

# Corncobs, Customs, Curses, And Classes Begin September 17

## Think '45 Customs Are Tough? Look What Old-Timers Endured!

If the Class of 1945 looks through its freshman bibles and gasps at the list of 20 general customs on the wearing of the green, it should take a gander at the rules imposed upon the frosh of twenty years ago.

Back in "the good old days" the yearlings had a string of 31 items to observe. Besides most of the don'ts on this year's list, they were forbidden to go bare-headed, had to remain in chapel until everyone else left, were forbidden to wear the College colors during the first semester, had to keep their ROTC uniforms buttoned at all times, were denied the privilege of "adorning their faces with hair growths," and forbidden to enter pool rooms or wear any insignia from high schools or prep schools.

And that's not all. Freshmen, and even sophomores, were required to wear coats at all times, and the frosh weren't allowed on the senior benches. Neither could they talk back to upperclassmen or loiter on Allen Street between College and Beaver Avenues.

On top of all this, the Student Council was empowered to designate a "Clean-up Day" on which the freshmen at the direction of the sophomores were to "clean up such parts of College property as are deemed necessary."

There were two mild redeeming points. If the frosh defeated the sophs in the interclass football game, they were allowed to carry canes, but only for the remainder of the day. The frosh, and only the frosh, were allowed to paint their class numerals on the armory roof, but it had to be on the Saturday night before Baccalaureate Sunday.

### Credit Quota Lowered

The University of North Carolina has lowered its course credit regulations to allow students to graduate sooner and enlist in the armed forces of the nation. Freshmen and sophomores may take special examinations on required courses before registering for them.

## Frosh Restrictions On Until Christmas

"Button frosh" will be the byword of upperclassmen when the first semester of the 1941-42 College year opens on Wednesday, September 17, as freshmen don their customs of green dinks, black ties, and white socks.

All men students entering the first year of any four-year course, special students, and two-year students entering with freshman ratings must observe freshman customs.

Students who become 21 years of age before the beginning of the academic year and students who have undergone customs at other colleges must appear before Student Tribunal for exemptions. Dates for exemption hearings will be announced in the Collegian.

Customs will be continued until Christmas, except for two-year students who will be permitted to drop them after Thanksgiving.

### The customs:

1. Every freshman shall carry at all times a copy of the Student Handbook, known as the "Freshman Bible." Information on the identification page must be filled out in full. The matriculation card must also be carried at all times, and completely filled out.

2. Freshmen shall wear their dress customs—green dink, plain black bow tie, and white socks—except on holidays and when escorting women to and from house parties, house dances, or All-College dances. The period between midnight Saturday and 8 a. m. Monday shall be a holiday concerning dress customs only. 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. Freshmen shall not associate with women longer than two minutes at a time.

4. Freshmen must attend all class meetings and shall not leave until such affairs are closed, or a reasonable excuse, issued by Tribunal, is offered.

5. Freshmen shall carry matches at all times.

6. Freshmen shall not walk on the grass of the campus. They shall not walk on Senior Walk, which extends from the Main Gate to the Pugh street gate.

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 inches by 10 inches, upon which his name and home town are printed in one inch, black inked letters.

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

10. Freshmen are not permitted to smoke on campus, except unvarnished corncob pipes.

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

12. At the command, "Button, Frosh," freshmen shall doff their dinks and make low, courtly bows.

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

14. Freshmen shall enter and leave Old Main only by the front door, and must enter and leave the Sparks Building only by the middle front entrance.

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

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

17. Freshmen shall carry on the "hello spirit" by speaking to every faculty member and student they meet on campus.

18. All violators shall be reported to Student Union or a member of Student Tribunal.

19. Freshmen must attend all athletic contests and must remain in the stands until all other stands are cleared.

20. Freshmen must know the names and locations of all buildings on campus.

## Erie Paces State Cities In Business Expansion

Led by Erie, with a 56 per cent increase over the previous year, all the larger cities in the state reported marked rises in business expansion in July of this year over the same month in 1940.

Greatest gains were shown in building contracts, while record highs were also reported by Pitts-

burgh and Eastern Pennsylvania steel output, electricity production, postal receipts, and telephones in service.

Philadelphia and Bethlehem placed close behind Erie with increases of 49 and 48 per cent.

Sally Rand lectured a student group at the University of Minnesota on "The Value of White Space in Advertising."

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