

# Students 'Thumb' Through Europe

By JACKIE HUDGINS

Swabbing decks on an oil tanker and hitch-hiking through Europe are this generation's sequels to yesterday's guided tours of foreign lands. Just ask Hugh Cline, Richard Packer, and Larry Berk.

Cline, fifth semester arts and letters major, and president of last year's freshman class, and Packer, fifth semester hotel administration major, thumbed through Europe together for \$1.23 per day. The two Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers vacationed for ten weeks—seven of them spent in Europe for slightly over \$500 each.

And how about a trip to South America, Rome, the French Riviera—sound like an ideal vacation tour? But it was all in a summer's work for Larry Berk, third semester business administration major. Berk was deck hand for an eight-week cruise aboard a Sacyony Vacuum oil tanker.

**Sail On Castel Felice.**  
The Cline and Packer tale began one afternoon last spring when the two went to the Student Employment office to find out about transportation abroad. They arranged for passage on the T V Castel Felice, an Italian ship leaving New York on June 30 and docking at Southampton, England, July 9. All of the 1000 passengers were students, six of them from the University.

Kent Forster, associate professor of history, planned an itinerary for the two men. After landing in England Cline and Packer took a five-hour train ride to London "for free," they said.

Their five-day stay in London was typical of all tourist visits. In the National Art Gallery they were impressed with many of the paintings they had been required to recognize for Art 74.

**Hitch-Hiking Begins**  
And then the hitch-hiking began. First, it was to Dover where an Englishman gave them free lunch before they sailed across the English Channel to Dunkirk. It was raining when they arrived at 4 a.m.; they had no French money; it was Bastille Day and all the banks were closed; and they spoke no French. But Jane Yahres, a former Penn State student, in Europe on the Experiment in International Living, gave them lunch.

Back to the road. This time it was destination Brussels. Later, hitch-hiking to Liege, Cline and Packer were in an automobile accident—not hurt at all, but well-shaken up.

In Dueseldorf, Germany, Cline and Packer were guests at the home of a wealthy family who's son was an exchange student in Packer's high school.

The mode of transportation changed as they sailed down the Rhine for three days, again, at no cost.

**Sleep At Heidelberg**  
The men slept in student quarters at Heidelberg University and visited the "Red Ox", a famous beer garden.

At Munich they saw Hofbrau Haus, the historic inn where

## 3 Dorm Hostesses Begin New Duties

Three new dormitory housemothers have been employed by the University this year.

Mrs. Marion H. Barret of Coudersport, has replaced Mrs. Ernestine Connor in McElwain Hall.

Mrs. Betty A. Lewis, formerly a volunteer nurse at Gallinger Hospital, Washington, D.C., is housemother for second floor Thompson Hall. Mrs. Nettie B. Seely held the position last year.

Mrs. Mercedes C. Askew of Ebensburg, who served as hostess in the funeral home of her late husband in Arizona before coming to the University, is housemother for A and B levels in Thompson. She replaces Mrs. Betty S. Buchanan.

## Bertholf Named Winner Of Borden Scholarship

Jeanne Legrand Bertholf, seventh semester dairy husbandry major, has been named winner of the 1954 Borden Agricultural Scholarship. Russell B. Dickerson, director of resident instruction, has announced.

The scholarship, based on outstanding grades in dairy science courses, carries a \$300 award.

Adolph Hitler got his start in the 1930's.

While visiting the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy, Cline and Packer met another group of American college students. Anne Hosfeld, fifth semester art major, was the only one from the University among them.

During their five-day stay in Rome, Cline and Packer had a hotel room facing the fountain featured in the motion picture, "Three Coins in A Fountain." Their room in the hotel, one of the best in Rome, cost only 70c a night. They saw the opera "Aida" at the largest outdoor theatre in Europe.

**Meet Celebrities**  
At Caen they met Sugar Ray Robinson, Rhonda Flemming, and Scott Brady.

Then to Paris, and Havre. On Aug. 23, Cline and Packer sailed for New York. After losing some time en route because of hurricane Carol, they glimpsed the Statue of Liberty on Sept. 2.

Berk's experiences abroad make quite an interesting comparison to Cline's and Packer's. He scrubbed decks most of the time but had at least two days shore leave everywhere the ship docked. Then Berk became a tourist, and managed to visit most of the usual tourist meccas.

**Sight-Seeing Spots**  
These "usual" places included Caracas, capitol of Venezuela; Fumicino, near Rome, Italy; Marseilles, France; Dakar, French West Africa; and Colombia, South America.

"Dakar was one of the strangest places I visited," Berk said. "My guide about the city was a Mau-Mau sympathizer. (The Mau-Mau's are African natives fighting for national independence in British-held Tanganyika). But he was a very capable guide. I brought back a shrunken head from Dakar, but customs officials over here would not let me keep it. I believe they thought it was lice-infested."

**Tanker Life Exciting**  
Berk said life aboard the tanker was exciting although somewhat dangerous. One man was stabbed, he said, and there were always fist fights.

He almost missed his ship when he was visiting Rome. Consequently, he rode 14 miles in a taxi—fare, 5,000 lire—and reached the ship only a few minutes before sailing time.

## Ferguson to Speak In UCA Series

John H. Ferguson, professor of political science, will speak to the University Christian Association at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 304 Old Main, on the subject "You and Current Issues."

This talk is the first of a series of three weekly discussions on the theme "Politics and You."

Future speakers will be Neal Riemer, assistant professor of political science, and Kent Forster, associate professor of history.

The weekly meetings are open to both members and non-members. Informal get-togethers will follow the meetings.

## Eng Council to Meet

The Engineering Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in 107 Main Engineering.

## Church Groups, Choirs to Meet at Foundations

Several Bible study groups and student choirs will meet this week at the student church foundations. The Lutheran Student Association will hold a weekly Bible study on the Book of Revelations at 7 tonight. The student choir will meet at 8 tonight following the Bible study.

The Newman Club will hold a business meeting followed by dancing at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Temporary Union Building.

A meeting will be held by the Greek Orthodox Catholic Society at 7:30 tonight in 304 Old Main.

Wesley Foundation of the Methodist Church will hold choir practice at 7:15 tonight at the foundation. A breakfast, followed by devotions, will be held at 7 a.m. Thursday. The circulation staff of the Nittany Wesleyan will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Matins will be observed at 7 a.m. Thursday at the Westminster Foundation of the Presbyterian Church. A Bible study group will meet at the foundation at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Non-denominational Bible study discussions, "Making the Bible More Relevant for Today's Student," will be held at 6:45 p.m. every Thursday in McElwain lounge.

The discussions will be led by Edward Schmertz, seventh semester forestry major, and Paul Rudy, seventh semester speech major.

## Rosh Hashanah Observance Begins

Observance of the Jewish Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah will be held today and tomorrow at Hillel Foundation, 224 Locust Lane.

Rosh Hashanah commemorates the beginning of the Jewish religious year and is observed with prayer in the synagogue, in home ceremonies, and as days of introspection and self-evaluation.

Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. each day in the synagogue. Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn will officiate at services and deliver the sermons. He will be assisted by Ted Mann of Philadelphia, who will serve as cantor at the services, and by Clifford A. Nelson, associate professor of economics, who will preside over the chanting of the scriptural portions of the Holy Day.

Rosh Hashanah is observed by Jewish people of the Orthodox and Conservative traditions on two days, and by Jewish people of Reform background for one day only.

## \$1200 Aeronautics Award Offered

The annual \$1200 Amelia Earhart Scholarship will be awarded this year to a woman university graduate interested in graduate study in engineering, with special interest in aeronautics.

The award is offered by Zonta International, international organization of executive women in business and professions.

The award was established in 1938 to honor Amelia Earhart, first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic ocean. She was a member of the organization.

To be qualified, applicants must be recommended for fine character and ability and must hold a bachelor's degree.

Applications should be filed by March 1, with Zonta International, in care of J. Winifred Hughes, Syracuse University.

The scholarship may be used in any graduate school approved by the Amelia Earhart Scholarship committee.

# Coeds Counseled By Dean's Staff

New-comer and some old-timer coeds may be unaware of the counseling service conducted by Dean of Women Pearl O. Weston and her staff of four in their office in 105 Old Main.

Coeds may visit Dean Weston to consult her on such matters as scholarships and loans, academic difficulties, emergency excuses, and personal problems.

In stating the aims of her staff members, Dean Weston said they are eager to help the women and serve not as disciplinarians, but as counselors. Their main objectives are the well-being and happiness of each woman student. In aiding coeds, Dean Weston and her staff strive to create for the women an environment in which they may best learn the art of gracious living, she said.

Mrs. Cordelia Hibbs acts as assistant to the dean in charge of housing and advises Mortar Board, senior women's hat society, and Kappa Phi, Methodist women's society. She frequently is consulted by coeds with housing difficulties or roommate problems. Mrs. Mary B. Taylor has charge of student schedules and housing forms.

Mrs. Rita Koch Kidwell is secretary to Dean Weston. In addition to her secretarial duties she handles telephone calls and acts as a receptionist.

Three women have joined the dean's staff this year to advise and direct coeds in their activities.

New director of freshman counseling and orientation is Miss Edith Zinn, formerly of Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. She replaces Miss Patricia Thompson.

Mrs. Jean Dubois, wife of E. N. Dubois, assistant professor of business statistics, has replaced Miss Mary E. Brewer as Panhellenic adviser and director of social activities.

Mrs. Adele Erickson, whose husband is a graduate student at the University, has joined the staff as secretary and also assists the housing department.

## Engagements

### Bailey-Galt

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Galt of Falls Church, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter Ann to George Bailey Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey Sr., of Washington, D.C.

Miss Galt attended Mar. Washington University. She is now in student training medical technology at Doctor's Hospital in Washington.

Mr. Bailey, seventh semester journalism major, is editorial director of the Daily Collegian and a member of Delta Upsilon.

### Wisner-Wylie

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wylie of Summit Hill announce the engagement of their daughter Anne to William Wisner, son of Mrs. Helen B. Wisner and the late Roland D. Wisner of Palmerton.

Miss Wylie, seventh semester education major, is a member of Alpha Chi Omega. She is now student teaching in York.

Mr. Wisner, seventh semester forestry major, is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

## Rushing Hits Final Week With Parties

Rushees will continue the last week of sorority rushing activities tonight as parties are scheduled for the second night in sorority suites.

Parties began last night and are scheduled from 6:30 to 8 tonight and 8:30 to 10 tonight. Each rushee may attend three parties.

Sororities provide entertainment and refreshments for their guests. Sorority members may not call for rushees but will take them back to their dormitory entrances.

Parties scheduled for tonight are: Alpha Chi Omega, "Doll House;" Alpha Epsilon Phi, "Children's Party;" Alpha Gamma Delta, "Greek Party;" Alpha Kappa Alpha, "Book Title Party;" Alpha Omicron Pi, "Southern Plantation;" and Alpha Xi Delta, "Beach Party."

Beta Sigma Omicron, "South American Party;" Chi Omega, "Greek Party;" Delta Delta Delta, "Under the Sea;" Delta Gamma, "Mariner's Delight;" Delta Zeta, "Indian Pow Wow;" Gamma Phi Beta, "Southern Starlight;" Kappa Alpha Theta, "Kat Carnival;" Kappa Delta, "Heaven to Hell Party;" Kappa Kappa Gamma, "Chinese Party;" Pi Beta Phi, "Pi Phi Heaven;" Phi Mu, "Kid-die Party;" Phi Sigma Sigma, "Cover Girl Party;" and Sigma Delta Tau, "Circus."

Sigma Sigma Sigma, "Sigma Nightcap;" Theta Phi Alpha, "Club Tapa;" and Zeta Tau Alpha, "Gypsy Party."

## First UCA Square Dance Scheduled for Tonight

The first in a series of weekly square dances, sponsored by the University Christian Association, will be held from 7 to 9 tonight in the Temporary Union Building. Chauncey P. Lang, professor of agriculture extension, will call for the dance.

Instruction will be provided for those wishing to learn to square dance.

## Ag Council to Meet

The Agriculture Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in 103 Agriculture. Announcements pertaining to the reapportionment of agriculture group representation will be made.

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