

Editorial Opinion

'Games' for the Pledges

Some fraternity brothers — they like to be called fraternity men, too — seem to get a sadistic pleasure out of having the pledges play "games."

This is what got Phi Kappa Psi in trouble. But this fraternity is not the only one guilty by a long shot.

Imposing stiff penalties on houses found guilty of such conduct may help serve as a deterrent. But downright abolition of hell week and the establishment of a new concept of pledge training is the only way these situations can be eliminated.

Hell week, as generally seen at Penn State, is grossly out of date. If it ever had a place, it was in the era of coon-skin coats, hip flasks and goldfish diets.

Today, pledges have better things to do than count the windows in Pattee Library and write down the names strung along the top of Sparks Building. And there should be no place for mental harrassment and physical abuse, or horseplay, childish and sadistic outfits, sleepless binges and juvenile antics. But they all remain.

Why do they remain? "I went through it," some fraternity men argue, "and, by gosh, these pledges are going through it too." This spit-in-the-eye-of-progress is no argument and no defense.

Getting work done around the house is another reason often given. But many times, from the persons who cite this reason, you can get an admission that their pledges scrub floors with toothbrushes. Explain this. The fraternities — yes, there are some — who have made their "weeks" more of work and help weeks than hell weeks should be commended. Certainly not enough houses have done this.

Hell week, it is argued, unites pledges. This is true. People going through any hardship together always emerge more united. But hell weeks create a negative unity. Fraternities could build constructive unity by having their pledges work together on a project for the betterment of the house or the University community.

While clumsily accomplishing two goals — uniting pledges and getting work done — hell week does so at a high price.

Hell week's high price is public scorn of fraternities and the fraternity system, neighbors who lose sleep, and the borough policemen and campus patrolmen who lose their tempers. Then all the fraternities lose respect..

And professors have long been complaining that pledges going through hell week are academically valueless.

Cracking down on a house which gets carried away with its sadistic "games" will do little good. The only sure way to prevent these situations from recurring is for the fraternities themselves to abolish hell week.

Always Around or Nearby

Whenever there's a need for something to be done, it seems that Alpha Phi Omega is always around, at the least, always nearby.

The latest example: Collecting used and new clothing for Delta Theta Sigma members who lost many personal belongings in the fire which gutted the inside of their house. With the aid of radio station WMAJ, the service fraternity collected more than enough clothing just 12 hours after the first call went out.

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Washington Beat

Model Believes This Tax Man Right in Ruling

By ARTHUR EDSON WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—It's income tax time again, and here is Marjabelle Young saying how right the tax man was when he ruled against her.

Most of us shudder when the tax collector shakes his head disapprovingly. But Marjabelle is an extra special case.

She's the only person in the country the U.S. government has assured that she will always be beautiful.

"Isn't that wonderful," said Marjabelle.

Six years ago Marjabelle and some other girls formed a cooperative modelling agency called SHY, Inc. One day the girls noticed how other corporations like, say, General Motors, wrote off tax depreciation each year.

Now the models had only their looks. Since they were, unfortunately, aging, why not get a depreciation allowance for fading beauty?

As president, Marjabelle was dispatched to the Internal Revenue Service where, in view of the gravity of the case, she got a ruling from the commissioner himself.

No depreciation would be allowed since, he said gallantly, there was absolutely no evidence the applicant was getting less beautiful.

"How right he was," Marjabelle said today. "I feel as pretty as ever."

Marjabelle says she has a formula that helps the government verdict look good. She thinks working with youngsters helps anyone feel young.

So she has a girl of her own, Jackie, aged 3½, on whom to practice home work. And she has a unique school in which she teaches other girls how to walk, how to meet strangers, how to feel at ease.

"The first time the girls come to school," she said, "their mothers bring them. But the girls go home and say 'Teacher's pretty.' From then on, their fathers bring them. It's so cute."

Marjabelle thinks that if girls are taught young that the social graces aren't so difficult they should grow up into more relaxed adults.

"From 6 to 10 is the perfect age," she said. "Those who are 12, 13, 14 are very confused."

The woman whose looks are government guaranteed has a reason for feeling sympathy for young girls.

"I was a wierd looking teenager," she says.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bible



"Our sorority has only ONE entrance requirement, Elsie Mae."

Ready or Not Security for All— At What Price? By Marian Beatty

Critics of today's college generation have said a great deal about us. They've said that we're self-satisfied, lethargic, and in frantic pursuit of security. To back up the last claim, they point to college seniors' emphasis on security in a job.

Maybe they have a point. Most seniors do rate security high when considering job offers. And when I hear them doing this, I often think of Jack.

I never knew Jack's last name, nor very much else about him, for he just appeared one late summer afternoon at the grade school playground. We were setting up for one of the PTA carnivals and ice cream socials that are so characteristic of small towns in August.

As the men were starting to haul away the swings and sand boxes, and the rest of us were deciding where to put the fortune teller's booth, a tall, middle-aged man limped up to ask if we had some work he could do.

We were happy to give him a job, and although there were doubts as to whether he could do heavy work, it was soon apparent that these fears were groundless.

Later that afternoon I began talking with Jack. He was just passing through town, he said, for he spent the spring traveling north and the fall going south to the Florida Keys. He said it with the air of one who



goes south for yachting and country-clubbing.

"I work in one spot until I have ten dollars in my pocket and another ten for bus fare," he confided. Then I move on. Used to go into Canada and as far as South America by tramp steamer, but I'm getting too old for that.

"I've been in most towns and cities in the U.S.," he continued. "Just name the town, and I'll tell you about it. Meet some interesting people in my travels, too.

"I spent some time working backstage at the Met and worked in a Las Vegas gambling hall once. Haven't gotten that far west since I picked up this limp. That was in a logging camp, a good while ago."

Jack was back the next day, this time with stories of a summer spent at sea, experiences in a taxi dance hall, and a short-lived job as a zoo attendant.

"See you tomorrow at the carnival," he called as he left evening. But he didn't come the next evening, nor any day after that. I probably never would have known what happened to him, if it hadn't been for the omniscience of small-town natives.

"I'll bet I saw him in the bus station," the local meat cutter said. "I remember the strange question he asked the ticket seller. He said, 'How far

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Gazette

College Agricultural Faculty Meeting, 4:10 p.m., 115 Buckhout. Cosmopolitan Club annual banquet, 6 p.m., at Wesley Foundation; Rep. James E. Van Zandt, on "The Atomic Age." Hillel Sabbath Eve Service, 8 p.m., Foundation

Leonidas Dance, 9 p.m., HUB Newman Club Open House, 8 p.m., Student Center Players' Production of "Burning Bright," 8:30 p.m., Center Stage Stations of the Cross, 4, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church Wesley Foundation Bowling Party, 8 p.m., Rec Hall

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Ronald Beard, Cecelia Bilsky, Sarah Brown, Lynda Colclasser, Jack Crosby, Sarah Finch, Donald Fowler, Allen Gordon, Lawrence Hirsch, Joseph Keasinger, Warren Kraft, John Larimer, Gerald Lasman, Miriam McAvoy, Wilbur Munnell, Louis B. Paulick, Chester Piotrowski, Clare Ross, William Schaaf, Elaine Shochet, Samuel Showers, Deborah Sidwell, Sarah Snyder, Dan Stone, Arthur Wilks, Patricia Zadrozga, Joseph Matos, Edgar Scott.

Interviews

General Abrasive Co: Mar 7; Cer. Phys Kelly-Springfield Tires: Mar 7; Acctg. BusAdm. Econ. Mkt. EE, ME, Chem. CHE, IE Kendall Refining Co: Mar 7; Jrs in Chem. CHE for summer employment; BS & MS in Chem, CHE Minneapolis Honeywell: Mar 7; BS & MS in EE, ME, AeroE Reynolds Metals Co: Mar 7; BS & MS in ChE, Chem, EE, ME, IE, Metal

CAMP INTERVIEWS Camp Swazizah, Feb. 22; Camp Quinbeck, Feb. 24; Camp Menatoma, Feb. 25 and Mar. 1; Clear Pool Camp, Mar. 3; Camp Woodlands, Mar. 3; Camp Delwood, Mar. 4 and 5.

Dean's List Omission

Omitted from the Home Economics dean's list given to The Daily Collegian were Bette Gichner, 3.73; Leslie Shultz, 3.86; and Susanne Stamm, 3.64.

PEANUTS comic strip panels. Panel 1: A girl asks 'DO YOU WANT TO HEAR SOMETHING CHARLIE BROWN?' Panel 2: Charlie Brown replies 'DO I HAVE A CHOICE?' Panel 3: A girl says 'THE SAME AMOUNT OF ENERGY IS REQUIRED TO CARRY A TEN-POUND LOAD THIRTY MILES AS TO FUSS FOR ONE MINUTE.' Panel 4: A girl says 'I'M COMPILING INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL FUSSBUDGET FOUNDATION!'