

Mt. Nittany Conquers Skeptical Climber

By PAUL POORMAN

Across the valley, looking deceptively close to the College, stands the hallowed subject of many a song and legend around these parts—Mount Nittany. It's not an imposing looking wrinkle in the earth's rug, but it's ours and we love it. From a distance.

Everything was fine between the Mount and me. We got along fine, each minding our own business, until one day several weeks ago. A coed informed me that we were to climb the faithful guardian of the valley the following Sunday. Why, I asked, climb Mount Nittany?

The question was a mistake. I was lectured for the better part of an hour on the sentiment, the tradition, yea, even the downright earthly pleasures attached to a stroll up Nittany's forested sides. Besides, she would go with someone else if I . . . I said I'd go.

The Day Dawns

The day dawned clear and sunny, I think. By the time I was up the clear and sunny had been replaced by cloudy and cold. I dressed warmly, with a heavy shirt, sweater, and winter coat. For comfortable walking, I wore loafers.

Joining the rest of the party, I noticed that they were dressed differently. They wore light clothes, and heavy boots. I chuckled. Apparently they didn't know anything about climbing mountains.

We started out. The walk to the base of the mountain was pleasant. Standing at Nittany's feet, however, I was struck by the sudden thought that in order to climb a mountain, you must walk uphill.

Not So Bad—At First

For a while, it was all right. The path was clear, leaves crinkled underfoot, and the air was crisp and cool. Friend coed set a steady pace, picking her way deftly up through the rocks and trees, talking became difficult for me, and a while later, so did breathing. The air was just thinner, I decided. It was also getting warmer. Getting nearer to the sun, I rationalized.

Everybody else was having fun and going at a good steady clip. I pretended a stone in my shoe every so often to gain a little rest, and everybody else waited impatiently. It kept getting warmer. Off came the coat; then the sweater. The shirt was next. The others looked half shocked,

half expectant, but that was as far as I was going.

Snow In March

We passed the timberline and encountered snow. This, I reasoned, is silly. There's no snow around here, especially in March. The snow didn't seem to mind its unseasonableness, filling my shoes to overflowing. The top seemed miles away.

Look at the view from here, I cried. We don't have to go any farther. The rest just laughed, playfully pulling me along. I lowered my head and plodded. I walked that way for hours. Then someone said well, here we are. Sure enough, we were.

The tip of Nittany was shrouded in fog. The snow was ankle deep, and the air was cold again. We sat on a rock in the middle of the snow and sweated. Someone said I'd catch cold. I didn't care.

After sitting there for a while, someone suggested we go down. Coming up, we had come up a fairly straight, moderately steep, consistently exhausting side of the hill. Going down, we chose another path, just for variety.

Speedy Descent

Variety we got. My only impression of the descent is that of seeing trees go by like telephone poles by a train window. I got the sensation of falling down, down, down. I was.

My companions said later that they had carried me back to the College, and left me stacked against the infirmary door.

I have just been discharged from the infirmary, after undergoing a siege of pneumonia, frostbite, and athlete's feet. I have been informed that, it was fun climbing the mountain, but it's all fusing into a distant, muddled memory in my mind.

I stand now staring out my window at Nittany. Nittany is still staring back. It looks smug, and has a right to. Nittany and I had clashed, and Nittany had won. Personally, I don't care, one way, or the other.

Leonides Promotes 3-Fold Program For Independents

By JOAN KUNTZ

Approximately 60 per cent of the women students on campus are independent and therefore automatically Leonides members. Leonides has a three-fold purpose of cultural, athletic, and social advancement, as well as the aim to foster a closer relationship among independent women.

Council Governs

The governing body of this association is the council. Council members are elected from each dormitory living unit which becomes a voting district. One representative and one alternate are elected from these units in the fall.

The duties of council members are to attend meetings which are held every first and third Monday of the month and to present plans and information from the council to her unit.

Leonides, with its present organization and name, is quite young. Formerly the Organization of Independent Women, Leonides was formed in 1948. Leonides is a Greek name meaning Daughters of the Lion.

The unit groups, which have formally organized in the dormitories this semester, will also probably adopt Greek names.

From the council are chosen the six officers who have executive authority. These officers are: president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian.

Officers Elected In Spring

Officers are elected in the spring by all members of Leonides and take over operations the

next to the last meeting of the spring semester.

Election for next year's officers will be held Wednesday, April 11, in the women's dormitories.

The executive committee proposes the budget, supervises the execution of policies of the council, serves as a steering committee and appoints the publicity, athletic, and cultural chairmen with council approval.

Room Drawing

Number drawing for all woman students desiring to change rooms for next year's fall semester will be held in the dean of women's office Monday, from 8-12 a.m. and from 1:30-5 p.m. Numbers must be drawn to select rooms next week.

Sher Nominated

Doris Sher is also a nominee for the presidency of Leonides. This name was omitted from the slate in yesterday's Collegian.

Application Deadline

Noon today is the deadline for applications for positions as Orientation week counselors for the fall program. Applicants may report to the dean of men's office

Holliday Wins Movie Award

HOLLYWOOD, March 30—(AP)—Judy Holliday, the junk dealer's squeaky-voiced babe in "Born Yesterday," won the Academy award last night from two mature actresses, Gloria Swanson and Bette Davis.

Jose Ferrer was given the top male Oscar for his swaggering performance as "Cyrano De Bergerac." For the first time in Motion Picture academy history, neither winner was present. Both Miss Holliday and Ferrer are in New York.

Statuettes for the best supporting roles in 1950 were bestowed on Josephine Hull, the flittering sister in "Harvey," and George Sanders, acid-tongued critic of "All About Eve."

"All About Eve" captured honors for the best film of 1950, winning five other awards as well. Its writer-director, Joseph L. Mankiewicz, walked off the platform with two Oscars, duplicating his feat of last year (for writing and directing "A Letter To Three Wives.")

AXi D, AE Phi Win Badminton

The last of the WRA badminton games were played on Wednesday when Alpha Xi Delta defeated Alpha Chi Omega by winning two games. Alpha Epsilon Phi won two games and dropped one to Beta Sigma Omicron. Gamma Phi Beta defeated Phi Mu in two matches. Leonides won four singles while dropping two singles to Alpha Gamma Delta.

In the volleyball series last night the Nittany Co-Op defeated Simmons B by the close score of 36-35. Alpha Omicron Pi forfeited to Alpha Epsilon Phi, while Sigma Delta Tau defeated Delta Gamma 33-31. Alpha Xi Delta scored 43 points to defeat Women's Building 43-36. Chi Omega downed Alpha Chi Omega 43-32.

Playoffs in volleyball, bowling and badminton will begin next week for women students.

Engagements

Steelman- Weinberg

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steelman, of Washington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan; to Donald H. Weinberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Weinberg of Elkins Park, Pa.

Miss Steelman, a sophomore in liberal arts, is a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority. Mr. Weinberg, a senior in commerce and finance is a member of Beta Sigma Rho fraternity.

Philotes Meeting

Final plans are to be made for the semi-formal spring dance in April at a Philotes meeting on Monday night. The meeting will be held at 6:30 in the WSGA room at White hall.

14 Unit Representatives Serve In WSGA House

By JEAN BERG

Women students are as much government-minded as men, though one might think otherwise.

In 1921 the Women's Student Government association was organized, based on a plan similar to the national system of government. The three major units were the senate, the house of representatives, and judicial. The house of representatives was the connecting unit between the women students and the senate.

When the various cottages around campus were used as living units for the women students, WSGA was involved. Each cottage, termed as a living unit, elected a president, vice-president and secretary. The president of each unit served in the house of representatives. Now the coeds no longer live in the cottages. Each upper class dormitory is divided into four units (with the exception of Grange, which has one unit). The president of each dormitory serves in the house which is presided over by the vice-president of the senate.

Unit Problems Go To House In the various house or unit meetings matters are brought up and taken to the house. Here in the house the matters are discussed and solved, or discussed, passed and sent on to the senate for final approval. This year there are 14 upper class living units including one town dormitory.

How can a girl be elected to serve on the house of representatives and what qualifications are necessary? To be elected to serve as a unit president a girl must have a 1.5 all-College average and no major judicial record. All suggestions, complaints, or ideas, which the 2000 women students on campus may have, are taken to the house by the unit presidents of each dormitory.

House Projects

What projects does the house undertake? This year three projects were undertaken by the girls. The annual Christmas fund drive was the first project, included in the campus chest drive. The money collected in this drive is divided among the Mifflin County Child Welfare services, the American Women's hospitals and the Hetzel fund for loans to students. The second project was the clothing drive held in January and was sponsored by the house to get clothes for needy children in Europe and Korea.

May Day Is Biggest Project Probably the largest undertaking by the house is in the spring of each year—The May Day ceremony. This year's house is already hard at work preparing what they think will be a very successful program.

The present officers of the house of representatives are Virginia Miller, president; Jane Stei-

ber, vice-president; Esther Beck, secretary; and Ruth Johnson, social chairman. Other members of the house are Ginny Laudano, Marilyn Bruck, Phyllis Esrey, Betty Jo Hill, Lila Barnes, Ruth Grotzky, Joan Burlein, Barbara Baker, Yvonne Carter, Janet Herd, and Joanne Williams.

Co-Edits

Delta Gamma

The Founders day banquet of Delta Gamma sorority was held at the Allencrest tea room March 17. The program included presentation of pledge and scholarship awards, introduction of new initiates and pledges, and a skit by the new initiates. Dr. Mavis Mann, national Panhellenic delegate, spoke.

Theta Chi The following were recently elected as officers of Theta Chi fraternity: president, R. J. Phillips; vice-president, Craig Rupp; secretary, L. A. Van Gorder; sergeant-at-arms, Jack Ayres, and athletic chairman, James Weison.

Pi Kappa Alpha Pi Kappa Alpha recently initiated the following persons; Herbert Welder, George Yuscavage, John Broscious, Edmund Duffy, Thomas Fleming, William Harra, Chester Howells, William Potts, Richard Shaefer, Douglas Shoerke, Herman Sledzik, George Wieand and John Wilson.