

# Tribunal Ready With Full Set Of Customs For Incoming Frosh

## CLASS OF '44 CUSTOMS

All students entering the first year of any four-year course must observe freshman customs. Special students and two-year agriculture students entering the College with a freshman rating must also observe customs.

Students who are 21 years of age on or before the school year begins and students who have undergone customs equivalent to the following at other colleges shall be exempt when they apply personally to Student Tribunal at its first meeting of the college year.

Freshman customs will continue until Thanksgiving vacation for two-year agriculture students and until Christmas vacation for all other freshmen, unless otherwise decreed by Student Tribunal.

### Dress Customs

1. Freshmen shall carry at all

times on their person a copy of the Student Handbook, known as the "Freshman Bible." The information requested on the identification page must be filled out.

2. Freshmen shall wear at all times their dinks, plain black bow ties and white socks except on trips, holidays, when escorting women to house parties, house dances, or All-College dances. The period between midnight Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Monday shall be regarded as a holiday concerning only the dress customs; i.e., the dink, tie and socks. The dink is to be worn at all indoor athletic contests and mass meetings.

3. Freshmen shall not date within a three-mile radius of Old Main until after Thanksgiving vacation. Freshmen shall not associate with women longer than two minutes at a time.

4. Freshmen shall attend all class meetings, athletic contests, and mass meetings and shall not leave such affairs until they are closed by the proper authorities or a reasonable excuse is given, issued by Student Tribunal.

5. Freshmen shall carry matches at all times.

6. Freshmen shall at no time walk on the grass of the campus. Freshmen shall not be permitted to walk on "Senior Walk" which extends from the main gate to the Pugh Street gate on the North side of College Avenue.

7. Freshmen shall occupy only the East stands at football games.

8. Every freshman shall wear during the first month of the college year a regulation sign (4 in. by 10 in.) upon which his name and home town is legibly printed in large black ink letters.

9. No immunities may be granted to freshmen by upperclassmen.

10. Freshmen are not permitted to smoke on the campus.

11. Freshmen shall remove their dinks upon entering Old Main.

12. At the command, "Button Frosh," freshmen shall remove their dinks in the manner of tipping their hats.

13. Freshmen shall learn the Alma Mater and all the College songs appearing in the Handbook.

14. Freshmen must keep their hands out of their pockets at all times.

15. Freshmen must at all times enter Old Main by the front entrance and Liberal Arts only by the middle front entrance.

16. Freshmen must know the pictures currently playing at the local theatres.

17. Each freshman shall carry on the Penn State "Hello Spirit" by speaking to every faculty member and student whom he meets while on campus.

18. All violations should be turned in at Student Union or to a member of Student Tribunal. Freshmen may turn in violations of other freshmen.

## Seven-Man Board For Enforcement

Seven grisly upperclassmen, following in the footsteps of generations of brow-beating predecessors, will mete out "justice" to be-dinked violators of freshman customs this year.

Under the leadership of Chief Justice W. Lewis Corbin '41 who served with last year's extra tough board, the seven justices will sit in their rooms at 305 Old Main and hear freshmen plead their cases.

For customs violators the penalties are more varied than the crimes, but samples from last year indicate what is in store:

Dresses for violators of the dating codes, skis for freshmen who dare to walk on the grass, a suitcase or a traveling bag for the freshman to carry the Handbook he forgot, and any number of ingenious signs for freshmen who forgot the 18 rules Tribunal has presented for their "education."

(Editor's note:—A word to the wise is sufficient; gentle freshman Tribunal particularly likes to have freshman violators parade before the audiences at football games and mass meetings.)

Lest the emphasis be placed too heavily on Tribunal's enforcement of freshman customs, it should be said here that the seven justices are in reality a judiciary body occupying a position similar to that of the Supreme Court in the federal government. They are empowered to handle all cases of student discipline and, with the support of the Dean of Men, can mete out penalties as severe as expulsion from College.

One vacancy exists on the seven-man Tribunal, created by the withdrawal of Edgar V. Hall '41, who, because of the death of his mother, will not return to Penn State this year. The six returning members are W. Lewis Corbin '41 (chairman), Thomas M.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Twenty years may or may not be a long time. The fellows who were Penn State freshmen in 1920 for the most part aren't old enough to have sons in college. They wouldn't think it was long.

The fellows who are Penn State freshmen in 1940 can be satisfied that it is long enough.

The Students' Handbook for 1920-21 reveals that there were 31 customs for Joe Freshmen to observe that year instead of 18 as this year.

All the 1940 customs were in effect then except for those requiring frosh to carry a copy of the Student Handbook, the "Button, Frosh" command, and the requirement that frosh know the current movies. Instead of being forced to use the front entrance of Old Main, however, freshmen were forbidden to use it.

In addition, the 1920-21 students learned that the privilege of going bareheaded was limited to seniors, only seniors and alumni were allowed on the senior benches, freshmen were required to remain in chapel until all others had left, both sophomores and freshmen were required to wear coats, freshmen were not allowed to wear the College colors during the first semester, freshmen were forbidden to talk back to upperclassmen, frosh were forbidden to wear insignia from high schools or preparatory schools, freshmen were forbidden to enter pool rooms, cadet uniforms had to be kept buttoned at all times, freshmen were forbidden to loiter on Allen Street between College and Beaver Avenues, and freshmen were required to keep their coats buttoned when in public.

Car '41, Jacob Hay '41, Oscar Kranich '41, George L. Parrish '41, and Raymond K. Leffler '42. Leffler will automatically succeed to the chairmanship of the board in 1941-42.

If these were not enough for Joe Frosh to remember there were several others to keep him busy. The sophomore class was allowed to issue one proclamation a year, the freshmen none. If the frosh defeated the sophomores in the interclass football game they would be allowed to carry canes but only for the remainder of the same day. The frosh and frosh alone were allowed to paint their class numerals but it had to be on the Armory roof on the Saturday night before Baccalaureate Sunday. The privilege of "adorning their faces with hair growths" was limited to the three upper classes. Student Council was empowered to designate a "Clean-up Day" on which the freshmen at direction of the sophomores were "to clean up such parts of College property as are deemed necessary."

The Daily Cardinal, University of Wisconsin publication, recently noted its 48th anniversary.

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