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BOOK-LADEN-GAL frosh master their melodies for the direct pleasure of upperclassman Harold Dean, senior in education from Uniontown, yesterday during the first joint customs enforcement day of the year. The sopranos are, left to right, Marie Russo, freshman in secondary education from Norristown; Mary Ann Gemmill, freshman in education from New

Cumberland; Barbara Bixler, freshman in home economics from Dawson; and Ann Beveridge, freshman in home economics from Pittsburgh. The talents of the dink-wearers—as well as those of upperclassmen—will meet their first test at the pre-Boston University-Penn State football game pep rally at 8 tonight in front of Old Main.



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THE FINE ART of curtsying meets the grinning approval of three upperclassmen as customs enforcement goes coeducational for a day. Bowing participators are Mariana Moldovan, freshman in physical education from Farrell, left, and Lucy Wadsworth, freshman in physical education from Ramey. Inspecting upperclassmen are, left to right, Judd Blinn, junior in agriculture education from Ellwood City; Bob Stein, junior in zoology from Punxsatawney; and John Akers, junior in agriculture from Carlisle.

# Woes—If History Repeated

## Riots Out, Women In After 1920

By JACK MELDER

Should history ever repeat itself, the freshman class would be in for a bad time of it.

On second thought, even the upperclassmen might be in for a bad time—if you concede the fact that coeds and customs help make a good time of things.

The reason for this dim outlook on a repeat-in-history is quite simple. Past records reveal that the lessening of customs regulations and the increase in coeds seem to progress hand-in-hand.

### Customs Began in 1906

Back in 1906—just 51 years after the University had its beginning—customs came into being. Shortly before that time, women came to the campus.

Customs were not then what they are today. Nor are women as far as that goes.

In addition to wearing dinks, freshman men were marched through town in their nightshirts, had to occupy the rear seats at chapel, were not allowed out of their rooms after 9 p.m., could not talk to women—and had scraps with upperclassmen.

Upperclassmen were ingenious at inventing different types of scraps to have with the freshmen. There were flag-scraps, cider-scraps, picture-scraps, push ball-scraps and probably scrap-scraps.

### 100 Coeds in 1915

While all these scraps and nightshirt parades were going on, the coeds were staying home. As late as 1915 there were only 100 coeds on the campus. There were also some 2423 men. That makes the odds about 20 to 1.

Probably there is no connection, but as customs relaxed the number of coeds increased.

Customs—in a less rigid form—continued to plague each succeeding freshman class until 1945 when the war caused an interruption of five years.

### Customs Continued

Freshman customs were resumed again in September 1950. Since then they have proceeded through dissatisfaction, riots and revisions until the present.

But while the war interrupted customs, it had no such effect on the women. True, they may not be here in the amount some desire—but there is a big improvement over 1915.

Using history as a guidestick, the freshman men may be consoled by the fact that customs and coeds are quite related.

After all, who can argue with history?

## Campus to Roar In Pre-Game Rally Tonight at 8

A pep rally preceding the Penn State-Boston University game will be held at 8 tonight on the patio of Old Main.

"Rip" Engle, head football coach, and Frank Reich and Otto Kneidinger, co-captains, will speak. Songs and cheers will be led by the cheerleaders and the Marching Blue Band, under the direction of James W. Dunlop, associate professor of music education.

Hatwomen will round up freshman women in their dormitories. Hatmen will assist in front of Old Main by forming a line at the edge of the patio.

The cheerleaders will appear with new white uniforms and megaphones for the first time, Tony Cline, head cheerleader, announced.

At the football games, the head cheerleader will use an electric megaphone.

## Queen Contest Entries May Be Submitted

Entries for the Homecoming Queen contest sponsored by Thespians, musical-comedy group, may be submitted at the Hetzel Union desk until Oct. 3, according to Arnold Hoffman, co-chairman of the queen contest.

Requirements are that entries should be University coeds and that they be sponsored by a campus organization.

Groups may sponsor as many entrants as they want, along with their pictures, 5x7 or larger, names and addresses.

## 'Engineer' Candidates, Staff to Meet Monday

Candidates for the staff of The Penn State Engineer will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in 211 Mechanical Engineering. The meeting is open to all undergraduate students at the University.

A regular staff meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in 211 Mechanical Engineering. The managing board of the Engineer will meet after the staff meeting.

## Encampment Pictures

Student encampment pictures are now on sale at the Hetzel Union desk for 50 cents each, Peter Kiefer, encampment committee chairman, has announced. Price of the pictures is 50 cents.

## 3 Departments Change Status Of Personnel

Changes in status of personnel in three departments of the University have been announced.

Arthur M. Wellington, professor of education, has been named professor of counselor education, and Dr. Robert E. Stover, assistant professor of psychology in extension, has been named supervisor of personnel services in General Extension.

James Bochy and Philip Sellers, associate county agriculture agents, have been changed to county agriculture agents.

The following assistant county agriculture agents have been named as associate county agriculture agents: William E. Urash, Robert D. Martin, Carroll L. Howes, and George W. Gorsline.

Donald R. Ace, who was also an assistant county agriculture agent, has been shifted to instructor in dairy science extension.

## Marshall Scholarship Applications Available

Applications are now being received for next year's Marshall Scholarships, opened to persons under 28 years of age who possess either a B.A. or B.S. degree from any American university.

The twelve two year scholarships, each worth \$1540 a year, will be awarded by the British government in appreciation for the aid it received through the Marshall Plan.

Persons interested in the grants should send their applications to the British Consul-General in New York City before Oct. 15. Scholarship winners will be announced next April.

## Faculty-Staff Directory Changes Due Sept. 30

Anyone wishing to make changes in the 1955-56 Faculty-Staff Directory should turn these changes in to the Utilities Division of the Department of the Physical Plant not later than Sept. 30, according to T. B. Kneen, head of the division.

Any department wishing to make changes should write them in red ink on the listing provided for the department by the Utilities Division.

Any listing not returned by Sept. 30 will be printed as it appears in the 1954-55 Directory.

## Forty Unclaimed Diplomas Crowd Admission Office

An accumulation of unclaimed diplomas has given the admissions office a headache through the years. In 1950 there were still 94 unclaimed sheepskins, some dating back to 1892.

A concerted effort by the office resulted in many of these diplomas being mailed to their owners (where eligible). At present there are about 40 unclaimed diplomas on hand.

Many were left because fees had not been paid. In the past a separate fee of \$8 was charged, but this practice was abandoned in 1948. Other owners simply neglected to pick up their diplomas after commencement.

## Team Places 2d In Ag Exposition

The University livestock judging team placed second in a field of eight at the Eastern State Exposition in Springfield, Mass., last week. The team was beaten by Ohio State University.

As a team the group placed first in swine judging, third in beef, sixth in horses, and last in sheep.

In individual judging Donald Hutzel, junior in animal husbandry from Cincinnati, Ohio, tied for second in swine judging. David Schafer, senior in animal husbandry from Mars, tied for fourth in swine.

Hutzel was also fifth in the individual honors, while John Sink, senior in animal husbandry from Homer City, was sixth and John Watkins, junior in animal husbandry, was eighth.

The fifth member of the team was Robert Hartley, senior in animal husbandry from East Millsboro. Herman Purdy, instructor in animal husbandry, coached the group.

## Welding Class to Start Oct. 4 in Engineering C

A combined registration and first class meeting in electric arc welding will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, in 101 Engineering C.

Cost of the evening course is \$34, payable at the beginning of the class. Experience in welding is not necessary.

P. W. Knepp, course instructor, announced that due to limited space, only the first twelve enrollees will be accepted.

## Sororities Give Final Theme Parties Tonight

Fall semester rushing swings into its second night of parties as 19 sororities entertain rushees at theme parties tonight. The parties are scheduled from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Alpha Epsilon Phi, Phi Sigma, and Sigma Delta Tau will hold their coffee hours from 6:30 to 8 and from 8:30 to 10 tonight. Girls rushing these sororities will sign their preference cards from 10 to 11 tonight in their dormitories.

The remaining sororities will hold their coffee hours from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday. Rushees will pick up invitations for coffee hours from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Saturday will be otherwise free of rushing activity due to the football game.

The coffee hours are the final stage of rushing. Each rushee may attend only two hours. Formal gowns are required for these affairs, and the rushees are called for at their rooms and escorted back by the sorority sisters.

After coffee hours the rushees will sign their preference cards Sunday night. Bids will be given out Tuesday.

# The Wesley Foundation

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