

Editorial Opinion

Kickoff With Spirit

Word going around in upper circles calls the freshman class one of the most spirited to hit the campus in recent years. What other class has its own cheer—"P.S.U., We love you, We're the Class of '62"—and has been as proud of wearing their dinks and name cards?

Tonight this same class gets another opportunity to add to its laurels by making a strong showing at the first pep rally of the football season.

The time is 7:15 p.m. The place is the steps of Old Main and the whole occasion is co-sponsored by Delphi, sophomore men's hat society, and Cwens, sophomore women's hat society.

There will be no gigantic bonfire for tonight's rally—that will come at a later rally. The fire tonight will be supplied by the speakers and the crowd. The bigger the crowd, the louder will be the cheering and the greater will be the spirit that our 1958 football edition will take with it to Nebraska.

Head Coach Rip Engle and team captain Steve Garban will be there to make their only pep rally appearances of the season. Since this will be the only pep rally appearance by the head coach and the captain, it's your only chance to show your Penn State spirit besides at the football games themselves.

See you at the pep rally tonight!

McCarthyism Going South?

Arkansas' Gov. Orval E. Faubus, the South's fast-rising demagogue, turned on Little Rock's Presbyterian ministers Tuesday in an attack that sounded ominously like the tactics of the late Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin.

Faubus, according to yesterday's New York Times, was informed that the ministers planned to ask him to open the city's schools which he prevented from opening Friday.

He explained away the proposed action by saying, "I'm aware that some of the Presbyterian ministers have been brainwashed," later declaring that the "brainwashing" had been done by "communists and left-wingers." When asked if he thought some of the clergymen were "left-wingers," Faubus replied "I certainly do."

We find it difficult to believe that the Presbyterian ministers acted from Communist or left-wing intentions. It seems much more likely that Faubus has resorted to the devastating "smear" technique used so effectively by McCarthy—the technique of the baseless, destructive accusation which gains a following through its sheer viciousness, touched by an air of artificial patriotism.

It would indeed be unfortunate if the McCarthy technique found its way into the already boiling segregation crisis. Faubus has behind him some of the strong sentiment typical of a demagogue—sentiment built by dramatic treatment of an emotional issue.

The smear technique could prove extremely powerful in such a situation, and might easily influence segregationists incensed by what they think is a noble cause. The results could be disastrous.

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Letters

'Conrad Hilton' Hit Customs

TO THE EDITOR: For the past few days I have been wandering around the campus with a different sign for each day strung about my neck much . . . like a freshman. These name cards proclaimed me as Lou Burbank, botany major; Conrad Hilton, hotel administration or Carl Marks of political science and so on . . .

The whole experience revealed two major faults with the Penn State student body: a great lack of general information and even more disturbing the attitudes displayed during Freshman Customs . . .

When accosted by an upper classman and questioned about the absence of my "dink" or some such inquiry concerning the Customs regulations, I asked my interrogator to carefully read the sign.

One out of ten, and this is a generous estimate, didn't catch on . . . and there were hundreds of them. I was personally amazed to find such an abundance of ignorance . . .

However, the most serious revelation was the incentive behind the usual upper classmen's aggressive questioning . . .

The purposes of Customs can be a healthy sort of tradition and should be encouraged. But what did I find in my sampling?

An upperclass officially sanctioned by the University to intimidate others. An upperclass angered when robbed of the chance to demonstrate the "power" (its members) had attained after one year or two at college.

This is not only true here but everywhere I am sad to say. They graduate and become perhaps a junior partner in some enterprise and are actually freshmen again and if they show some guts of individuality are discriminated against . . .

What are the reasons any of us want to rise in rank, from frosh to senior, from clerk to vice president, from private to general? The progress up is to be desired but it is the motives I question . . .

George Bernard Shaw (said) "They are not educated; they are only college passmen . . . not loyal, only servile . . . not public-spirited, only patriotic . . . not masterful, only domineering . . . not just, only vindictive."

—Ivan R. Ladizinsky, '60

Letter cut

Gazette

TODAY

- Big-Little Sister program, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Book Exchange, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Camera Club, 7:30 p.m., HUB Assembly Hall
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel
Faculty Bridge Club, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Freshmen Orientation Counselors, 10 p.m., Simmons
Frosh Customs Board, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Froth art staff, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
Hetzel Union Board, 10 a.m., 218 HUB
Jazz Club, 9 p.m., 1st floor lobby, HUB
Judicial, 5:15 p.m., 217 HUB
News and Views, 6:45 p.m., 14 Home Ec
Outing Club, Field and Stream division, 7 p.m., 111 Boucke
Perishing Rifles, rushing smoker, 7 p.m., Armory
Players, get-acquainted party, 7 p.m., Extension Conference Center
Pre-Veterinarian Society, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
SEAP, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
Swim Try-outs, A-L, 7:30 p.m., White
WRA Bridge Club, 7 p.m., White

Ralph Marterie to Play At 1958 Junior Prom

Ralph Marterie and his orchestra will supply the music for this year's Junior Prom, James Nussbaum, chairman of the Junior Prom committee, said yesterday.

The dance will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Oct. 24 in Recreation Building.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



from here to infinity
Hula Hoopsters
New Huge Hips
by bob thompson

The plastics industry has again turned another monster on to the college campus.

Only last spring, unsuspecting students and townspeople were imperiled by the flying plastic disc known as the frisbee that strayed from fraternity and dorm play areas.

The summer cooled off the frisbee rage—as it did so many things. Now the rage is the hula hoop!

Although the hula hoop rage hasn't caught on completely at Penn State, the hoops have been going like the proverbial hot cakes in other parts of the country.

In fact, in one Erie store, 600 hoops were sold in less than two hours.

But as in so many other clean things, crime has shed its evil eye on the hoop scene. Already there seems to be a black market hula hooping in operation in the Newark, N.J., area.

Someone broke into the Whamo Manufacturing Company's plant and made off with 15,000 hoops. Certainly the thief, or thieves, used a truck to carry off their loot. No one could possibly roll 15,000 hoops down the main street of Newark without being noticed by some observing policeman.

All sorts of contests are being staged throughout the nation for the swinging of the hips—I mean hoops. One woman says she'll stop at nothing to enter a contest in her home town. She's 106 years old. She claims her age won't hold her back a bit. The contest is open to persons from three to 110.

The hoops have been a bless-

ing to fat women and coeds who want to reduce without having to diet. Now all they have to do is place the hoop around themselves and whirl away.

An even more positive method for losing pounds would be to use the kind of hoop grandfather used to use. By filing the edges of an ordinary barrel hoop and then twirling the body, excess pounds would come off the hips in nothing flat.

In fact, by twirling long enough, the hips themselves would be lost. The whole thing is messy, but it sure beats dieting!

The hoop rage is also bolstering the economy in these times of recession. Besides the public putting money in circulation by buying hoops, the chiropractors will be earning more dough by treating the people who have thrown their something-or-others out of whack doing the routines.

Already there are new jobs being created by the introduction of the hula hoop. A sign in a downtown store window reads thus: "Coed wanted to demonstrate hula hoops."

Continuing along the idea of economics, another American custom holds true. You'll never guess who originated the idea of the hula hoop.

You're right, it was the same company that started the frisbee rage. The rich get richer . . .

I wonder if they'll make plastic pogo sticks to replace the out-moded crude ones that dad used to use?

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