

Over 2700 Frosh To Begin Customs Monday Morning

(Editorial on page eight)
Over 2700 freshmen will respond to the call "Curtsy, Frosh" and "Button, Frosh" by upperclass men and women when frosh customs begin at 8 a.m. Monday.

Freshman men and women will wear blue gabardine dinks with the University seal as part of the official dress customs. Last year green dinks were worn.

Freshmen are also required to wear 5-by-8-inch name cards with their name, home town, and curriculum in heavy print. Lettering must be at least 1½ inches high. Dinks can be purchased in the Used Book Agency in the Temporary Union Building. The UBA will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and until noon tomorrow. Name cards can be picked up at this time.

Sophs to Enforce
Hugh Cline, president of the sophomore class, has urged all sophomores to enforce customs. He also asked that hat men and women watch for any hazing by upperclassmen. Hazing is defined as any activity not specifically prescribed by Freshman Customs Board.

Students over 21 should appear before Freshman Customs Board at 1 p.m. today in the student government room, 204 Old Main, for exemption from customs. Veterans are automatically exempt from customs but must carry identification cards with them at all times.

Monday has been declared Hat Day by Hat Society Council. All hat men and women should wear their hats during class hours, Robert Smoot, president of the council, has announced. He asked that all hatmen wear their hats every day during customs.

Song Fest Sunday
Hat men will report to the men's dormitories at 10 p.m. Sunday to teach all freshman men the University songs, Smoot said.

Dress customs will be worn at all times except from 5:30 p.m. Friday until 7 a.m. Monday. However, customs must be worn until noon on Saturday.

Freshmen must also wear their dress customs outside all buildings, in dining halls, and at all intercollegiate athletic events.

The Student Handbook, or "Freshman Bible," must be carried at all times, and the identification page of the book must be filled out.

Freshmen will be allowed to date from Sunday through Thursday until 5:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. Women must be in dormitory by 9:15 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

Freshman women will be allowed to date in the lounges of McKee, Hamilton, and Irvin halls (Continued on page four)

Harshbarger Will Speak At Chapel

Rev. Luther H. Harshbarger, University Chaplain, will speak at the first Chapel service at 10:55 a.m. Sunday in Schwab Auditorium, on the topic "Life Is Commitment."

Harshbarger, who has been part-time chaplain and executive secretary of the Christian Association, became full-time University Chaplain Sept. 1.

President Milton S. Eisenhower, in announcing the change, explained that its purpose was to stimulate and maximize the religious life and affairs of the campus, to help all religious faiths and denominations foster their programs, to administer University facilities and activities which involve one or all faiths, and to provide more time for counseling.

Served with YMCA
Harshbarger, who served five years with the World's YMCA service to prisoners of war in Great Britain and Germany, became executive secretary of the Penn State Christian Association in 1949. He was appointed Chaplain in September, 1951.

During the summers of 1952 and 1953 he was director of the National Student YM and YW European Study Tour, which visited Great Britain, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, France and Italy.

Choir to Sing
As part of the service, the Chapel Choir, directed by Mrs. Willa C. Taylor, will sing "Hear My Prayer, O Lord" (Mundy). Rehearsals for the service will be part of the Chapel Choir Day activities to be held tomorrow at the Grier School in Tyrone.

Jesse Arnelle, All-University president, will assist in the service. George E. Ceiga, Chapel organist, will play as prelude "Laet One Met Herten Reyne" (Bull) and as postlude "Fantasia" (Byrd). **Services Are Non-denominational**
Chapel services, which are non-denominational and open to all students, brings to the campus each Sunday outstanding speakers representing the various schools of contemporary religious thought.

Next week's speaker will be Rev. Philip Potter, chairman of the youth department of the World Council of Churches, Cape Haiteien, Haiti. His topic will be "The Sobriety of Hope."

The Chapel is administered by the University Chaplain with the supervision of the Chapel committee. The Chaplain's new office is located in 120 Waring Hall.

University Receives \$16,575 in Grants

Five grants totalling \$16,575 have been received by the University in support of the program of the Institute of Public Safety. The major grant, \$15,000, was made by the National Association of Automotive Mutual Insurance Companies. Under Amos E. Neyhart, administrative head, the Institute conducts a nationwide program in driver training.

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Ray's Confession Exposed as Hoax

Jack Ray, the convict who "confessed" Tuesday to the murder of a University coed 14½ years ago, admitted yesterday that it was a hoax.

He told a newspaper reporter that he is innocent of the crime for which he is now serving time, and made up the confession to attract attention.

Ray is now serving a life sentence for another murder at McAlester State Penitentiary in Oklahoma. He was convicted of killing George Goodman at Cordell, Okla., Oct. 6, 1939.

Wanted Truth Serum

He said he admitted the murder of Rachel Taylor, a home economics freshman, hoping authorities would find it plausible enough to give him a truth serum or lie-detector test.

"I thought if I could prove I was innocent of the Pennsylvania case, the test would show I was innocent of that shooting at Cordell," he said.

Ray signed a 600-word confession after six months of detective work by Pittsburgh County Sheriff Abner Dear. Dear said he received a tip on the case, but refused to reveal his source.

Planted Tip

The 34-year-old convict said he had deliberately planted the "tip" that he knew something about the murder of Miss Taylor after he had read about it in a detective magazine.

In his confession, Ray said he killed Miss Taylor on March 28, 1940, because she threatened to go to University authorities with a letter involving him in a campus dope ring.

Ray said he had been dating "Candy," who he said was a narcotic user on campus, for several months before she became angry with him and wrote a letter to Miss Taylor exposing the dope ring.

Victim Given Ride

He said he picked up Miss Taylor at the State College bus station as she was returning from the Easter holidays and gave her a ride to her dormitory.

Ray told police he offered her \$500 for the letter, which she refused. He said he then pulled out his gun to frighten her.

According to the confession, Miss Taylor ran from the car, and (Continued on page four)

Registration Plan Called Successful

(Picture on page nine)
By NANCY FORTNA

Registration this semester is the best and fastest-moving in the past 30 years, according to Ray V. Watkins, assistant registrar. No long lines were found at any time in Recreation Hall, Watkins said.

C. O. Williams, dean of admissions and registrar, said that at 5 p.m. yesterday 7398 students had completed registration. Under the new alphabetical registration system, 2039 students were admitted to Rec Hall Wednesday morning, 1827 Wednesday afternoon, 1719 yesterday morning, and 1813 yesterday afternoon.

Between 11,500 and 11,600 students are expected to be enrolled in the University by the end of registration at noon tomorrow.

Approximately 500 students an hour have been processed through registration, Williams said. Some students completed registration in six minutes.

Departments Foresee Demands
One of the greatest benefits of the new alphabetical system, the registrar said, is that the departments were able to calculate at noon yesterday exactly what demands would be made in each department during the last half of registration.

New sections were opened ahead of time where they were needed. For example, new sections of English Composition 90 were opened to take care of the engineers who registered yesterday afternoon and those who will register today.

Students Get Master Cards
About the only change in the registration system this semester besides the alphabetical system is (Continued on page two)

Choir to Go To Workshop

The 70 returning members of the Chapel Choir will participate in a workshop tomorrow at the Grier School, near Tyrone.

The workshop has been planned to prepare choir members for the first chapel service of the academic year at 10:55 a.m. Sunday in Schwab Auditorium.

Upperclassmen may try out for the choir according to this schedule:

Monday: 6:45 p.m., altos; 8 p.m., baritones and basses. Tuesday: 6:45 p.m., sopranos; 8 p.m., tenors.

Tryouts will be held in 212 Carnegie.

According to Richard Hulbrink, choir president, altos, baritones, and basses are needed. Only a few sopranos and tenors are needed.

Mrs. Willa C. Taylor, professor of music education and director of the choir, said that the choir will be composed of 92 members.

UBA Sells 2000 Books in 2 Days

The Used Book Agency has sold approximately 2000 books in the first two days of operation, Benjamin Lowenstein, chairman of the Penn State Book Exchange, said yesterday.

The UBA, located in the Temporary Union Building, will receive used books until Tuesday. Selling of books will continue from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. until the end of next week.

Approximately 5500 used books are available for purchase by students. However, Lowenstein reported women's physical education, commerce, economics, engineering, agriculture, and literature books are still needed. He stated that the UBA does not now need psychology, sociology, or English grammar books.

Students will find the used books placed alphabetically according to courses on tables in the TUB ballroom. Students may serve themselves. Books are priced by student sellers.

Approximately 2200 blue dinks for freshman customs have been sold so far, Lowenstein said. The dink sale is expected to be from 2400 to 2700. The name of each freshman who buys his customs is checked off on a master list.

Lowenstein also announced that the BX, the school supply store, also located in the TUB, is now open. Besides the regular line of school supplies, the store will fea-



TWO STUDENTS, Lois Baer, fifth semester education major from York, and Ed Duffy, seventh semester pre-law major from Warren, demonstrate to freshmen what buying books can be like in the student-operated Used Book Agency in the TUB. The moral—classes start Monday.

The UBA has been in operation which depicts the football schedule for five years. Each year, the sale of books has increased.

Players Tryouts Set for Tonight

Tryouts for Players' production of John Van Druten's "Bell, Book, and Candle" will be held at 7 tonight in the Little Theatre, basement of Old Main.

Copies of the play may be obtained in advance on the second floor of Schwab Auditorium, according to Robert D. Reifsnider, associate professor of dramatics. No previous acting experience is necessary.

An arena production, the show will open Oct. 15 for a six-week run.

Circulation Staff to Meet

The Daily Collegian circulation staff will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the business office, basement of Carnegie Hall.

Party to Mark Debut of Dinks

The Dink Debut, a special party for frosh, will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. tomorrow in the Temporary Union Building.

Freshman men and women have been asked to wear their dinks to the party.

The Dink Debut will be sponsored by Leonides and the Association of Independent Men and will feature Lynn Christy and his Campuseers. Each woman attending the fete will receive a baby orchid.