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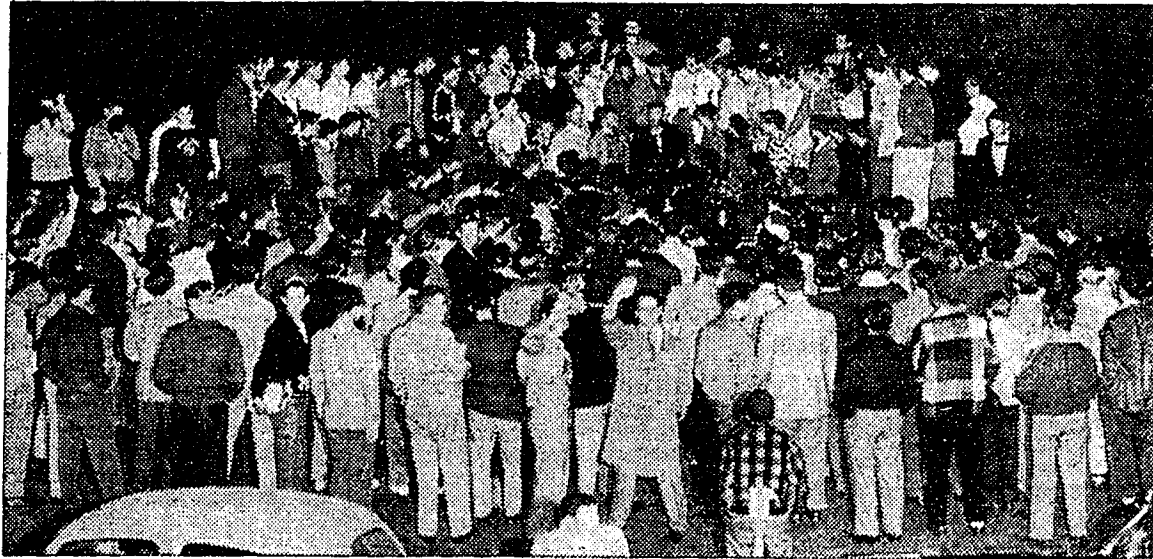
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Freshmen Stage Mass Protest Demonstration

Worm Turns As Frosh Riot Over Customs



—Collegian Photo by Mehall

FROSH REBELS GATHER on senior walk early last night to voice protest against hatmen and customs and to demand representation. Several hundred frosh and other students composed the crowd which jammed the sidewalk for nearly half an hour.

President's Three Brothers To Be At Inauguration

College To Grant 133 Dorm Releases

Three of President Milton S. Eisenhower's brothers and members of their families will be on hand for next Thursday's Beaver Field inauguration ceremonies.

Present will be General and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Eisenhower, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar N. Eisenhower. President Eisenhower's fourth brother cannot attend because of illness in his firm.

General and Mrs. Eisenhower will come from Columbia university where the general is president. Mrs. Eisenhower's parents and two brothers will also attend.

Earl D. Eisenhower and his wife will come to the College from Charleroi, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar N. Eisenhower from Tacoma, Wash.

The family will stay at the President's house and attend both the White hall reception Wednesday night and the outdoor west-meeting exercises Thursday.

The School of Home Economics will be responsible for food, decorations, and seating arrangements at the Wednesday night reception.

The hotel and institution administration will prepare and serve the food, while the division of home art will see to all decorations.

Tribunal Head Warns Frosh

Neil See, chairman of tribunal, said yesterday that freshmen are to disregard all of the notices to the effect that customs are over. Counterfeit notices signed with See's name have appeared on bulletin boards in the West Dormitories. Freshmen will be notified when customs are over.

In the interests of neatness and courtesy, all freshmen are requested to remove their dinks at dining tables and while in Old Main. Bow ties should be worn at the collar and not drooping down the front of the shirt. Wearing of name cards will also be required through the week of October 6.

See also said that freshmen may attend the AIM mixer in Recreation Hall Saturday night, but that they may not date afterward. Freshman men who are under tribunal discipline for violating customs may not attend.

A total of 133 men will be released from College dormitory contracts to fill the gap in fraternity pledging, President Milton S. Eisenhower told Interfraternity council Tuesday night.

Previously the Board of Trustees decided to release 100 men. IFC asked for an additional 33 releases and they were granted by the President at a special meeting Tuesday with administration leaders.

A poll of fraternities at first gave the minimum needed as 148 men, but later this number was cut to 133 in an effort to clear up the problem.

Some Faced Closing
The man shortage problem which came close to closing some fraternities and would have forced other fraternities to boost their house bills was blamed by College and fraternity leaders on an unfortunate chain of events and misunderstandings.

Almost all houses were under the mistaken impression that a plan to have men released from the dorms was in effect. They pledged men freely and later found that dorm contracts would be enforced strictly.

President Eisenhower told the council, "We are going to sit down in the very near future and prepare for next year. We won't get into such difficulty again."

Wilmer E. Kenworthy, assistant to the president in charge of student affairs, told the council that the exchange system probably would be used to release additional men from their dorm contracts this year. By this system, a fraternity wishing to pledge a man in the dorms first must find a replacement for him.

Explains Shortage
Kenworthy explained that the shortage problem in the dorms

Groups Will Work On Ball Decorations

Decorations for the inaugural ball next Thursday night will be provided by all student activity organizations on campus. There will be no admission charge.

Curtis Wessner, co-chairman of the student committee, said Bryson Craine had been appointed chairman of the decorations committee, and that the group was notifying campus organizations.

Each organization listed in the Student Union directory will be asked to contribute some symbol of its activity.

was almost identical with the one confronting the fraternities.

Fraternities probably will start drawing the 133 men from the dorms today. The men were proportioned to the fraternities by the council according to the number of vacancies in each house.

Fast Will Talk On SU Financing

Robert Fast, president of the Student Union committee, will present to All-College cabinet tonight the results of the committee's investigation into methods of financing the Student Union building other than the \$7.50 per semester student assessment.

The committee, composed of faculty members, administrative officers and students, was organized in June, 1947, to plan the social and recreational features of the building, and to suggest the most effective means of financing it.

Last May the committee approved plans for the two million-dollar, four-floor structure. In June they were accepted by the joint Alumni-Trustees board, and the Board of Trustees.

In addition to the Student Union committee report, cabinet will discuss appropriations for President Milton S. Eisenhower's inauguration Oct. 4 and 5.

Further appointments to the inauguration committee will be made, and cabinet is expected to give final approval to the lifting of freshmen customs for the inauguration period.

Dorm Nominations

Nominating petitions for West Dorm floor presidents, vice-presidents, and secretary-treasurers must be turned into the resident advisors by 5 o'clock today.

Nominees must have ten signatures on their petitions to be eligible for election. Elections will be conducted next Thursday.

Burn Name Cards And Dinks In Open Defiance Of Customs

By STAN DEGLER

A freshman rally ran amuck last night as several hundred frosh burned name cards, chanted "down with customs," and voiced vituperative shouts against hatmen.

The rally began with a rowdy demonstration in the West dorm courtyard to protest continued use of large-size name cards. Two freshmen, James Fox and another who identified

Hatmen Promise To 'Crack Down' On Freshmen

By Marv Krasnansky

Wide-spread freshman violations of customs capped by yesterday's demonstration of several hundred frosh brought a promise to "crack down" from Hat Societies council last night.

The warning came from Robert Fast, council president. Fast issued his warning to freshmen after the council heard a report on last night's uprising. The meeting was a regularly scheduled one.

Promises Action
"Suitable steps will be taken at tomorrow night's meeting of hatmen," Fast said.

Told of the questions asked about customs by the demonstrating freshmen, Fast pointed out that hatmen were merely charged with the enforcement of customs. If any changes in custom were to be made, he said, they would have to come through All-College cabinet.

Quoting sections of the customs regulations, Fast said it was the duty of hatmen to keep freshmen off the grass, off the senior walk, and to make them wear their customs dress. Whether freshmen would still be required to wear the large name cards which were supposed to be replaced after the first week was a question All-College cabinet would have to decide, he said.

"Many upperclassmen do not realize they can enforce customs too," according to Edward Barnitz, secretary-treasurer of Skull. (Continued on page two)

'Crusade' Seeks Student Signers

Independent men will be asked to sign "Crusade for Freedom" pledges today in the McAllister Hall and Nittany-Pollock dining rooms, AIM President Richard Bard said yesterday.

McAllister will be solicited at lunch; Nittany-Pollock at dinner. Earlier, Robin Brunner announced that hatwomen will circulate the scrolls and collection boxes through every women's dormitory tonight.

Bard named a committee of four volunteers from Alpha Phi Omega to contact the independents. The solicitors are Edward Merek, James Richards, John Ruffner, and Tom Sadler.

Other "crusade" representatives on campus announced collection plans previously. IFC President Harold Leinbach has appointed a committee of three to arrange for a "crusade" agent in every fraternity house.

Dr. Alfred G. Pundt, faculty representative for the "crusade," appointed a committee of 12 from the faculty and staff to collect money and signatures. He sent a letter concerning the campaign to each of the 3000 faculty and staff workers on campus.

himself first as Warren Diehl and then as "Joe" Rudy, addressed the throng below.

A bonfire was started in the courtyard. Name cards, and some dinks were thrown into it. Water was poured from windows above onto the speakers on the balcony.

Threatens Action

The larger part of the group ran across campus to senior walk where they were addressed by several unidentified freshmen. Gene Kolber, an officer of Deuias, also spoke and asked freshmen to disperse. He threatened them with action by Hat Society council if they failed and said that people in the neighborhood had complained, presumably to the police.

Town police said they had not been called.

The meeting began from a small nucleus about 6:30 o'clock. A large crowd gathered from the dorms in a short time. The crowd dwindled as the group went to senior walk and melted away completely by 7:30 o'clock when most freshmen returned to the dorms.

Crowd In Confusion

Numerous speakers tried to get the attention of the crowd, but most had difficulty being heard in the confusion. Balcony speakers told the Daily Collegian that they supported customs but wished to protest against large name cards.

Fox, who appeared before Tribunal for a customs violation Tuesday night, said in protesting the cards, "Why should we suffer for it . . . they can give us our badges . . . the devil with the name cards . . . you guys don't have any penalties, I do." The crowd beneath chanted "No name cards." Shortly thereafter, Fox was doused by a water bomb from the third floor of Thompson Hall.

Speakers on senior walk called attention to frosh lack of representation on Tribunal and all-College cabinet, and said the purpose of customs was "to take all our freshman girls." One told frosh to travel in groups and if approached by hatmen to tell them "to go get their own group."

Shouted Down

Kolber repeatedly was shouted down as he told freshmen that they "weren't invited to Penn State," that every such demonstration would mean "tacking days on" the customs period and that they should do their shouting at the Georgetown football game Saturday.

One of the principal gripes voiced was the indefinite date set for the end of customs. One man said that Tribunal had announced customs may last until Thanksgiving, and another that "Every one that's a freshman here is invited to the next Tribunal meeting."

One attempt was made to choose a leader but it was shouted down.

Kolber gave them 15 minutes to leave senior walk. He was (Continued on page two)

La Vie Pictures

Friday is the deadline for seniors in the School of Agriculture to have La Vie pictures taken. Pictures of seniors in the School of Chemistry and Physics will be taken Monday through Wednesday next week.