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Customs Again

For more than four semesters now upperclassmen have been spending much time talking about "what should be done about freshmen customs." Nearly everyone agrees they should be continued but there seems to be some diverse opinions as to just how this should be done.

In the meantime the frosh have been dragging through sixteen weeks of hazing, finally losing the whole idea of the tradition and regarding their green dinks and ribbons as not something to be proud of but as something to be avoided at all costs.

Complaints echo from the upperclassmen about lack of spirit and obedience. Yet few seem to realize that this is not the fault of the newcomers. Whether subconsciously or not the freshmen come to imitate their seniors. Thus when upperclassmen show lack of school spirit, the feeling is contagious to the lower ranks.

We do not advocate that students rush to class whistling the Alma Mater or that they should shout the College yell at the slightest provocation. But we do advocate a renewed interest in the College's affairs such as student government and activities.

We propose, too, that the students take an active interest in the wearers of the green and establish some program whereby customs would be more concentrated and more strictly enforced. Our idea is that if customs were executed efficiently with the wholehearted support of the entire student body for a period of about six weeks the result would be more satisfying than that of the past semesters.

The Aftermath

Now that elections are over, it is more than probable that the party platforms will be promptly forgotten. Granted that in most cases this is not too bad an idea. However this semester some planks might prove worthy of being remembered, namely, the Nittany party's promise to effect the reestablishment of a non-profit student book exchange to enable students to obtain texts at a lower cost.

Now is the most opportune time to discuss this proposition, with most students finding themselves with flat pocketbooks, writing hurried letters home for more money. In other words the setting and mood are established. All that remains wanting is the action.

Penn State boasts of being a most democratic institution. The College welcomes students who must earn part of their fees and even provides part-time work. But of what use is all this if the student cannot afford to buy his texts?

Cooperative movements have proved successful so far as living units are concerned. Why not revive the cooperative system of a student book exchange?

Al that is necessary is a little determination and some leadership. Surely a school of this calibre is not lacking in these qualities.

So let us remember the campaign pledges this time. And more than that, let's see that they are fulfilled. If enough voters insist upon this action, something will be done about it.

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Penn Statements

Now that the last few stragglers have returned from their vacations at the shore or the mountains and the profs have jaunted off on their vacations, the rest of us have taken to putting into effect as it has never been done so efficiently before—vacationing on the job.

But it hasn't hampered the politicians who have patted backs and autographed post cards until exhaustion set in. Axiom says the best man wins but politics is politics wherever it is. Freshman elections are coming up and individual cliques will cast their votes where they think they can gain the most in placing a frosh candidate.

Now that the officers are ready to take over their duties the most important thing the student body will be on the lookout for is the opening of the Sandwich Shop, the State flag waving in front of Old Main, a book exchange, and the other provisions of the promised platforms being carried out to some degree.

There seems to be no obvious reason why an organization embracing complete student membership—such as All-College Cabinet—can't sponsor a successful entertainment when smaller organizations do so.

PSCA had a question panel for freshmen coeds Tuesday night at which time some prominent campus leaders attempted to answer any problems presented. But it

took no tabulation to note that the girls were interested mainly in how to meet tall, handsome men. There's your chance, fellas! Better get on the ball since BTO Jim Hugo has already threatened to hand out his phone number.

Fraternity women were told their houses would be closed for the summer because of the necessity for repairs. Are the school teachers inhabiting some of them doing the wall-papering and painting?

Although 26 frosh violators were called before Tribunal Wednesday night, none of them were accused of the more serious offenses. Yet many fellows get by every day with dating, insolence, and indignation toward upperclassmen. Wouldn't it be a good idea for all men students, not only hatmen and Tribunal members, to clamp down on the newcomers now? This would not only speed the removal of customs but it would also instill the true Penn State spirit in their minds more deeply.

Old Mania

And still they're being married. With all due apologies, we find we missed quite a few weddings last week. ChiO Betty Robinson married John Bertram, hometown boy... Shirley Kohn became Mrs. Joseph Boscov. Joe is a Gamma Sig alum... Delta Gam Anne Louise Decker and Sgt. Paul Heberling were married in State College... Ruth Goldman married Lt. Israel Zeltich... Irene Stacy is now Mrs. Laurence Bender. Larry was recently discharged from the army air corps.

The Sabys really made it a family affair. ChiO Margie Saby married Cliff Basteshek at Gettysburg, Pa., while her brother John and Gamma Phi Mary Long were taking final vows at York, Pa.

AEPHI Harriet Morrison and Gamma Sig alum Bernie Cohen are engaged.

AOPI Jo Campbell and ATO Bud Brown are pinned—they found a novel way to be pinned they tell us... Jan Neff wears George Sample's Phi Kap pin... Phi Kap Jack Strickland handed his jewelry to Ann Grazier... Sally Wills wears Thurman Gates's TKE jewelry. Thurman is serving with the navy in the mid-Atlantic.

Mimmie Robinson, SDT, visited Pfc. Bart Krongold, Phi Ep, just

returned from combat in the ETO... Betty Johnson saw Ensign Clair Jewell in New York. State College still holds charms for lots of kids with visitors like mad swelling our meager population this week.

A/S Neil Williams was in town visiting Sally Kohler... Sgt. Dave Cloud, Phi Sig, blew in to see Theta Betty Shenk... Lt. Ted Le Fevre, who was stationed here in the air corps way back when, came back to see Kappa Dorky Newcomer... Lt. Timmie Gyles and his wife were visiting... also Beta Cliff St. Clair... Lt. and Mrs. Edward Ryan spent the weekend in town. Mrs. Ryan was formerly Kappa Anne Chastaine.

Kappa Margo Zollinger was back seeing A/S Jim Shanks... Ditto Kappa Hattie Leyden to see A/S Jack Strange... Lt. Bill Smith, TKE alum, Lt. Sam Crabtree, Phi Kap alum, and Lt. Don Montgomery were visiting their old haunts... Theta alum Jeanne Irwin was visiting her Theta sisters.

Theta Mim Rhein, now Mrs. William Murphy is living in town with her husband.

We've been hastily and tersely informed that Jean Knox no longer wears Guy Eckman's Sigma Chi pin. Oh, well it was fun while it lasted. —MANIAC

Faculty Limelight

Joe Bedenk, baseball coach, has been named chairman of the executive committee of the newly-organized American Association of Baseball Coaches... Dr. Walter Coutu, of the sociology department, will discuss "Population Trends and Some Probable Effects on American Life" at the Faculty Lunch Club meeting Monday.

Thomas C. Benton, associate professor of mathematics, and

Grover C. Chandlee, professor of chemistry, left for Europe early this month. They will teach mathematics and chemistry, respectively, to American soldiers in European universities... "Ridge" Riley, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, is attending a meeting of the American Alumni Council in Chicago this week... Robert E. Galbraith, faculty counselor of veterans, has moved his veteran's office from the second floor of Sparks to the old botany building across the mall from Carnegie Hall...

Julius E. Kaulfuss, professor of highway engineering, soon will make the same speech for the 50th time. For four years he has been addressing Kiwanis Clubs on the same topic: "The Third 'I' in Kiwanis"... Henning Nelms, a new member of the drama department, gave up a law practice

for theater direction... Margaret Witt is the new technical director, replacing Grace Clayton.

Among the notables on campus as visiting faculty for Summer Session are: Ennis Davis, editor of the Music Publishers' Journal... M. Eunice Hilton, dean of women and professor of education at Syracuse University... Hobson Pittman, noted artist from Overbrook... W. F. Stewart, head of the department of agriculture at Ohio State University.

Helen Camp, former editor of the Centre Daily Times who doubled as journalism instructor, is now working with the Associated Press bureau in London... James Smith, general secretary of PSCA, was in New York this week attending the national intercollegiate Christian Council.

Campuseer

Once upon a time a group of little black sheep decided that they wanted to go to Sheep's College to learn things that would help them be fine citizens in the democratic country in which they lived. They were very good little sheep, intelligent and hard-working, and came from good flocks. But because they were black, and in the minority, all the white sheep in the land considered them an inferior breed.

When they go to Sheep's College, the little black sheep saw that there were only about 20 of them, while there were some 2,000 white sheep who were students at the College. They made friends with many of the white sheep on campus, but with the sheep who lived in the town, it was a different story.

The little black rams had to find space in folds with the sheep in town, for the College provided living accommodations only for ewes and let the rams fend for themselves. And the sheep in town, who were all white sheep, were very reluctant to rent folds to black rams.

So one day the little black rams, along with a group of white rams and both black and white ewes, got together and decided that they were going to start a fold of their own where both white and black rams could live and work together in close cooperation.

Everything was going fine until a goat with the aspirations of a social worker stuck his horns into the project. He was an extremely cautious old goat, and immediately imbued the black and white sheep with enthusiasm to make the fold part of a national movement that would prove a definite step forward in eliminating breed and religious prejudices.

"But," he warned, "we must keep very silent about the project. There will be much opposition to it if it becomes known, so we must work very quietly until we are strong enough to withstand the opposition."

That may have been a very fine idea, but the rams who were to live in the new fold, as well as the advisory and executive boards, kept so quiet that they antagonized all the other sheep at the College.

"Tell us what you are doing now," they urged, "for we want to help you make a success of this fold that will be the exemplification of a true democratic spirit."

"We are preparing an official notice," answered the sheep. "When it has passed the inspection of the advisory and executive boards and of all the members of the fold, we shall release it. No one member may give out any information, for as a group we must decide what we want outsiders to know about this fold."

In the meantime, about 15 rams, both black and white, had moved into the fold which was spacious enough to accommodate at least 35. When the rams had moved in, they said that the fold would be filled up in a very short time.

"Our fold is going to be very unlike the other sheep folds on the campus," they said. "Anyone will be able to move in with us, regardless of breed or religious belief or who his parents are. We are truly democratic."

But time dragged by, and still only fifteen rams lived in the new fold. When outsiders inquired why more rams didn't move in, the occupants answered "Oh, we are being very careful about who lives with us. They must be only rams who believe in our democratic ideals."

And soon the new fold, which had been organized with high democratic ideals, became one of the most select folds at the College.

Moral: Too much caution often leads to folly.

Front and Center

Capt. Al Daykin '33, former Lion soccer star, has added an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star won in the European theater. He was in the Belgian Bulge battle. S/Sgt. Wilson R. Garinger, ball turret gunner in a 15th Air Force Flying Fortress, recently received the Air Medal.

First Lt. R. A. Aubrey '39, Bougainville veteran now with the Fifth Marine Division, is recuperating in a rear area hospital. Lieutenant Aubrey stopped 16 Jap slugs in his leg. He reported that the first bullet paralyzed him and he was forced to stand in the enemy range while 15 more bullets were sprayed into his leg. Because of the delicacy of the operation, no anaesthetic was administered while the slugs were removed.

First Lt. Mortimer H. Menaker '35 was a member of the Camp Huckstep Army Rifle team which recently scored a victory in the second International Rifle competition at Abbassia, near Cairo, Egypt. The American team beat the runners-up, the Union Defense Team, by two points and received the personal congratulations of Egypt's King Farouk, who fired the first shot.