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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I'm only a junior—Hey, you with th' books--! Where's th' Liberry?"

To Heck With Hell Week

It is a standard tradition in most fraternities to conduct what is called Hell Week—a period in which the pledges go through their most arduous "training" in preparing themselves for brotherization into the chapter. We question the value and validity of Hell Week.

In brief, this is what a typical Hell Week program consists of: rigorous hazing of pledges by brothers; little, if any, sleep for the pledges during the duration of the period; "games" in which the pledges are made the blunt of the joke; lengthy work sessions at which the pledges do constructive labor for repairs, painting, etc. Although some fraternities may differentiate from this somewhat, it could be considered typical of Hell Week activities.

We feel that most of the activities during Hell Week are worthless—they prove nothing and serve only to humble the pledge below human proportions.

Preventing a pledge from sleeping, whether it be six or only three days, can accomplish nothing but injury to the pledge's health. No one can go without sleep and retain a healthy physical condition. Sleepless Hell Weeks were known in the past to impair a pledge's health so severely that he was forced to withdraw from school for at least a semester.

Some houses try to reach a compromise by

permitting a few hours sleep. However, this policy has not been successful—the pledge is still "beat" physically. Is that the purpose of a fraternity? We think not; yet the idiotic practice still remains.

The games, which vary from the ridiculous to the obscene, are the most valueless items in the program. They serve nothing but to allow a brother to display his sadistic tendencies to the rest of the chapter. At times, this sadistic tendency is often praised by most members—and those people are supposed to be mature college men. How hypocritical can one get?

It has often been argued that Hell Week is intended to make the pledge realize the value of humility in order to be better prepared for brotherization. Our answer to this is: humility can never be taught through ridiculous humiliation. It results only from well-developed, time consuming efforts. It should come from the pledge's training during his semester's pledge period.

Hell Week is unnecessary—it accomplishes nothing. A revision of a fraternity's pledge training program should suffice. Train the pledge properly and he will become a worthy brother—Hell Week will never make him into a man.

—Vince Carocci

Years of Service

Samuel K. Hostetter today ends almost half a century of service to the University. He retires with emeritus rank as vice president for finance.

There is no doubt that he will be missed within the administration.

Hostetter's days of leisure were to begin a year ago. But at that time President Eric A. Walker was just taking over his new job, and Hostetter was asked to stay on because of the help he could give the new President.

Hostetter was named to the University staff in 1908 as an assistant in administration and later that year was named secretary to the deans of the colleges.

He later was appointed acting financial agent and in 1910 became purchasing agent. In 1923 the duties of manager of the residence halls and dining commons were added to his job.

In 1935, President Ralph Dorn Hetrel appointed him to the position of assistant to the President in charge of business and finance. He continued in that post until 1950 when he was given the title of comptroller.

Hostetter in 1936 was named also as acting treasurer and the following year was appointed treasurer. Since 1936, he has served as treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

The record speaks for itself, with the University the winner.

—The Editor

Grim Reminders

It's beginning to look as if Penn State is a booby trap with shade trees.

In the first issue of The Daily Collegian this fall, we quoted the National Safety Council as saying college and university campuses are booby traps with shade trees.

The council reached this conclusion after a study made in cooperation with the American College Health Association. The study showed that the accident toll among college and university students is alarmingly big and growing.

The council, in most certain words, made it known that it does not consider college and university campuses as traditional symbols of reflective tranquility and happy, carefree living.

After last week it is easy to see why, for this newspaper of late has been reporting grim news: the student who died as a result of a fall into a sunken fraternity patio, the six students injured in the Tug-of-war victory demonstration, and the three students who were hospitalized from an auto crash during the weekend.

These should be enough reminders for us all to use some extra care and common sense.

—The Editor

Gazette

- Today COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 202 Willard. COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIED AD STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian office. ECONOMICS CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 109 Boucke. Organizational meeting. GAMMA SIGMA, 6:45 p.m., 203 Willard. New members. HILFEL HOUR, 7:45 p.m., "Day of Atonement" on WMAJ. HOME ECONOMICS CLUB, 7 p.m., Home Economics living center. Initiates are to be there at 6:30 p.m. LAVIE, 7 p.m., Room 201 Temp. Staff meeting. PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Room 203 HUB. PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Room 217 HUB. PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 202 Willard. THETA SIGMA PHI, 8 p.m., Back study lounge of Simmons Hall. WRA BOWLING CLUB, 6:30 p.m., Bowling alleys, White Building.

- WRA GOLF CLUB, 2 p.m., Golf course. WSGA JUDICIAL BOARD, 3 p.m., 214 HUB. Tomorrow BOTANY CLUB, at noon in 202 Buckhout. EASTERN ORTHODOX SOCIETY, 7:15 p.m., Memorial Lounge of the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel. ETA KAPPA NU, 7-9 p.m., E.E. Building. Free tutoring for freshmen and sophomore engineers. WEST HALLS COUNCIL, 7 p.m., McKee Lounge. Organization meeting. ZOOLOGICAL CLUB, 6:45 p.m., Field trip. Meet at 113 Frear Lab. AIM JUDICIAL BOARD OF REVIEW, 7 p.m., 201 Willard. TONIGHT ON WDFM 6:45 Sign on and news; 7:00 The People Act; 7:15 Behind the Lectern; 7:30 State news and National sports; 8:00 Invitation to Relax; 8:30 Open to Question; 9:00 News, Local, National and World; 9:15 As You Believe; 9:30 Cabinet Reports 10:00 News; 10:05 This World of Music; 11:00 News and Sign-off.

120 Coeds Register For Informal Rush

A total of 120 coeds registered for informal rushing yesterday, according to the dean of women's office.

Registration for rushing will continue from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Thursday at 105 Old Main. A \$1 fee is charged.

Second-semester freshman women with a minimum of 2.3 All-University average and upper-classwomen with a minimum 2.0 All-University average are eligible to rush.

Science Head to Speak

Dr. Alan T. Waterman, director of the National Science Foundation, will speak to graduate students on foundation grants and fellowships at 8 tonight in 111 Armsby.

Military Initiation To Honor Walker

President Eric A. Walker will be initiated into the National Society of Scabbard and Blade at 4 p.m. today in his office.

The military society will also initiate Col. Arthur W. Kogstad, professor of military science and tactics, and Capt. John P. Roach, professor of naval science.

Hotel Greeters to Hear Home Ec College Dean

Grace M. Henderson, dean of the College of Home Economics, will outline the future of the college at a meeting of the Hotel Greeters at 8 tonight in the cafeteria of the Home Economics Building.

Plans for a chicken barbecue and trips to hotel conventions also will be discussed.

11 DOC Students Make Dean's List

Eleven students in the Division of Counseling have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

The students are Daniel McHugh, 4.0; Grant Riddle, 3.73; Robert Moyer, 3.70; Arthur Miltenberger, 3.68; Roy Fuhrman, 3.62; Thomas Powell, 3.62; Nicholas Triano, 3.62; Jo Ann Hollenbaugh, 3.50; William Simon, 3.53; Mary Resko, 3.53; and Alan Freeman, 3.52.

Monitor Staffs to Meet

Candidates for the circulation and editorial staffs of Monitor, education newsletter, will meet at 7 tonight in 218 Willard.

Anyone in the College of Education may attend.

There's No Statue For William Willett

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—The nation's capital seems to be infested with statues.

Everywhere you look there's a monument to somebody: to generals who took part in battles now forgotten, to statesmen whose accomplishments have been worn away by the

pressure of new problems until they're little more than footnotes in history books.

Yet where is the monument to William Willett? Who today even thinks of the man whose achievement is no further away than this morning's alarm clock?

For William Willett did the most to sell the idea of daylight saving time.

Today some persons who have been on daylight time went back to work on standard time, and some who have been on daylight time will stay there for another month, and all this tampering with time is because of Willett.

Willett was an Englishman who built fancy houses. He had his big idea about daylight time in 1907.

Willett's idea was that clocks should be set ahead for 20 minutes. This would be done in four stages as summer advances, so that finally the clocks would be 80 minutes ahead of standard time.

Although he spent a lot of time and money pushing his idea, Willett never got anywhere much in his lifetime. He died in 1915, shortly before World War I made daylight saving time a reality.

To save power and fuel, the Germans pushed the clocks ahead an hour, and the Allies gradually adopted the same course.

Few issues have stirred up more controversy, particularly from farmers who claim they are get-

ting up early enough already. The first nationwide daylight saving law was repealed, largely because of farm protests, over a veto by President Wilson.

Nor has the argument ever died completely. Five years ago, for instance, a bill for daylight saving in the District of Columbia was before the House.

Rep. H. R. Gross (R.) of Waterloo, Iowa, grumbled: "I would like to hear someone explain the necessity for this legislation, and who is demanding it, other than the golfers and mint-julep-patio squatters who like to preen themselves in the Washington, D.C., midnight sun. I am opposed to it."

The bill passed, however, and Congress went on daylight time, too.

Freshman Society Hears Founder

Members of Alpha Lambda Delta, national freshman women's scholastic society, had a special guest speaker at its first meeting of the year on Thursday—their founder, Maria Leonard.

Three students were initiated into the society: Ericka Mares, Carol Frank and Lois Di Joseph.

During the business transacted at the meeting, the society formed committees to handle its freshman tutoring program.

