

Lion's Paw Society Taps Senior Men

Lion's Paw is a senior men's society which many persons believe membership in is the highest honor any male student can attain at the University.

It usually taps about 15 men each spring.

Little for fact is known about the society, which under its constitution attempts to better Penn State. This is mainly because members reveal little about the society.

Sometimes the society does not release the names of its members until a group picture appears at the end of the year in LaVie, the yearbook. The names of the new members tapped last spring were not released, but many names have leaked out.

The members usually meet at 10 p.m. every Sunday in 419 Old Main. Non-members are not allowed at the meetings.

Controversial at Times

The society has been very controversial in the past, and has been accused of meddling in campus politics. None of the accusations, from the best information available, has ever been completely proven or disproven.

This, of course, is because all the facts are never known.

The society was founded in 1908, and has many distinguished alumni as members. In fact, name practically any famous Penn State athlete before World War II, and chances are he is a member.

In recent years, the society has gotten away from tapping athletes per se.

Almost Automatic

Although the society has often said it does not tap by position, it is plainly clear that with some student positions a membership bid goes almost automatically. These include the positions of All-University president, editor of The Daily Collegian, and presidents of the Interfraternity Council and the Association of Independent Men.

Most members have some title or another when they are tapped.

but almost every year a few surprises turn up when membership is finally revealed. This year does not appear to be an exception to the latter statement, if the information which has leaked out is correct. Several students whom one would normally expect to be members are missing, while several "surprise" choices were made.

Basis for Selection

Membership, supposedly, is largely determined on what the student has done in the past for Penn State and what he will do in the future.

Most of the alumni of the society continue an active interest in the group and Penn State long after their graduation.

The group owns Mount Nittany. It purchased it some years ago to preserve it as a living monument to Penn State history and tradition. It was purchased when a company planned to clear it for timber.

Council Governs Hat Societies

The Hat Society Council is a legislative body governing the six men's and four women's hat societies on campus.

The council is composed of the presidents and secretaries of the member organizations. Its purpose is to coordinate the activities of the hat societies.

Hat Society Council assists in charity drives and fund-raising campaigns and has contributed to sending young boys to the Keystone Boys' Camp.

The member societies are: Mortar Board and Scrolls, senior women's hat societies; Chimes, for junior women, and Cwens, sophomore women's society.

Skull and Bones and Parminous, senior men's hat societies; Druids, Blue Key and Androcles, junior men's societies; and Delphi, for sophomore men.

'Angels' Offer Cadets Moral Encouragement

Angel Flight, the coed auxiliary organization of the Arnold Air Society, is primarily a social organization for which appearance, personality and interest in Air Force activities are the main qualifications for membership.

Objectives of Angel Flight are to advance and promote interest in the Air Force, to obtain information concerning the military services and to aid the progress of the Arnold Air Society.

Sponsors Workshop

In addition to aiding the Air Force cadets in conferences at the University, the group sponsors a drill team, a chorus and the Blue Yonder Workshop.

The workshop is planned to give coeds information about life as a wife of a man entering the armed services. It is recognized that the success of a serviceman, to some extent, may depend upon the attitude and actions of his wife.

Aid in 3 Roles

For this reason, the workshop is designed to give some information to aid the wife in her role as hostess, household manager and confidante to her military husband.

As a finale to the Blue Yonder Workshop a field trip is taken to Olmsted Air Force Base, near Harrisburg.

Angel Flight has recently become a national organization, with headquarters at the University. Patricia Schoonmaker, senior in arts and letters from Tyrone, is the national commander.

Company Establishes 4-Year Scholarship

A 4-year scholarship to aid a student in metallurgy has been established at the University by the Wilbur B. Driver Co., of Newark, N. J.

The scholarship, which will be awarded this fall to an incoming freshman in metallurgy, provides \$650 a year and may be renewed for each of the student's four years if he continues to meet requirements.

Irvin Hall Was Once Home for Athletes

Freshman students who now live in Irvin hall are living in the rooms once occupied by some of Penn State's greatest athletes. Irvin was once known as Varsity Hall and was used exclusively to house varsity athletes.

The building replaced the "track house," a wood-frame building that was built as a living unit for athletes and served from 1904 to 1924. The building was razed by the University in 1930.

1925 First Move-up Day

The first Move-up Day in the history of the University was observed May 15, 1925. The seniors blossomed out in white lion jackets, the juniors in blazers, and sophomores and freshmen staged their big step up in customs after the underclass tug-of-war.

Homecoming Day Begun

The University's annual Alumni Homecoming Day was established during the school year 1920-21.



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