

Hat Societies Founded To Preserve Traditions

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In 50 years Hat Societies have played a significant role on the campus.

It was not until 1907 that the first hat society was established. From then until now there have been, at one time or another, 12 societies founded for the purpose of promoting Penn State spirit, maintaining a code of honor in all student relations, and preserving University traditions.

Hat societies recognize leaders in student government, politics, publications, athletics, dramatics, forensics, and manager ships. Men are chosen from those who have filed formal applications. Women are selected by members of the societies on the basis of activity and scholarship records.

Druids, the University's first hat society, was established in 1907 to honor sophomore men who had shown qualities of leadership or who had achieved distinction in some university activity during their freshman year.

Its purpose was to promote in all honorable ways the welfare of the University and foster and promote the spirit of good sportsmanship in all athletic contests and in the class room; and to encourage gentlemanly conduct throughout the University.

Today, Druids chooses varsity holders from second, third, and fourth semester men. The group alphabetizes the files in the dean of men's office during fall registration. As a pledge project, the men clean the trophy cases in Recreation Hall.

Lions Paw

To honor senior men who have achieved prominence in University affairs, Lions Paw was founded in 1908. Invitations are issued to those who have been held in high regard throughout their University careers by the student body and by their classes. Membership entails obligation to work with the organization which claims as its sole purpose the furtherance of the best interests of the University.

Junior and senior classes of 1909 and 1910 founded Parmi Nous for the purpose of promoting good fellowship among all University men, regardless of class or fraternity affiliations. As a group they "boost" worthy University enterprises: academic, athletic, and social. Membership is based on a

flexible quota system and is open to sixth, seventh, and eighth semester men.

Friars and Sphinx

In 1912, two organizations, Friars and Sphinx, were established. Friars was a sophomore organization honoring men who had won a varsity letter or the equivalent of freshman numerals. It was an athletic honorary until it became inactive in 1943. Friars was reestablished in 1946 only to disappear again from the campus scene in 1947.

Sphinx was organized to maintain harmony between the rapidly increasing number of fraternity men and non-fraternity men. Eligibility was based on merit, character, and true Penn Statesmanship. Sphinx became inactive in 1933.

Skull and Bones was organized in 1913 by a group of upperclassmen interested in promoting the ideals and perpetuating the traditions of the University.

Membership is open to sixth, seventh, and eighth semester men who have shown loyalty to the University through distinguished and unselfish service. An elaborate point system, emphasizing broad and thorough activity interest, is used to choose membership.

Men outstanding in athletics, sports managers, class officers, and editors of campus publications are eligible. As a group, they make an effort to uphold the morale of the student body at all times.

Blue Key

Blue Key, a junior class society, was founded in 1923. Originally it was an organization primarily for first assistant sports managers. No fraternity was permitted to have more than three active members and at least two-thirds of the

members were to be picked from literary, musical, dramatic, and managerial organizations.

In 1950 Blue Key revised its constitution to allow recognition of all campus activities. Blue Key welcomes and provides entertainment for visiting sports teams, ushers at athletic contests and gives assistance in the dean of men's office.

First Women's Hats

The first women's hat society, Cwens, was founded in 1927. The name is derived from an old English word meaning "queen." Second and third semester women with a high scholastic rating and a record of at least one major and two minor activities are eligible for membership. Cwens is a national organization. On campus, this group assists the dean of women during Orientation Week, ushers at University events, and sponsors the annual Dungaree Drag, a "girl ask boy" dance.

Mortar Board

Mortar Board, the highest women's honorary society, was founded at the University in 1935. The local chapter, called Archonai, was the sixtieth chapter of Mortar Board in the country. Each year the group sponsors the Mardi Gras carnival. Senior women who excel in scholarship, leadership, and character are chosen for membership.

The constitution of Chimes was written in 1947. It established the local Junior Service Board as a national junior women's honorary society. The name refers to the Orton Hall chimes at Ohio State, which were used in an initiation ceremony there.

Each year the local group helps with orientation by working at registration and acting as counselors to new students; and sponsors the Mardi Ball, a feature of

Parking Problem Solved Simply With Ban in 1928

The University had a simple solution to the parking problem—which still plagues the Campus Patrol—back in 1928.

Cars were simply banned from campus.

Arthur R. Warnock, dean of men, in denying that the "student automobile rule" had been altered, said, in September, 1928:

"This rule works some hardship at times, but I am convinced of its value. It safeguards study, good conduct, and bodily safety. I also believe it helps maintain the traditional democracy of this student body. If there were no rule, several hundred student cars would be in use hereabouts.

"Most of them, no doubt," the dean continued, "would be of the second-hand sort that would not add to the beauty of the campus or fraternity grounds. But many would be costly cars which some of our students could easily afford. Then would enter an element of class distinction which fortunately we have never had at Penn State."

Mardi Gras festivities. Fourth and fifth semester women are chosen on the basis of scholarship and service.

In 1950, Androcles was founded to honor fourth and fifth semester men in all fields of campus activities who had not been recognized by a hat society previously. Members are selected by their service to the University. During the year the president and his executive council decide on projects for the group's participation.

The most recent hat society to be established on campus is Scrolls, founded in 1953. Sixth and seventh semester women who have not been recognized by a hat society previously are chosen on the basis of scholarship and service.

In 1944 the Hat Society Council was chartered by the Senate Committee on Student Welfare.

Allen Faced Civil War Repair Job

William H. Allen, who served two years as President of the University, starting in February, 1885, "had an occult way of finding out the makers of mischief and a telepathic intuition of a coming student brawl."

That was the opinion of one of the school's students, most of whom respected and liked the President.

But student mischief was far from the major problems which faced the financially shaky Farmers' High School when Allen stepped in, seven years after the school's doors were first opened.

The Civil War had seriously hurt the school's progress and Penn State was barely able to survive repeated financial crises.

One of the last acts of Dr. Evan Pugh, the first president, had been to defend in the legislature the school's right to money derived from the Morrill Act.

The school twice successfully fought efforts of other institutions to share in the benefits.

Allen had to assume the battle as soon as he became President. In the second year of his administration the University (then school) was authorized to borrow \$80,000 by the legislature to pay bills of more than \$56,000, and to use the rest for maintenance.

Allen came to State College after being President of Dickinson College, Carlisle, and Girard College, Philadelphia.

During his administration, a faculty committee worked out a new program including the mechanic arts in the curriculum.

Allen's resignation was effective Nov. 1, 1886, but he never fully set forth his reasons for leaving. A faculty member wrote, "Dr. Allen and especially his wife seemed dissatisfied with their life at the College, apparently regretting that they had moved there."

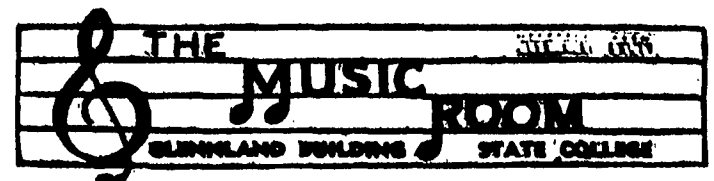
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When we stood at
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Shapeless in the hands
of fate
Thou didst mold us
dear Old State
Into men, into men.*

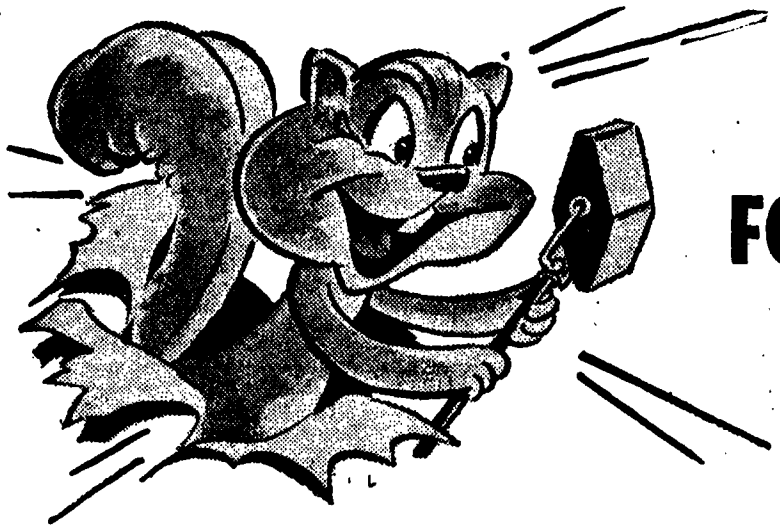
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FROM ALL APPEARANCES, and judging from past and present trends—we'd like to make some predictions. Predictions for the next one hundred years.

COEDS—even now the trend is toward the "masculine-feminine" woman. Perhaps crew cuts, cigars, and strapless cashmere gowns will be the rage in 2055. We may even have a woman president of the College of Engineering.

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