

Extension Number?



Frosh coed gets the "works" in joint customs.

Frosh Coeds, Upperclassmen Discover Custom Pleasures

By LARRY JACOBSON

Yesterday was officially titled joint customs day. But that was a misnomer.

Freshmen who had been through the many "mixers" sponsored by various fraternities—and those who hadn't—were subjected to the unofficial University mixer yesterday—better known as joint customs.

And the bevy of frosh coeds didn't seem to mind the socializing at all.

The frustrated upperclassmen were out in force using last year's sweet talk on this year's women. For some odd reason, upperclass women didn't bother the frosh men.

If one had the courage to stroll over to one of the many football huddles, they found some giggling coed in the middle of the gatherings absorbing a line that always followed this pattern:

Upperclassman: "Hello Hon. I see you're from Stroudsburg."

Coed: "That's right. Are you from around that area?"

Upperclassman: "Sure."

(Point of information: the upperclassman is from Sharon on the other side of the state. But this doesn't matter.)

Upperclassman: "Do you know Jim Zilch and Daisy Mae?"

Coed: "Why they're my best friends." The coed already has visions of a Saturday night date.

(By the way, Jim Zilch and Daisy Mae have the same status as "Joe Smith." They just "ain't.")

Just as the frustrated upperclassman is ready to jot down the frosh's phone number, a good-looking football player walks by, engages in friendly conversation with our female, and the same line starts all over again.

The upperclassman is left holding the pencil and muttering some obscenities about the virtues of the free enterprise system.

Peirce Painting Hung In Old Main

A painting by contemporary American artist Waldo Peirce, a gift of the artist himself, is now hanging in the reception corridor of the President's office on the second floor of Old Main.

The oil painting, titled "Waterbabies," is an impressionistic type of landscape painted at the swimming pool of dramatist Maxwell Anderson.

Peirce, born in Bangor, Me., is an illustrator and writer who has studied at Harvard University and in Paris, France. His works have been exhibited nationally and he has won several important awards, including one at the Carnegie Institute in 1944.

Photo Staff Will Meet

The Daily Collegian Photography Staff will meet at 7 tonight in 9 Carnegie Hall. Anyone interested in joining the staff may attend.

Campus Party To Fill Posts At 1st Meeting

Campus party will elect All-University clique officers at 7 p.m. Sunday in 121 Sparks. The meeting will be open to all students.

William Johnson, chairman of the Elections Committee, will explain the role of political parties in student government. Present party officers will also speak.

Snyder to Resign
William Snyder, elected clique chairman last February, will officially resign Sunday night when the clique chairman is elected.

Other officers to be elected will be vice clique chairman, executive secretary, recording secretary and treasurer.

7 Committees Set Up
Snyder said that all new and old party members may indicate a choice of work they wish to do during the year and from this indication seven committees will be set up. They are publicity, campaign, membership, on-campus ward, off-campus ward, platform and projects.

Students attending the meeting will receive a party membership card.

Campus party will nominate candidates for freshman and sophomore classes at a later meeting. Freshman and sophomores will then elect their class officers during the fall election.

Customs—

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with insubordination and failure to carry his Freshman Bible will wear a sign on his back saying: "I Forgot My Freshman Bible" until Friday.

Customs board members will meet the violators at noon Thursday and Friday at the bulletin board on the Mall to check if they are observing their penalties.

Fun Angle Stressed
Violators were warned that the penalties were handed out in the spirit of fun and were given for their own benefit.

Wills explained to them that the customs program is two-fold: to enable them to meet members of their own class and upperclass students and to learn about the traditions and customs of the University.

He also said that what they get out of the customs program depends on what they put into it.

Upperclassmen Enthusiastic
Upperclass students who enforced joint customs yesterday were as enthusiastic about this year's program as the freshmen were, he said.

Many noted that this year's customs program is the best the University has seen in several years. There seemed to be a tendency, however, for upperclass women not to enforce customs as rigidly as the men.

This condition prevailed yesterday as well as on Monday. Slight improvement was noted along these lines yesterday, according to Katherine Dickson, Customs Board co-chairman.

Weather No Hinder

One hatman compared yesterday's joint customs day to the first day of customs last year. He added that Monday's weather condition did not hinder the enforcement of customs.

Customs board members announced that another joint customs day will be held this week.

Regular Customs Today

Today will be another regular customs day and upperclasswomen will ask the frosh women to "curtsy," and the upperclassmen will ask frosh men to "button."

Other penalties which customs violators will receive include carrying sandwich signs and wearing blue and white ribbons.

The termination date for customs enforcement will be decided upon by the eight-member board when it feels over-all spirit and attitude warrants it.

Waiter Positions Open In Fraternities, HUB

Fifty waiter positions in campus dining halls and the Hetzel Union Building, and 20 dining hall jobs in fraternities are available to students living off-campus. Applications will be taken at the Student Employment Office in 112 Old Main.

Students will receive meals without charge for campus serving positions.

Frosh, if You Think It's Tough Now—

By LYNN WARD

If the freshmen think customs are rough and demanding now, they should take a look at some of the original hazing proclamations issued by the sophomore classes in the early 1900's which are on display on the first floor of Pattee Library.

By the proclamation issued by sophomore class members in 1903, the freshmen were required to learn many verses

such as:
"I'm a freshman, meek and lowly, Fresh and Green from off the farm, And to you Sophs I'll pledge my honor, That I came to do no harm."

The early proclamations were called the "Sophomore's Decree or Freshman Decalogue."

In a proclamation issued by the sophomores in 1908 the frosh were told, "Don't Cut Campus, Avoid Girls, Bring down your foot hard at the command 'HEP', Be in your rooms by 8:00 o'clock sharp. Dress soberly. At all times be ready to supply any sophomore with apples," and, "Avoid the Hill Called Pickles."

In reply to this proclamation the freshmen printed a revenge poster warning the sophomores to "Stop, Look, Get Wise; We Leave 'Hot Air' to the Sophs," signed the Class of 1908.

Another decree issued to the frosh of 1909 contained a Green Goods Quotation: "Freshness is the root of all evil. Meekness is the best policy. A 'hep' in time saves nine. Lord help the fresh that help themselves. A noisy Freshman won't make noise forever. A Fresh and his pipe are soon parted. A smart Fresh soon smarts for his smartness. When in Rome do as the Romans do—at State do as we tell you."

The display in Pattee Library also contains an excerpt from Some Recollections of State College As I First Knew It by Dr. C. E. Myers, a graduate of 1908 and a member of the faculty from 1908-1944. Dr. Myers related that soon after the freshmen arrived at college proclamation posters appeared on the trees.

At night sophomores, with the aid of paddles, ushered the freshmen out of their rooms to gather apples, dig for water, and bark at the Moon. A favorite request made by the sophomores of the frosh was to "deliver a three minute speech on the subject of Hereditary Barrenness."

Dr. Myers also added that there was much class rivalry between the freshmen and sophomores.

In the proclamation to the frosh in 1910 the sophomores referred to themselves as "Thy most Sovereign Leige Lords," and ordered the freshmen to learn the Class Yell: "Kindergarten Graduates, Imitation Men, Ignorant Diclopidates, 1910." The 1956 Freshman Oath would appear to have decided advantages over some of these early decrees.

Army Center Nears Finish

Members of the 491st Engineers' Battalion have almost completed construction on a new reserve center over the Penn-Whelan drug store in State College.

Seventy-five per cent of the battalion are faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduates at the University.

The units will meet for regular training Monday nights at the new center.

Vacancies are open up to the rank of sergeant first class in the new activity.

Men eligible for reserve training may attend a special open house at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the center.

SDX Team to Initiate New Tri-State Chapter

An initiation team from the University undergraduate chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity, will conduct the first formal initiation of new members for the Tri-State professional chapter next Wednesday at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh.

The students will be accompanied by Dr. Ira W. Cole, director of the School of Journalism, and Dr. James Markham, faculty advisor of the University chapter.

University Union Joins Mineworkers

The local University union, encompassing all service employees, switched affiliation during the summer from the AFL-CIO to the United Mineworkers.

The local made the switch because of what union president Kenneth Dixon termed "lack of interest and poor representation on the part of the AFL-CIO." The unanimous decision to make the switch stemmed, Dixon said, from a University Union dispute over the possession of guns by Campus Patrol.

Last spring, the administration banned patrol members from carrying guns when on duty.

The union—then Local 417—assailed the ban and asked for arbitration. During this time, Dixon added, the international AFL-CIO office gave the local very little support. "We kept getting promises, but nothing ever happened, and the national office adopted a 'hands-off' policy," Dixon said.

It was then that the local members started thinking of the possibility of changing affiliation, Dixon explained. "We contacted other national unions, and finally decided upon the United Mineworkers," he added.

Why the Mineworkers? "The union felt they offered us the best proposition," Dixon answered. The international office has already sent a national official to represent the union on a full-time basis in State College.

As further proof, Dixon said, the international union has asked the University to resume negotiations on the gun restriction. This will be done, he said, as soon as the University decides upon a time for the opening of arbitration.

To dispel any possible rumors, Dixon made it quite clear that there are no coal-diggers in the University union, now known as local 14030.

University Stations Seek Applicants For Radio Work

Applications for licensed radio operators wishing to affiliate with the college radio station W3YA and the MARS station A3YA are being accepted by the department of electrical engineering.

Those interested are asked to send a letter of application at once to Gilbert L. Crossley, assistant professor of electrical engineering.

The letter of application should contain past experience, station call letters of the applicant's station, the grade of amateur license, and any other pertinent facts.

Joining the station staff is not limited to students of the College of Engineering and Architecture. Any student, faculty member, or employe of the University holding an amateur license is eligible.

Amateur operators are invited to acquaint themselves with the amateurs at the station even if not interested in joining the group.

Old staff members will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in 100 Electrical Engineering.

Air Force Drill Team Will Sponsor Smoker

The Air Force Drill Team will hold a smoker at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Armory.

The smoker is open to freshman men and other interested cadets. Demonstrations of the drill manual will be presented by present drill team members.

Panhel Council Adds Laughlin To Memorial

Panhellenic Council last night decided unanimously to include the name of Sally Laughlin, former student at the University, in a memorial fund set up last spring in memory of Anne Elder.

Miss Laughlin, as vice president of the local Pi Beta Phi chapter, had been returning from the sorority convention in Pasadena, Calif. this summer when her plane collided with another over the Grand Canyon. Miss Elder, Alpha Chi Omega, was killed in an auto crash last semester.

Informal Rushing
In other action the council voted to begin the informal rushing program on Oct. 9. Discussion on methods of sending invitations and bids was tabled until the next meeting.

Barbara Nicholls, Panhel president, spoke to the council about the possibility of starting an honorary society that would recognize one or two women from each sorority on the basis of outstanding service to their particular group.

Office Hours Scheduled

A new system of office hours for the council was approved. The council officers will be in the Interfraternity-Panhel office in the Hetzel Union Building from 11 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday to answer questions on sorority life.

In other business, Miss Nicholls appointed several committees.

Ticket Sales Slow For Penn Game

Ticket sales for the University of Pennsylvania-Penn State football game progressed slowly in yesterday's first-day activity.

Many good seats are available in the \$4 mid-field section and in the end zone at \$2 per seat, according to Ed Czekaj, director of ticket sales.

The game is to be played Sept. 29 at Philadelphia.

The ticket booths on the second floor of Recreation Hall are open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Senior Advisory Board

Applications for the Senior class advisory board will be accepted at the Hetzel Union desk today through Sunday, according to Joseph Hartnett, senior class president.