

# Winter Cold Melts At Spring Week

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Each year students at the University succumb to that age-old drug which affects adults and children alike—spring fever. And each May they take the prescribed remedy—Spring Week.

The annual celebration began six years ago when Froth, campus humor magazine, proposed a spring festival similar to a weekend like the Dartmouth Winter Carnival or Cornell's Junior Weekend. Since the first Spring Week was held in 1949, it has snowballed in to a gigantic affair in which approximately 3000 students participate.

Student organizations are invited to participate in Spring Week, in which they compete for the Spring Week trophy and prizes in each of the events. The awards are based on

a point system, a group receiving a certain number of points for each event in which it participates. The group totaling the greatest number of points is awarded the Spring Week trophy.

### Spring Week Events

The 1954 Spring Week comprised five major events which took place from May 10 to 14. The opening event of the week was the Spring Week parade which was held at 6 p.m. May 10. The forty single or joint groups which entered the float parade competed for top places in each of three categories—the artistic, collegiate, and comic. The floats of most groups advertised their Carnival booths, and were judged by faculty and townspeople.

After the parade, five finalists competing for the title of Miss Penn State were judged at the coronation ceremonies in Recreation Hall. Last spring, the hall was filled to near-capacity as Mary Pickford, stage and screen star, crowned the queen, who was also judged by Evelyn Ay, "Miss America of 1954." The finalists were previously chosen from group-sponsored entrants by 15 townspeople in the preliminary judging.

**2500 Mad Hatters**  
Approximately 2500 students entered the Mad Hatter's parade,

which was held at noon May 10 and 11. Contestants, who entered hats in one of three categories—original, artistic, and comic—were judged by faculty members under the theme of movie titles.

Finals in the He Man contest were held the evening of May 11. Finalists were chosen previously from group-sponsored entrants in the preliminaries. The finals, which were held on Beaver Field, comprised an obstacle race, throwing the shotput, and an evaluation of theme and costume of the contestant.

### Spring Carnival

The major event of Spring Week, the Spring Week Carnival, took place last spring from 6 to 11 p.m. May 12 and 13. Forty-five joint or single groups set up booths on the carnival grounds, which were situated near Windcrest on the corner of Shortlidge and College avenues. The organizations presented various shows in an attempt to total the most points for the Spring Week trophy.

Throughout the student booths on the carnival grounds were dispersed four rides rented from a touring amusement company—a comet, ferris wheel, merry-go-round, and barrel of love.

**Record Ticket Sales**  
An all-time record for money

from ticket sales at the carnival was set when a gross profit of \$7418.87 was collected. After Spring Week expenses were paid, the remaining money went to the Penn State Student Scholarship Fund.

The 1954 Spring Week came to an end with the annual Senior Ball held at 9 p.m. May 14 in Recreation Hall and houseparties Saturday night.

And the 1955 Spring Week may be even bigger and better.

## University Officials Ask for Buildings

University officials have requested that six small buildings owned by the Federal government on University farm number 10 be placed under the University's ownership.

At present, the buildings are used for research in the Department of Agronomy and it is expected they will be continued to be used for this work if they are transferred to the University. The buildings, which have been declared surplus by the Federal government, were constructed in 1934 at the expense of the U.S. Department of Interior to conduct studies in soil erosion. They are on University property.



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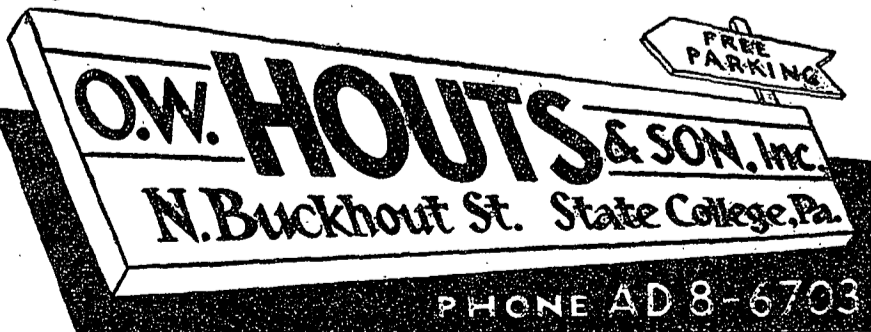
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