

# Frosh Encounter Campus Customs

The freshman on a college campus usually meets many new customs and a frosh at Penn State is no exception. Besides the customs he will wear, our frosh will find college differs greatly from high school in both social life and studies.

One college custom that will strike him as being very different from the good old high school days is professors don't learn his first name. For the first time in his life our freshman is being called the

## Coeds... Back When

### First Grad

It was in 1872 that Ellen A. Cross Copp of Janesville, Wis., the first coed at the College, was graduated. She is believed to be the first woman in this country to be ordained into the ministry. Previously she had qualified for a Ph.D. degree and was the first woman to earn this distinction.

Mrs. Copp was brought to the College by Dr. James Calder, president at that time, who believed in the principle of co-education. She majored in Greek and chemistry.

### First Dates

Just 70 years ago, in 1883, if a gentleman wished to call or accompany a young lady he had first to present the request to the lady principal.

But the young lady had her say also, and before our hero could meet the coed of his dreams, she had to present a request to receive him to the lady principal.

Even after all this trouble, our young student friend and his blushing coed could see each other only in the ladies' parlor between 6:45 and 7 p.m., daily except, of course, Sunday.

The strictness of these rules must have been interfering with the academic work of both the women and men students, because in a very few years the dating code was altered.

Permission was still required and the lady principal chaperoned all parlor dates, but a coed could remain with her beau until 10:15 p.m. Friday and 9 p.m. during the week. And on Sundays the Blue Laws were relaxed and the dates were permitted to remain until 8 p.m. Gentlemen callers needed written permission from the College president to accompany ladies beyond the building doors.

It was strictly taboo in those days for young ladies to communicate by voice or notes out of windows or by rapping on steam pipes. (Long before the West Dorms and Pollock Circle, coeds and men shared the same dorm area—Old Main.)

### First Rules

In 1883 studying was strictly regulated by the faculty. Young ladies could not study in the parlor or visit and receive visits during study hours. No coeds could study in the rooms of other coeds.

Violations of these rules were treated like absences from recitations or public exercises. If a young lady met visitors or communicated via window or steam pipes, she received 50 censure marks and an official admonition from the lady principal, who notified her parents. A second offense placed the culprit on probation.

### Grad Manuals Ready

Graduate students may pick up copies of the Graduate School Announcement and the Manual for Graduate Students in the office of Dean Harold K. Schilling, 106 Willard.

Oh-so-g r o w-n-up-sounding "Mr." or "Miss."

This some professor may also give him an assignment and the frosh will again discover that his prof differs very much from any teacher he ever had. Professor Snarf doesn't ask for the assignment the day it is due—in fact, after a week or so the class will think he has forgotten about it completely.

### Blue Books

Oh no, don't be so pleased. He didn't really forget—it will be found, much to the dismay of the class, on the first bluebook.

And that brings up another Penn State custom. Never again will tests be given, because from here on in they will be labeled bluebooks. It would be easy to say it is the cover on the paper used for these writing exercises that gives them their name. This, however, is not an established fact.

When the first bluebook grade rolls in, don't be too horrified if it should be a O (better known as zip), for this doesn't mean that our young scholar has guessed everything completely wrong. Strangely enough, a zip is a passing grade, although it could be much better.

### No Shorts

Our frosh will find watching a football game is not as easy as it sounds. He will have accomplished a great feat if he can watch the game without being distracted by Frothy or the Lion, the gymnasts or the cheerleaders. There is always so much going on it's harder on the neck than a tennis game.

Speaking of tennis, gone are the days when women wear shorts in public. The only time they will appear in this attire will be in phys ed classes.

The hardest custom to get used to will be the hours that govern women and therefore indirectly affect men. The tendency will be for our frosh to go rushing in at the last minute because he "didn't realize it was so late."

The strange actions and attitudes of the frosh as he tries to get used to these new customs will be as blase as those upperclassmen that plague him.

## Frosh --

(Continued from page eight) tivities or walk on campus with a boy.

Spartan environment was the rule during the first years of the College. Classes, recreational facilities, and dining and living quarters were all housed in a wing of Old Main. There was daily military inspection, seniors were required to write graduation theses, and buckets of coal to heat the rooms were handed out each morning. Chapel attendance at 6 a.m. was compulsory. Professors held religious services in the faith they preferred.

### Public Punishment

During the early 1900's customs reached their height. Boys were required to carry canes and wear green dinks. Attendance at all class functions, meetings, and athletic events was required. Only seniors were allowed on campus grounds bareheaded. Boys could not converse with coeds during the first semester.

Punishment took the form of public display. The offender was required to sit with professors during meals and take a front seat in chapel.

### Collegian Requests Society Information

Information concerning marriages and engagements is requested for use on the society page of the Daily Collegian.

Students recently engaged or married, or who know other students at the College who are, may bring the data to the Collegian office.

Facts needed to write the story are full names of both parents, home towns of both persons, semester standings and curriculums, and a list of extra-curricular activities.

## WRA to Hold Mixer Tonight In White Hall

Women's Recreation Association will hold open house at 6:45 tonight in White Hall.

Constructed in 1938, the red brick building at the southeastern end of campus not only houses women's physical education and recreation classes, but offers recreational facilities for individuals, clubs, and organizations.

A large gymnasium in the center of the building contains enough room for three basketball games to be played simultaneously. This room is also used for badminton and indoor tennis.

### Open Playroom

To the left of the gym is the rhythm room where classes in rhythmic fundamentals, modern dance, and square dance are taught. Each spring the Modern Dance concert is held here.

Beside this room is the playroom which is open to students at all times. Here, ping pong and bridge facilities are located. At the other end of the building is a large classroom and body mechanics room.

### Bowling Alley

The 135,000 gallon swimming pool, 75 feet long and up to 10 feet deep, is open to coeds for plunge hours where they may swim to recorded music.

White Hall offers women students two bowling alleys, shuffleboard deck, squash court, indoor rifle range, and a fencing room.

### Public Safety Institute

Three grants totaling \$17,075 to support the Institute of Public Safety were received recently, President Milton S. Eisenhower has announced.

Approximately \$200 of this will be used in the motor vehicle fleet supervisor training program.

## Don't Dig Up Lawn For Possible Relics

Don't look now, but there may be a fossil as near as Hort Woods or even closer.

Dr. Frederick R. Matson, Penn State's first professor of archaeology, said there are countless undiscovered relics from man's past all over the world.

"Right here in Pennsylvania," he said, "'Conastoga Town' in Lancaster County was uncovered just a few years ago." Its exact location had been forgotten during the 190 years since it served as an Indian camp site.

"Imagine, then, how hard it is to find traces of civilizations which flourished thousands of years ago."

### Evidence Destroyed

Matson didn't advocate digging up the lawn looking for arrowheads, bones, or fragments of pottery, though. "Once a specimen has been uncovered and removed," he emphasized, "it can't be put back."

"And it's important that evidence be studied in the place where it's found. Besides, anyone untrained in archaeological techniques would probably destroy a prospective 'find,' he warned.

### Work Cut Out

On an expedition to the Near East, he directed the excavation of an ancient temple and theater near Bagdad. For the past five years, he has served as a professor of ceramics. This semester he

## Frosh, Transfers To Get 11 O'Clocks

Freshman women and women transfer students will receive 11 o'clock permissions tonight and tomorrow night. Upperclasswomen, other than transfer students, will receive regular one o'clock permissions both nights.

Beginning Sunday, women will have regular weekday hours, 9:15's for freshmen and 10 o'clocks for upperclasswomen.

Freshman women will receive regular weekend permissions, one 10 o'clock and a one o'clock, at the end of customs.

### Health Ed Conference

Lloyd M. Jones, professor of physical education, recently attended the annual fall conference of the eastern district of the American Association for Health Physical Education at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

will switch from the School of Mineral Industries where he has been teaching to the School of the Liberal Arts.

"I've got my work cut out for me," he said. "We're inaugurating three new courses, archaeology of Europe and Africa, the New World, and the Near East. That's a lot of lectures to get ready, he said.

To supplement classroom lectures, Dr. Matson plans to show movies and colored slides. He has also prepared a number of archaeological specimens which he will use in his classes.

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