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## Future Customs Will Need Changes

Having undergone their second post-war trial, customs are apparently on their way toward becoming a permanent fixture at Penn State.

It should be pretty obvious that customs were far from being entirely successful. Their biggest shortcoming was lack of interest on the part of upperclassmen. This, however, might have been expected since the sophomore class is the only group on campus to have undergone customs.

Although lack of interest among upperclassmen is something we feel will be cured by time, the customs regulations themselves must be altered if Penn State is ever to have an intelligent, workable customs program.

The greatest single shortcoming in the current regulations is that there is not one set of regulations, but two—one for men, one for women. Certainly there are elements of men's regulations which cannot be applied to women, and vice versa. But there is no reason why the enforcement of customs cannot be a cooperative program.

The customs program should be altered to allow joint enforcement by upperclassmen and women. One of the effects of such a regulation we feel certain would be greater participation on the part of upperclassmen and women.

Another worthwhile change in the regulations would be a change in the dating rules. Under the current code, the frosh may not date during the customs period. The no-dating rule was put into the book in an effort to encourage the frosh to spend more time studying during the crucial first weeks of their college careers—and less time being social butterflies.

The no-dating rule was, of course, flagrantly violated. And frankly we cannot blame the frosh. It is making an unfair imposition on them to ask them to have no contact with the opposite sex during the entire customs period.

A better rule might be to maintain the no-dating code for weekdays, but allow dating on Friday and Saturday nights.

There is much room for improvement in the current customs regulations. A joint committee composed of the members of Tribunal and the Freshman Customs and Regulations Board should be appointed to investigate possible changes.

There is work to be done.

## U.S. Might Heed

In a world fighting the spectre of communism, the recent action of the Australian people in rejecting a constitutional amendment that would have made it possible to outlaw the Australian Communist Party is worthy of note.

The free world has nothing to fear in the propaganda of the home-spun variety of communists. What we do have to fear from our own communists—as the Australians must fear from theirs—is acts of subversion and espionage.

American communists, whose numbers now are smaller than ever, are not a clear and present danger in their advocacy of communism. Justice Holmes ably said that no man has a right to shout fire in a crowded theater, but if the man who is doing the shouting is the village moron and has been shouting with no results for a decade, he can cause no harm.

This is the position of communist propagandists in the free nations of the world. Time and again they have sought to sell their wares in the market place of public opinion. And time and again they have failed.

We in the United States—and in Pennsylvania—might well heed the wisdom of our Australian friends and allies.

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Say, Keely, how's about a straw for Carolyn's orange juice, huh?"

## Safety Valve—

### Froth Repeats Itself

TO THE EDITOR: Several days ago an article was written in the Daily Collegian about Froth stating that it contained stale jokes, etc.

We, the inmates of Dorm 1, would appreciate it very much if you would inform the editorial staff of Froth that the joke which appeared on page 33 in the first issue was very good but not so good that it had to be repeated on page 41. —The Dorm 1 Joke Lovers

## Gazette . . .

- Saturday, October 13
    - HARVEST DANCE, Hillel, 8-12 p.m.
  - Sunday, October 14
    - SENIOR CLASS, 10 Sparks, 7 p.m.
    - SUCCOS SERVICES and open house, Zeta Beta Tau, 6:30 p.m.
  - Monday, October 15
    - LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL, 108 Willard Hall, 8:15 p.m.
    - NAVAL RESERVE RADIO UNIT, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.
    - PENN STATE ENGINEER, 418 Old Main, 7 p.m.
    - PHILOTES open house, White Hall, 7:30 p.m.
    - COLLEGE HOSPITAL
      - Roger Bender, Sylvia Berkowitz, Richard Brown, Roberta Goldberg, Jerry Goldress, Theodore Gracia, Rodney Hamann, Gloria Handwerk, Emily Kostas, Lawrence Levine, Jane Mensing, Barbara Silberman, Gertrude Weidmann, Walter Whitcheer, Ronald Zwiegenbaum.
- Hercules Powder company will interview January graduates at the B.S. and M.S. level in M.E., Ch.E. and Chem. Wednesday, October 24.
- International Business Machine corporation will interview January graduates in E.E. and M.E. Wednesday, October 24.
- Link Aviation corporation will interview January graduates in E.E. Thursday October 25.
- Lukens Steel company will interview January graduates in M.E., C.E. and Metal Thursday, October 25.
- Phillips Petroleum company will interview January graduates in P.N.G., Ch.E., E.E., M.E. and Metal Wednesday October 24.
- Piasecki Helicopter corporation will interview January graduates in Aero.E. and M.E. Wednesday, October 17.
- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**
- Man to set pins for bowling league.
  - Woman to do full time housework.
  - Cook for 30 day experiment; prefer student wife.
  - Babysitters for October 20.

## Poor Man's Paradise



By PAUL POORMAN

There is a certain class of people who should not go to see a certain class of movie. If that's too general, we'll get specific. Craven cowards should not go to see science fiction movies. As anyone knows, science fiction is just a new term for the old horror pictures of the Frankenstein-Dracula era.

We shall begin by putting ourselves in a class. We should not go to science fiction movies.

We went, accompanied by another craven coward, to see "The Thing" some time ago. We even went to the midnight show. Now "The Thing" is hardly the thing for innocent young'uns like ourselves to view at midnight premiers, but we went. In short, we were scared stiff at what we saw from between our fingers. What we didn't see scared us even more. Our friend, of a bit more hardy stock, remained erect in his seat and narrated it to us.

Babbling incoherently, we were escorted home after the movie, to live in constant terror for a few weeks. Every-time someone opened a door, we jumped. But last week we were re-

assured. Things were looking up. We were free of "The Thing." Then we went to see Hollywood's latest attempt, "The Day The Earth Stood Still." That did it.

"Earth" was not as horrible a picture as "Thing," but both had one thing in common. They scared the wits out of us. We went home after the show, jumped into bed, pulled the covers over our head and stayed there. The moon shining through our window looked faintly like a glowing atomic-powered flying saucer. Friendly airplanes droning overhead sounded faintly like a flying saucer.

Footsteps in the hall at night (Continued on page five)

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