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## Freshmen Riot Shows Immaturity

Approximately two hours after Prexy Eisenhower told the audience attending the All-College Cabinet meeting Thursday night that every student in college should be induced to participate in student government in some way, several hundred freshman men began a demonstration in the court of the West Dorms.

The near riot, which was brought on by a dissatisfaction with customs on the part of the men, was finally quelled after a tug-of-war between hatmen and frosh to determine the end of customs was promised. William Shifflett, president of the Association of Independent Men, and James Schulte, Tribunal chairman, were chiefly responsible for calming down the noisy freshmen.

Mingling with the crowd last night, we found it hard to believe that we were actually among college students, actually among people who are supposed to be somewhat matured. It made us wonder what the college student is coming to.

But we were also concerned with the attitudes of some of the upperclassmen toward the situation. We were told by a freshman today that upperclassmen were among the instigators of the riot. He said that the frosh can't really be blamed too much for following their leads like "lost sheep."

We cannot fully agree with this. In our opinion, any person who is in college should know right from wrong. Thursday night's actions were definitely in the wrong.

Again, all freshmen are not to blame. When the affair began to break up it was easy to spot the little groups of troublemakers. The majority of the freshmen had merely come to see what was going on, and while they joined in the noise, they were ready to leave without a struggle. It was pointed out to us that the frosh in Hamilton Hall were the ones who began the mob assembly, and that the frosh in the other dorms were drawn out by the rhubarb, plus an ill-considered announcement over WMAJ.

It is hard to substantiate such a claim, but since the frosh in McKee and Irvin halls have volunteered to guard the Lion shrine before football games, it is doubtful that the cause of a "burn the dinks" spectacle.

We think it is only right to mention too, that the freshman women in Thompson Hall took no part in the affair. Whoever was responsible for keeping them from interfering in the riot is to be congratulated. The affair could easily have precipitated into another "panty" raid had the women not been kept in line.

One of the most ridiculous things about the riot was the fact that the frosh not only demanded the end of customs, but when they were offered a tug-of-war they wanted it held immediately. Certainly anyone with any sense realizes that any sport, and we assume a tug-of-war can be classed as a sport, has to have organization. How the frosh expected the customs board to be able to round up enough hatmen to hold the contest then and there escapes us.

The frosh have made, by mass force, what they consider a gain. At the same time, however, much upperclass criticism has descended upon them. We hope that these bitter struggles between the two segments of the College community will soon be straightened out. Life at State can become very unpleasant if these struggles continue unchecked.

Perhaps if these freshmen could be induced to take a more active interest in student government, as Prexy Eisenhower suggests, such

affairs would cease to become a reality. Besides this, the more students interested in student government, the more effective such government can become.

We suggest, therefore, that the frosh turn the energies they have so ably demonstrated since their arrival on campus to more constructive things. It will be to their own advantage to do so.

## Safety Valve—

### Build Them to Last!

TO THE EDITOR: May I suggest that the only way to keep the goal posts standing is to construct them as follows:

1. Take two 12-inch diameter pipes, fill with reinforced concrete, and sink into the ground in six feet of concrete.
2. Take two channel beams and place one on each side of the pipes and rivet, weld, and bolt them together and to the pipes.
3. Coil barbed wire around the whole thing, with the strands not more than three inches apart.
4. Place guy wires on three sides, the ends of which are sunk into concrete.
5. Run electric current through the whole affair.

In this way I believe the goal posts would last at least one season.

—Alan E. Miller

### The Frosh Side of It

TO THE EDITOR: At first, most freshmen accepted customs as a necessary part of college life. However, all good things can be carried too far. The same frosh who welcomed customs with open arms a week ago have grown quite weary of the repetition of the same already memorized routine.

It has already been demonstrated that the frosh at the Temple game were filled with the proper school spirit in their songs and cheers. After all, wasn't this a sign that customs week had accomplished its job? Moreover, the hostility shown toward the hatmen proved that customs are beginning to outwear their welcome. However, I am not condoning those frosh who helped tear up the goal posts, but did you notice that most of the posts wound up at fraternity houses?

All that the freshmen are asking for is an end to customs once they have proven that they have learned their lessons. If the upperclassmen want to find out how well the frosh can sing and cheer, let them come out to Beaver Field Saturday and see for themselves.

—Byron Fielding

### Customs, a Big Joke?

TO THE EDITOR: Customs are a big joke! Thursday night's demonstration proved that the freshmen are running the school.

The freshmen, by their revolt, dictated an action, which by rights of their past actions, prove that they are not entitled to because of their past conduct.

This riot showed that the freshmen are not yet prepared to become Penn State students.

There are four classes of students at Penn State. The freshmen are only one of them. Therefore, they should not decide when their customs period should end!

—Robert Nowicki  
Daniel Trupp  
Edward Pearce  
Walter Rohrbach Jr.

## Gazette...

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Timken Roller Bearing Co. will interview B.S. candidates in M.E., I.E., C.E., and Mining Eng. Wednesday, Oct. 8.  
Erie Resistor Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in Phys. and Chem., January B.S. and '53 M.S. candidates in E.E., and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Phys. Tuesday, Oct. 7.

### Saturday, September 27

WRA SWIMMING, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, September 28

HIKING CLUB outing, Back of Old Main, 1:30 p.m.  
LA VIE candidates, 405 Old Main, 6:30 p.m.  
STATE PARTY steering committee, Chi Phi, 2 p.m.

### Monday, September 29

CWENS meeting, White Hall WSGA room, 8 p.m.

### COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Kuan Chen, Russell Dalton, Richard Gundrum, Albert Kerr, John Kyle, John Leaman, Austin Nester, Ann Spiess.

### AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: The Story of Robin Hood 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55; and My Wife's Best Friend 12:00 p.m.

STATE: You for Me 2:25, 4:16, 6:07, 7:58, 9:52  
NITTANY: The Seventh Veil 6:15, 7:48, 9:41  
STARLITE DRIVE-IN: Red Skies of Montana, and A Girl in Every Port 8:30

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Say Bill, notice how hard ole Worthal is hittin' their center?"

## Bargain Counter

By NANCY LUETZEL



From the Pitt News, University of Pittsburgh:

First casualty of the Pitt training sessions was a coach, not a player. Bob Friedlund, line coach, became overenthusiastic in demonstrating blocking technique and wrecked an ankle.

The University of Pittsburgh has instituted several reform measures over the summer.

The traditional freshman dinks have been scrapped, and in their place, frosh can now be seen wearing blue and gold ties. Frosh women at Pitt, incidentally, sport green arm bands as part of their customs program.

After attacks on the vulgarity and poor taste of much of the humor in the Panther by students and administration last spring, the Publication Board called for the abolition of the old magazine and the creation of a new one modeled on different lines. The first issue of the new photo-feature magazine is planned for Oct. 22.

Cletis Pride's column in the Daily Athenaeum, West Virginia University's publication, tries to answer a few of the questions asked by the average freshman. The following are typical examples:

- Q. How easy is it to make grades at the University?  
A. Nothing to it. Almost everyone who attends the University makes a grade of some kind or other.
- Q. How is the outlook for our football team this season?  
A. The University expects to have 11 men on the field for every game this fall. This number compares favorably with that to be fielded by such great football powers as Michigan State, Notre Dame, and Maryland.
- Q. What is the speed limit in the campus area?  
A. Fifteen miles per hour. All those cars just look like they are doing 55 or 60.
- Q. Who are all those pale faced, nervous looking individuals wandering about the campus?  
A. Seniors. They will be drafted

next June.  
Q. Is it true that women come to the University just to get married?  
A. No. Many of them just want to get engaged.

From the Cabinet, Geneva College:

**EDITOR'S JOB**  
Getting out the paper is no picnic.  
If we print jokes, people say we are silly.  
If we don't, they say we are too serious.  
If we clip things from other publications, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.  
If we don't print every word of all contributions, we don't appreciate genius.  
If we do print them, the columns are filled with junk.  
If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up we are too critical.  
If we don't, we are blamed for poor editing.  
Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some other sheet.  
WE DID.

### Frizzell Will Speak At Bellefonte Church

Dr. John Henry Frizzell, College chaplain emeritus, will be the principal speaker for the Revised Standard Version Bible observance to be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the First Presbyterian Church in Bellefonte.  
Dr. Frizzell will speak on "The Word of Life in Living Language," the theme for the observance.

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