

Flash Cards

Cheerleaders and hatmen, in charge of flash card operations at home football frays, called off Saturday's performance after it appeared that not enough students had taken seats in the center section of the north stands.

THE RESULTING announcement that "this Saturday the center section of the north stands, used by sophomores and freshmen, would be filled first by the ushers and the other sections of the lower classmen's stands would remain closed until this section is filled" could conceivably irk a loyal soph who yelled himself hoarse at the Boston College game.

His reaction is no doubt one complaining of this "ruling class"—hatmen and cheerleader minority—flaunting its authority over the underclassmen.

But these guys (and gals) wearing those unique hats are no "ruling class". They are in essence the typical Penn Stater. They are the sophs of a year or two ago who arrived goggle-eyed at sprawling Penn State, who were properly exposed to Orientation Week and awed by the hurry-scurry nature of it, who tried out for campus activities and showed that their mettle was Blue and White, and who were lucky enough to be tapped by campus hat groups for their service to the College in sports, government and the like, and who became hatmen for what they might still do for the students and the College.

THEY ARE THE sophs of a year or two ago who complained of their "raw seating deal" at the games, and who perhaps sat in the flash-card section last year when it was born at Penn State.

Toward maintaining the flash-card system as an excellent bulwark of Nittany spirit, hatmen this year undertook the duty of directing the flash-card section in cooperation with the cheerleaders.

Making the decision to close other soph sections fill the flash-card section is full was not an act of any "minority clique." In effect, it was the wish of the entire student government organization—backing the project and fired with a zeal to see Penn State traditions and spirit continue.

Spirit displayed at the Boston College game by sophs and frosh was tremendous in fact, it has been dubbed "the best shown by any new class since 1945."

SPIRIT CAN BE manifested in many ways. One of the chief ingredients of a spirit-packed Penn State football pageant is the flash-cards.



Traditionally Speaking

The Campus Patrol

(This is the third in a series of columns explaining the history of various Penn State traditions, and structures, on the campus.)

Fraternity initiations, pranks, invasions by rival school students, football bonfires—all have been a part of the College scene at one time or another, and all have sometimes presented problems for the Campus Patrol.

FOR AS LONG as can be remembered, there has been a watchman at the College, but it was not until 1926 that the Campus Patrol, as it now exists, was organized.

In 1936, Phillip A. Mark, who was to become head of the organization in 1942, joined the patrol. Capt. Mark was to witness the growth of the force from a four-man squad in 1936 to its present strength of 18 regular and 31 student patrolmen.

Seated in the patrol office on the third floor of Old Main the other day, the captain was quick to emphasize that the purpose of the organization is not primarily for law-enforcement but for the protection of student and college property. He can recall times when the latter was no minor task.

"The students, two or three thousand strong," he related, "would build bonfires for the celebration of sports victories. Everything movable and combustible would go into those fires if the fellows had their way."

During the football season, Beaver Field and the Lion Shrine are top targets for rival student forces and, thus, require extra attention from the patrol.

Night officers patrol all campus buildings, checking for theft and fire. On numerous occasions, fires have been discovered before they could do any great amount of damage. In this respect, the chemical-laden Walker and Petroleum Refining Labs have survived many small blazes because of the alertness of the campus patrolmen.

"If a man is really interested in an education," the captain figures, "he knows how to act like a gentleman while getting it."

—JOHN ASHBROOK

Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff

Take a last look at falling foliage! Busy College workmen are ridding leaves to the extent that soon a clean campus will not show a soggy remnant of a leaf.

Perhaps that is exaggerated, but, since they have begun to shake the limbs bare, it seems as though it really is "Keep Leaves Off the Grass" week. It's clean-up week at the College.

Larry Cooney has succeeded in adding a new twist to the usual jewelry exchange system. During his past weekend date, the conversation got around to the practice of pinning. Said she: "I don't want to be pinned; I want to be 'watched'—by you," and she proceeded to relieve him of his wristwatch. Quite a "time"ly gesture!

Happy reunion. A Collegian reporter was calling a certain party in Jordan Hall and left his name with the fellow who answered the phone. From the other end of the line came a shout of—"You aren't so-and-so that used to be on the track team at Central High in Philly in such-and-such a year?" Well, the reporter was one and the same and two old buddies got together here on the campus.

Tragedy struck Arthur Kantor, and Arthur Schneider, seniors with an ingenious knack for the unusual. The two Arthurs had a fishbowl over their ceiling light in their room in town. Red and Green lights were inserted to create the desired effect on bystanders watching the fish swim around in the bowl. While it lasted, the idea created quite a bit of comment in Kantor and Schneider's house.

But as all good things come to an end, so did the fishbowl. The bowl was smashed while being cleaned.

An interesting note—or add to "What's In a Name"—from an old directory. Jean DuBois lives on DuBois avenue in DuBois according to last year's student directory.

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SIGMA TAU Business Meeting, 219 EE, 7 p.m.

YPA Meeting, 410 Old Main, 7:15 p.m.

PSCA Cabinet, 304 Old Main, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

A representative of the S. S. Kresge Co. will be on campus Oct. 25 and 26 to interview February graduates in arts and letters and commerce and finance (men only). Further information is available about the company and arrangements for interviews should be made at 204 Old Main at once.

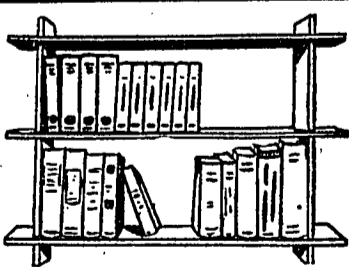
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