

# Fraternity Work Hours Put New Slant on 'Hell Week'

By DIEHL McKALIP  
The flurry of community betterment projects being undertaken by University fraternities within the past two weeks show that the "Hell Week" is being replaced by a "Help Week."

It is the hope of Interfraternity Council that, through its sub-committee on community projects headed by John Basista of Sigma Pi, fraternities will be persuaded to take some of the horse-play out of their pledge hazing. In its place, the IFC would like to see service. Donald Reidenbaugh of Sigma Chi, publicity head for the committee, said participation has been very good this year. He also said that fraternity-sorority Christmas parties, which are part of the IFC community projects, set a record this year, more than doubling in number.

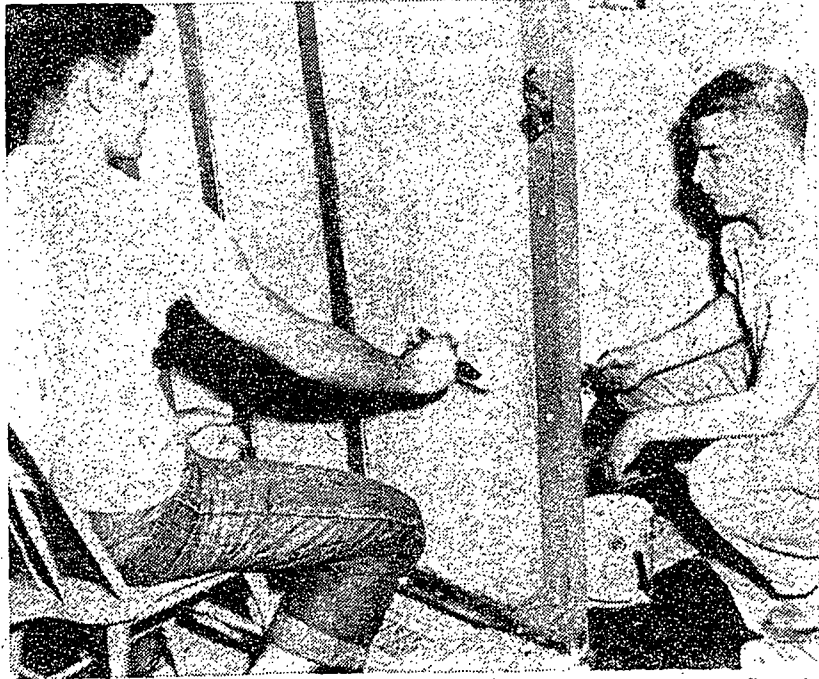
Reidenbaugh explained the projects committee is part of the program of the IFC publicity committee headed by John Flanagan of Sigma Chi. This program attempts to promote good relations with townspeople and to give fraternity men a "feeling of belonging to the community," he said. The projects are planned by the IFC through the cooperation of Eugene M. Fulmer, secretary of the State College Chamber of Commerce. Reidenbaugh said Fulmer's office locates things worth doing and makes arrangements for interested fraternities to do them.

Christmas saw the greatest concentration of activities when fraternities and sororities joined forces to hold 22 parties for children from State College and the surrounding area. Last year's parties numbered nine.

Recent work projects conducted by fraternities have included two park clean-ups, a church cleaning, and a jail painting. Lambda Chi Alpha gathered and burned leaves and brush and repaired recreational equipment at the Sunset View Park and Sigma Chi did a similar job at Holmes-Foster Field.

Other projects during the past two weeks were done by Sigma Pi, which painted cells, corridors, and the kitchen of the Centre County jail in Bellefonte, and Alpha Tau Omega, which washed windows and cleaned at the United Brethren Church of State College.

Among projects last semester were the painting of the offices of the Red Cross, Cancer Society, and Community Nursing Service by Lambda Chi Alpha and the painting of the basement of the First Church of Christ, Scientist by Phi Sigma Delta. Also the painting of the men's living unit in the Centre County Home at Bellefonte by Sigma Nu and a clean-up of the State College little league baseball park done by Sigma Chi.



—Photo by G. Bretts  
TWO FRATERNITY pledges are pictured participating in their "Help Week" community project. Interfraternity Council officials report that these projects have been instituted not only to replace the hazing of "Hell Week" but also to better the relationship between the borough and the fraternities.

## Weathering the Weather Proves an All-Day Job

By NANCY GRAY  
In the first three days of March, State College has had no less than three types of weather. Coeds have changed outfits in these days from rain slickers to light jackets to winter coats and scarves.

The month-early monsoon Monday morning came as a surprise to most coeds—with dripping hair, damp clothes, unpresed (just out of the cleaners) pleated skirts, squishing muddy shoes, wringing-wet socks, and disgusted looks telling the tale.

### Omicron Nu Taps 21 New Members

The local chapter of Omicron Nu, national home economics scholastic honorary, has elected 21 new members.

Juniors elected to membership are Janice Holm, Joan Freyler, Anna Saylor, Marianne Herold, Marian Romberger, Arlene Smith, Edna Patterson, Arlene Borgeson, Esther Weiss, Martha MacDonald, Yvonne Fino, Maud Strawn, Polly Moore, Joan Burkett, and Alice Noble.

Seniors Martha Learn, Gail Fromer, Patricia Jenkins, and Ruth Coates, and graduate students Marjorie Merchant and Marian Miller have also been tapped.

Pledging for the group will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 17 and initiation will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 31.

This indicates what most coeds knew already: that few coeds surmount the difficulty of opening their eyes in the morning to look out the window and blink at the daylight to see what is going on outside.

Tuesday was mild. Penn State students have begun to accept these balmy off-season breezes as Nittany Valley quirks. During that in-between day, coeds only wraps were their Penn State jackets, coats flying open. The net result was more boxes of tissues at the "time to buy another box" stage and more coeds ready to cut Wednesday's classes to sleep off colds, the origin of which was a mystery to them.

It was snowing yesterday morning when sleepy eyes were forced to face the pallid sunlight. Out came the heavy, bulky coats and stoles that for several days had been outdated at the University.

There is a moral to this survey of the clothes-to-weather-the-weather-problem: one should never depend upon the weather in said area shadowed by Mt. Nittany and one should force a look out at least one window before one rushes off to first class.

## 4 Students Selected To Read in Festivals

Four students were chosen from 10 finalists Tuesday night to represent the University in two intercollegiate reading festivals in April and May.

They are Ann Good, eighth semester liberal arts major; William Grundy, fourth semester liberal arts major; Morton Slakoff, fourth semester liberal arts major; and Margaret Troutman, eighth semester education major.

Three of the winners will read in the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Reading Festival April 29 and 30 at the University and one will take part in the Eastern Poetry Reading Festival May 8 at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Final decision concerning the festival in which each of the four will participate will be made at a later date. Mrs. Harriet B. Nesbitt, assistant professor of public speaking, said.

Jane Montgomery, eighth semester liberal arts major, was chosen to be master of ceremonies for the April reading festival.

The five were selected by members of the speech department at the second monthly Reading Hour Tuesday night, sponsored by the oral interpretation division of the speech department. The programs are under the direction of Mrs. Nesbitt and William Hamilton, assistant professor of speech.

Three of this year's festival delegates were participants in last year's festivals also. Miss Troutman and Grundy took part in the reading festival, Grundy as representative from Behrend Center. Slakoff was the University's delegate to the Eastern poetry event.

## WSGA Receives 51 Nominations For 9 Offices

Approximately 51 women have nominated themselves for offices in the Women's Student Government Association, Margaret Faris, elections chairman, said yesterday.

The deadline for self-nominations for offices in the Women's Recreation Association was extended until 5 p.m. Friday by the WRA executive board because of the lack of nominees. Self-nomination forms are available in the Dean of Women's office, 105 Old Main.

The deadline for WSGA nominees was yesterday.

Nominees for WSGA positions will meet at 7 tonight in 101 Willard. A screening board will interview WSGA nominees from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday in the WSGA room in White Hall.

Because the deadline for WRA nominations has been extended, WRA nominees will not meet tonight, Kathleen Queensberry, WRA elections chairman, said yesterday.

Miss Faris said candidates will be introduced at house meetings next week. They will also be introduced at the "Tea for the Coeds" March 14.

### Co-Edits

#### Phi Mu

Recent initiates of Phi Mu are Joyce Faust, Linda Holmes, Patricia Iobst, Catherine Knight, Mary Lloyd, Suzanne Leib, Susan Light, Gertrude Lutz, Nancy Marsh, Shirley Martin, Joyce Stark, Janet Stevenson, and Marilyn Ward.

A breakfast for new initiates was held Saturday and coffee and doughnuts were served after initiation Sunday night.

#### Phi Delta Theta

Recently initiated into Phi Delta Theta were John Schofield, Edwin Seiling, and Edwin Robinson.

Recently pledged were James Millen, Clarence Remaley, Alfred Kennedy, Jack Kersh, Robert Allison, Norman Smith, Donald Lee, Robert Dougherty, William Stoddard, John Bischott, Perry Burdon, and Rodger Snyder.

#### Newman Club Coeds To Play Basketball

The Newman Club has arranged several basketball games with other campus basketball teams for women belonging to the club. A similar bowling league is being set up for men.

The bowling league will meet at 9:15 p.m. Tuesdays. Anyone interested in taking part in these two sports may contact Steven Hamas, telephone 8-6311 or 4302.

#### 4-H Club to Hold Spring Square Dance Tomorrow

The Campus 4-H Club will hold its annual spring square dance from 8 to 11 p.m. tomorrow in the Temporary Union Building.

The Hayseeds, a group of student square dance callers, will play for the dance. Prizes will be given for a cakewalk during intermission. A door prize will be awarded.

Paul Kleisath, second semester dairy husbandry major, is general chairman of the dance.

Tickets may be purchased for 50 cents at the Extension office, 5 Dairy, or at the door.

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Sigma Phi Epsilon recently initiated Samuel Wyllie, Charles Ferguson, Bernard Van Zyl, George Carrick, Norman Whitehouse, Claude Hertler, James Smith, George Daneker, and Dante Defalco.

The fraternity was recently entertained by Alpha Omicron Pi. Entertainment by the sorority was followed by refreshments and dancing.

#### Delta Upsilon

Delta Upsilon has initiated Russell Miller, Claude Proffitt, and Henry Zeybel. The fraternity pledged James Sarver.

#### Acacia

Acacia recently entertained Delta Zeta at the chapter house. Entertainment was provided by the fraternity pledges and dancing and refreshments followed.

#### Phi Kappa Tau

Phi Kappa Tau recently initiated Thomas Bast, Richard Wagner, William Shelly, William Lawn, William McCarthy, Laurence Shaheen, Donald Rieco, James Kaleka, Leroy Varettoni, Howard Thompson, Robert Murray, and Gale Erickson.

#### Phi Kappa Sigma

New pledges of Phi Kappa Sigma are Joseph Captain, Charles Hayes, Robert Sargent, Earl Wolaston, Darry Beasom, and Louis Schneider.

#### Beta Sigma Omicron

Cynthia Palmer was recently pledged by Beta Sigma Omicron.

#### Cosmopolitan Club

The Cosmopolitan Club will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday in 119 Osmond.

The film "Building for the Nations" will be shown. A reception will follow at Elm Cottage.



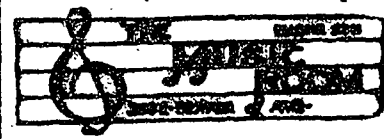
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