

Editorial Opinion

Button Frosh

The annual customs seems to have started on the right foot. Yesterday was a lively day for both freshmen and upperclassmen, and it looks as if all are getting a big bang out of the traditional banter.

These days are an opportune period for freshmen to become acquainted with their fellow students and the landmarks of the University. But there are freshmen who shirk away from this, and upperclassmen who won't bother to participate.

To those who fall in these two categories, some words of advice and warning.

The tradition of customs was not originated to let the upperclassmen embarrass or heckle the new students. It was and still is designed to make the new students feel more a part of University life, especially on a large campus such as ours. This purpose can be achieved if cooperation and spirit become the keynote of the period.

Freshmen need not disappear as soon as they catch sight of an upperclassman. Customs only pay back what is put into them.

In previous years, the major problem faced by members of the Customs Board has been to keep spirit up throughout the period. Customs have had to be discontinued after a few weeks because apathy was apparent in the attitudes of the upperclassmen.

This is not an example to be followed, as continued apathy will lead to the discontinuance of customs in future years. Let's keep the present attitude and in doing so, retain the tradition.

Artist Series

Tossy Spivakovsky, world famous violin virtuoso, will perform Sunday night in Schwab Auditorium.

This is the first of at least 18 programs scheduled for the University audiences for this school year.

The Artist Series in its short existence has been one of the most successful programs undertaken for the students. It often provides a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see these excellent performers—and only for the \$2 per student taken from the semester fees.

Students have to stand in long lines to obtain tickets, but it's definitely worth the time. Very little can be done about this problem until a new auditorium is built. This is being planned.

Upperclassmen need no encouragement to patronize the Artist Series programs. Freshmen should also take advantage of these performances all at the low cost of one hole in a matric card.

A Vote for Class Gifts

The \$7000 contributed to the Senior Class Gift Fund during registration definitely shows that students are in favor of continuing this tradition.

It's now in the gift committee's hands. It must evaluate the collection system used and determine if there may be an even better way to support the fund.

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Interpreting

Nikita Trying Suave Attitude For Ike Talks

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Nikita Khrushchev is trying to receive the suave supersalesman who appeared before the National Press Club in Washington a week ago.

But water, and temper, has flowed over the dam since then.

The Soviet Premier is now going out of his way to reassure President Eisenhower that the flurries of conflict stirred by people critical of the Soviet regime will not affect their consultations this weekend.

He also is moving to repair his relations with the American business world, first damaged at his Economic Club dinner in New York. He finds a manufacturing plant and its wages something to admire. He says he gets along better with businessmen who to him represent the capitalistic system than with politicians.

Business with the United States is one of the things uppermost in Soviet policy now, as witness the appeals for trade.

Khrushchev also must have realized that his rejection by AFL-CIO leaders was internationally damaging to the Communist claim to leadership of the world's workers. So he suddenly arranged to be welcomed by Harry Bridges left-wingers in an attempt to prove that the AFL-CIO leadership did not speak for all.

The British press reminds that there were similar flurries when he visited Britain.

Some British papers, however, share much of the feeling displayed in the United States—that Khrushchev has been heckled in to many revelations regarding his policies and the way his mind works, and this is good from a know-your-enemy standpoint.

George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, who did not dine with Khrushchev in San Francisco, has seized the occasion to remind that Khrushchev and his policies may not be disassociated from Stalin and Lenin and their policies of world conquest.

There are important questions, however, which Khrushchev has raised, and which the free world must carefully answer if its own posture in the cold war is to be effective.

Is he sincere even for this moment in wishing to confine the conflict to a "may the best system win without war" basis?

If so, what will be his attitude, and that of his Communist successors, when the Soviet Union has attained economic parity?

Gazette

TODAY

- Bus Ad Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 205 Boucke
- Chem Phys Council, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
- Cheer Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
- Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
- DOC Council, 7 p.m., 212-13 HUB
- Ed Big-Little Sister Party, 6:30 p.m., Cooper rec room
- Electrical Utilities Registration, 8 a.m., HUB lobby
- Freshman Customs Board, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
- Grad Student Club of Bus Ad, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Pi
- 4-H Club Activity, 8 p.m., 203-12-13-14 HUB
- Kappa Phi, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation
- Pershing Rifles (CO B-5) Rushing Smoker, 7 p.m., Armory
- Science Institute, 7 p.m., HUB main lounge
- Scrolls, 9 p.m., Delta Gamma suite
- Sigma Theta Epsilon, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation
- Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
- WSGA, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- WSGA Senate (open meeting for freshmen), 6:30 p.m., 119 Osmond
- Zoology Club, 7 p.m., 113 Frear Lab

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Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



"ROOF LEAKS, COLD IN WINTER, NEEDS PAINT, AND IT'S MY MOST EXPENSIVE ROOM BECAUSE OF THE VIEW—THAT'S A GIRL'S DORM NEXT DOOR."

penny candy

Like Activities, Man; Hats, Hats, Hats

by loli neubarth

The bleary-eyed Penn Stater we saw scurrying across campus at 8 yesterday morning looked like he was starting the second day of exams instead of the second day of classes.

Activities, activities . . .," we heard him mutter as he tripped up the steps of Old Main.

This is Organization Man—Penn State style. He appreciates the value of worthwhile activities, carefully chosen to benefit him and his fraternity. He has doffed the freshman dink and donned the hallowed HAT—the status symbol unique at Penn State.

A hat can reveal to the observant passerby many facts about the person wearing it. First of all, he has below a 2.0 All-University average. If he doesn't, he probably will next semester.

How does one acquire a hat? Ask wide-eyed freshmen after they have been told they cannot be bought in the BX along with the Freshman Handbook. Read and heed, our freshman friends, and we will reveal the road to Penn State success—spelled H-A-T.

It's really very simple. One devotes enough time to activities to become a Big Man On Campus (BMOC) and if possible go on scholastic probation (this last is considered of primary importance).

What are activities? Activities are what keep students busy when they aren't in class. Activities keep non-students busy when they should be in class. They keep people from eating and sleeping regularly. They do not

keep people from drinking regularly.

At Penn State, you can find an activity to suit your individual talents and interests. If you enjoy writing about specialized topics there are such publications as the Engineer, the Ag Hill Breeze, the Penn State Farmer and Circa.

If you like to write, but don't know how, there is still a place for you on Froth.

Students who like to work, live and eat together join fraternities. Students who frown on the social and intellectual limitations of such groups express their freedom of spirit by joining the Association of Independent Men.

The love of group singing lures many new students to try out for University choruses and choirs. But competition is keen, and many aspiring singers must settle for a place in Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Organization men work for as many as 10 campus activities. Reorganization men concentrate on one—the Student Government Association.

But in spite of their limitations, we love activities. In fact, we wouldn't give up OUR hats for anything!

