

Penn State's Campus Full of Traditions

Traditions, those customs which add zest and color to college life, can be found all over the Penn State campus.

The traditional symbol of the College is the Nittany Lion, which was reproduced in limestone by Heitz Warneke. H. D. Mason, '07, suggested using the king of beasts—the lion—as the symbol of the College.

Located between Recreation Hall and Beaver Field, the shrine was presented to the College by the Class of 1940.

Senior Class Gifts

The tradition of each senior class giving the College a gift dates back to 1900. Best known of the gifts was the shrine, while

perhaps the most appropriate gift was Henry Varnum Poor's Land-Grant mural, dramatizing the founding of the College as the result of the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862. Given by the Class of 1932, the mural is in the lobby of Old Main.

The 50 wooden and concrete benches scattered about campus were presented by the Class of 1900 and dedicated in 1947.

As frosh will soon learn, the two diagonal walks leading from Old Main are Hello Walks. During customs, freshmen will be required to say "hello" to everyone they meet there.

Must Doff Hats

The first-year-men also must doff their hats to the Old Willow

which is at the side of Old Main. The subject of much poetry and photography, until 1921 when it was blown down during a storm, the tree grew from a slip brought to the campus from the poet Alexander Pope's Twickenham, England estate. A cutting was later planted near the Willow's original site on the Mall, and now grows there.

The geology monument on the Mall was the idea of Thomas C. Hopkins, assistant professor of geology. He intended it to be used as a study in the weathering qualities of Pennsylvania building stone. The stones are arranged in geologic order. According to legend, both the monument, known as the "polyolith,"

and the Lion Shrine, are judges of the chastity of Penn State coeds.

The crowning of a senior May Queen, selected by the coeds, highlights the May Day Pageant, usually held on Mother's Day week-end. At the colorful program, the queen is attended by a maid of honor, two representatives of each class, senior honor women, jesters and flower girls.

Christmas Sing

The friendly spirit of the Nittany Vale is symbolized by the tradition of the annual Christmas carol program held in front of Old Main where students, faculty members and townspeople gather to carol.

Graham's, with its famous

athletic club, is where Penn State athletes meet. This is the place where a "scoop" on next week's big game can be found from those who will be playing it.

Campus "wheels" usually can be found sitting in booths by the window of the Corner Room, which is across College avenue from the main gate.

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College Health Service Offers Medical Care

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At present the service is composed of a modern clinical dispensary in 3 Old Main and a 30-bed hospital located at the corner of Pollock and Shortlidge roads, employing ten full and part-time physicians, 15 nurses, four technicians, and a pharmacist.

Minor Cases Treated

The dispensary, an outpatient department, takes care of all minor illnesses and injuries at specified hours during the day. Emergency cases occurring at times when the dispensary is not open are handled at the infirmary, which has a staff physician on duty 24 hours of the day.

Each student patient is entitled to certain routine medications and dressings and seven days treatment in the infirmary each semester free of charge. For any additional number of days required at the hospital the student is charged \$3 a day.

Facilities Available

The semester health fee doesn't include calls or treatment in students' rooms by members of the health service staff or service of the community ambulance, but does provide for use of laboratory facilities and the expense of one X-ray examination.

Plans are now in progress to increase facilities of the health service by the addition of two new wings to the infirmary which will increase available bed space to 46.

Hat Societies Return to Job Of Enforcing Frosh Customs

Beware freshmen! Hat men and women will soon be handling their traditional job of enforcing freshmen customs.

The members of these hat societies, easily recognized by their bell-shaped hats, are selected to the honor groups on the basis of leadership, service to the College and scholarship.

To Assist Cheerleaders

In addition to enforcing customs, they will assist the cheerleaders with the flashcard displays at the football games. Hatmen also act as the honor guard for the football team when it comes onto New Beaver Field.

These "men and women about campus" will probably give many an unsuspecting freshman an embarrassing moment by coming out of nowhere and calling for a rendition of Penn State songs and cheers.

The highest men's honorary on campus is Lion's Paw, a group limited to 15 Senior men.

There are two other hat society honoraries for senior men—Parmi Nous and Skull and Bones.

Parmi Nous Oldest

Parmi Nous, the oldest men's honorary on campus, selects its members from lettermen, managers, and publications men. The candidates must have distinguished themselves and proved themselves leaders in their respective fields.

Skull and Bones candidates must have the same general qualifications as men tapped for Parmi Nous. Members are usually active in politics, publications, and numerous other fields.

Mortar Board is the senior

women's hat society. Members must be leaders in campus activities and maintain high scholastic standards.

Blue Key Junior Group

Blue Key, one of two junior men's hat societies, selects its members for service, character, and scholarship. First managers in athletics, publications, men, and general activities men are eligible for tapping.

The other junior honorary, Androcles, was founded to recognize men prominent in various campus activities.

Chimes, junior women's honorary, takes upon itself the job of orienting all new students to the campus.

The only sophomore men's society on campus, Druids, taps outstanding men in athletics during their sophomore year.

Cwens

Cwens, a sophomore hat society for women, has been set up to develop future campus leaders. Members must show outstanding ability and scholarship.

The Hat Society Council was organized in 1944 to co-ordinate the honor groups. It is composed

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