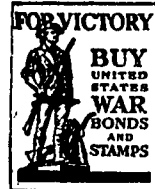




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Frosh Name Card Rule Effective Today—Ridenour

In accordance with College Tribunal regulations, all freshman men are required to wear regulation size name cards starting today at 8 a. m. Dress customs and other freshman regulations go into effect at noon tomorrow.

All applications for custom exemptions must be made in person any time tonight in 305 Old Main when Tribunal will hear all pleas. Students required to attend meetings or classes may present their cases after their meetings.

Transfer students from the undergraduate centers, freshmen over 21, and second semester freshmen must appear before Tribunal to gain exemptions. Upper-class transfer students must also appeal for exemptions and those who have not gone through a sufficient custom period will be required to observe frosh regulations, Charles H. Ridenour '43, Tribunal chairman, stated last night.

One more custom, not mentioned in the Freshman Handbook, is that all freshmen and other men observing customs must lift their dinks as they pass the "Old Willow Tree" on the mall.

Upperclassmen are asked by Ridenour to also doff their hats in an effort to make this an All-College tradition.

Tribunal wants to impress upon freshmen that their aim is not one primarily of hazing but rather one of helping the class of '46 be—

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County Art Exhibit On Summer Program

Works of art owned in Centre County form part of an exhibition planned as a feature of the Summer sessions program of the College.

The result of a careful survey of available material, it is proposed to assemble a group of the best pictures and sculptures to be found in private and institutional collections throughout the County.

Quality and interest of the works themselves, regardless of their age or subject matter, will determine the selection.

The exhibit will open July 13 and run three weeks in the newly opened Art Gallery of the MI building.

Frosh Turn Ratio To 4:1 As 560 Yearlings Register

Penn State's men-women ratio fluctuated again to 4:1 as registration figures yesterday showed 443 men and 117 coeds endured the card-signing marathon to earn the right to be called Penn State freshmen. Three years ago the figure was 5:1, and last semester it dropped to 3:1.

According to Registrar William S. Hoffman, 176 students registered for inter-session, which added to the 560 freshmen and 3,337 upperclassmen brings the total campus enrollment to 4,073.

A quick glance at the registration cards piled high on the registrar's desk shows that four coed enrollees have entered engineering curricula.

A break down into schools is as follows: Agriculture, 47; Chemistry and Physics, 156; Education, 45; Engineering, 168; Lower Division, 105; Mineral Industries, 31; Physical Education, 8.

Fraternities Begin Pledging Today

Zero-hour of the fraternities' first Summer rushing season arrives at 5 p. m. today, when pledging of freshmen becomes legal under Interfraternity Council rules.

"Rushing activities have become more intense than ever before in recent years," Arthur E. Denman '43, IFC rushing chairman, stated last night.

The stepped-up program is entirely natural under existing conditions, Denman added, since the entire freshman class, including women is smaller than the total number of freshmen pledged last year.

Unusual interest on the part of freshmen, meanwhile, was indicated in an IFC-sponsored poll conducted at the freshman counselling meetings Sunday night. Over 85% of the frosh men answered "yes" to the question, "Are you interested in joining a fraternity?"

In a statement to the "Class of '46" last night, Denman urged the frosh not to be swept away by the first impressions. "Make your own decisions," he added. "Don't let anyone else make up your mind for you."

The rushing chairman suggested that rushees discuss any questions they might have concerning fra—

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DIRECTOR—Hummel Fishburn, acting head of the department of music, will serve as master of ceremonies at the Student-Faculty Relations Committee's All-College Sing to be held in Schwab Auditorium from 7 to 8 p. m. Friday evening.

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"Sing For Relaxation" Theme Of SFRC Program In Auditorium Friday

Penn State's Student-Faculty Relations Committee will inaugurate its "Sing for Relaxation" campaign when it sponsors the All-College Sing to be held in Schwab Auditorium from 7 to 8 o'clock Friday evening.

With Prof. Hummel Fishburn, acting head of the department of music, acting as master of ceremonies, the song fest will be composed of patriotic, college, folk, romantic, old and other familiar songs—songs that everyone enjoys singing.

Col. Edward D. Ardery, chairman of the Sing committee, stated last night, "Judging by the success that functions of this sort have had during previous Summer sessions, we have every belief that this affair will also prove successful. The only request that we make is that students and faculty members attend the Sing. We are sure that they will enjoy themselves immensely."

"If the Sing turns out successfully," Col. Ardery continued, "the committee shall make plans to have more of them in the near future."

The committee emphasized the fact that an affair such as this will be a start to fostering better relationships between students and members of the faculty.

Prexy Hetzel Stresses War, Peace Demands

Student, College Heads Attend Frosh Session

Title Of 'Prexy' Has Its Tradition, Too

"When I meet you on the campus and greet you, I hope you will reply 'hello, prexy,'" said President Ralph D. Hetzel at the freshman convocation meeting last night. "That title is one of the things I'm most proud of."

How this came about is explained in the "History of the College" by Dean Arthur R. Warnock, trustees selected Dr. Hetzel in the Fall of 1926 to become president here.

The Collegian, shortly after the trustees' choice, published an editorial which said that the trustees could confer the title of president upon the newcomer, but the students would reserve conferring their title of "Prexy" on him until they felt he earned it.

The well-liked figure wrote an acceptance to the challenge, and began his duties in January, 1927. One evening in May, 1927, President Hetzel was greeted by a large gathering of the students who conferred upon him the title of "Prexy" amid applause and cheering.

Air Cadet Board To Swear In 28

With 28 students ready for enlistment, the Aviation Cadet Examining Board will begin enlistment for the Air Force Enlisted Reserve in 305 Old Main at 9 o'clock this morning, Lieut. H. S. Engart, head of the board, announced yesterday.

Lieutenant Engart requested yesterday in a letter to Prof. Robert E. Galbraith, board coordinator, that students ready for enlistment, appear in the board examining room at 9 a. m. or as soon after as possible.

Air crew enlistees to be sworn in are Earl R. Allison '45, David A. Arnold '44, Robert D. Barbour '45, James K. Billman '45, Wilbur S. Creelman '45, Ralph J. Ehlingsen '45, Harris J. Gilbert '45.

John W. Higgs '45, Joseph C. King '45, Julian I. Lewis '43, Donald E. McKee '44, Marshall B. Morgan '44, Weldon W. Ragsdale '44, Robert D. Rath '44, Louis K. Reynolds '44, Thomas W. Riley '43, Donald G. Steva '44, Alvin Wilensky '44, and William Yasssem '45.

Ground crew applicants whose papers have been returned and who will be examined and sworn in today are Milton Calig '43, Walter R. Gilliam '43, W. R. Hartson, '43, Karl J. Israel '43, Edward J. Martin '43, William D. Moffat '42, R. H. Reish, '42, and John M. Sausser '42.

Students who are to complete rechecks on physical examinations and then report for enlistment before the board today are Donald E. Beyer '44, Johnson Brenneman, '44, Robert L. Cowan '44, William J. Hughes '44, Charles B. Jones '43, Norman Lieberman '45, and William E. Spotts '44.

Compulsory Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Senior editorial and business boards of The Daily Collegian in the News Room, tonight at 7 p. m. All members must attend. Important matters will be discussed concerning the present status of the paper.

"We're under the necessity of training men and women, better and more quickly, and following the war we shall have the task of building a peace, adequate and enduring," said President Ralph Dorn Hetzel at the annual freshman convocation meeting in Schwab Auditorium last night.

The "Prexy" told the incoming class that the best way to train for the challenging future is by doing the best possible, day by day.

Advising the freshmen to catch early the attitude and character of Penn State, the College head defined Penn State spirit as loyalty to the highest ideals and objectives of the College.

Today's schedule for the war freshmen lists start of classes and wearing of name cards at 8 a. m., and the first aptitude test in Schwab Auditorium at 7 p. m. The second psychological exam will be given at the same time in 121 Sparks tomorrow.

Frosh tryouts for Men's Glee Club and College Choir will be held in Room 20 Carnegie Hall at 8:30 p. m. today, and freshman women will report to Room 211 Carnegie Hall at the same time tomorrow.

Thursday, Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, and Miss Ruth H. Zang will meet with freshman coeds in McAllister Hall lobby at 6:30 p. m. Friday, frosh are invited to attend the All-College Sing in Schwab Auditorium at 7 p. m., and after the event, the WSGA mixer is carded for the Armory from 8 to 10 p. m.

Tour of Home Economics Building at 10 a. m., WRA Play Day, with a freshman cabin party, are included in Saturday's program.

Distribution of ROTC uniforms for those who failed to get them will take place in the basement of McAllister Hall all day. Freshmen who missed the English placement test given last night should make arrangements for the exam in Room 239 Sparks Building.

Deans of the respective schools of the College, as well as heads of student government, were present at last night's meeting.

Late News

BASEBALL SCORES

National League

Cincinnati 3 Boston 1
Other games not scheduled.

American League

New York 11 Cleveland 10 (11 innings)
Other games not scheduled.

LONDON—British authorities warned the people along the coast from Belgium to Spain to evacuate that territory because the danger of invasion by the Allied forces has increased considerably during the past few weeks. The Germans are said to be laying mines and setting up pillboxes in an attempt to fortify the coast, fearing the threats of the British.

WASHINGTON—The House of Representatives passed a bill today declaring an increase in the pay of privates to \$50 a month. Officers as well as privates have been granted an increase in salaries.

Penn State Traditions Had Founding In Class Pranks Of 'Good Old Days'

By MILTON DOLINGER

Editor's note—This is the first in a series of articles to acquaint freshmen with the history and traditions that have made Penn State what it is today.

Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but anyone who imitates the unknown freshman who threw a pot of butter at a professor in the dining commons of Old Main is likely to be frowned upon—by the faculty anyway.

Replete with stories and incidents which the old-timers love to tell, the early history of Penn State laid the basis for many of the traditions still dear to the heart of undergraduate and alumni alike.

Of course, the above incident is not a tradition, at least the dining commons were abolished some

years ago. Rather it is an indication of the spirit—too boisterous, sometimes—which flourished in the era of button shoes, celluloid collars, and straw hats that made "ol' Siwash" a national institution.

Centering around Old Main which at one time was known as "The College," legends and fables have had their inception in as startling a manner as getting a pot of butter in the face.

True, many memorable customs aren't practiced anymore in this age devoid of sentiment, but whenever a group of alumni congregate, the chief topic of conversation is an argument over which class left the College with the greater record of exploits.

For example, when the tower of Old Main was a wooden circular structure described by Prof. Edwin Runkle in his "History of Penn State" as a "... box-like

structure said by the super-imaginative to be a replica of the tower of Independence Hall," every class used to have what were known as "flag scraps." An annual custom from 1886 to 1916, the object of the scrap was to capture the flag from the tower.

The fight for the emblem was a sort of simultaneous wrestling match and water-spilling contest up the winding staircase; the winning class, usually the one with the most reserves, erected their own pole and flew the flag victoriously until another class felt bold enough to dispute their authority.

Perhaps the modern equivalent of this is the tug-of-war or boxing match between the frosh and sophomore classes to decide the outcome of customs.

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