

A Chance to Improve Customs Program

Students who were dissatisfied with this year's customs program are being offered a chance to give constructive criticism to the Freshman Joint Customs Board.

The board has sent out a request to campus organizations—such as Leonides, Panhellenic Council, Freshman Council, and Hat Society Council for recommendations on revision of next year's customs regulations.

The customs board has also asked individual students, especially freshmen, to submit recommendations. The board believes frosh who underwent this year's customs would probably have the most important opinions of points either lacking or over-emphasized in the program.

Complaints about this year's program were primarily against the lack of enforcement by upperclassmen. When customs were strongly enforced during the first week, frosh spirit was accordingly high. When enforcement dragged during the last two weeks of the program, frosh likewise lost a great part of their enthusiasm and adopted an attitude of unconcern and disregard for customs regulations.

'Penn State Yankee'

Pattee Autobiography to Be Out This Month

By DON SHOEMAKER

"Penn State Yankee," the autobiography of the late Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee, will be ready for sale Nov. 21. Dr. Pattee, member of the faculty for 34 years and author of the alma mater, completed the manuscript for the book in May 1950, two years before his death. It was presented to the Pattee Library under the title of "My World As In My Time," along with other writings of Pattee.

The manuscript remained in the hands of the library until this March, when friends of Dr. Pattee and the College decided it should be published. Publication of the book was directed by a committee including William L. Werner, professor of American literature and close friend of Pattee, Louis H. Bell, director of the Department of Public Information, and Richard C. Maloney, assistant dean of the School of Liberal Arts. Book design was handled by Wendell S. MacRae, publications production manager.

Funds for the project were donated by friends of Pattee and the College, and his Dartmouth classmates. A total of \$1150 was collected from private contributions and the remaining sum was added by the College. Profits from book sales will be returned to contributors and the remainder will be presented to the College.

The fact that Dr. Pattee was a New England "Yankee" for the first 31 years of his life, before he came to Penn State in 1894 inspired the title, "Penn State Yankee."

The book is roughly divided into three sections. The first deals with his boyhood in Bristol, N.H. The second tells of his career at Penn State, where



Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee

he held what was probably the first full professorship of American literature in the country. The concluding chapters tell of Dr. Pattee's life after his retirement in 1928.

Dr. Pattee, noted teacher, writer and traveler, wrote or edited more than 25 books. However, he was probably best noted for his books on the history of American literature. His most famous piece of writing is "Contemporary Writers of American Literature Since 1870." Since there was no source for material other than the authors themselves, Dr. Pattee wrote letters asking them for information. A portion of the autobiography is devoted to the replies he received.

Some authors included are H. L. Mencken, Hamlin Garland, Mary Wilkins, Mark Twain, and Bret Harte. When

This indicates frosh spirit fluctuates with the strength of enforcement. And upperclassmen will obviously not enforce regulations which they feel to be of no value toward promotion of class spirit and frosh adjustment to campus life.

At present, the subject of frosh customs is not of major importance to most students. Probably the only students actually concerned with next year's program are members of customs board and of groups preparing recommendation lists.

However, customs will undoubtedly be with us again next fall and distant as that time may seem, action now will help make next year's customs a strong and vital part of campus life.

If all campus organizations, and all individual students who have given any thought to frosh customs—pro or con—would seriously consider factors that might improve the strength of the program, and would take the time to offer the customs board definite and itemized suggestions for future regulations, perhaps next year's program would actually fulfill its intended purpose.

—Peggy McClain

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Oh, they're losing yards on 'Time in the Huddle' all right, but I notice they made a touchdown on every play."

... And So Big Weekend

By CELIA JOHNS

Imports by the dozen will be floating around campus this weekend. Newly-pressed gowns and crinolines will be cluttering walls in the dorms. Corsage sales are reaching a peak. Fraternities have inventoried so that supplies of food and favors for their dates stock every house.

It's Junior Prom weekend, the first of the College's four annual "big weekends," complete with houseparties and a name orchestra.

The weekend is expected to be the same as all the others of its calibre: Girls will put off gown-pressing 'til the last minute. Guys will look forward to an uncomfortable evening in a tux. The usual comments of "I wonder what kind of flowers I'm getting" and "I hope he can dance" are echoed and re-echoed.

Guys will spend hours hunting a pair of black shoes and will end up wearing black loafers. As usual, 9 o'clock dates will turn up

at 9:30, but after two minutes tempers are cooled and the happy couple heads for Rec Hall to dance to the music of Ralph Flanagan's orchestra.

About 15 minutes will be spent in line before coats can be checked. Then the ordeal begins. Some people say that football is dangerous, but apparently these people have never been to a Penn State dance. The gowns begin to show signs of wear, guys begin to wipe their brows and "pardon me" is constantly repeated.

Somehow the dance finally ends, and the race for the coats begins. The next obstacle to overcome is finding the car. Back at the house, everyone talks about the wonderful time they had at the dance and, surprisingly, most people really mean it.

One of the party coeds on campus thinks that this weekend will be unique. She sighed, "At last a chance to live it up until 2 a.m."

No matter what the viewpoint is, no matter how many headaches they cause, big weekends are definitely here to stay.

Little Horse Show Set for Tomorrow

The second Little Horse Show will be held at 1:30 tomorrow at the College riding stables. The horse show is sponsored by the Riding Club and contestants are limited to club members.

Ribbon awards will be presented to four winners in beginner, intermediate, intermediate jumping, advanced, advanced jumping and open classes.

Book Club Selects Dugan's 'Iron Ship'

A book by James Dugan, 1937 editor of Froth, has been selected for distribution by the Book-of-the-Month Club.

The book, Dugan's latest, is "The Great Iron Ship," which deals with the Great Eastern, the largest trans-Atlantic vessel of its day, 1858. A portion of the book was serialized recently by the New Yorker magazine.

Prof to Attend Meet

Dr. Miriam Lowenberg, head of the Department of Foods and Nutrition, will attend the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association and a meeting of the child health committee of the association Tuesday in New York City.

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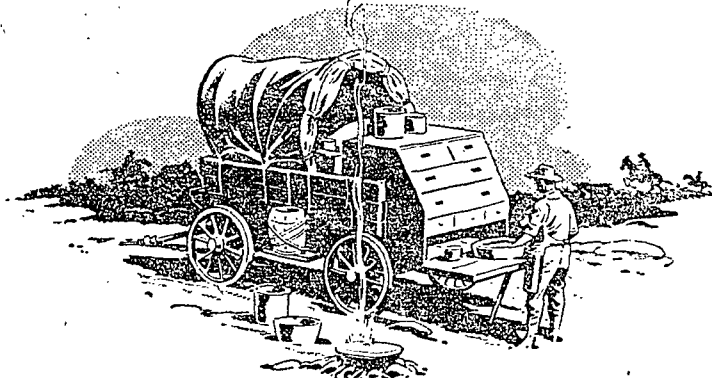
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