

In Memorium

Lois F. Mark

On Monday, 21 October 1974, The Capitol Campus of The Pennsylvania State University lost a valued colleague, a dedicated teacher, and a courageous woman, Mrs. Lois F. Mark, who died after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Mark's unusual knowledge and understanding of urban children and schools have been invaluable to this faculty. Her rare ability and insights into teaching and classroom situations have contributed greatly to the education programs. She has left an indelible imprint upon the Elementary Education Program, and its students in particular, and all of us will miss her strong personality and commanding presence. On behalf of the Provost, the faculty, and staff, I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to her family and to express the great loss to the world of public education and the University community of an esteemed associate and dear friend.

Henry Adams once wrote, "a teacher affects eternity; (she) can never tell where (her) influence stops."

Mrs. Mark epitomized these words of Daniel Webster's: "If we work upon marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, and imbue them with principles, with a just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten through all eternity."

We will not forget her.

George D. Wolf
Dean of Faculty

XGI REPORTER

Illegal Blocking! Illegal Blocking! Illegal Blocking! Those were the famous words of a ref on Monday, Oct. 21 at the one evening football game between the XGIs and Spread Eagle Inn. So What, Who needs them anyway? We still plucked the feathers of Spread Eagle (36-12). Our next engagement will be a bit on the tougher side so watch the paper next week and see the results!

Win! Win! Win! Yes, you can win big in the XGI Raffle which will begin on October 31. Tickets will cost 25c each or 5 tickets for \$1. You will have a choice of prizes too! For instance:

First (\$400 Retail) - Port. Color TV or a Stereo, or a Reel to Reel Recorder.

Second (\$250 Retail) - 35MM Camera or a Pool Table or a Sailboat.

Third (\$150 Retail) - Polaroid SX70 Camera or an Elec. Typewriter or a set of 4 Auto Tires.

Fourth (\$75 Retail) - 125 gals. of Gas or a Calculator or a 10-speed Bicycle.

The Drawing Date will be December 13, 1974. The more tickets you buy the better chance you will have to win! Tickets will be available from any member of the XGI Fraternity or can be purchased in the XGI Lounge in W-114.

The next meeting of the XGI's will be held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 5 at 9 P.M. at the Tiltin'-Hilton Hotel in Highspire. Also remember, Nov. 5 is the last day the reduced rates on dues will apply. If you would still like to join the fraternity, applications are always available.

XGI Reporter,
Al the Dutchman



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Late Night Notes

by Fred Prouser

The pace of things slows down at Capitol at night. Lights go out and smart people get some sleep. For others, night is a time to write, watch TV, or do what they enjoy the most- whatever it might be.

The night started out like many others with a printing session in the darkroom. Routine stuff, nothing spectacular- just a few images for the paper to get in under Monday morning's deadline. But still it was pleasant. It's very quiet in the darkroom at night. The only sound is that of the water running as it washes the prints. Occasionally something unusual comes about. You go in thinking of doing one type of print and come out with something entirely different. But not tonight.

Prints are ready for the printer. Now there's a paper to write. A friend is working on the same assignment. It's nice to know that there are other people who stay up this late also. The hours go by. The national anthem plays on several stations. The TV goes to static. Quiet descends as words find their way onto paper. Conversation between pages- school, home, life; thank God the paper isn't due till this afternoon. Hours have gone by- and pages have been written- the paper is almost finished. No use going to sleep now.

Head out to the diner to get some breakfast. The sun is starting to rise, an hour earlier now due to the clock change. The frost glistens on the corn stalks. Cars shuttle by- headlight on, diffusing the mist in the air. The diner is quiet, eggs come and go. Coffee is the only word heard repeatedly. Where do all these people come from? They can't all be breadmen.

Driving back, the sky is colored in muted yellow and purple. The sun pierces through the clouds, reflected by the rear view mirror. The 6:30 train speeds by, a blur of commuters off to points unknown.

Arriving in the Heights, things are still. Blackbirds and squirrels on the lawn minding their own business.

Home. Take out the trash and discover that ants have been feasting on garbage all night. Don't they ever get full? I guess they've got to exist too.

A Note From The Editor

We Need Positive Action



Although student organizations on campus are in a better physical shape this year than they have been in recent memory, they all face a serious crisis when it comes to money and the financing of events. In an article in our last paper, Doug Giboney reported the problem as stemming from several different sources. He told us that funds from the Park were lower this year, that we have no money carried over from last year, and that new University regulations may make it illegal to hold bake-sales and other common fund-raising events.

Almost all these problems are attributable to issues that are national in scope. Inflation has apparently cut into the University's budget and left little room for the branch campuses in their master plan. The energy situation has necessitated our change to oil, and excesses from last year left us with nothing to work with.

The bake-sale regulation, though, something can be done about, but not here at Capitol. This is a University Policy problem, and is something we serfs who live on the Commonwealth manors can only speculate about.

All this, then, has resulted in a very dark-looking picture for the future of student activities. Our budget from the park has remained constant in the last several years, despite a national trend of prices which have been skyrocketing. It is now nearly impossible to get anything done right when it comes to arranging events. Clubs have to settle for cut-rate everything, and the financial situation has practically forced some clubs out of existence.

Here on the Reader, our own plight is as desperate as any. Our budget was cut 25 percent from last year's, leaving us with a budget that will enable us to print, as things now stand, only 15 issues this year. That means one-and-a-half terms of the C.C. Reader. In order to cover our costs, we have to sell advertising. However, this year, because of the economic situation, many businessmen are reluctant to advertise in something which has a relatively small circulation.

For us, however, there is an alternative: we can cut our costs by doing our own typesetting, which we will do as soon as we get a working machine. But there are other worthy organizations on campus that do not have this recourse. Take away bake sales, and what do organizations like the Ski Club and D.T.K. do for money? Go underground? Form their own versions of a Campus Mafia? There has to be a better way.

And there may just be one. After talking to Pres. McAllister and Jerry South, a plan was proposed whereby the SGA could sell Student Activities Cards on a voluntary basis. These cards would cost perhaps \$10-term and would entitle the bearer to 1/2-price admission to all campus organizations events. A discount plan could be set up to allow a student to buy a year's worth for, say \$25. This money could then go into the SGA general fund for later reallocation to the various organization accounts.

Of course, that plan has one major drawback - it's voluntary. And, at Capitol Campus, voluntary usually means no response. What then? Well, the only alternative is to go to the Park and try to get them to change another one of those bitchy University Policies. And that would be the policy covering Student Activities Fees.

It is presently illegal for any branch campus to charge a student activities fee to their students. In times such as these, this is an obvious anachronism. If the branch campuses are to remain vital, they need money for their organizations, and to raise that, the University has to stop working at cross-purposes.

Let the branch campuses devise their own Activities Fees and administer them. This is not a delegating of autonomy (an unnecessary luxury for us in the eyes of the Park), but rather a necessity of the '70's. I just hope the people up there in Happy Valley realize this before their branch campuses meet a slow and agonizing demise.

J.S.B.

DTK

Delta Tau Kappa, International Social Science Honor Society, is sponsoring a brown bag luncheon-discussion to be held Monday, November 4th at 12:15 in the Gallery Lounge. The speaker this week will be Dr. Stanley Miller, program head of the education department. The topic to be discussed is "Equality and Inequality in Education". All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to bring a lunch and attend.

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