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"The Freshman Incident"

For a long time the question of freshman orientation and customs has been pushed aside by the upperclassmen of the College. However, this week a beam of light once again spotlighted "the freshman incident."

Students have wondered in the past if freshman orientation was being conducted in the best possible manner and whether the present customs for incoming freshmen were serving their intended purposes.

Last week Tribunal gave the first semester men a "frosh bluebook" on the condition that customs would be removed if the results were favorable. As the grades indicated, only 17 students out of the entire class passed the examination which dealt with material in the Student Handbook. Immediately the aroused judicial body issued an order which restored all customs for men.

Perhaps the freshmen didn't do as well as might be expected. However, The Collegian believes it was an unwise act on the part of Tribunal to command the restoration of "all" freshman customs. Instead, the continuance of "some" of the customs would have been enough punishment for the men—some of whom may never return to the campus after they enter the service.

Those first semester students who rebelled against the ruling and refused to wear customs were as wrong as criminals who refuse to obey laws set down by the government. Tribunal is the supreme judicial body for men students on the campus and has the power to recommend the expulsion of any male student from the college.

The freshmen have a class president who represents their semester and reflects their views. Tuesday evening he entered a formal protest to All-College Cabinet to investigate the matter. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and make a report on its findings next week. Until the report of this committee is made and Cabinet acts on the matter, it is the duty of every freshman to obey the laws of the campus.

If freshmen do not observe customs, The Collegian suggests that Tribunal recommends every such student to the proper officials for expulsion from the College.

Blood Typing Service

Plans are now underway to have the blood of all the students typed at the College Dispensary in the near future. The entire student body is asked to respond when the different semesters are scheduled for registration.

Although blood typing may seem like a very unimportant matter at the present time, some day it may help save the life of a fellow American in desperate need of a transfusion.

There is no charge for the service. The typing process only requires a few minutes. Why not cooperate and make the drive a 100 per cent success? Registration for first and eighth semester students begins Thursday.

Memorial Day Program

This is a note to the student body, faculty, and townspeople.

On May 30 the All-College Cabinet is staging Memorial Day services at New Beaver Field. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremonies. Because of its nearness to V-E Day, the program will have an added significance.

If you are in State College, won't you attend the services?

Penn Statements

FAY YOUNG

Freshman customs are on again! For ten weeks men students have worn green dinks and observed customs this semester. "Why so long?" is the question on everyone's lips.

About three weeks ago Tribunal Head Guy Newton announced a mass meeting for all freshman men on Old Main steps at 1 p.m. All hatmen were requested to attend. One o'clock came and the

freshmen came. A Parmi Nous and a fe Druids came, but senior hatmen and Newton didn't show up at this supposed "custom removal" rally. The Parmi Nous conducted a song fest and sent the frosh on their way. Seems as though Policeman Newton decided customs hadn't been worn long enough. The consensus is that only women have the privilege of changing their minds!

Then came the 42 average in the frosh bluebook. Maybe the privilege should be extended to men!

With the confirmation that a Naval ROTC unit will be established on campus came the rumor that WAVES would also arrive. The students reaction to this possibility: Coeds are disgusted. No wonder—the male populace declares itself "just as uniform crazy as the women are!"

If your date for Saturday night looked as though she slept in her dress, it's because coeds took four irons from Atherton Hall

and College officials took the others.

Another Penn State alum makes good. This time it is Ruth Davey '43, a State College girl, who is singing with the Barney Grant show over Mutual Network every Wednesday. Who says this is a man's world?

The College symphony orchestra got off on the wrong note Sunday afternoon and didn't improve very much throughout the program. Many listeners were disappointed. Could it be that Brahms wrote his overture in the wrong key?

If you see an array of black crew hats on coeds in the near future, don't be alarmed. They aren't the fiancées of hatmen or the ghosts of them either. They are just Mortar Board members who gave up trying to get the traditional jackets and resorted to the black hat with the honorary emblem.

Old Mania

By NANCY CARASTRO

Mothers . . . God bless 'em . . . were predominant in town last weekend, but sandwiched between the overwhelming mass of femininity were a few bold males who ventured up to see their loved ones . . . Cpl. Plug Nash came up from Ft. Bragg to see Zeta Jan Carvolth . . . Ens. Joel Cohen of the Naval Air Corps was visiting AEPHI Shirley Fierman . . . Phi kappa sig Bill Thomas was seeing KD Weasy Gwillin . . . Seaman 1/c Dick Toler saw Libby Goodlin . . . Marine Lt. Moon MacDonald came to see Zeta Gladys Stanhope . . . and Pfc. Joe Linn came from Quantico to see Zeta Joan Bower . . .

Beta sig Stan Chadwin and Helen Bautman, Aletheia, were recently pinned . . . Phi kappa sig Jack Strickland and Kappa Helen Feidler were depinned . . . Like-wise PiKA Bill Morton and alpha chi pledge Kitch hocking . . .

Gamma phi Peggy Bowes is traveling westward to California these days to see Ens. Bill Kimsey . . . Ens. and Missus Bob Hauser (Josie Weist) are living down in Miami, Florida . . . AEPHI alum Joyce Greenberg was married to Gerald Goodman last week

. . . Kappa Anne Chastaine is being married Saturday to Lt. Ed Ryan . . . Kappa Alpha Joe Wilson, soft-spoken Suthun research worker here, was married to KD alum Dottie Thomas . . . Zeta Georgia Snook traveled to North-western to see Midn. Jim McCarthy . . . SDT Cece Henschel went to N. Y. to see fiance Julian Pichel . . .

Alpha chi alums Mim Ramsey and Estelle Brown were up . . . AOPi Maggy Mayer was visiting . . . Ens. Larry Chervenak . . . Theta Ruth Davey . . . Ens. Ray Shibli, alpha chi sig . . . Chi O's Harriet Lenker and Sally Duffy . . . Phi Kap Joe-no-relation-to-the-other-Wilson . . . Sigma nu Ray Boyle . . .

AST formal tomorrow . . . Blanche Vall is going with Pvt. Jimmy Antonoss . . . Janet Schmidt with Pvt. Lee Bomash . . . Natalie Grusmark with Pvt. Effie Alperin . . . Norma Brofsky with Pvt. Marvin Faigen . . . The coeds are all Aletheia . . . Four more coeds are up for queen of the dance . . . At this rate every girl in school will get a crack at the title before she graduates . . . MANIAC.

Faculty Limelight

By WOODENE BELL

Dr. R. C. Miller, department of agricultural and biological chemistry, is attending a Nutrition Work Conference at the University of North Carolina . . . Dr. Miller is chairman of the committee on pork research and will lead discussions on research problems dealing with the nutritive value of meats.

Dr. R. Adams Dutcher, also of the ag bio-chem department, gave an illustrated lecture on recent developments in vitamin research at Reading . . . Hummel Fishburn, head of the music department, was guest conductor at the Blair County music festival . . . Dr. Pauline Beery Mack, director of the Ellen H. Richards Institute, will discuss her work at the Faculty Lunch Club meeting Monday.

Dr. David F. McFarland, retiring head of the department of metallurgy, will be the guest of honor at the seventh annual Mineral Industries dinner tomorrow . . . Dr. William T. Hunt Jr., who has served as consulting ophthalmologist in the visual science division of the Reading Clinic for the past seven years, has accepted a position with Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia . . . James Smith, PSCA general secretary, spoke in the Altoona Methodist church Sunday in exchange for Rev. J. Resler Schultz, regular

pastor of the church, who spoke in chapel.

James Kerr, editor of the Extension News, has resigned to accept a position with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh . . . His successor will be Mrs. Dorothy E. Fisher . . . Dean S. W. Fletcher, School of Agriculture, is a member of the committee which established rules for the agricultural award and scholarship program being sponsored by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland.

Prof. Frank S. Neusbaum has assumed direction of the Motion Picture and Recording Studio of the extension services . . . Hugh R. Riley Jr., of the Alumni Association, and Louis H. Bell, director of public information, spoke to Wilkes-Barre alumni on recent developments on the campus.

A Lean And Hungry Look

Soon after I came to the College as a freshman I learned how to read. The first pamphlet I read was Dean Arthur R. Warnock's excellent "A Brief History of The Pennsylvania State College For Freshmen." I have since been grateful to the Dean, on many an occasion, for the fund of useful and interesting information contained in his booklet.

On page 11 of this history I found, concerning the late President Atherton, the words, "When he died in 1906 his body was buried on the campus in a grave close beside the north wall of the Schwab Auditorium—a grave marked by a modest tombstone and decorated annually on Memorial Day by succeeding generations of students."

Now I am no more suspicious than the next man, therefore, I walked up to Schwab and looked at the granite memorial the Class of 1909 had erected to George W. Atherton, LL.D., June 20, 1837-July 24, 1906. That should have settled it—he apparently was buried there.

As a freshman, this knowledge saved me a good deal of grief. Whenever a hatman would saunter up to me, spit out the remains of a toenail and demand, "Whez da only grave on campus?" I could tell him.

Later in my college career, I had occasion to ask Prof. W. F. Dunaway, the College Historian, about the grave. As far as he knew, he said, President Atherton is buried near Schwab. And there is very little about the College Professor Dunaway does not know.

However, I must confess that in spite of the evidence, I was not entirely convinced that the grave is authentic. I told my suspicions to a professor of philosophy, but he was not much help. He looked scornfully at me and said, "Dig."

There is no telling how long I would have lived in uncertainty if it were not for a fortunate occurrence. One dark, overcast night last week I was in the Pine Hall Cemetery outside of town for two medical students. What I was doing there is nobody's business.

As my dimmed-out light flickered against a tombstone I saw something that caused me to drop my shovel. It was fairly obvious that no one would take my word for it. Therefore I returned the very next afternoon with Mr. William Clark, the well known automobile driver, and Mr. James Casey, to witness my claim. In the Pine Hall Cemetery there is a grave stone upon which is lettered, "George Washington Atherton, 1837-1906."

Now, I am making no accusations. I am not calling "fraud," or "hoax," or "phony." I do say, however, that he is not buried in both places. And that seems to be a dirty trick on the public not to mention on gentlemen of my profession.

—CASSIUS

Front and Center

Pvt. Edmund Trybala, '42, runner-up for the 1942 national collegiate horizontal bar title, has been awarded the Bronze Star for efficient direction of traffic over the Remagen bridge. As an MP he was in North Africa and Sicilian campaigns, at Cherbourg, and the breakthrough at St. Lo.

Sergeant Roy Tendler, former Lion athlete, who was injured in France, has returned from overseas in a bomber, and is now enrolled at Cornell.

Lt. Miller Frazier, former hurdler and track captain, has been a flying instructor in this country for two years. He is now in the Pacific. His brother Jack, also a Penn Stater, is a Warrant Officer with the Atlantic Fleet.

Fraternity Brothers Meet

Two Penn Staters, both Theta Xi's, met in France just before V-E day. Carl Lyons '45 had been fighting with the Infantry, and his fraternity brother, John Hummer '46 is attached to a hospital unit.

Pfc. Allan Grey '46 has just returned to action in the South Pacific. Allan was resting in a field hospital somewhere in the South Pacific.

Lemaine Gerrick '43 is back from the Pacific after 18 months aboard an aircraft carrier.

Bob Vidler '45 back from seeing action in a sub-chaser, is attending midshipman school at Harvard.

Wilson R. Garinger, ball turret gunner in a 15th Air Force Flying Fortress, has been promoted from corporal to a staff sergeant. He is a member of the "Pineapple Pete" squadron, which has flown more than 400 combat missions during two years overseas operations.

—Peggie Weaver