

**The Old and the New**

# New Tradition Set With Prexy's Mace

By JOHN WITMER

Throughout "Customs Week" freshmen are asked many questions about University traditions. Most of these have been traditions of long standing, some dating back nearly to the beginning of Farmers' High School. There are a few, however, that have a very recent beginning. The President's

Mace is one of these.

Throughout history, the mace has been a symbol of power and authority, passed on from one leader to the next. This tradition started only recently at the University, at the time of the inauguration of Dr. Eric A. Walker on Oct. 3, 1957.

The Mace is used not only at the inauguration of new presidents, but also at many other ceremonial occasions. Most students come into contact with it at the very beginning of their college careers.

Hummel Fishburn, Faculty Marshal, carries the Mace while leading the processional at the President's Convocation every Orientation Week.

The Mace, although first used at Walker's inauguration as the 12th president of the University in 1957, has been a part of the University for a much longer time. It was made from an ash wood newell post from the stairway of the original Old Main. This original building was torn down in 1929. The stairway was installed in 1888 when Old Main underwent renovation.

It is possible that the newell post may have been made in this area, from wood cut near here.

Jesse Pennington of State College, a retired University employe, salvaged the ash wood post when Old Main was rebuilt. When the idea of making a mace was presented, Pennington donated his piece of wood.

Edward L. Mattil, associate professor of art education, designed the Mace and Edward Long of Boalsburg, a skilled woodworker, created it. He carved out a 3-foot length from the 6-foot post, and fashioned the Mace.

It was originally intended that the Mace would be placed in the Penn State Room of the library, but instead it is being kept in the President's office in Old Main.

### University Receives Gift

A gift of \$440 has been received by the University from All-American Rose Selections, Florence, Ala., to support maintenance and research in the rose test gardens.

# Corps to Learn Dialects Later In Philippines

The Peace Corps volunteers here may be anxious to learn the language of the country where they'll be going. But they won't. Not just yet. There are 87 different dialects in the Philippines and the volunteers will be headed for different sections of the Islands.

But they will spend a few weeks studying the national language — Tagalog — during their training at the University. Tagalog is spoken only in Manila and the surrounding areas.

The volunteers will learn the dialect of the area to which they will be sent when it is decided which volunteers will be sent to which islands.

Several weeks will be spent at a Philippine university when they arrive. They will learn the basics of the specific dialect of the area where they will reside for the next two years.

But the main job of the Peace Corpsmen is to teach and be models for the English language as teachers' aides in the elementary schools. English is used in the classroom from the first grade on and is understood by Filipinos throughout most of the archipelago.

Soon the volunteers will be greeting each other by "mabuhay" which in the Philippine national language means a combination of "welcome," "long life" and "farewell."

# Gazette

- TODAY**
- CBA Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 211 Boucke
  - Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
  - Folklore Sec., 10 a.m., HUB ground floor
  - Freshman Customs, 8:30 p.m., 218 HUB
  - Greek Week, Outstanding Pledge Banquet, 9 p.m., 217 HUB
  - Hillel Freshman Council Meeting, 7:45 p.m., 206 Boucke
  - Independent Education Society, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB
  - Investment Club, 9 p.m., 212 HUB
  - Jazz Club Booth, 9 a.m., HUB ground floor
  - Nittany Grotto, 7:15 p.m., 117 Osmond
  - P.S. Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 212 HUB
  - P.S. Young Republicans Club, 9:15 p.m., 213 HUB
  - ROTC Publications Staff, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
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  - Sports Car Club, 8 p.m., 214 Boucke
  - TIM, noon Assembly Hall, HUB
  - TIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
  - Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall

# Lack of Entries May Cause Sing To Be Canceled

The IFC-Panhel Sing, held annually during Greek Week, may be called off this year due to lack of fraternity and sorority entries, Sally Leight, co-chairman of the sing, said last night.

The decision as to whether or not to hold the sing as planned will be made today after the deadline for applications, she said.

To date nine fraternities and 10 sororities have entered the group sing contest, and 10 fraternities and 16 sororities have entered the quartet contest, she said.

"Because of the small number of groups entered, it is questionable whether the sing would be a success," Miss Leight said. "It would be too bad if the sing failed, since this is a Penn State tradition which we would like to see continued."

Miss Leight said that there is also a possibility that only a quartet sing will be held since more quartets than groups have entered.

The deadline for applications from fraternities and sororities is 5 p.m. today.

Preliminaries for sorority groups and fraternity quartets are scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22. On the following day, fraternity groups and sorority quartets will be judged. Final judging will be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 27 in Schwab.

The following fraternities have entered the group singing: Alpha Zeta, Theta Xi, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Phi Sigma Kappa, Alpha Chi Rho, Acacia and Phi Kappa Psi.

Sororities entered in the group sing are Alpha Phi, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Delta Gamma, Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Delta Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma and Alpha Chi Omega.

Fraternity quartets which are participating are Theta Xi, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Mu Delta, Acacia, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Delta Rho and Delta Chi.

Sorority quartets which have entered are Sigma Sigma Sigma, Delta Gamma, Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Theta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Colony, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Zeta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Phi Mu, Theta Phi Alpha and Alpha Delta Pi.

### \$200 Research Grant

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# Colds Cause Rush On Health Center

By JOAN MEHAN

This seems to be the season of the cough, sore throat, cold, sneeze, sprain and, as always, mononucleosis.

Students can be seen around campus carrying boxes of tissues or limping from over-exertion.

If you've visited the Ritenour Health Center lately, you will realize the seriousness of the situation.

Students are lined up throughout the lobby to tell the receptionists of their many and varied ailments.

To the health center staff this is the normal situation at the beginning of the college year. Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, director said yesterday.

"We usually have a full house from the time classes start in the fall until sometime in November," he said. "Then the number of students who visit the health center slacks off."

In the last two days the health center has handled about 1,100 students, Glenn said. On Monday approximately 500 students visited the center and about 600 were there yesterday.

The former record for students visiting the center on one day was about 400, he said.

"We have more students at the University this year, so naturally

the number of those who take advantage of the health center would increase," he added.

Glenn stressed the fact that there is no epidemic at the University. He said that it is normal to have minor ailments develop when students from all parts of the country mingle.

The change of weather and over-exertion on the athletic fields also contributes to the boom in the health center's business.

Of the 60 beds in the hospital, 30 are occupied.

Many students are taking advantage of the flu shots being offered at the health center, Glenn said.

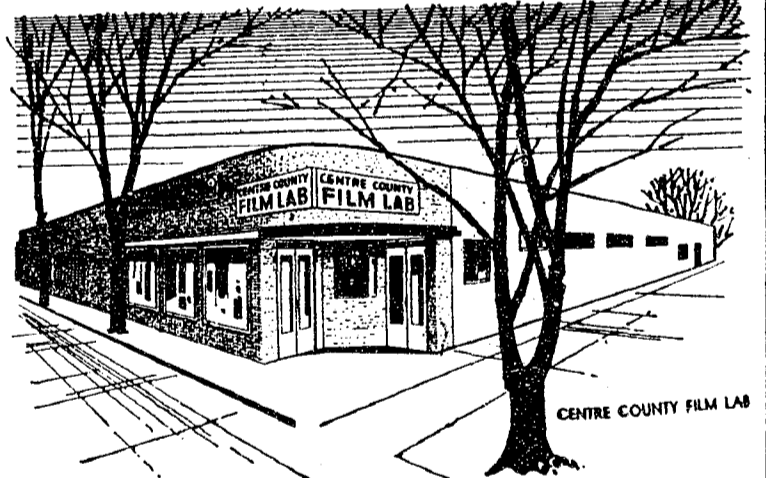
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