

Centennial...

# Many Traditions Lost by University

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The University may not be old enough to have a wealth of traditions, like Harvard with its three centuries or Yale with over two centuries. Many University traditions have been lost somewhere along the road of time.

Freshman customs and University traditions are closely allied. An act or prank of one class is repeated by the next to become a custom, then a tradition.

Many traditions concerning "scraps" are dead today. After its first thirty years, the University became large enough for class movements. The next 30 years could be called the "scrap era" in undergraduate history. The flag scrap, the cider scrap, the class supper scrap, and the poster scrap were the leading causes of class rivalry—battles that sometimes became fierce and disastrous.

### Poster Night

Poster night, which was the beginning of present day customs, showed intense rivalry between freshmen and sophomores of that period. Posters were printed carrying proclamations of rules for the freshman conduct. Written in flowery language at the command of the sophomores, the posters carried drawings showing the dire things which would happen to a freshman who violated the rules. Poster night began with the sophomores routing the freshmen from their rooms. Clad in night-shirts, later pajamas, they were marched through town calling cadence in loud voices. During the trek, individuals were called upon to dance, sing or recite.

### Midnight Bonfire

At midnight a huge bonfire was built and the freshmen were given paste and brushes and ordered to plaster town buildings and barns with the posters.

As the number of students increased the scraps became more dangerous. Some were abolished by student government action and others by the administration.

### Class Numerals

The custom of painting numerals on the armory originated when the sophomore class of 1904 painted their numerals on the tower of Old Main. This grew into a custom, each class trying to outdo the last. Because University officials were afraid the wooden tower might collapse, and because it was hard to remove the paint from the tower, the administration allowed students to use the armory roof. This custom was discontinued after a time.

### Famous Nursery

Around 1883 a nursery, where trees were grown for sale, was planted where Carnegie, Burrows, and Sparks buildings now stand. Among the trees was a double row, which for some unknown reason was allowed to stand while other trees were sold.

Some claim that these trees were left to form a windbreak to protect Oak Cottage, situated on the site where Women's building is now. Summer breezes and winter winds gave the path under these trees the name of Ghost Walk. In 1929 the trees were cut down making way for future buildings.

Twenty-nine years ago the Lion Coat tradition began when the senior class wore lion suits, signifying the moving-up of the seniors. The outfit was similar to the "beer suits" long established as a tradition at Princeton and Cornell. These suits were not to be worn until the day the seniors were officially moved up. Each senior

### Observatories to Open

The University Observatories will be open to the public for observations of Saturn and Jupiter from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, weather permitting.

### TIM to Discuss New Fee

Town Independent Men will meet at 7 tonight in 103 Willard to discuss the proposed Penn State Series fee.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

COED TO DO housework and baby sitting in exchange for room and board. Inner-session, Summer Session and Post Session. Above AD 8-6252.

## Sweger Named Ad Group Head

John Sweger was elected president of Alpha Delta Sigma, national professional advertising fraternity for men Sunday night. Other new officers are William Walker, vice president; Fred Siepert, secretary; and Robert Hoffman, treasurer.

Donald Mayer, Kim Ratzoll, Arnold Hoffman, Robert Gasper, John Molloy and Charles Yudis were initiated into the chapter as undergraduate members.

Charles Detweiler, advertising director of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, was also initiated at the meeting as a professional member. Following the meeting, Detweiler addressed the group.

## Suspension--

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of firecrackers in the dormitories. In the latter case, a letter will be sent to the parents of the students notifying them of the incident.

Disciplinary probation provides that the students are not able to represent the University in any extracurricular activity. It goes on their permanent record for an indefinite period, but may be petitioned off.

Both recommendations are subject to automatic review by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs and may be appealed to the dean of men's office within five days.

## Dating Code--

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sylvania Academy of Art; a recreational lounge for students; a centennial monument; television sets for living units; library books; a Centennial scholarship fund; and contributions for a new auditorium.

In other action, Bullock announced the following appointments: William Snyder and Steven Jordan were appointed junior members to the secretarial committee; Daniel Land was named rushing chairman; and Charles Neal was appointed to the public relations committee.

It was brought to the attention of the council that any vendors visiting houses who try to sell goods must show an IFC permit. The permit costs \$10. Previously, houses have not been asking to see any identification of vendors.

## Hotel Group to Elect Officers

The Penn State Hotel Greeters will elect officers at 8 tonight in the Home Economics cafeteria. The club will also discuss plans for a picnic Saturday afternoon.

## Cheerleading Tryouts

Tryouts for cheerleaders will continue at 6:30 p.m. today and tomorrow in front of Old Main. Final tryouts will be held Thursday.

## 20 Sophomore Men Initiated by Druids

Druids, sophomore men's hat society, has initiated 20 new members. They were selected on outstanding participation in athletics.

They are Richard Deluca, William Kane, James Lockerman, Jack Calderone, Steve Flamporis, Donald Mowry, Daniel Gray, Joseph Harcnett, Charles Fegley, Guy Tirabassi, Edward Drapcho, Rod Perry, Herbert Hollowell, Harry Fuehrer, John Boyanowski, Robert Bahrenberg, Joseph Eberly, Allen Williams, Leo Kukkola, and Donald Bostock.

Officers of the group are Bahrenberg, president, Fegley, vice president; and Fuehrer, treasurer.

## Skrinak Given Award By 'Scabbard, Blade'

Scabbard and Blade, military national honor society, has awarded an honorable mention in the national scholarship awards to Vincent Skrinak, senior civil engineering from Portage.

Skrinak, a member of Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, is a past captain of Company H, 1st Regiment Scabbard and Blade, and has served as secretary of Quarterdeck Society, Naval honor society.

## Young Democrats

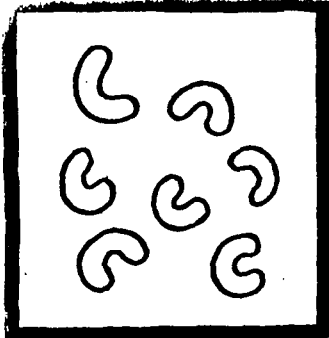
The Young Democrats will elect officers for the fall semester at 7:30 tonight in 215 Hetzel Union.

had his jacket autographed by members of his class.

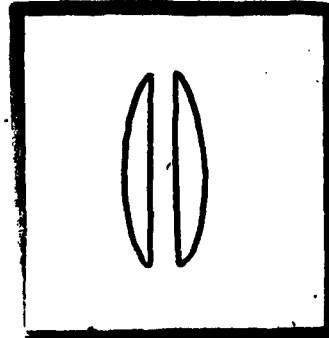
In 1927 the coeds adopted the outfit to their own using jackets rather than suits. Shortly after, the idea was adopted for the entire class.

Seniors in the past have worn Lion jackets as a reminder to the professor that the student was soon to graduate and would appreciate a helpful push from the prof in that direction.

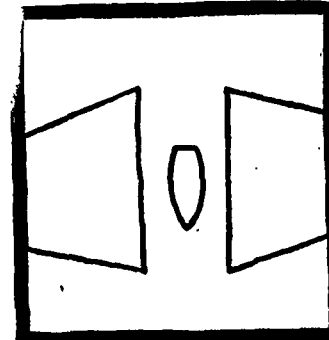
Although these traditions have been abolished or just lost throughout the years, several have remained with us. More ideas will develop into customs and then traditions. Maybe by the next Centennial year the University will have a wealth of traditions to match other colleges and universities.



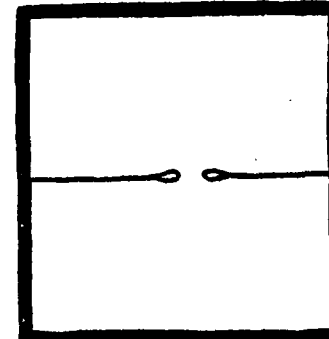
REMNANT SALE AT A DOUGHNUT FACTORY  
Barbara Rotondo  
U. of Bridgeport



BANANA, SPLIT  
Donald Mills  
U. of Alabama



BOTANICAL TUGBOAT (OR) PANICKY DRAWBRIDGE OPERATOR  
Zane Thompson  
U. of Maine

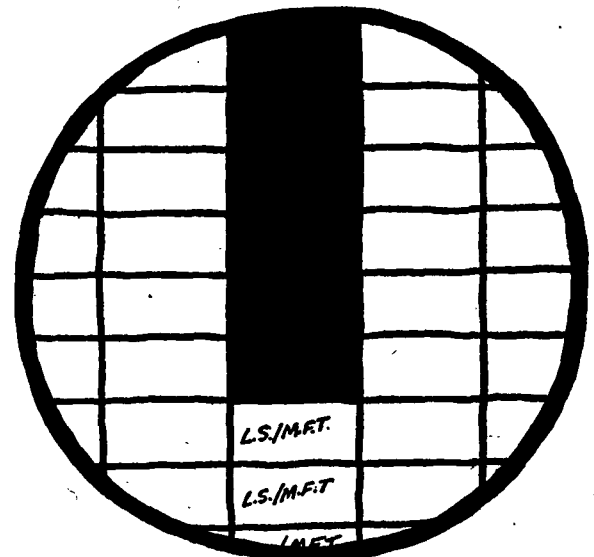


TWO NEEDLES SEWING EYE TO EYE  
C. Eugene Nichols  
Indiana U.

# HEY DROODLE BUGS! HERE'S ANOTHER BATCH!

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YOU GET A GOOD CLOSE-UP of college smokers' preference for Luckies in the Droodle at right, captioned: Lucky Strike column in a college cigarette-vending machine. On campuses all over America, college students automatically get Luckies. Why? Simply because Luckies taste better. They taste better, first of all, because Lucky Strike means fine tobacco. Then that tobacco is *toasted* to taste better. "It's Toasted"—the famous Lucky Strike process—tones up Luckies' good-tasting tobacco to make it taste even better...

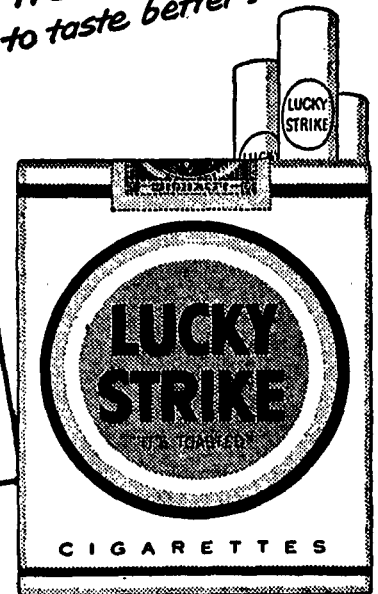


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