

PSU Colors Change From Pink, Black

By SUE EBERLY

Pink and black—did you know that these were the original colors of Penn State? Blue and white didn't become the traditional colors until it was discovered in the 1880's that pink dye faded and the pink and black became white and black.

George P. Meek, a native of Bellefonte and a graduate of the class of '90, established these colors upon discovering that Penn State had no colors. He was selling many pink and black blazers to his fellow students, until they discovered the pink began to fade after three weeks in the sunshine. His business ended and the black was later changed to blue.

Most student activities on campus began during Meek's college years, 1886-90, and Meek seemed to have a part in most of them. He edited the first issue of LaVie and worked on the student newspaper, The Free Lance. Meek was also a member of the tennis team, the bicycling team and managed the varsity baseball team. After graduation his interest in athletics led him to be named the first graduate manager of college sports.

George never understood the necessity of conforming to the military's discipline in college very well and once refused to polish the cannons which stood in front of Old Main. This resulted in his dismissal from college but through his parents' efforts he was reinstated.

Two other members of the Meek family are also distinguished for their contributions to Penn State. His father, P. Gray Meek, was the man largely responsible for the college becoming more than a farmer's high school.

In 1882 the Pennsylvania Grange organization almost succeeded in persuading Governor Pattison to sell the college property for a practice farm.

Believing in President Atherton's aim for a college of arts and sciences, Gray Meek convinced the Governor not to sell the college lands. After that time, the state began to support the almost bankrupt college with larger funds.

Gray Meek was also the first man to move his family to State College for the sole purpose of sending his children to college. Of the six Meek children, Elizabeth, was regarded as the "brains" of the family. After graduating in 1889, she established the department of biology and when she resigned in 1909, four men were appointed to continue her work.

The Meek home with five girls became the club house of the entire 250-student body, since there were less than two dozen girls in State College in the 1880's. One of the first national fraternities to be organized at Penn State, Phi Gamma Delta, held its first initiation in the Meek home.

—The University will inaugurate its ten-week, four-term, year-round academic calendar on June 15. The summer term will end August 26.

Mares to Study Aid Program

Dr. Vaclav E. Mares, associate professor of economics, will spend the Spring Semester in Europe, visiting the European Common Market countries and Yugoslavia. He has been granted a leave of absence for this period.

He plans to study recent developments in Europe's energy economy and its repercussions on world trade in energy products. He also will examine the effectiveness of various aid programs in operation in some of Europe's oldest coal districts. His research is supported by a \$700 grant from the University's Central Fund for Research.

Co-Edits

The Pi Deuteron Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi announced the installation of its newly elected officers: Robert Boxer, master; Michael Rosenfeld, lieutenant master; Morey Chick, exchequer; David Sigman, scribe; Howard Glick, pledge master; Wayne Anmuth, rushing chairman; David Bernstein, house manager; Robert H. Miller, Barry Levitz, social chairmen; Bruce Colan, assistant exchequer; Robert Fishbein, corresponding scribe; Sidney Diamond, sentinel.

The new officers of Beta Sigma Omicron are: president, Jo Mochulski; first vice president, Marilyn McMillen; second vice president, Patricia Rastis; Panhellenic delegate, Nancy McMinn; secretary, Nancy Turnbaugh; treasurer, Ann Chernesski; social chairman, Barbara Schlatter; rush chairman, Marylynn Issacs.

Newly elected officers of Alpha Delta Pi sorority are: Sharon Stafford, president; Lois Rakus, vice president; Ann Kirk, recording secretary; Paula Peterson, corresponding secretary; Carol Richter, treasurer; Marge Hoffman, chaplain; Jo Lytton, guard; Barbara Davis, registrar; Suzanne Ellison, reporter-historian, and Martha Kline, Panhellenic delegate.

The newly elected officers of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority are Aviva Brown, president; Arlene

Frarkin, first vice president; Harriet Emdur, pledge mother; Phyllis Mandelbaum, recording secretary; Rita Zieve, corresponding secretary; Jean Crigger, treasurer; and Sheila Schoor, historian.

Newly elected officers in the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity are: Earl Gershenow, president; Lester Phillips, first vice president; Robert Nichter, second vice president; Richard Crawford, third vice president; Walter Schwenger, recording secretary; Walter Schwenger, corresponding secretary; Robert Miller, treasurer; Harry Hager, alumni secretary and Robert Junas, sergeant-at-arms.

Silversmiths Hold Opinion Contest

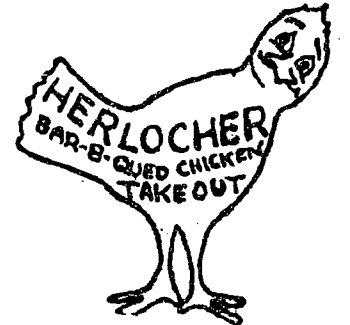
Reed and Barton, silversmiths, are conducting a "Silver Opinion Competition" in which scholarship awards worth \$2050 will be offered to women students.

In the competition, each entrant will choose the six combinations of china and silver which she considers the best. Awards will be made to those entries which come closest to the selection of the judges.

Coeds interested in entering the contest should contact Sheila Cohen, student representative, at UN 5-7722 for entry blanks and complete details.

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- Chicken Salad 1/2lb. 45c
- Potato Salad 1/2pt. 25c
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- Soft Drinks, Milk, Potato Chips
- SUBMARINES 55c



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