

Ex-GI Dad Copies Bobby Soxer

NYA Hut Provides Home For Veterans' Families

By RUTH TISHERMAN

Junior following in Dad's footsteps is now an outmoded custom as far as the College is concerned.

Harris Lyon, 37-year-old ex-Seabee, has reversed the usual process and is treading on the bobby-soaked imprints of his 18-year-old freshman daughter, Patricia, as both seek the "three r's" of higher learning.

"Know something?" Pat asked. "Dad and I made the same marks the other day on a botany exam. And believe it or not, we don't have the class together."

The first father-daughter team to enter the College, the Lyons lived in Pittsburgh prior to November, 1942. That month Harris started his long trek from milk route to square root. A student at Penn State over 19 years ago, he quit school to marry and then had a milk delivery job for 13 years.

Stationed at Guam

"That is, until Uncle Sam called," Harris explained. "Then I was stationed on Guam 13 months as a master-at-arms in charge of construction."

"That means boss," his wife impishly added. "And that's what he's been trying to be since he came home."

At this point, Clarence Hackathorne, Harris' brother-in-law, strode into the living room of the "N.Y.A. Hut" which he, his wife, and three-year-old son share with the Lyons.

"Have a hard time finding this place?" he asked.

Stooping to recover a few of my toes that had thawed off, I told him I had walked for hours trying to find a wooden structure entitled to the name "hut." When finally directed to a pleasant looking low-built white house not far from the dairy barns, I walked behind it, searching for an elusive shack.

Likes NYA Hut

"It is a pretty nice place, isn't it?" Jake (as Mr. Hackathorne is known) asked. "The name hut is misleading as far as appearances go, but it's so-called because students who worked under the National Youth Administration formerly lived here."

"Mr. Galbraith was trying to find two families willing to share it," Mrs. Hackathorne added. "Because we are related we figured we could work it out. And believe me, after the terrible time we had finding a place, we consider ourselves lucky."

Jake broke in, "Did you ever notice the coping above Gal's office window? The name of 'Confucius' is lettered there and it's really appropriate—you know, the wise man who could figure out anything."

Jake and Harris both are attending college under Public Law 16, veterans' disability bill.

"I hadn't known about this bill, but a former Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity brother of mine wrote to me that I ought to finish college under it," Harris explained.

Thirty-nine-year old Jake, formerly with the 88th Airborne Engineers, said this is his first try at book learning since high school.

"I always wanted to go to col-



(Reading Left to Right) Patricia Lyon, Harris Lyon and Clarence Hackathorne

lege, but never had the chance," he reminisced. "I'm majoring in animal husbandry now—something I've had in mind since childhood. It's a far cry from 1942 when I had my own repair garage in Millvale, right outside Pittsburgh."

Harris, though a dairy husbandry major, is taking practically the same courses as Jake.

That chemistry is the hardest subject both vets agree.

"Why, Pat never needs to study and Jake and I go at it as soon as we come home, just knocking off for dinner," Harris commented.

"Do you feel conscious of your age when you're among the younger students?" I asked Harris.

Feels Self-Conscious

Jake nodded vigorously in the negative, but Harris answered, "Yes, I do feel self-conscious traipsing around with kids, but the biggest thing I'm up against is the talking in class."

Banging his fist on the table, Jake broke in. "Believe me when you're in service you jump to attention when your superior walks in. You even can't scratch your nose, let alone whisper."

"I boil over when an instructor has to shout to keep his voice above the light buzzing always going on in a classroom. But the funny part is, the kids always get the notes! Tell me, maybe you know how it's done?"

Wishing to keep my trade secret I quickly parried, "By the way, how do you like State College?"

Both men became enthusiastic.

"Everyone has bent over backwards to help us," Jake stated.

"The administration and townsfolk couldn't do enough to aid us. Why, I slept in Professor Currier's attic one night when we still had to commute from Bellefonte and I had gear stored in Professor Donaldson's garage. They've to keep the Penn State tradi-

tion in the family, Harry O'Connell, Mrs. Lyon's brother and been great!"

father of Billy, the motherless four-year-old she is rearing, is entering the College's department of law and finance next semester. Since his discharge from service he's been working for Grounds and Buildings.

Harris' sister, Carolyn, is an agent for the Penn State agricultural extension service in Washington county.

"I, enter college, too?" Mrs. Lyon looked startled as I half-jestingly gave her a parting suggestion. "Believe me, this is a full-time job seeing that my husband and daughter study their lessons and sending them off to classes each morning. No thank you!"

Pat gave her green "frosh" bow a final resigned tug, winked at me and strode outside calling to her "fellow student," "Come on, Dad, grab a book—we have a nine o'clock!"

'Grad Get-Together' Promises Music, Fun

All graduate students at the College are invited to a "grad get-together" in the cafeteria of the Home Economics building, 8 to 10 p. m. Friday.

Featuring a "get acquainted" theme, the evening has been planned for the specific purpose of organizing graduate students, their husbands, and wives.

The program will include music, special numbers, and refreshments. Those attending are to decide the future status, name, and policy of the potential graduate club.

Purple Quill To Present Discussion of Classics

"When Does a Book Become a Classic?" will be the subject of a panel discussion to be held on the program "Purple Quill Presents" over WMAJ at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. Members of the panel will be Helen Rummel, student member of the guild; Arthur B. Sutherland and William L. Werner, professors of English literature.

College Merits Navy Award

For meritorious support of the war program in the field of motor vehicle accident prevention, the United States Navy has presented to the College the Navy's certificate of achievement.

The presentation was made in Washington by H. Struve Hensel, assistant Secretary of the Navy, and was accepted by J. O. Keller, assistant to the president, in charge of extension, and Amos E. Neyhart, administrative head of the Institute of Public Safety.

A similar award was made to the American Automobile Association for which Neyhart served as consultant on road training.

"The certificate is given to your organization," wrote Rear Admiral F. G. Crisp, U.S.N., "in recognition of its contribution to the Navy's Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Program by making available the services of your staff as well as its scientific and technical experience in testing, selecting, and training of motor vehicle operators. . . . The Navy is proud of the progress it has made to date in accident prevention, and it is glad to give credit in the form of Certificate of Achievement to the American Automobile Association and to the College for their valuable assistance."

In accepting the award, Keller said that the College was happy and proud to make some small contribution to the Navy training program and to cooperate with the American Automobile Association in this endeavor.

Hillel Foundation Holds Second In Forum Series

Hillel Foundation will present the second in the current series of three forums at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night. These forums are open to the public, and admission is free.

The program will begin with a motion picture, "Valley Town," a story of technological unemployment in a steel town. The intermission speaker will be Arthur H. Reede, associate professor of economics.

Last part of the presentation will be another movie, "Post-War Jobs," produced by the "March of Time."

Hillel Hour on station WMAJ at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, will feature an original radio drama entitled, "They Must Not Be Forgotten."

Board of Trustees

of the College will hold their annual meeting in Harrisburg January 26. The Executive Committee will meet the day preceding the full board meeting. Election of officers and other business will be discussed after a luncheon at the Penn Harris Hotel.

Penn State Club Opens Dormitory Dance Series

The Penn State Club will conduct a dance Friday evening at ATO dormitory. The following weekend the club will sponsor a dance at Matil's dorm. Byer's dorm will also be represented.

Herb Kean, athletic chairman, reported that the basketball team will play its second game of the season Friday evening in Recreation Hall at 9:15.

Walter Pascoe, social chairman, reported that the club will have its Old Main open house February second.

The following men were initiated: Earl Brown, Edward Chaplain, John Creighton, James Fetherlin, John Gatz, Robert Giarone, Bob Goslin, Mike Horen, Frank Kline, Donald Paul, Frank Phillipbar, and Marvin Rogov.

The Senate Committee

on Academic Standards is preparing material for the John W. White, Louise Carnegie, and Class of 1922 Memorial Scholarship awards. Application forms are available to qualified students at 101 Forestry. The information requested in these forms must be in the hands of the committee by January 31.

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WANTED—Ride to Philadelphia for two men, leaving Friday night. Call in 3412.

Simpson Features Haiti In Wednesday Reading

Dr. George E. Simpson, head of the sociology department, will read from "Folktales from Haiti" as the second reading in the 14th series of Wednesday Readings in 402 Central Library, 4:15 Wednesday afternoon.

Students, faculty members and townspeople are cordially invited to attend these open meetings now covering the theme "Short Stories from Our Good Neighbors." Among the folk tales gathered by Dr. Simpson in Haiti, "Four Vodun Ceremonies" will appear in the April issue of the "Journal of American Folklore."

An Afghan

for use in the rest room will be knitted by the Home Economics Club beginning at its next meeting in 14 Home Economics at 7 p. m. tomorrow.

Members are requested to bring No. 5 needles. Rachel Hindenach, publicity chairman.

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