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LEAD PIPES AND RUSHEES

With informal rushing over and formal pledging excitingly near, there are always some sororities which, realizing their weakness and not knowing what to do about it, drag out their "lead pipes" and set to work

To the freshmen, rather bewildered by the whole process of rushing anyway, lead-piping is not always recognizable. However, it may be defined as any means of persuading women to join a sorority other than through their own judgment or thoughtfulfulness.

What could be more insulting to a freshman? What could be a franker way of denying a woman's ability to think for herself?

Houses have their opportunity. They get to put their best foot forward and show off their good points. They get to know women, discuss them, and decide whether or not they have what the house is looking for. Why, then, are freshmen denied the same right?

They should have a chance to know a house—yes. They should be invited to parties so that they learn which groups like them and which they fit in with—yes. They should be shown the good qualities of a house—yes. But lead-piped—no!

Freshmen who really have the power to think, which some sororities refuse to recognize, will need to use it this weekend. And when sorority women monopolize their time for hours at a time, when they feed them a stereotyped "sob story," when they cut other houses' throats, when they violate silent periods, when they dictate rather than invite—then it is time for the freshmen to use that power.

Any sorority that permits members to contact rushees between 9 p. m. Saturday and 5:30 p. m. Sunday should not be considered further by these rushees. Freshmen must realize that no sorority woman has the right to talk to them during silent periods—and that this is especially important from the time the last formal dinner is over until preference sheets are returned.

Do freshmen want sorority women, no matter how well they like them, to make up their minds for them—or do they want to make their own decisions? Do they think that if a house had the proper self-respect and loyalty to its ideals that it would stoop to using a lead-pipe? Or do they feel that down underneath the rushing glamour there is a weakness that the house is afraid they will discover, and that this is the reason the members throw themselves at the freshmen with a blinding force?

It is a problem, not for the freshmen as a whole, but for each woman as an individual.

If freshmen are too weak to make up their own minds, to judge fairly and accurately, then they will be easy marks.

On the other hand, if they can decide for themselves, they will pass up the houses which crowd in at the last minute and "lead pipe" until they are too bewildered and overwhelmed to do anything but what the women ask, and they will join a group which wants them just as much but at the same time gives them credit for being able to make a fair decision themselves.

H. L. C.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

It's always easy to talk about the weather and so that's how this column is going to start out—with just a little weather talk. It seems that last Monday was a little warm for February. So warm in fact that a few tight yellow sweaters made their appearance and a few loafers began their loafing on Old Main steps. Tuesday wasn't bad either—that is, up until 3:30. And then it started.

By four o'clock St. Valentine's Day, 333 sophomore candidates for the Collegian staff had turned in 746 feature stories on the amount of snow, history of Penn State snow, depth of snow, number of accidents, number of miles of sidewalks plowed, size of snowflakes—stories on everything from ski suits to two-button arctics. The snow came as a sort of surprise to Dr. Helmut Landsberg and his weather-reporting crew of geophysicists. For Tuesday 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. his optimistic prognosticators predicted "NO PRECIPITATION."

Reasons Why—One student, probably a disgruntled Republican and one of those dyed-in-the-wool stand-patters E. R. tells us about, could find but one explanation for the unusual holiday weather, "Roosevelt moved up next Christmas" he insisted.

Another explanation has a theological basis. Usually reliable sources insist that the snow came in answer to the prayers of Max Peters and his fellow ski-teachers who have been holding regular "prayer for snow" services for the past three years.

Boys in the Dorm claim that the snow was delivered at their request. They wanted enough to make the 14-foot snow man who guards the Dorm yards. The headless female before Rec Hall was just an afterthought.

Trench Mouth Notes—Maybe the Trench Mouth epidemic that gave a boost to Dr. Joseph P. (Take-The-Joy-Out-Of-Life) Ritenour's anti-osculation campaign was a little over-rated, but it did get Campy busy and here's what he dug up.

Jerry Howarth, football manager and D. U. Darb, spent January undergoing treatments for Trench Mouth. In early February, he was pronounced fit for circulation. And then, quick like a rabbit, an epidemic breaks out in Ath Hall.

A group of coeds were discussing the disease the other day. "You know so-and-so" said one. "Why, he has it!" "Omigawd!" agonized the girl next to her. "Has he?"

Pepper Pot—It's rumored around that Pepper Petrella flunked out because an L. A. Prof. minus one had him for cuts after Pepper had successfully passed quizzes, bluebooks, and whatnots. Should Pepper fail to gain eligibility by next fall, watch for another climax runner. Bob Rice, 153-pound freshman who scored the Yearling's lone touchdown against the Army piebals last fall will be the shifty opponent.

Portfolio Quip—Portfolio Editor Jean Craighead was discussing her Portfolio poet friend Maxine West. "Maxine has good, fine ideals," she said and then paused. "At least I hope she does—they're the same as mine."

Faculty History—Prof. Wyand was not always an Econ. Tycoon on this campus. There was once a time when he was a student just as a few of us. Even then he had ideas of his own and wasn't afraid to express them. He got into trouble with a butcher over a debt of some sum or another one day. He was dunned, threatened, and dunned again. Finally he decided to settle things.

He marched into the butcher shop and planked down several bills. "Hey!" the butcher exclaimed. "This is Confederate Money. It's no good." "Well, neither was the meat," said Wyand—and walked out.

About Our President—At the NYU game, cheer leaders and crowd had just finished a new yell "for Prexy" when the Delta Chi voice of Bill Abbey piped up with, "What does he teach?"

First electric lights were installed in the original Old Main in 1887, 378 sixteen-candle and eight 32-candle power bulbs being supplied.

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING DURHAM, N. C.

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You'll Enjoy The Corner unusual

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Notices of meetings to be published in this column may be left at Student Union Office in Old Main up to 1 p. m. on the day preceding publication.

TODAY

Hillel Foundation services, 7:30 p. m. Rabbi Gordon will speak on, "Why Anti-Semitism?" Engineering lecture, Room 110, Electrical Engineering, 3:10 p. m.

TOMORROW

Hand in volleyball, wrestling, and handball results, Room 203 Rec Hall by noon.

SUNDAY

Hillel talk 7:30 p. m. PSCA delegates to the Washington American Youth Congress will give their report in Room 405, Old Main, at 2:30.

Joint gathering of Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian students, Westminster Foundation, 6:30 p. m.

MONDAY

Deadline for ping-pong tournament registrations, Hillel Foundation.

ASCE meeting in Room 107 Main Engineering, 7 p. m. MISCELLANEOUS Commerce and Finance department lecture on "Merchandising," Home Economics Auditorium, 8 p. m. Thursday.

A 50-Second Chat—THE DEANS... Carl P. Schott

By HELEN V. ATKINSON "Knowledge of how to live is as essential in life as knowledge of how to make a living," declares Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. "A broad program of physical education is an excellent way to escape from the tremendous pressures of modern life."

In keeping with this philosophy, Dean Schott said that his aim is to increase student participation in athletics in the School of Physical Education, he continued, the first two years are designed to awaken and develop interest in sports, and in the junior and senior years these interests are followed up more intensively.

A field house, more practice fields, the addition of wings to Rec Hall, and more tennis courts are included among Dean Schott's plans for the future. His proposed program for recreational activities includes the building of the outing lodge, which was the gift of last year's senior class; the forming of numerous hobby clubs, and the practice of all outdoor activities.

"Penn State has an athletic program which can be favorably compared with the best," he said. "Last year our teams won seven out of every eight games played. At present 1700 to 2000 men are participating in sports."

CINEMANIA

"The Fighting 69th," action-packed story of the fighting, braving Shamrock Regiment, opened at the Cathaum Theatre yesterday and continues today and tomorrow. Tough guy James Cagney plays a cocky young buck private, George Brent is cast as "Wild Bill" Donovan, heroic colonel of the regiment, a real-life character, and Pat O'Brien portrays Father Duffy, beloved chaplain of the 69th. This trio, plus Jeffrey Lynn as the war-time poet, Joyce Kilmer, is the center of this candid picture of life in a military training camp.

Much of the rousing comedy of the movie is provided by the feud between Private Cagney and Top Sergeant Alan Hale, which culminates finally in a knock 'em down and drag 'em out battle in which small but wiry Cagney knocks out big but windy Hale.

Engineers To Hear Bailey

E. G. Bailey, vice-president of Babcock & Wilcox Company, will lecture to engineering students in Room 110 New E. E. Building at 3:10 p. m. today on the topic, "When the College Graduate Goes to Work."

The first man to send photographs by wire is now a Stevens Institute of Technology faculty member.

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WSGA, WRA Set Woman's Election Dates For March 7, 13; Installation Exercises Follow Final Voting Day

Jeanne Chew '41, Roberta Kelly '42 Named Co-Chairmen, Will Pick Committees Soon; Nominations To Be Announced On March 5

Women's election dates were set by WSGA and WRA at a joint meeting Tuesday night, with the mass meeting scheduled for March 5, primary elections for March 7, final elections for March 13, and installation for March 14.

Jeanne M. Chew '41 and Roberta J. Kelly '42 were named co-chairmen of elections and will appoint committees soon.

Nominations for WSGA offices, as made by a nominating committee consisting of senior women on Senate and members of the dean of women's office, will be announced at the mass meeting for all women students, when WRA nominations will also be presented.

Woman nominees for the recreational posts are made by a standing nominating board consisting of WRA president and vice president, and advisors Miss Marie Haidt, assistant professor of physical education, and Miss Mildred A. Lucey, instructor in activities.

Elinor L. Weaver '41, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has announced that an activities point system will be proposed at the mass meeting when additional nominations may be made from the floor by woman students.

US GALS

Old Man Weather certainly had his fun this week. Paths disappeared hourly only to be shoveled out and disappear again, and snow-covered eyebrows made all students look like victims of a slapstick comedy's curstard pie. But wasn't it beautiful!

We understand that the Board of Trustees is not only considering changing the College name but also the symbol and swapping our Nityany Lion for a Polar Bear. Then during April showers, they'll substitute the Nityany Duck. It sure will be confusing to our grandchildren when they get around to it, won't it?

Local beauty parlors will probably do a rush business as a result of the recent caricatures of some of our coeds. Description of said drawing victims might be "You might have been a beautiful baby, but baby look at you now!"

Women's election dates have been set and it's never too early to consider candidates. Wouldn't it be a wonderful accident if we'd vote because of the women themselves, and not because of their sorority or college course? But then Old Main tower would probably drop off.

Leap Week, Leap Week, Leap Week! A date for every woman if she grabs her man. Only once in four years, girls remember! For no special reason, we can't resist filling the last paragraph with this quotation: I never saw a purple cow. I never hope to see one. But I can tell you anyhow—It'd be better than a pink elephant.

Women in Sports

WRA is sponsoring its first Camp Conclave at the WRA Cabin Saturday, March 2 and 3. Coed counsellors will conduct panel discussions, play games suitable for camps, and have an outdoor steak supper, to which all coeds are invited.

R. Helen Gordon '42, general chairman, appointed the following panel committee chairmen: waterfront activities, Jean Swenson, graduate student; counsellors, Harriet Dayton '41, participation, Anne Borton '42, and rainy day programs, Marge Harwick '41. Miss Lucey will lead the games.

Lakonides, women's physical education honorary, will entertain at a formal tea in White Hall from 3 to 5 p. m. Sunday, February 25. Pat Altwater is chairman.

Five Coeds Are Awarded Alumnae Scholarships

Five coeds were recently awarded scholarships of approximately \$50 each by Penn State Alumnae Clubs. Scholarship recipients and clubs include: Marianne C. Hesser '40, Berks County; Ruth N. Ginter '41, Harrisburg; Mildred E. Rorabough '41, Lancaster County; A. Evelyn Bechtel '40, Philadelphia; and Ruth Ann Marshall '42, State College.

Other scholarships, awarded to two senior women, are the Pi Lambda Theta Scholarship in honor of Winifred Hurrell, former State College member, to Emma J. Gilmitti, and the City Panhellenic Association of State College Scholarship to Selma Badgley.

DO YOU KNOW

that 80 years ago, five faculty members taught 119 students at Penn State? FROMM'S RECREATION HALL

Love In Reverse To Hold Leap Week Preview; Coeds Will Foot The Bill

Coeds will turn the tables and ask men for dates during WSGA's "leap week," February 26 to March 2. WSGA's dance to Rex Rockwell's music, a fitting climax to the transposed lovemaking, will be held in Rec Hall, March 1.

True leap year spirit was forecast for the dance when the committee announced that men are not to send their woman escorts corsages and that dance decorations will follow the theme of the week.

Local theatre managers, cooperating with the coeds' efforts to show the men how it should be done, have agreed to post "leap week" signs in front of their movie houses during the week and send circulars to all dormitory women as reminders that all movie dates are on women for a week.

CR Plans Drink A "leap week" drink at the corner room is another feature of the free-dates-for-men period. Other leap plans include a freshman women's scavenger hunt (dates included) which will wind up with vic dancing at Mac Hall, sorority and dormitory suppers, and attendance at sports contests in Rec Hall, Saturday afternoon, March 2.

Reversed love made a hit with men and women at Indiana Central College, Indianapolis during their "leap week" which ended on St. Valentine's Day. Campus political leaders there said some men who got bids from perennial wall flowers weren't happy, but took it in fun. Women extolled the program saying it gave them a chance to show the men how a real gentleman is supposed to act.

Reports from the Indiana school indicated that over half of the 380 students took advantage of the program.

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ANNOUNCING Engineer's Hop The Campus Owls The dance date has been changed from April 12 to FRIDAY, MARCH 15 RECREATION HALL

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