Downfall

Many years ago University freshmen were required to wear green “beanies” called “spots.” On the brim of the beanies were small bells which announced the approach of the lowly freshman.

But the beanie wearing did not stop at the freshman level. The frivolously-minded sophomores often sported a cap of the radical English cut with a short visor. The color was brown with the small sophomore button evident on top.

The beanie tradition met with its downfall one night in 1938 during the annual beanie-burning ceremony when a group of students got out of hand and began throwing spectator’s clothes into the fire.