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Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Uh-oh—Looks like another movie today."

It's Not Too Late to Lock the Barn Door

Since 1872 when the first national fraternity was established at the University, students have been subjected to the torturous grind justly called Hell Week. Pledges were forced to submit to all sorts of personal humiliations merely to satisfy the sometimes sadistic desires of so-called more mature members of the fraternity.

From time to time, cases of pledges being killed or injured have been placed in the national spotlight, only to be forgotten in a short time when the light was shifted to some other state of affairs.

Once again, however, the fraternity system finds itself on trial before the public eye because of the death of a student undergoing Hell Week at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology a few weeks ago.

Acting on the assumption that, although the horse has been stolen, it's still not too late to close the barn door, the Interfraternity Council at MIT has come up with a Hell Week code, outlawing all forms of hazing.

For some time now, there has been a serious need for a pre-initiation code at the University. Last year a Hell Week code was brought before the IFC, only to be tabled because many fraternity presidents felt the wording of the code was too general. Perhaps they were merely afraid to commit themselves to a code that would have forced them to completely revamp their existing practices at a time when fraternal feeling was riding high, and there seemed

to be little need to change the existing practices.

The tragic, and perhaps timely death of the MIT student did not change the existing situation, it merely brought it to a point of action. Outside opinion has temporarily turned against the fraternity system and pressure has been brought against many national fraternities and colleges threatening the extinction of the fraternity system unless present practices are discontinued.

In the wake of the incident, the IFC has prepared a pre-initiation code which has been long overdue. The fraternity system at the University has been ranked among the best in the nation, yet for more than 50 years the IFC has existed without any form of standing committee on initiation practices, except for extremely short periods when fraternities have played the role of underdog to public opinion.

The code has been completed and has met with the approval of the Dean of Men's office. When it is presented to the fraternity presidents next week, a conclusive step will have been taken to rid the fraternity system of the ugly blot that brands it as a childish institution designed for degrading purposes.

When and if the proposed pre-initiation policies for condemning and outlawing these childish practices are adopted by the member fraternities we hope they will be forever remembered and recognized as typifying the best in responsible pre-initiation practices.

—Rog Alexander

No Pipe Dream

At first glance, the explanation of the problems of having community living in some form instituted at the University, which Director of Housing Otto E. Mueller gave before the Association of Independent Men's Board of Governors Wednesday night, would appear somewhat discouraging to the AIM committee which is working on the problem.

But the commendation for the committee's work with which Mueller balanced his store of discouraging information should have a much more important effect on the group: that of stimulating it to new intensity.

True, Mueller's appraisal of the situation completely discouraged the immediate aim of the committee, which is the hope that a community living program can be worked at the University in the near future.

Mueller made it clear to the group that none of the present AIM board will be around to share in the fruits of the effort, when and if any should be forthcoming.

But Mueller also made it clear that the work of the committee, and prospective others like it, is the only hope the student body has of ever seeing any form of community living instituted at the University.

It was clear, too, that the ultimate aim of the committee, to contribute toward the eventual establishment of community living at the University, is certainly both worthwhile and practical.

It is most important, Mueller said, to gather a store of opinions and information favorable to the subject, so valid and voluminous that it cannot be ignored by University officials in the future planning of the University. This is precisely what the committee is attempting to do.

Referring to the long-range methods the committee is using to further its ends Mueller said, "This is the only way to get at the problem. There is no quick way."

Mueller's appearance at the meeting served the paradoxical purpose of both encouraging, while at the same time discouraging, different aspects of the committee's work.

But it did prove conclusively that the prospect of community living at the University, even if it is in the distant future, is a concrete possibility, and not merely a futile project instituted to occupy a student government body with time on its hands.

—Al Klimcke

Bare Those Mantels

Fraternity fireplace mantels will carry a lighter load this spring as the result of a decision of the Spring Week Committee.

But the Penn State Student Scholarship Fund, which receives the profits of Spring Week, will also be some \$400 richer.

The committee has decided to cut—from 40 to 16—the number of trophies to be awarded this year. This accomplishes two things: it makes the trophies more meaningful to their winners and it enriches the scholarship fund.

Assuming Spring Week doesn't fall apart because of the lack of bait, we hope this trend is continued in the future until a limit of six trophies are awarded—one for the winner of each of the three divisions, one for Miss Penn State, and one for the week's overall winner.

Another commendable decision of the committee is to limit the admission to every event to one ten-cent ticket. Too often during past Spring Weeks the barker has asked for "one ticket, just one thin dime, a tenth of a dollar, for the best show on the midway" while the ticket-taker has demanded: "Two tickets, please."

Carnivals are the traditional hunting grounds of hoaxsters, but this shouldn't be the case at Penn State. Setting a standard admission price for all carnival booths equalizes the sponsors' chances of winning those all-valuable points.

These two decisions—to keep both expenses and hokum at a minimum during Spring Week—are intelligent improvements.

—The Editor

Priceless?

"Two University Professors in Low-Priced Field," read the headline above the "Bookworm," a literary column written by William L. Werner, professor of American Literature, in Tuesday's Centre Daily Times.

The headline referred to two profs whose books were published in low-priced editions.

Yesterday, Lynn Christy, associate professor of English composition, noted, in a letter to the editor of the Times:

"It occurs to me—from some acquaintances with a great many faculty members—that practically all of us University professors are in the low-priced field."

Yes, Mr. Christy. But you can't judge a book by its cover.

—The Editor

Gazette

- Today
- HILLEL SABBATH EVE SERVICES, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
- INTERLANDIA FOLK DANCE, 7 p.m., Hetzel Union ballroom
- INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main
- NEWMAN CLUB Stations of the Cross, 11:20 a.m. - 7 p.m., Church
- PENN STATE STUDENTS FOR STEVENSON, 8:45 p.m., 219 Hetzel Union

Student Employment

The following camps will interview at the Student

Employment Service, 112 Old Main. Please sign up in advance for an appointment.

- CAMP CARONDOWANNA, Pennsylvania—March 21
- CAMP KON-O-KWEE, Pennsylvania—April 6-7
- CAMP CARIBOU, Maine—April 7

University Hospital

Joan Ackerman, David Bamford, Richard Coole, Arthur Diamond, Laura Ericson, Mamie Fehnel, Malvin Goode, Sidney Grobman, David Jones, Karl Dauffman, Willis Kuhns, Roger Panfil, Richard Phillips, Ann Richards, Harry Siehl, William Smallwood, Walter Stevenson, Glen Thierwechter, Samuel Valentine, Vern Van Order, Paul Weaver, David Weiss, and John Minnick.

Look Who's Talking . . .

About Suites

Jackie Hudgins

OK, so you're a fraternity man. You have some place to bring your date most any time you want. But suppose you're a sorority woman. Where can you bring your date. The suite? Well, not too easily.

You men don't know how lucky you are. But unless you really behave, the big switch just might be made. Imagine fraternity men living in suites. In Hamilton Hall yet. And those who continually break IFC rules'll have to move to Nittany or Pollock. Just think, Pi Kappa Phi in Nittany 30, room eight.

Oh, you'll get used to it, men. You can have all your entertainment in the lounge although your TV might have to go. But if your house (pardon us, your suite) doesn't make a good average, out you go to the basement of McAlister with the ROTC uniforms.

If you ever want to throw a big blast you can always rent a sorority house, girls optional, of course. A combined party is your best bet though. Say the Pollock six suite and the fourth floor McKee suite want to get together for a watermelon feast. The centrally-located Jordan Fertility Plots would be perfect.

And your food worries will be over. No more caterers, no more student waiters, no more budget problems. Just pay your money and food service will take care of the rest. All fraternity suite men will be fed the same food and such food as you've never seen before, but well balanced!

And here's a new idea for you. Let the sorority houses come and serenade you for a change. If the counselor isn't looking you might even sneak them up to the chapter room for coffee. On second thought, let the counselor in on it.

Oh, but things won't be that bad. That 10 o'clock deadline won't hurt you a bit after you get used to it. Your first campus will be rough but it'll teach you to watch the second hand on your watch. And if a counselor touches you on the back late some Saturday night with "we don't do that in Pollock," just pass it off as one of those things.

Hort Woods Tower Utilized Yesterday

The new 750,000-gallon water tower constructed in Hort Woods is now in use.

Water was pumped into the gigantic, ball-like structure Wednesday, according to a Physical Plant spokesman.

The new tank, along with the old one beside Beaver Field, gives the University a surplus water supply of 1.25 million gallons.

HUB Froth Sales Continue

Froth sales will continue today at the Hetzel Union desk.

Volpe Is Elected New President By Young Dems

Ralph Volpe, freshman in arts and letters from Lansdale, was elected president of the Young Democrats Club Thursday.

Stanley Levine, sophomore in labor management from Elkins Park, was elected vice president; Nancy Hankins, freshman in journalism from Latrobe, secretary; and Nancy Leader, sophomore in education from York, treasurer. All positions were uncontested.

Myron Cherry, past president, reminded members that a challenge has been made to the Young Republican Club to draft a prominent Republican speaker to debate against Sen. Hubert Humphrey, (D-Minn.), at the speakers' convenience.

The club voted to meet every other Thursday night.

The Wednesday, March 21 meeting will be a rally to criticize the Eisenhower administration. The meeting will be open to the public.

Dean's Office Has Names of Tutors

The list of registered tutors is now complete and available in the dean of men's office, according to William B. Crafts, assistant to the dean of men.

Crafts said Wednesday the list will be distributed to dormitory counselors within the next few days. Tutors have registered to tutor in 57 different courses.

Students interested in tutoring who have not yet registered with the office may register for a supplementary tutor list, Crafts said.

Play Copies Available

Copies of "An Inspector Calls," Players' final show of the year, are available for reading in the Green room of Schwab Auditorium. Tryouts will be held March 25 and 26. The show will be given May 10, 11, and 12 in Schwab Auditorium.

Tonight on WDFM

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- 7:20 News
- 7:25 Sports
- 7:30 Just For Two
- 8:30 Weekly News Roundup
- 9:00 Light Classical Jukebox
- 10:30 Sign Off

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