

Editorial Opinion

In the Penn State Spirit

Freshman customs moves into its third day today after a very successful and enthusiastic start.

This is an encouraging sign. Customs neared a crisis during the past few years—participation reached a low point and there was talk at some times of dropping the tradition if upperclassmen did not take more interest in enforcing the restrictions on freshmen.

Problems of participation in freshman customs are inevitable because of the ever-increasing size of the University—but perhaps this size also makes freshman customs all the more important.

One of the few ways to bring about this unity and spirit is through Customs. Upperclassmen can make freshmen stick together, and make them conscious of the University and their obligations to it—or they can dismiss the whole idea as a waste of time and unconsciously contribute to the lack of school spirit which always threatens a university of this size.

Upperclassmen, sophomores in particular, deserve a pat on the back for enforcing Customs so successful so far. The freshmen deserve praise for their spirit.

Their continuation of the enthusiasm of the first two days can give the freshmen the vigorous and spirited Customs program—and the sense of tradition that goes with it—that the Class of 1962 needs.

Senior Gift Alternatives

The All-University Cabinet executive committee is to be commended for prompt action in seeking to provide the Class of 1959 with a Senior Class Gift.

The 10-member committee unanimously endorsed a resolution which, if approved by Cabinet, would empower the All-University president and the senior class president to negotiate with the administration for a reallocation of funds to provide for the gift.

The two student leaders also would be empowered to negotiate for a plan whereby gift funds could be set up for future classes.

Passage of the resolution by Cabinet will not necessarily mean that the University will reallocate funds for a gift by the Class of '59. Nor will it necessarily mean that any solution at all will be found for the predicament in which the Classes of 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962 now find themselves.

But it will mean an immediate start toward dealing with the problem.

Reallocation of funds, however, is not the only possible method of providing for a class gift. Other methods have been suggested and undoubtedly will be considered, including:

- Waiting for a number of years after graduation and giving a gift from funds collected after graduation.
• Conducting a fund-raising campaign while the students are still on campus.
• Petitioning the board of trustees to levy a special assessment next semester.
• Soliciting gifts from parents, alumni and other interested persons.

All suggestions will have to be evaluated before definite action can be taken. Individual students have the opportunity, in fact the duty, to make known their own wishes.

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Interpretation

China Is UN's Biggest Issue

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The biggest issue in the minds of delegates to the 13th United Nations General Assembly is not yet on the agenda and nobody seems to know just how it will get there.

It is the conflict between Communist China, Nationalist China, the United States and the Soviet Union over the Chinese offshore islands and the American naval presence in Formosa Strait.

The Soviets have promised to bring it up, but haven't said just how. Possibly with a resolution demanding American withdrawal from the area, a point made in propaganda from Moscow.

Such a resolution, however, would be asking for an immediate and crushing defeat, and the Soviets may avoid it.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' opening address tomorrow may give a clue to prospective U.S. handling of the matter by calling for a recording of public opinion on the use of force in territorial disputes.

Or both sides may rely upon the expected resolution from India proposing a United Nations seat for the Peiping regime. This is a perennial issue, and will be treated in the perennial way.

The United States or one of her allies will suggest it be kept off the agenda for another year, and an overwhelming majority will agree.

The debate, however, could provide the vehicle for each side to get off its chest the desired propaganda, presuming they would be willing to forego action on a formal resolution.

Gazette

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AIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Bayscher Shuhplatter, 7:30 p.m., 3 White Hall
Chem-Phys Council, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
Circa Literary Magazine, 7 p.m., 208 HUB
Dance Club, 7 p.m., White Hall
Freshman Customs Board, 6:30-10:30 p.m., 217, 218 HUB
Froth Ad Staff, 7 p.m., 213 HUB
Jordan Hall Mixer, 6:30 p.m., HUB Ballroom
Monitor, 6:45, 212 HUB
Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., 121 MI
Riding Club, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
Sigma Alpha Eta, 4-5 p.m., 212 HUB
Women's Choir, 6 p.m., Assembly Hall

Poli Sci Prof Visits Campus

Dr. Erv's Hexner, former assistant general counsel for the International Monetary Fund, is serving as a visiting professor of political science during the 1958-59 academic year.

Hexner, a native of Czechoslovakia, is conducting a seminar in "International Relations" and is teaching a course in "International Organization."

He received a doctor of philosophy degree from the Royal University of Kolosvar in Hungary in 1918 and his doctor of juridical science from Bratislava University the following year.

Hexner joined the IMF staff in 1946. He retired September 1 from his position in the organization.

Math Dept. to Hold Informal Review

A mathematics review will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Sept. 18 in 14 Boucke.

The review, sponsored by the Department of Mathematics, is open to all students in courses up to and including Mathematics 43.

The meetings, to be held every Thursday evening, will be informal and will not include lectures.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Time to wake up—can I borrow these for my history class?"

Behind the News
Customs Means Boy Meets Girl

By Bob Franklin

Out of a clear, blue sky, an upperclassman suddenly stopped an attractive freshman woman walking down the mall yesterday.

"Say, frosh," he asked the customs-bedecked lady, "are you lost?"

"Why, no," she replied demurely.

"Well," he came back, "if you ever are, make sure you call me. My number is . . ."

All over campus yesterday and Monday, customs was continuing its tradition of boy-meets-girl role, as well as its role of teaching Penn State tradition.

But some new quirks have been added.

The cry, "Come over here, frosh!" may be an invitation to disaster. Answering the directive, countless freshmen have been lured off sidewalks only to be startled with a chorus of upperclass voices shouting, "Keep off the grass!"

Some freshmen, apparently at the behest of upperclassmen, have found a substitute for the "short yell State." Instead of cheering, "S-T-A-T-E, State, State, State!" they have been noisily proclaiming, "B-E-E-R, beer, beer!"

Perhaps it is the hatmen and hatwomen who have the hardest time during Customs. Trying to make sure the frosh get an even break and be-

sieged by such freshman questions as "What's kept in the old water tower?" (lacrosse equipment) and "How many windows are in the back wall of the library?" (920), they may have started the customs period already worn out by Orientation Week strain.

Following the freshman tour of campus last week, one hatman moaned, "I was so tired that every time I turned around and opened my mouth to tell them something, I yawned instead."

The hatmen and hatwomen, generally are more than glad to help freshmen in any way they can. But they are met with a myriad of misunderstandings about their hat societies, whose purposes are to recognize leaders in student activities.

"What do I have to do to get into Motor Boat?" asked one naive freshman woman, apparently referring to the senior women's society known as Mortar Board.

And as early as the first day of Orientation Week, a male parent, strolling with his freshman offspring, took a double-take when he spotted a hatman.

"My God," he exclaimed. "Hell Week's started already!"

