

# California Trip Teaches Coeds Valuable Lessons

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Four girls of college age learned a lot this summer in just 23 days. They went West! For one thing, they learned how to get up at 6 a.m. and keep going until 11 p.m. when it was time to write those innumerable postcards with the pictures of Yellowstone, Sun Valley, Salt Lake City, and California, on them.

They found that extreme poverty and wealth could exist almost side by side. They learned, well, that isn't what this article is about. This is not to imply that the girls have thought about what they learned, nor that they have tried to figure out the "why's." That will have to come later when there is time to think.

Perhaps when Kathy Waltz, a fifth semester music education major at Bucknell University; or Betty Marvin, a first semester liberal arts major at Mount Holyoke; or Elaine Propert, a senior in nurse's training at the Abington Memorial Hospital, or I get bored with book learning this year, we will stop and try to figure out why there was a sign in Oklahoma City, "White Women Only," on a ladies' rest room; or why there are so many beautiful homes in Beverly Hills, and yet in Arizona, the Indians were living in what appeared to be oversized dog houses.

This is not to imply that we thought it was wrong for the wealthy to own large homes, or that it was someone's fault that the Indians were living in such squalid conditions. But it did, along with many other things we saw while driving through 17 states, raise the question, Why?

**Early Start**  
At 5:30 a.m. on August 23, we left home in a 1953 Chrysler. The car was loaned by very generous parents who didn't mind giving up the use of power steering for 23 days. All of us had worked up to that last minute and we didn't get to bed until midnight the night before. In spite of the lack of sleep, we traveled 600 miles to Van Wert, Ohio, that first day, although a certain restaurant owner probably would testify that he had seen four giddy girls that night.

The second day we learned a valuable lesson for future married life. In Fort Wayne, Indiana, Kathy and Elaine went in to buy supplies for lunch in order to save time and money. The grocer took one look at the girls and sold them a special bargain which they thought was liverwurst. Two hours later at lunchtime we took out our liver baloney. Meat won't keep in hot weather. We bought our lunch whenever possible during the rest of the trip.

So many images remain in mind from those 23 days. In South Dakota, while driving through Custer National Park, we had to stop for cattle, donkeys, deer, and buffalo that were crossing the road at their own leisure. We were awed by the faces carved on Mount Rushmore by Gutzon Berglum—the faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. Driving through the Needle tunnels we held our breath because there was one inch to spare on each side of the car. We even talked to cowboys.

**Cowboys and Hoot Owls**  
Claude Bray was the first "cowboy" we met. He owned a gas station-cafe in Wyoming. Having seen cowboys before only in movies or at a distance, we were somewhat impressed and surprised to find that the men for the most part still dress in western style; complete with western boots and Stetsons. The handsome cowboy told us he had gone to school in Chicago, but he had come back to Wyoming because in Chicago the people reminded him of hoot owls in a tree, one on every branch. We thought he had picked the right spot to come for space. There wasn't another building for miles.

Then there was the cowboy on horseback herding sheep with a sheep dog down the main mountain highway in Wyoming. Betty and Kathy hopped out to take a picture of the typical cowboy, who true to Hollywood, needed a shave. As he passed us, he grinned and said, "Broke the camera." We hope he didn't. About 30 more pictures were taken with that camera.

And then there was Slim, a 6'3" cowboy whose name described him perfectly. He took us horseback riding around Sun Valley. After telling us he rode in rodeos to make his living, he said we

## Annual Mardi Gras To Be Held Nov. 11

The annual Mardi Gras, sponsored by Mortar Board, senior women's hat society, will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. Nov. 12 in Recreation Hall.

Sororities and other women's groups planning to sponsor a booth in the Mardi Gras must sign up at the Student Union desk in Old Main by tomorrow, according to regulations. Booths may be registered in either the show division or the game division.

## Essay Contest Offers \$3850 To Students

Prizes totaling \$3850 are being offered in the essay contest conducted by the editorial board of the Foreign Service Journal.

The essay subject is: "The Organization of American Representation Abroad." Prizes will be offered in four entry categories.

Awards will include a \$1000 grand prize for the best single essay. Each of the first prize winners in the three categories aside from that of the grand prize winner will receive \$750. Second prizes of \$150 apiece will be awarded for all four categories. Honorable mention citations will be awarded to third prize winners.

A special student award of a \$1000 supplement to first prize is offered by the international affairs graduate school of the Johns Hopkins University. This will make available to any student winner who is otherwise qualified for admission a tuition scholarship of \$1750, sufficient to cover essential expenses of a year's study at Johns Hopkins.

## Co-Edits

### Pi Beta Phi

Pi Beta Phi sponsored a bazaar at Beta Theta Pi Oct. 14. Craftwork from the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School in Cattinburg, was displayed. Skirts, stoles, luncheon sets, and blankets were also displayed.

must think he was a bum. Naturally, we said not at all. (In fact, we were fascinated.) Slim wasn't the only attraction at Sun Valley; sports of all types including outdoor ice skating and swimming kept us from becoming bored during our few hours there.

**A Congressman and a Bellboy**  
But we have gotten a little ahead of our story. Before reaching Sun Valley, we had visited Yellowstone National Park. One cannot describe the beauty of the blue of Yellowstone Lake against the rich green of the trees on the mountains. Beside Old Faithful at Yellowstone, we met Congressman Carrig from Susquehanna County. He had noticed Kathy's Bucknell shirt and had come up to speak to us.

At the Mammoth Hotel in Yellowstone, we had one of our most amusing experiences. We were unable to get a room with a private bath. A college-age bellboy, evidently feeling sorry for us four girls who had stopped at 8 p.m. after a long and tiring day, decided he would see we would be able to relax. He stopped us in the hall and started handing out soap and towels explaining he had gotten the key to the bathroom so we could all get baths. His parting remark was, "Have a nice bath!" None of us were quite sure how many keys to that bathroom were in existence. None of us took baths!

Two rotating engraved cups will be awarded this year—one to the show booth collecting the greatest number of tickets and one to the winning game booth.

Participating groups may sponsor a candidate for the Mardi Gras King contest by submitting the name and a 5-by-7-inch photograph of their entry to the Student Union desk by Nov. 5.

### 3 King Finalists

Three finalists for the Mardi Gras King will be selected during the carnival by money votes. The three finalists will be introduced and the king selected by audience applause at the Mardi Ball Nov. 13. The ball, sponsored by Chimes, junior women's hat society, is an informal version of the traditional ball held in honor of the two kings of the famous New Orleans Mardi Gras Carnival.

Proceeds from the carnival booths and voting for the Mardi Gras King will go into the Charlotte E. Ray Scholarship fund, a project of Mortar Board. Miss Ray was dean of women at the University.

### Booth Descriptions

Groups sponsoring booths must hand in complete descriptions of their booths Oct. 26 and 27 to avoid any duplications. Group chairmen will meet at 4:15 p.m. Oct. 28 in McElwain Hall lounge.

Another event of Mardi Gras weekend will be the All-University Sing to be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 13 in Schwab Auditorium. The sing will be sponsored by Cwens, sophomore women's hat society, and Scrolls, senior women's hat society.

## Engagements

### Kaufman-Duckman

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Duckman of Brooklyn, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter Sondra to Herman Kaufman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaufman of Scranton, Pa.

Miss Duckman is an eighth semester industrial psychology major. She is local advertising manager of the Daily Collegian.

Mr. Kaufman was graduated from the University in industrial engineering. He presently is employed as an engineer and is attending Temple University Law School. He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi.

### Epstein-Levinson

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Levinson of Pittsburgh have announced the engagement of their daughter Harriet to Jay Epstein, son of Dr. and Mrs. I. Leslie Epstein of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Miss Levinson is a seventh semester elementary education major at the University.

Mr. Epstein was graduated from the University in June and presently is attending the University of Chicago Medical School. He is a member of Zeta Beta Tau.

## 14 Sororities Begin Informal Rushing

Fourteen of the 22 sororities on campus are rushing informally this semester, as announced at the Panhellenic Council meeting last night.

Sororities rushing are Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Beta Sigma Omicron, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Sigma Sigma, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Delta Tau, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Theta Phi Alpha, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi are only rushing third or fourth semester women.

### Coke Dates

Coke dates may be held from 1 to 8 p.m. every day in sorority suites. Women interested in informal rushing may sign cards at the Dean of Women's office, 105 Old Main. Although registration is not required for informal rushing, it is the best way for the Panhel rushing chairman to see that sororities receive rushing lists, according to Mrs. Jean H. Dubois, assistant to the dean of women.

Fay Holden, Pi Beta Phi, was appointed as chairmen of the project committee, and Joan Bianchi, Delta Zeta, in charge of the Panhel rushing booklet for next year.

A committee was set up to revise the rushing regulations for next year. Students on the committee are Virginia Coskery, Alpha Chi Omega, Marlene Chase, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Joanne Caruso, Delta Delta Delta, and Louise Casperly, Phi Sigma Sigma.

### Presented Cup

Chi Omega sorority was presented the rotating scholarship cup for having the highest sorority average. Their spring semester average was 2.08, highest among fraternity groups. Norma Rush, Panhel council rushing chairman, was presented the service key for her work during rushing.

Panhel Council will hold a social with Interfraternity Council at 6:45 p.m., Oct. 26 at the Phi Gamma Delta house. Officers of both organizations, one member from each sorority and the IFC representative will be present.

Sororities interested in ordering Christmas trees for their suites should sign for them in the Dean of Women's office by Friday.

Mrs. Robinson Page, national Panhellenic advisor who is visiting the campus, spoke briefly at the meeting.

## Seven Nominees to Run For Freshman Senator

Nominees for freshman senator are Carol Brady, Katherine Dickson, Joyce Herbst, Patricia Lehr, Mimi Maier, Stephanie Sills, and Carolyn Ginna.

Eleanor Gwynn, Women's Student Government Association elections chairman, said one freshman senator will be elected in house meetings Oct. 26 and 28 and the other will be appointed by WGSA.

## Newman Club to Meet

The Newman Club will hold a business meeting at 7 tonight in the Temporary Union Building. The meeting will be followed by dancing.

## UN Discussion To Be Given

An international panel discussion on the United Nations will be presented from 8 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow over WDFM, University radio station. Janice Holm, chairman of the radio program, has announced.

Members of the panel are Ryad Yammine, fifth semester petroleum natural gas major from Lebanon; George Bilbao, seventh semester chemical engineering major from Bolivia; Saleem Shah, graduate student in education from India; and Leo Zayicek, sixth semester arts and letters major. The program is being sponsored by Leonides and the Cosmopolitan club.

The panel will be headed by Vaclav Mares, associate professor of economics and former official with the Czechoslovakian government. The program is in observance of UN week and will include folk music from Italy, Japan, Latin American, India, and Czechoslovakia.

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