

Paddles Highlighted 'Customs' of Old

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What was in store for the frosh in the "good old days?" Only time would tell. Since customs were strictly and rigidly enforced, and the sentences were stern, the incoming yearlings were prepared for the worst. In general, they were greeted warmly.

Yes, twenty-four years ago, a welcoming committee awaited them as they alighted from the Bellefonte Central into the eager, loving arms of their fellow classmates who supposedly knew the "ropes."

Before the festivities began, it was a rule that all sophomores who did not carry paddles were disqualified for the occasion.

Ran the Gauntlet

Fun and frolic prevailed, with a little trimmings thrown in on the side. The activity started off with stunt night. It was a gala event, for at the official reception, outstanding members of the new class entertained with short talk, accompanied by a form of applause by the upperclassmen known as the "tomato massacre."

In case the fruit ran out, flour was distributed to the needy ones. This "stirring" event was followed by personal greetings from every member of the upper class in which the frosh, "ran the gauntlet." It was a definite asset to the local lumberman for the next day a fresh supply of paddles were supplied to substitute for those which had been lost in action.

Severe Penalties

Signs, tin cans, and aprons were the latest mode of dress. These items played a major role in the "Crime does not pay" campaign which Tribunal launched against all freshmen violators. "Woe and behold those violators" was the common conviction of all upperclassmen.

The penalties which were severely enforced, usually lasted a week. For example, one frosh who was found without his bible, wore a sign reading, "I got canded by Tribunal." A jar was draped from his neck in which he carried his bible—one he was sure not to forget. A can was tied around each ankle.

Caught dating, one penitent lad wore a French apron, a large green Buster Brown tie, and a sign on his back which said, "I'm going domestic." He also was required to push a baby carriage between classes.

Another bible violator carried a tray on which lay his bible on a cushion. His sign read, "Tribunal served me this sentence."

In order that the frosh might remember the significance of the program, a climb up a greased pole was undertaken. This included everybody, for anyone who was unable to accomplish the

feat, was ably assisted by kind-hearted sophomores who lent the victims the necessary momentum through the media of a quarter of an inch of oak.

Being staunch advocates of safety, a fire hose was always kept on hand to cool anyone who might otherwise have become overheated or vice versa.

Long Awaited End

Another highlight in the customs programs was the traditional "pants scrap" on Beaver Field. With the objective of tearing off the pants legs of the opposing classmen, frosh and sophomores tangled. The victor was determined at the end of the fray when a count of the intact pants legs of each side were made.

After such a rigorous customs program, it's no wonder that the frosh gladly welcomed the long awaited news of their ending. Ah yes, for the first time in their young college careers, they would be able to roam the campus like kings.

No Homecoming Accommodations

A survey taken yesterday determined that all local hotel accommodations have been reserved for Homecoming weekend, Oct. 19-20.

Because of the large crowd expected, there is already a great demand for housing accommodations. According to Ross Lehman, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, there are still many private home accommodations available in State College.

Many of the visiting alumni will be staying at fraternities, and others are expected to just come in for the day of Oct. 20. This will alleviate part of the housing problem.

Counselors to Write Orientation Reports

Written reports on Orientation Week, are to be turned into the Dean of Men's office by tomorrow by all men who were counselors during that week.

The reports are to include the counselors' comments and criticisms, according to Carl Peterson, committee chairman.

Peterson said that any counselor who fails to write a report will not be paid their room and board fee for that week.

ROTC Unit to Meet

Scabbard and Blade will hold its first meeting at 7 tonight at the Phi Gamma Delta chapter house.

Registration will take place.

Inklings Contributions

All contributions for the Inklings, campus literary magazine, will be accepted now at the Student Union Desk.

Material will be accepted for two weeks. Fiction, essays, poetry, photographs, and drawings may be submitted.

Dance Classes Open to Coeds For First Time

Women will be eligible to participate this year in the dance instruction classes sponsored jointly by the Dean of Men's dormitory counseling program and Student Union.

The first 200 dormitory students to apply for enrollment in these classes will be accepted. Students may enroll beginning Monday at the Student Union Desk in Old Main.

Classes will start Monday, Oct. 8, and will be held Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the TUB. Each student will attend only one class a week and will be notified through the mail which night he or she is scheduled to attend.

Classes will continue for approximately seven weeks, depending upon interest shown and the progress made. There will be a fee of \$1 for the course.

The program is under the direction of Paul Kritsky, resident counselor at Hamilton Hall. George Donovan, manager of the Associated Student Activities, is cooperating with Kritsky. Last fall, when the classes were first organized, about 300 students received instructions.

Napoleon, Lincoln Answer Campaign

The Collegian campaign to get College staff members to subscribe to the paper has offered definite proof that the professors are not always the dour human beings that students sometimes picture them.

Among the cards received from would-be subscribers is one from Prof. Abraham Lincoln of the Home Economics department. Miss Florence Nightingale, who turned up in the Department of Animal Husbandry, also wishes to pay her \$3.75 for a two-semester subscription to the Collegian.

A card has also been received from Napoleon Bonaparte, who lists his department as the Tavern. The strangest card received, is written in Chinese characters. As yet, it has not been deciphered.

Staff members do not have the privilege of picking up free copies of the Collegian from any of the various distribution points. Students pay for their subscriptions through their fees, while the faculty must subscribe individually to the paper.

Marriages

Goldberg-Hyman

Rhoda Hyman and Lawrence Goldberg were married June 17 at the Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia.

Both were graduated from the College in June.

Mrs. Goldberg is a member of Phi Sigma Sigma. Mr. Goldberg is a member of Zeta Beta Tau.

Kaplan-Barasch

Audrey Barasch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barasch of Connellsville, and Edward Kaplan were married Sept. 16 in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Kaplan majored in sociology and is a member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

Mr. Kaplan is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and is now attending the University of Pittsburgh Law School. He is a member of Pi Lambda Phi.

Brand-Ruttenberg

Shirley Ruttenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ruttenberg of Beaver Falls, Pa., and Ralph Brand were married June 17.

Mrs. Brand is a senior in medical technology and a member of Phi Sigma Sigma. Mr. Brand is a graduate student and is employed in the physics experimental station.

The couple is residing in State College.

Bank-Plessett

Lea Plessett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Plessett of Plymouth, Pa., and Mal Bank were married Sept. 2 at the Mansfield Ballroom in Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Bank majored in speech correction, and is a member of Phi Sigma Sigma. Mr. Bank, a senior in pre-law, is a member of Phi Sigma Delta.

The couple is residing in State College.

Co-Edits

Alpha Epsilon Pi

Irving Susson, master of Alpha Epsilon Pi, and Julian Gordon, exchequer, attended the annual Alpha Epsilon Pi convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

The convention was attended by delegates from 61 chapters of the fraternity in the United States and Canada.

Theta Chi

Joseph Budesky, Robert Gohn, Albert Gregal, John Leister, and William Wendell have been initiated into Theta Chi fraternity.

Sigma Phi Alpha

Charles Crispens, Richard Horikawa, Harold Kreiser, and Fred Reingold Jr. have been initiated into Sigma Phi Alpha.

Engagements

Thomas-Musgrave

Mr. and Mrs. James Musgrave of Scranton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to James Thomas, son of Mrs. A. D. Schmitt, Orange, N.J., and Morgan Thomas, Edwardsville, Pa.

Miss Musgrave is a senior in journalism and is majoring in advertising. Mr. Thomas is a junior in the School of Liberal Arts and is majoring in sociology.

Riesenschmidt-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Smith of York have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine, to Marvin Reisenbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reisenbach, of Coatesville, Pa.

Miss Smith is a senior in secondary education and a member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

Mr. Reisenbach graduated from the College in June and is now doing graduate work here. He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Stozenski-Grasso

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grasso of Forty Fort, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Louise, to John Stozenski, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stozenski, also of Forty-Fort.

Miss Grasso is employed as a secretary in Forty-Fort.

Mr. Stozenski is a senior in commerce and finance, and is president of Sigma Chi.

WRA Swimming Clubs

To Merge, Hold Meeting

The WRA beginners swimming club will merge with the advanced club, according to Marilyn Williams, WRA president.

The club will hold its first meeting at 7:30 tonight in White Hall.

Each swimming club member will participate in the spring aquacade.

Tucker to Play Dec. 7 For Military Ball

The 1951 Military Ball will be held December 7 at Recreation Hall, it has been announced by Carl Rebele, chairman of the committee.

Tommy Tucker's Orchestra will play for the dance. The annual affair will be formal.

This year's theme will be "Pearl Harbor," in accordance with the date of the dance.

The Critics Go Overboard With RAVES for "TRIO"

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