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Two Letters—Take Your Choice

A letter came to our desk from a group of disgruntled freshmen. These green-dinked fellows commented upon the extension of customs and told Raymond F. Leffer '42 in no uncertain terms where he could go. The letter follows:

"We wish to thank you very much for extending the freshman customs. As you were (at least we're told you were) a freshman once, we suppose you understand our feelings.

"Maybe you never thought that most of us came to this College to get an education. And to do this, we had to do a lot of work and save plenty. Also that we had to study. Now, perhaps you're in a snap course and have all the money you need. You don't have to work or study. But what about the rest of us that do. We never said much about the customs—we wore them and let it go at that. Now we understand that you (brave soul) decided that we were not going to the mass meetings like we should and thought that our customs ought to be extended. For that the freshman class wishes to thank you very much. All those mass meetings were scheduled for freshman week; we would have been very glad to go then but now we have to work (study—do you know what that means?) If we all go chasing to those mass meetings when we have work that has to be done, we'll all flunk out and then you won't have any freshman class to pick on. Now you know.

As for us and a good many of our friends and classmates, we all wish you—(as if you didn't know.)

Yours for better freshman customs.
A Group of Freshmen.

Here is an immediate answer.
Dear Freshmen:

You are right! Most of us did come to this College for an education. Most of us had to work and save plenty. Some of us were forced to stay out of school for a few years, then work for our room, NYA, and board. And, most of us abhorred freshman customs. Finally, we believed freshman mass meetings were a waste of time—approximately one hour every week for five weeks.

But, freshmen, we changed our minds.

Why? It was that intangible thing called education. We learned that education wasn't bundled up in a little world of books, study hours, and professors. We discovered that education included that strange "nosiness" of man—curiosity. It drove us to find out why the College was regulated and controlled by a governing body called the All-College Cabinet; it made us seek better and keener association with men and coeds on campus; our self-styled curiosity compelled us to question the rights of some individuals (upper-classmen to you) to initiate and enforce their queer customs upon us; it sank its teeth into the current campus problems and threatened to shake until the answer was given; above all, it led us into a busier path of student activity than we wanted.

Yes, freshmen, it made us work. This unquenchable thirst called curiosity taught us something. It opened our eyes to the fact that all knowledge is not derived from study, that college life must contain a well-rounded social, educational, and "know-how-to-get-along-with-the-other-fellow" program.

Finally, it educated us. Not only did we recognize the need for freshman customs as a means of training freshmen to learn to obey and follow specific campus rules and regulations, but it showed us that such gatherings as the freshman mass meetings, which supposedly waste an hour every week, also gave us a deeper insight and purpose in our collegiate world.

Yours for better freshman customs (if you can suggest any).

A Group of Seniors.



THE FACULTY SAYS . . .

By DR. STUART A. MAHURAN,
Assistant Professor of Journalism

When asked to fill this space today a topic suggested was my impressions of State College students as compared with students in Middlewestern universities and colleges. I'll have a try at that. May I start by writing that I feel handicapped largely because I have been here only so briefly, and that because of this feeling I must deal chiefly, perhaps solely, in externals?

One in such a position can offer no criticism. That, perhaps, might come later, but it is to be hoped it won't. First then is student spirit. It is as fine and as constantly active as seemingly could be desired. Always, it appears, there is something happening, always it attracts and interests and apparently holds student attention. While the men in the ubiquitous hats and the freshmen provide much of this activity it appears usually only on the fringes and outer approaches to popular academic buildings. Inside there are innumerable bulletins heralding this, that and the other event, groups of students discussing not only the game, but the debate, the play and the music try-outs, and lines of the same gentry pushing toward a try on the Collegian or in some other extra-curricular project or program.

Hear them talk, these students, on the street, in the restaurants, at their fraternities, outside their homes, and the spirit is invariably there. It is a healthy spirit in a world sadly in need of concerted effort. One notes, too, the color of campus and game, the forward stride of student body.

Pennsylvania State's campus is as beautiful as any in the Midwest, only Wisconsin's approaching it, and that because of Lake Mendota. Missouri and Iowa have campuses and buildings as large, but they lack the splendid trees, and, of course, the mountain panorama. Old Main is a grand structure. Small wonder, then, that students, in such a setting move forward in steady procession, from semester to semester, toward the goal afforded by graduation day.

Student cheering and the band at the football games are inspirational. In the classroom students seem attentive. They are courteous. Possibly some of them are asleep, but if they are that will come out later, and, as students have been known to aver, possibly it may be the instructor's fault.

So far, it will undoubtedly be noted, only five words, only praise, not a word of criticism. Well and good. So be it. Remember I said at the beginning that because of certain reasons it appeared necessary to deal only in externals? But I should like it extremely well if these first impressions might remain lasting impressions. In life there have been some first impressions that have remained steadfast. May I be pardoned if I recall a few? One is an elderly artist, a most genial host, whose pictures have hung in Paris. Through the years he has remained as fine as was the first impression of gentleman and painter. Another is of a newspaper publisher, now dead, at first glimpse tolerant, kindly, understanding. The impression persists. Still a third, and the last, is of a university dean recognized for his poise, his judgment, his method of dealing with men and women and students. He too is lately departed. His memory endures.

If one were a cynic one might remark apropos these first impressions, that only the dead are good. Not so. The living and the quick, and they are legion, are also good, despite the fact they may be dwelling in a sorry world.

It is undoubtedly fortunate that in these academic halls the sorrows of the world seldom intrude. Perhaps it is because many an Old Martin has walked them. I don't know. But I do know the student spirit here is noticeable and noteworthy.

The board of Ottawa Collegiate institute is trying to solve a mystery of 1913, revealed in a letter from an honor student of that year. Miss Sybil Stewart complained that the "gold" medal presented to her in recognition of her scholastic standing has turned out to be nothing but gilded bronze.

Hamilton college has one English composition student who goes in for realism. He wrote on "My Roommate Gives Me a Haircut." Clinging to the theme paper which he turned in to David H. Bettle, instructor, were several small, closely clipped hairs.

Letters to the Editor—More Work, Less Glory. Asked Of Campus Leaders

To the Editor:

We of State like to boast of our strong student government, and rightly so, for our system is one of the very best. Feeling that students in office receive splendid training, our administrative heads lend their hearty cooperation.

The boys work hard to get elected, but sometimes it is necessary to remind them that success in election is only the beginning. Once in office they must serve their constituents or miserably fail in their duty and, incidentally, weaken our system of student government.

As head of an All-College committee, I recently addressed a letter of inquiry to the head of almost every student government organization on campus. The letter necessitated at least a post card reply within a week. The president of WSGA was the only one to reply.

Let's forget the glory, student leaders, and get down to work.
Frank R. Flynn '43

Orderly Movie Lines Requested Of Students

To The Editor:

Of the many improvements that could be made for a "Better Penn State," I believe that there is one which would be comparatively simple but would allow greater comfort and little trouble.

When our students take their usual evening sojourn to the local cinema, the lines which they form continually block the passage of pedestrians walking on College ave. As a result, the good townspeople are forced to "take to the streets" and run into danger from passing cars or else are pushed by our less courteous numbers.

It seems to me that with some cooperation from our students and with the help of the local police force (such as it is) we could easily solve this problem.

Let's keep the lines close to the sides of the shops and in fairly straight order.

Several townspeople have made this suggestion to me and I pass it on for a "Better Penn State."

Cordially,
Sophomore.

News Briefs

LISTENING HOURS RELEASED

Temporary listening hours for the Carnegie Record Library in 417 Old Main were announced yesterday by the music department. A definite schedule will be announced and posted this week. The listed hours include: Today—4 to 6 p. m. Tomorrow—10 a. m. to noon, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m., 4 p. m. to 6 p. m., and 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. Saturday—8 a. m. to noon, 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. Sunday—1 p. m. to 10 p. m.

IOTA LAMBDA SIGMA ELECTS

Iota Lambda Sigma, industrial education professional fraternity, elected eight new members into its organization. They are: Robert Mengle '42, James Rizzo '42, Lawrence M. Frederick '42, Robert F. Jones '42, Robert Zuber '42, Welland J. Welsch '42, Russell L. Grau Jr., '43, and Eugene S. Stull '43. These men will be formally inducted into Iota Lambda Sigma on November 1.

A poll revealed nearly two thirds of University of Detroit students favor freshman hazing.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

- Forum Music Committee meeting, 304 Old Main, 4:15 p. m.
- Forum Project Committee meeting, 304 Old Main, 4:14 p. m.
- Candidates for freshman fencing, report to Rec Hall at 4 p. m. No experience is necessary.
- Meeting of German Club, Alpha Chi Rho, 7 p. m. Mr. Wuirff will speak.
- Freshman women debate, 103 Home Ec., 7 p. m.
- Penn State Club Executive Committee meeting, clubroom, 7:30 p. m.
- PSCA Public Meetings Committee, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.
- Community Service Committee, Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, 7 p. m.
- Meeting of active members of the Penn State Players for election of new members in the Little Theatre, 5 p. m.
- American Chemical Society of Central Pennsylvania Section meets, 119 New Physics, 7:30 p. m.
- Skull and Bones meeting, Phi Delta Theta, 7 p. m.

TOMORROW

- Parmi Nous meeting, Phi Kappa, 8 p. m.
- Camera Club Lecture, "Camera and How to Use It," 309 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
- Grange meeting, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.
- Varsity Women's Debate, 103 Home Ec., 7 p. m., bring debate cards and schedules.
- Meeting of Penn State Engineer Editorial Staff, 7:30 p. m. 314 Old Main.

Shrine Model Displayed

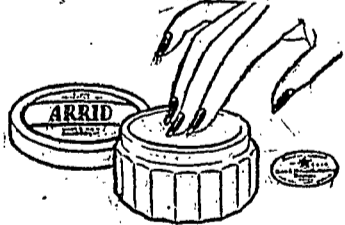
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inate automobile parking in the area directly before the lion. George W. Ebert, superintendent of grounds and buildings; Mr. Sears; members of the Shrine Committee; members of the fine arts department; and other college authorities yesterday morning chose the exact site of the shrine and the height of the base.

Safety Talk By Neyhart

"Society's Responsibility for Safety" will be the subject of the talk given by Amos E. Neyhart, head of the College Institute of Public Safety, at a luncheon meeting of the Delaware County Safety Association tomorrow.

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