the East.

Students who came here then were men; or if they weren't they didn't stay long. Class scraps, freshman haircuts, and similar demonstrations of he-manism were all a part of the program. The student body was fairly small and everyone knew the members of his class. Customs could be rigidly enforced and were.

But with the growth of the College, with the increase of the student body, with the change from a men's to a co-celucational institution, the attitude toward customs changed. They became more difficult to enforce and the type of student who began to come here in larger and larger proportions didn't seem to care particularly whether they were observed or not.

First to go were the junior and sophomore customs. With these eliminated freshman customs and their enforcement became more and more lax.

As happens when almost any sort of a change takens place, the results of this have been both good and bad. Perhaps the most desirable one has been the resultant break-down of the "Joe College" tradition in which hazing, practical jokes, and interclass fighting constituted the major activity program for most students. It seems likely that it is wiser, kinder, and more sensible to treat a freshman s a human being than as a sort of upperclassman's lackey.

But along with this change there has also been a break-down of class solidarity and of student discipline. When a freshman discovers that he can wear customs or not as he pleases and probably escape without penalty, he tends to assume that he can also break other rules with impunity. And if, as a freshman, he knows customs are not being enforced, he is not very likely, as an upperclassmann, to do very much about

seeing that they are carried out the next year. There are those who would place most of the blame for the late lamented Earle episode on members of the freshman class. They would likewise charge firstyear men with most of the booing that takes place at athletic contests. That seems to be placing a little too much blame on the freshmen, but it may be true that today's upperclassmen would behave more like gentlemen if they had been more severely disciplined during their first year.

It is no secret that this year little has been done to enforce customs. Tribunal has met but once and that was merely to grant excuses from regulations. Less than 950 dinks have been sold although there are over 1,200 freshman men here. So far none of 'them have been punished for customs violations.

Whether or not customs are necessary, whether or not the purpose which they are supposed to serve might be accomplished more readily by other means are both questions to which, at present, there seems to be no conclusive answer. But so long as there are customs and so long as there is no substitute provided for them, then it would appear logical that they be enforced. If they are not going to be, or if they cannot be, then it is time to get rid of them and find something to take their place.

AGAIN COME STORIES of local instances of race prejudice. This time it concerns one of two negro students here who discovered that it was impossible for him to get his hair cut by any local barber. Of course there is a state statute prohibiting such discrimination, but locally-and in most sections of Pennsylvania for that matter-it just isn't enforced. The barbers themselves can scarcely be blamed. They must look out for their business and they remember that a few years ago a survey here showed that the majority of students here would not natronize a barber shon that served negroes.

Write your own comment.

TO A RECENT INQUIRER about Steve Hamas Last winter Steve was running a restaurant in Newark. He quit that and at present we do not know his exact location. The stories about a "sanitarium," however, mean as much as most such stories. Nothing.

CAMPUSEER

Bases are full, two men out, here we are at bat, and Prof. Dickson, Art 74 prognosticator, is pitching, so you have a faint idea of how we are feeling.

It all happened in Art 74 class Wednesday when Dickson began bally-hooing the exhibition of reproductions of famous paintings that is visiting this campus. In bewailing the fact that students around here are not culture minded he berated the COLLEG-GIAN for not giving the exhibition enough publicity. Ore thing led to another and he finally got around to the column and then offered the bombshell, "You know what the COLLEGIAN needs is a columnist with a little wit."

Everything would have been all right but the Maniac was one of those in the class. He confessed later that he had considerable trouble.concentrating on the next two slides after the scallions were tossed.

Once again this pillar came to the fore when Miss Haidt gave her annual talk to the Mac hall girls on the facts of life. After a long list of "Dont's" she finally summed up her talk with "And girls, don't, don't ever do anything that will get your name in the column."

Clique Quacks:

Jumping John Hamilton and Genial Jim Farley are a bunch of sissies and the national presidential campaign looks like a tea party at the Beta house when compared with the political fireworks that are beginning to pop as a few of the smoother boys begin their quest for keys and titles to put on their LaVic activities card.

Dick Clements was the latest balloon to pop and Hezzie Halprin and Fes Tibbott get the credit for the deflating thrust. Clements, you will remember was the one who announced that since he was soph Locust Lane clique chairman he was going to be Soph Hon chairman, run for some other office, and generally let this campus know who he is. A few nights later a clique meeting was called but Clements failed to appear. At the meeting Clements and a few of his cohorts were tossed out of the office. A few nights later, still unaware that he was no longer the front for the power behind the throne, he attempted to call a clique meeting.

Form 3177:

Since a birthday comes but once a year, Helen Nokes decided that she would send a birthday greeting to Gene Decker in New York. Time was fleeting and after she had wasted a pad of Western Union telegram blanks trying to concoct a witty as well as appropriate greeting, she decided to use one of the form greetings which the telegraph company so efficiently supplies. After a careful selection she selected form No. 3177.

Up in New York Gene was sleeping blissfully after a night's celebration of his birthday. By the time 3 a. m. had rolled around, so did the telegram and Gene was hiked out of bed to sign for the telegram that would bring such happiness into his life. He tore open the envelope, unfolded the paper, and stared at the message. It was as follows, "Gene Decker, New York City. Form No. 3177."

Campuseeriously Speaking:

Latest addition to the Stinker Club: Carl "Stinker" Pohe; Chuck "Stinker" Campbell . . . Vic Buell, after much consideration was chosen as the one to represent what the well dressed Chapel-goer would wear at the Cwen Fashion Show but he confesses that he has never been in chapel in his three long years up here . . . Someone is bound to make something of the fact that the new girls' dormitory is to be built on the Jordan Fertility plots . . . We still like George Donovan's high school nickname "Little

Short Christmas acation Cruises

On Trans-Atlantic Liners

Return to College Better Prenared to the New Semester +

Europa, Leave N. Y. Dec. 26 to Bermuda and Nassau ___\$82,50 up Arrive N. Y. Jan. 1

Berengaria, Leave N. Y. Dec. 29 to Nassau_\$77.00 up Arrive N. Y. Jan. 4

Manhattan, Leave N. Y. Dec. 24 to Nassau, Kingston, Havana_____\$140.00 up Arrive N. Y. Jan. 4

Champlain, Leave Dec. 22 to Nassau, Port-au-Prince, Kingston, Havana \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Arrive N. Y. Jan. 3

Make your reservations from your local agent but purchase your ticket in your hometown if you wish. +

HOTEL STATE COLLEGE TRAVEL BUREAU

State College Louetta Neusbaum ALSO APPLY AT STUDENT UNION

'Farmer' Publication

The radios, an all-wave Detroia and two Grunows are on display daily from eight until five in the Farmer office, Room 308 Old Main. Huntzinger urged that all persons interested in entering the contest open to all students and townspeople do so without delay by inquiring at Student Union for details.

We Women

By MARION A. RINGER

The Penn State Club is sponsoring dancing class for freshmen and un perclassmen on Monday nights from o'clock until 9 and on Wednesday nights from 8:30 to 9:30 at Rec Hall. All freshman women are expressly to the A. A. office.

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This is an excellent chance for girls inexperienced in dancing to be prepared for the bigger dances. There is a lot of solace in the thought that while you probably will have your feet trampled on now, you'll be aiding no end in having better dance partners for your next three years. For although there are 4597 boys up here you'll find only about ten in each thousand who really can dance.

This is also one time when you can meet new men without having the customs committee tramping on your heels and reporting you to the fresh
MONDAY

TOMORROW

Freshman Forum members will depart from the corner of Allen and Fairmount at 3 o'clock. In case of rain, meet in the C. A. office.

SUNDAY

A mixed hike for members and friends of the Penn State Club to the C. A. cabin will leave 321, Old Main, at 2 o'clock.

The Wesley League discussion will be "The Bible and Devotional Books as an Aid in Christian Living."

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MONDAY

Junior-Se o * * * 1

Since the freshman girls are living in such small groups this year it is difficult for them to get acquainted. Miss Phelps has contributed an excellent plan of having the dorms visit other houses to dance from 6115 of 7:30 on Monday evenings. Next Monday evening will start off these visits which will continue until every dorm has met the girls of every other freshman house

CINEMANIA

The feature attraction this week s the personal appearance of Frances Sage at tomorrow night's performance of the world premier of "Without Order," a Peter B. Kyne romance of the commercial airlines.

Off the lot, Frances Sage is Mrs. Off the lot, Frances Sage is Mrs. Julius J. Epstein and is visiting State College with her husband Julie and his twin, Phil. The Epstein boys are '21 and '22 alumni, Hollywood screenwriters for the past two years, and authors of the Theater Guild play 'And Stars Remain," which has played in Pittsburgh, Washington and New York on the Guild circuit.

Joan Bennett and Cary Grant appear in today's current entertainment at the Cathaum labeled "Wedding! Present." The picture is based on a staevepost tale by Paul Gallico.

A hardboiled city-editor, a hard-boiled visiting archduke, a hardboiled New York gangster and a hardboiled stooge, a hardboiled novel writer and a hardboiled staff of hardboiled newsaper people come together in a boiled

At the Nittany tonight, a return showing of "Rhythm on the Range" brings us Bing Crosby, Martha Raye, Bob Burns and his bazooka and Frances Farmer, This show was Martha Raye's first personal appearance; her second was in "The Big Broadcast of 1937" and her third is in the making. This is the show, incidentally, in which Bing plays cowboy and yodels to a prize bull. prize bull.
Tomorrow at the Nittany stalks
"Murder with Pictures," in which

'sinister shadows of a terrible crime' hang over Lew Ayres and Gail Pat-rick. The crime was probably making the picture. The slayer is betrayed by



At Your Dealer

photograph. Warner Bros. have shelled out a Offers Radio Prizes

Warner Bros. have shelled out a number of ducats for "Cain and Mabel," which plays at the Cathaum Monday and Tuesday, and recent reviews indicate that the picture is worth the expense. Clark Gable, abands there radios will be given as prizes in connection with their subscription campaign, student interest has reached a new high, according to Morris S. Huntzinger, "37, the business manager. The radios, an all-wave Detrola and two Grunows are on display daily not man of the routine in the room over his and refuses to cease. The and two Grunows are on display daily not have of clark Gable, abands the connection with their subscription campaign, student interest has reached a new high, according to Morris S. Huntzinger, "37, the business manager. The radios, an all-wave Detrola and two Grunows are on display daily not have the championship. He loses the fight because Mable O'Dare Marion Davies), who is a chorus all-wave Detrola and two Grunows are on display daily not have the championship. He loses the fight because Mable O'Dare Marion Davies, who is a chorus and the manager. The radios, an all-wave Detrola and two Grunows are on display daily not have subscription to take the championship. He loses the fight because Mable O'Dare Marion Davies, who is a chorus and the content of the cathedral Manager and Mable O'Dare Hallowe'en party in Grange playroom from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

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Seniors Junior hockey game at 4 o'clock.

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Seniors who neglected to fill out to take the championship. He loses the fight because Mable O'Dare Marion Davies, who is a chorus all isto of their activities to 315, Old Main, or Student Union, by October 31. Any activities since September should also be sent in at once.

Persons having reservations for the picture ends when Clark Gable gets into a fight with his victorious rival I and plants a Hollywood right to his

M. I. Faculty Picnics

The faculty picnic of the School o Mineral Industries will be held Sat-urday afternoon at Greenwood Furace, weather permitting.

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Second assistant manager candidates for the swimming team report to the A. A. office.

Junior-Sophomore hockey game at 4 o'clock.

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Nittany News

WEDNESDAY

Senior-Junior hockey game at 4

Persons having reservations for the the Syracuse football game may ge their tickets at Student Union, Mon

> A job is not finished until it is done right

L. E. KLINE

153 S. Allen

day to Friday, from 4 to 5 o'clock. Tickets for the Student Union Dance are now on sale at the office.

The Honor Shirt on Every Campus Is ARROW-

Better give our Fall Collec tion the once-over. Besides the good old whites, we have many new checks and stripes

\$2.00 and \$2.50





