

# Secret 'Grave Diggers Union' Operated Cemetery on Campus

Students strolling along the south walk in front of Old Main after dark would perhaps increase their pace a bit if they chanced to recall that at one time a "graveyard" run by an organized union of students, was located there.

The first signs of a graveyard appeared there in the spring of 1889 when students awoke one morning to find a large tombstone located on what was at that time the University flower bed.

The monument had been erected sometime during the previous night in honor of James McKee, a math instructor at the University who had flunked, so it seems, just one too many students. A black stovepipe hat surmounted the gravestone, and sticking from the newly dug earth around the grave was a mound of excelsior, representing McKee's long, flowing beard.

This custom of getting back at unfavored instructors rapidly gained headway, and soon a group

that called themselves "The secret grave diggers union" was organized. These junior morticians met just once a year, on the eve of Memorial Day, on the front mall.

During the night, tombstones were erected with epitaphs, some in praise, some in satire, in honor of either favored or disliked teachers. A mourner's bench and pulpit were erected for the professors that came the next day to view their own funeral service. Buggies and cars, borrowed from the townspeople, were drawn up in orderly fashion in the graveyard to take the place of hearses.

In conjunction with this form of student ribbing, a scurrilous razz sheet known as "The All-American" began appearing on campus several days before the "mass burial." The four page paper, printed on brilliant green stock, poked fun at the faculty and well-known members of the student body.

It was a yearly custom of the paper to publish an "All-American" football team, composed of members of the faculty.

Among the dignitaries named in the 1926 issue was Marsh W. White, professor of physics at the University today. White was named in the selections because "he was the toughest guard that ever proctored an examination, and slept with his grade book under his pillow."

The secret grave diggers union and "The All-American" was a yearly event until 1928 when president Ralph D. Hetzel, who had previously been lampooned by the custom, called in a representative group of students and asked them to list possible ways of improving the standards of the University.

The committee felt the cemetery practice was undignified, and thereafter, the yearly event was discontinued.

It was felt that many members of the faculty, their prevailing fears of being publicly ridiculed, erased, slept easier with the announcement by the grave diggers union that "no miniature cemetery, containing the spiritual remains of disfavored professors would grace (or disgrace) the front campus thereafter."

# Lucy Will Continue Fight for Admittance

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP)—Tight-lipped and grim, Negro coed Autherine Lucy said today she will continue her legal fight for admittance to the University of Alabama.

She said she is not going to accept the university's expulsion of her yesterday.

"I am completely disheartened," the 26-year-old Alabama girl told a news conference. In the next breath, she added:

"At the same time, I cannot see any reason to abandon my sole purpose of obtaining an education within the meaning of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States."

Miss Lucy said she had authorized her lawyers to "take whatever steps are necessary."

Thurgood Marshall, attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he and aides were studying the situation, seeking some legal means to resume the battle.

Miss Lucy was suspended from the all-white university Feb. 6 after a rioting mob drove her from the campus at Tuscaloosa. Her entry into the 125-year-old university climaxed a 2½-year legal fight over segregation.

## False Charges

On Wednesday, U.S. Dist. Judge H. Hobart Grooms ordered Miss Lucy reinstated at the university. Promptly, the university trustees expelled the coed for making false charges against the school. The charges that university officials conspired with the mob to keep her from attending classes were withdrawn by her lawyers during the court hearing.

Yesterday, Miss Lucy flew to New York with Marshall on a surprise visit. The lawyer said she was worn out and needed medical attention and "rest, peace and quiet."

Miss Lucy held a news conference at the NAACP headquarters on W. 40th St. She read a one-page statement to reporters. Marshall announced that she would not answer questions.

# Music Program To Be Given By Fraternity

Kappa Alpha Psi, social fraternity, will present "An Afternoon of Music," a program of University musical talent at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow in the Hetzel Union assembly hall.

The program will consist of vocal selections, piano solos and poetry recitations.

"I Walk With God" and "Without a Song" will be sung by Roger Crawford, freshman in premed from Philadelphia. Rod Perry, junior in physical education from Coatesville, will sing three baritone solos. "My Rosary" will be sung by Mary Ingham, sophomore in the Department of Intermediate Registration.

Barbara Barnes, sophomore in music education from Philadelphia, will play "Rustle of Spring," a piano solo by Christian Sinding. "Für Elise" by Beethoven will be played by Joyce Stewart, sophomore in DIR from Sharon Hill.

Faith Jackson, senior in arts and letters from Philadelphia will read a fifteen minute selection of poetry.

Complimentary tickets for the program may be obtained at the HUB desk.

# Committee to Hear Progress Reports

Spring Week Committee will meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow in 217 Hetzel Union. Reports will be given by the chairmen of the individual committees.

The first form letter for all groups that plan to participate in Spring Week will be available at 8 a.m. Monday at the Hetzel Union Desk. All interested groups who do not have a mailing address should obtain their copies there, according to Richard Seng, committee chairman.

The forms will include information on point systems, eligibility, publicity, and other matters dealing with all phases of Spring Week.

# Business Predicts—

(Continued from page one) great for the liberal arts major. And there is even a shortage of men skilled in recruiting the students who are in short supply.

It costs Esso Research and Engineering \$1600 worth of recruiting at colleges and interviewing at the plant to hire one technical man (a sum considered low for technical companies). IBM spends between \$8000 and \$10,000 on a computer salesman before he goes out to make a sale.

# Camera Club Will Meet

The Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 215 Hetzel Union.

Plans for a print and slide competition will be discussed.

# DeNovo to Attend Research Institute

Dr. John A. DeNovo, associate professor of American history, has received a grant from the Social Science Research Council which will enable him to participate in a seven week Summer Research Training Institute in current research on international affairs.

The Institute, which will be held between June 11 and July 27 at the University of Denver, has been designed by the Social Science Research Council to introduce approximately 15 post-doctoral specialists in international relations to related fields of social science from the teaching viewpoint.

# Tickets for "13 Clocks" To Go on Sale Monday

Tickets for "Thirteen Clocks," a Players' production, will go on sale at 1 p.m. Monday at the Hetzel Union desk.

The show will open Thursday at Schwab Auditorium and will run Friday and Saturday also.

A matinee will be presented Saturday for town children.

Tickets are \$1 for Friday and Saturday and 85 cents for Thursday's performance.

# Auditions to Be Held

Auditions for the sophomore talent show will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Hetzel Union Assembly room.

Winners will receive cash prizes and will appear during intermission of the Sophomore Class Dance to be held March 10 in the HUB ballroom.



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# Officers for LA To Be Nominated

Preliminary nominations for the Liberal Arts Student Council officers will be held at a council meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in 103 Willard.

The council will also hear an elections committee report on the forthcoming LA Council elections.

Self nominations for Council positions may be made from March 12 to 17 in 132 Sparks, according to Robert Nurock, elections committee chairman. A 2.5 All-University average is required of all nominees.

# Prospector Staff to Meet

The general staff of the Prospector, the Mineral Industries newsletter, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in 121 Mineral Industries.

# Angel Flight to Meet Today

The Angel Flight drill team will meet at 3 p.m. today at the Armory.

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LOST — BOOK "The Tastemakers" left in HUB. Please call 224 Simmons.

WILL PERSON who took grey topcoat from Beta Theta Pi last Friday night please return it soon.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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