

NATION

On Campus Across the USA

Around the Country's Colleges:

BOGUS BARON EMBARRASSES DUKE.

A continuing education student successfully passed himself off as a member of the European de Rothschild family and borrowed \$6,000 from the Duke University Federal Credit Union, which he never repaid. Now under investigation for fraud by the FBI, the student enrolled at the university, joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was active in campus events before being discovered.

INDIANA MAY PROHIBIT DRINKING BY STUDENTS.

Alcohol consumption by college students will be eliminated from all Indiana campuses if a bill assigned to an Indiana House committee becomes law. Schools that do not enforce the prohibition will risk financial penalties: each violation of the law will bring a \$5,000 reduction in financial assistance to students, faculty and staff at state schools, or a reduction in tax exemptions of credits at private institutions.

STUDENTS TALK TO THE PRESIDENT VIA E-MAIL.

University of Oregon students can send messages to UO President Myles Brand and get a quick response by accessing the electronic mail system on campus. Those who want to have their voices heard drop a memo to the president's electronic address-hPRES OREGON. The system should make more effective use of the president's time while keeping the lines of communications open.

HIGH-TECH CHEATING.

Catching students cheating was a simple task at one time. But the high-tech students of the '90s have found a new way of not getting caught--using pocket pagers. The Associate Justice of the University of Florida Honor Court warned faculty that pocket pagers, many of which vibrate instead of beeping in response to messages, may be used to help students cheat. A copy of a stolen test is coded with the correct answers. During the test, a friend pages the student and sends the coded answers which are displayed on the pager.

YOUR NAME IN CEMENT.

Continuing a practice that began in 1905, graduates of the class of 1989 can again point with pride to their names

engraved in the sidewalks at the University of Arkansas. The walks are not up-to-date because officials suspended the tradition in the '60s and again in the '70s. But a new sandblasting machine has made the task of engraving easier and cheaper in the 80's.

STUDENT SPREADS THE GOSPEL OF RECYCLING.

A biochemistry student at the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota preaches in favor of using recycled paper in the college's copy machines. Despite some problems with the quality of the paper, a few administrators have converted. He plans on spreading the word all the way to the top when he meets with the president of the university.

STUDENTS RE-ENACT HISTORY FOR CIVIL WAR FILM.

A group of Ohio State University students' participation in the Civil War-based movie *Glory* gave them an appreciation for conditions the original soldiers endured. The fifteen black students simulated the living conditions and marching styles of the period, making them more than just extras on the set.

Athletics

STRIPED PIGSKIN: FOOTBALL OF THE FUTURE.

A regulation brown football with eight fluorescent stripes made its debut at the Blue-Gray game, thanks to the support of former Oakland A's owner, Charlie Finley. The fluorescent stripes make it easier for the players to see and helps the fans follow the ball when they watch the sport on television.

THIS FOOTBALL TEAM NEVER LOSES.

Shorter College (GA) completed its sixth year with a football program that fields a nonexistent team. Despite the lack of bodies, Shorter's program includes two coaches, an open air stadium, a weekly radio program and a homecoming weekend every fall. Shorter's athletic director feels that the college should not be deprived of the fun of football just from lack of funds. The teams that the Hawks do not play include Nebraska, Notre Dame and the traditional rivals, Georgia Tech and Georgia.

DUKE COACH SCOLDS STUDENT EDITORS.

Mike Krzyzewski, basketball coach,

presented a profane, locker-room lecture to ten reporters and editors from Duke's student newspaper, *The Chronicle*. He berated them for grading team members (none received lower than a C+). After his comments appeared in the local paper, as well as in *The Chronicle*, he apologized for the style of his lecture but not the substance.

Good ideas

"BACCHUS BUS".

At Austin College the "Bacchus bus" provides safe transportation to students attending off-campus social events. Austin's chapter of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) also sponsored a responsible drinking program during the Christmas holidays, sending cards to the homes of students who had pledged not to drink and drive over break.

WELL WISHES FOR ILL CHILDREN.

Two Dartmouth students, Dave Sherwood and Bill Levin, organized the "WishingWell" last year to help sick children and their families. So far the group has purchased camping gear for one family, sponsored a wheelchair-accessible trip to Connecticut for another family, and obtained autographs from such celebrities as Patrick Swayze and Michael Jordan.

OPERATION NATIVE TALENT.

Operation Native Talent recently held its annual job fair at Marshall University. The program, designed to keep West Virginia college grads in the state, allowed 1990 or recent graduates to meet with representatives from about 55 organizations and drew many sponsors outside the university--including the state's College Placement Association, Chamber of Commerce, Department of Commerce, Labor and Environmental Resources. CONTACT: Reginald Spencer, Director, Career Planning and Placement Center, Marshall U., Huntington, WV 25755; Ph: (304)696-2370.

Student Press

STUDENT PAPER TO SUE.

The *Daily Athenium* may sue West Virginia's chief medical examiner to obtain records concerning the death of a West Virginia University physician. A judge released the records to the local daily paper, but the medical examiner said the judge's order does not apply to other media. The physician, an

anaesthesiologist, died from the effects of an anaesthetic drug only hours after assisting in an operation.

NEWSPAPER DISCOVERS HOAX.

The staff at Auburn University's student newspaper, *The Auburn Plainsman*, neglected to check the facts on a story submitted by a former editor. After returning from a professional journalists convention, he announced that *The Plainsman* Received top honors as the best college weekly in the country. However, when a listing of the awards appeared in a journal, excitement turned to disbelief when the newspaper was not mentioned. When contacted, the former editor had "no comment."

Greek life

"LEAVE THE SHEEP ALONE"

"Beat each other up instead," suggested an animal control officer after picking up two sheep from the University of Washington's Theta Xi fraternity house. Neighbors alerted the police after spotting the sheep locked inside a vehicle parked by the frat house. Theta Xi members planned to use the sheep in initiation events, although they did not specify what they had in mind.

FRATERNITIES LOSE NATIONAL SUPPORT.

Chi Phi and Lambda Chi fraternities at the U. of Utah lost their national support because of declining membership and financial problems. False rumors about being a "gay house" caused Lambda Chi's low membership--which dropped from 60 to 3 in four years. Both fraternities will vacate their houses on Greek Row. Chi Phi plans to reorganize its remaining members into a club to help provide a basis for future rejuvenation.

MIDDLEBURY MAY ABOLISH FRATERITIES.

A task force recommended drastic changes in social and residential life at Middlebury College. One task force member suggested abolishing on-campus fraternities. Other options include national disassociation with the creation of women's and co-ed houses. A student survey found that only 21% favored abolishing Middlebury's six fraternities.

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