

Tapping Hatmen

TAPPING PROCEDURES of several campus hat societies have been plainly a farce in recent years. This has been because:

- 1) Too few of the society members "give a hang about the outfit" once they get in, and too few engage in tapping new members.
- 2) Too little information about potential tappers has been presented at tapping meetings. For example—and this is no exaggeration—the society president sometimes writes a name on the blackboard and placidly asks, "Does anybody have anything against this guy?" (silence) "Well, he's in, then."
- 3) Many top activities men worthy of the honor have been passed up in favor of lesser-lights in the activities field. These latter are often considered primarily because they're fraternity brothers, dorm buddies or good friends of society members.

TO PUT IT MODESTLY, there is room for improvement. More thought and time should be given to tapping procedure. More investigation should take place on potential tappers—securing lists of activities from possible tappers should be S.O.P. (standard) but generally it isn't. More checking should be done to see if an "activities man" is simply a joiner, or if he is actually doing anything constructive in the rroups to which he belongs.

For general-activities men, some sort of point system is a strict necessity to evaluate them impartially. Variations of a point system already employed by Skull and Bones, senior hat honorary, should be as prominent in the makeup of Blue Key, junior honorary; Parmi Nous, senior honorary, and Druids, sophomore honorary, as is a 20-cent lemon on a fruitstand.

The trouble is that they are not. And as a result, members of these honoraries are always open to definite charges of "fixes" and logrolling.

This is not to make a lily-white stalwart of Skull and Bones, but to show the need for expanding the idea of clear-cut point systems that have impartial teeth in them.

Safety Valve . . .

Not Eligible

TO THE EDITOR: If the Sweater Queen Contest cannot go on without some males (?) or females raising loud shrieks of NO, then something is wrong. Either they do not belong in college life or in the case of the females, they are not "eligible" shall we say. After all, you can twist anything to suit your own ideas, good and bad.

—An Amused Soph

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Little Man On Campus

by Bibler



Metathesis Haunts Radio Announcers

Pity the poor radio announcer. Not only does he have to beware of incorrect grammar, mispronunciations, colds, and the FCC, but also added to his misery is something called metathesis. The three W's (Webster, Winston, and we) know that metathesis is the transposition of sounds or syllables. When it is accidental or humorous it has come to be known as a spoonerism, in tribute to its most famous practitioner, The Rev. William Archibald Spooner, late warden of New College, Oxford.

WHEN DR. SPOONER died 20 years ago at the age of 36, he left the word spoonerism as a lasting memento of the man who always put the cart before the horse in his speech. For example, he once complained that a certain undergraduate had repeatedly "hissed my mystery lectures."

Perhaps his most famous spoonerism originated from the pulpit as he announced that the next hymn would be "Kinquering Congs Their Taitles Tike." Another time upon finding his seat in the college chapel occupied, he remarked, "Mardon me Padam, but you are occupewing my pie."

But getting back to the radio announcer's plight, let's look at some of the more famous boners that have already gone into the logbook.

THERE'S THE CASE of the CBS actor who, when reading his script, heard himself say, "place the sporks and foons on the—pause—the porks and spoons—another pause—deep breath—I mean of course, sporks and poons—etc."

Milton Cross, usually smooth-tongued, introduced the NBC Symphony Orchestra under the direction of "Artosco Turanini—that is, Toscuco Artinini." Here he wiped his forehead and read it syllable by syllable.

Mel Allen—It's smipe poking time.
Arthur Van Horne—WOR presents the newted nose analyst.
Art Whiteside—I now present the Brown Quince of Norway.
Clyde Kittell—His Holiness, Pipe Poess, will speak from you to the Vatican City.

DICK BARR—Shores of shells were fired in a bittle batter.
Harry Von Zell—Our great President, Hoobert Heever.

Ken Allyn—All these values are waiting for you at your nearst A and Poo Feed Store.

Dick Willard—The sign of the flying red hearse.
Johnie Johnston—Good afternoon, ladies and Johnston.

Fred Hoey—Good afternoon, Fred Hoey, this is everybody making.

WESTBROOK VAN VOORHEES—coughed, then said, "Excuse me, I've been smoking too much." The sponsor—a cigarette company.

Andre Baruch—Good ladies, evening and gentlemen of the audio radiance.

Fred Uttal—I am here to introduce Buppert's Rear.
WWJ announcer—Hand's Hind Cream.

Embarrassing? Yes, but what can radio do about it? Marconi should have thought of metathesis before he invented the thing. —ART BENNING

Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff

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Bucknell University has granted official recognition to that sometimes forgotten figure—the college student's wife.

Bucknell President Horace Hildreth recently signed a legal-looking document conferring on all wives of recent Bucknell graduates the honorary degree of P.H.T. (Pushed Husband Through).

The document read in part: "It is the wish and hope of the undersigned that although the spouse of the aforesaid P.H.T. may henceforth wear the academic cap and gown throughout the happy years to come, the aforesaid P.H.T. will continue to wear the academic pants."

—Associated Press

Forced to play an intramural basketball game the same night of their All-College Talent Show, members of the Penn State Club cage team stood to lose out on the price of their tickets to the Talent Show. They would have, but the Club graciously stepped in, promising them a partial refund on the ticket if the team won its game. Does that make them professionals?

James Dunaway, '49 grad who promoted and engineered Penn State's first gala Spring Week Carnival last year, is now promoting for General Electric in Schenectady, N.Y. Rumor has it that he spends his odd moments thinking of promoting a Spring Week on a national scale.

Gazette

Thursday, February 16

- PSCA Bible Study Group, 304 Old Main, 4 p.m.
- WRA BADMINTON Club, White Hall, 4 p.m.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Organization, 207 CH, 6:45 p.m.
- EL CIRCULO ESPANOL, Simmons Hall, 7 p.m.
- HORT CLUB, 100 Hort., 7 p.m.
- WRA Fencing, 1 White Hall, 7 p.m.
- WRA Bowling Club, Beginners, White Hall Alleys, 7 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB, General Business Meeting, 10 Sparks, 7:30 p.m.
- PENN STATE RIDING CLUB, 3 White Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- WRA Swimming Club, Advanced, White Hall Pool, 7:30 p.m.
- PSCA Cabinet, 304 Old Main, 8:15 p.m.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 207 Carnegie, 6:45 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Bethlehem Steel Corp. is interested in receiving preliminary applications for their loop training course from June grads in MngE, ME, EE, IE, CE, ChE, Metal, and Cer. Applications must be returned to Placement Service by Monday, Feb. 20.

Linde Air Products, Feb. 21. Advanced degree candidates in Organic and Physical Chemistry interested in research and development work with silicones, ozones, and rare gases.

Procter and Gamble Co. is interested in receiving preliminary applications from June grads, and also sophomores and juniors interested in summer employment, in Chem, ChE, EE, IE, and ME. Applications must be returned to Placement Service before Thursday, Feb. 23.

Sylvania Electric Products, Feb. 21, 22. June grads in EE, ME, ChE, Chem, Phys, Metal, and Cer. Applicants must have 1.5 or better average and should be single, or married without children.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Tuesday: Julius Marcus, William Trego.

Admitted Wednesday: Arthur Poselle; Seena Shaid, Jack Enterline.

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