

Customs Change; Frosh Life Easier

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Which is worse? Wearing a dink and namecard or being thrown by a mule?

Customs have been at Penn State a long time and have become mild with the years.

In 1859 it was the favorite sport of the first class to challenge all newcomers to ride one of the mules kept at the school.

Jazz Club Schedules Ferguson

Maynard Ferguson and his 13-piece band will kick off this year's Jazz Club program when they appear Oct. 23 in Recreation Hall.

Al Pollon, Jazz Club president, told the 400 students who attended the club's organizational meeting last night, that Ferguson is one of the finest trumpet players of modern jazz.

Tickets will go on sale for the Ferguson Jazz Concert Oct. 17 at the Hetzel Union desk. They will be available to non-members for \$1.50 and to members for \$1.

The officers of the Jazz Club for this year are: Pollon; Dave Atkinson, vice president; Sue Common, secretary; Howard Gale, treasurer; and Mel Shulman, historian. Joel Roth, Jack Manno, and Mike Goberman are on the executive board.

The next meeting will be announced in The Daily Collegian.

1961 Grants Offered

The Danforth Foundation is accepting applications for 1961 fellowships.

Senior men and recent graduates who are preparing themselves for a career of college teaching and are planning to enter their first year of graduate school in September 1961 may apply.

Applications are available from the deans of the colleges and must be completed by Jan. 15, 1961.

Artists Series Tickets

Marianne Moore, noted poet, will open the 1960-61 Artists Series Sept. 28 with a presentation at 8:30 p.m. in Schwab.

Tickets for Miss Moore's performance will be distributed starting 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Hetzel Union desk.

Unknown to the new student, the one mule, named Lion, refused to be mounted from the left side. As a result, many new students were thrown headfirst into their first year at Penn State.

Although there were no freshman customs listed in the first handbooks, the 1896 "Bible" warns the new student not to be tough, to skip classes or to study on Sunday. It also reminded the student to forget the girl back home.

The first official custom rules appeared in the 1904 handbook. Freshmen at that time were not allowed to smoke pipes on campus, wear the college colors or carry canes during the first year.

They were not supposed to walk on the grass and were admonished never to speak back to an upperclassman, "no matter how great the temptation."

In 1906, the upperclassmen voted for the wearing of caps for all freshmen. Instead of the familiar blue and white dinks now worn for a short time, the freshmen wore green scull caps the entire year.

The 1912 handbook states that freshmen were not allowed to converse with or call upon young ladies at any time during the first year. In 1912 this was changed to within a three-mile radius of Old Main and only at house party time on campus.

At the same time it was decided that freshmen must wear coats at all times except on certain class nights, may not have cuffs in their trousers, must wear a plain black four-in-hand tie and keep their hands out of their pockets.

The custom of wearing name tags was started in 1923 with the specifications that the name be not less than one quarter inch high.

After 1939, at which time the custom of "Button Frosh" was started, freshmen customs regulations have remained very similar to the ones of today. Only for a period following World War II, was the practice of enforcing freshman customs ever stopped at Penn State.

Bomb Shelters Make Building News

Instead of bomb shelters being built and added to the nation's buildings as protection against nuclear attack, it may soon be possible for such constructions to be included in the basic functional design of the building.

The "convertible shelter" project under the supervision of Gifford H. Albright, director of the Shelter Research and Study Program at the University, has recently been devised to consider the feasibility of this proposal.

Albright, who has recently been appointed to a national committee to work on a booklet entitled "Civil Defense and Higher Education," explained that the project

comprises one phase of a series of studies relating to the planning and design of buildings for extreme environments.

According to Albright, convertible shelter space could be provided for in new constructions at little or no additional expense. The architect, he said, could automatically reduce the number of possible fatalities in the event of thermonuclear attack.

In every building, there are spaces which, in addition to fulfilling their intended functions, lend themselves for use as effective shelter against nuclear attack, he said.

Albright explained that these spaces may be accessible as shelters because of (1) location, (2) type of materials normally sur-

rounding them, (3) structural systems normally required, and (4) convenience to environmental needs—such as water, food, heat, power, etc.

These spaces would normally be used for their intended function but, in case of attack, they would convert instantaneously into shelters.

In order to provide maximum shelter at the lowest possible cost, Albright stressed the importance of making the convertible shelter an integral part of the building. It cannot be "hung-on" or "attached-to" the building, he said, after the preliminary design phase has been completed. For maximum effectiveness, emphasis must also be given to detail in design and construction.

Penna. Official Will Address Grad Society

Dr. Charles H. Boehm, superintendent of Public Instruction for Pennsylvania, will be the guest speaker of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary graduate educational society, on Monday, Oct. 3.

Following the 5:30 p.m. dinner meeting at the Hetzel Union building Boehm will talk on the subject, "What You Don't Know About Your Schools."

Phi Delta Kappa is an international organization of over 60,000 members representing all areas of professional education. It is founded on the ideals of research, leadership and service.

Officers of the Alpha Tau chapter at the University are: Dr. J. McAuley, president, associate professor of elementary education; Lt. Col. Robert Hayes, first vice president, assistant professor of air science; Dr. Carl J. Schaefer, second vice president, assistant professor of industrial education, and Dr. A. V. Kozak, secretary-treasurer, associate professor of secondary education.

ACS to Hear Talk By Research Chemist

Dr. George V. Tiers, research chemist with the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., St. Paul, Minn., will address the first meeting of the fall semester of the Central Pennsylvania chapter of the American Chemical Society at 8 tonight in 111 Boucke. Dr. Tiers will speak on "Proton and Fluorine Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy."

Matson Will Address County Reserve Officers

Dr. Frederick R. Matson, professor of archaeology and assistant dean for research in the College of the Liberal Arts, will address the Centre County chapter, Reserve Officers' Association today.

He will speak at 6:30 p.m. in 213 Hetzel Union building, following dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Dining Room "B".

His subject will be "Archaeological Excavations of Iran and Afghanistan."

Slides of African Trip To Be Shown Tonight

Lurene Jochem, senior in home economics from Pompton Lakes, N.J., will show slides of her trip to Africa at 7 tonight in 209 Home Economics South.

Miss Jochem spent the summer in West Africa as part of her summer practicum. The talk is being sponsored by News and Views, the magazine of the College of Home Economics.

—Isn't it odd that the easier a gal is to look at, the harder the fellers stare?



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