

Editorial Opinion

'Hell Week's Gone'?

The March issue of Together, billed as a new family magazine, includes an article titled "Hell Week's Gone."

We quote:

"One bitterly cold night two years ago a young university fraternity pledge, victim of a Hell Week prank, was abandoned by his fraternity brothers on a lonely road outside of town. Blindly seeking his way back to campus, he stumbled across a frozen reservoir, fell through the ice and drowned.

"On another campus a student died of burns received during an initiation ceremony. Still another was injured when he fell, blindfolded, down a mountainside.

"The past is dotted with tragedies resulting from Hell Week shenanigans. True, thousands of young men have gone through initiation without harm; however, the few exceptions have given college fraternities a black eye most do not deserve.

"Until recently, however, pledging a fraternity was something like signing up for the Foreign Legion. As a pledge seeking active membership, a youth was apt to be subjected to night-long hikes, paddlings, goldfish swallowings, and a selection of odd-ball antics which had little to do with the ideals of his fraternal organization. The purpose was to show how eager he was to become a member.

"Today, however, the tide is setting strongly in the opposite direction. Help Week is replacing Hell Week on campuses across the country . . ."

Undoubtedly the tide is changing, as the article says, but we doubt if it is "setting strongly in the opposite direction." After all, the Interfraternity Council on this campus seems to want to forget about unfavorable publicity fraternities received from the Phi Kappa Psi incident.

This is the same article, by the way, which mentioned Penn State as a school which is learning the true meaning of brotherhood by working together. The dean of men's office informs us that it knows of no fraternity members who are scraping the paint of a famous ship as the article reported.

And the title of the article, "Hell Week's Gone," certainly is wrong. If we were to write an article on this for a magazine, our title would probably be: "Hell Week's Going — But Not Fast Enough."

The Interfraternity Council could do much toward abolition of Hell Weeks at Penn State if it would only put teeth into the enforcement of its pre-initiation practices code.

But the only reason the IFC even passed this code last year was pressure from the administration. And the administration must have been satisfied with something just down on paper. This way, if a pledge is seriously injured, it can point to this non-enforced piece of paper and take itself off the hook the same way. But pity the poor fraternity involved!

If the IFC won't put teeth into enforcement of the pre-initiation code — and it appears it won't — the University has an obligation to see that a system for strict enforcement is developed.

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Letters

Simmons Food Cause of Flu?

TO THE EDITORS: A large percentage of the students eating in Simmons Dining Hall are now suffering from severe stomach cramps and other physical conditions, normally associated with the intestinal flu, as a result of Wednesday's meals.

When asked for an explanation, the dieticians said that there had been quite a few cases of intestinal flu and that today's sudden outbreak was not due to the food.

It certainly seems strange that all the students should develop flu overnight, none having had the symptoms before yesterday. Could it have been that the "flu bug" came out of hiding and last night secretly visited the inhabitants of South Halls?

I, however, believe that the students can, and should look to the kitchen for an explanation.

Who is at fault? Dieticians or cooks? Heretofore Simmons is said to have had the best food on campus. Maybe what is really meant is that it has done the best camouflage job.

Wednesday's supper consisted of turkey a la king, string beans, cauliflower, cranberries, grapefruit juice and butterscotch pie.

Was it the wrong combination of vegetables? Was it the turkey? Was it the sauce? Was it the way it was prepared? Whatever, it certainly showed a lack of foresight or a deficiency in proper supervision on the part of someone, and the result, although shameful, could have been much worse.

—Name Withheld

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AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION, 8 p.m., 319 Willard Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., HUB ballroom PLAYERS, 8 p.m., Center Stage, "The Boy on the Beach" UNITED SERVICE FOUNDATION, 6:30 p.m., Faith United Church of Christ WESLEY FOUNDATION, 8 p.m., "Ideas of March Party," Foundation

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Job Interviews

Companies interviewing March 28: American Agricultural Chemical Co: BS in I.A., Bus Ad., IE, Agr., Psych., or anyone interested in production work and chem for lab. Delaware Power & Light: BS in EE, ME, General Steel Castings Corp: BS MS in IE, ME, Metal, Cer. Haskins & Sells: BS in Accts. Island Steel Co: BS MS in Metal, ME, CE, EE, Chem E., FT. Lever Brothers: BS MS PhD in Chem E; MS PhD in Math for Statistical work; PhD for analytical Chem; Jr in Chem E. for summer work.

HUB Retains African Exhibit

An exhibition of African sculpture, which opened in the Hetzel Union gallery this week, will continue until March 24.

The collection, brought to the University by the School of Arts, is from the Segy Gallery in New York City.

Among the 36 pieces exhibited are works from the Belgian Congo, Nigeria, Liberia, Rhodesia and French Equatorial Africa. Included are wooden masks created for a variety of ceremonial uses, wooden statues representing ancestors' spirits and used for cult worship; ivory and bone statues, bracelets, and pendants; bronze bells, weights, and bracelets; raffia woven fabrics, and pipes and axes for ceremonial uses.

The exhibit was arranged by Stuart H. Frost, instructor in art, using canopies of appropriate materials to symbolize thatched roofs or other shelters under which the materials might be displayed in Africa.

Prof to Speak in Detroit

Dr. Joseph Jordan, associate professor of chemistry, will speak at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., on May 5 as part of an annual lecture sequence on frontiers in chemistry.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Ya got a package from yer ma marked 'perishable'—IT WAS."

Collegian, Inc. Board Controls Paper Management

Last of a Series Collegian, Inc., the publishing body of The Daily Collegian, is "a permanent organization whose responsibility shall be the supervision and publishing of a newspaper actually produced by the undergraduate students of the . . . University."

The Collegian, Inc. Board of Directors also has the power to appoint and remove the editor, managing editor, business manager and local advertising manager of the staff under its constitution.

Other powers include selecting the editorial and business advisers and setting their duties, fixing "remuneration" to be paid to the Board of Editors and the Business Senior Board, and control over the finances of the paper.

These powers are included in Collegian, Inc.'s new constitutional by-laws approved last fall. The by-laws were rewritten to more clearly set down the powers of the publisher and the "agents" of the publisher, which include the undergraduate students filling top positions and the editorial and business advisers.

Collegian, Inc., in a statement of policy adopted this year, affirms its belief in a free press.

By resolution, the board has declared the undergraduate students shall be in charge of day-to-day operations of the paper. Also by resolution, the board has set down the duties of the advisers, putting them in an advisory role instead of granting them control over the day-to-day policies of the undergraduates.

However, Collegian, Inc. retains the power of "supervision and publishing" of the newspaper. This means the University is not responsible for publication of this newspaper.

The process for the board's

selecting the editor, managing editor, business manager and local advertising manager—considered the top four undergraduate positions—is outlined in the by-laws.

Recommendations of students for these positions are made by the Board of Editors and the Business Senior Board. Collegian, Inc. then determines the students for the four offices.

The four students and the advisers may be removed from their positions "for just cause." Removal action, the by-laws state, may be initiated by the Board of Editors or the Business Senior Board, "but removal shall become binding only upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors in its entirety, or eight."

The by-laws provide that Collegian, Inc. Board of Directors shall consist of 12 members, six undergraduate students and six from the faculty or administrative staff. Nine members are ex officio and three are appointed by the President of the University.

The ex officio members, as provided by the by-laws, are: Director of the School of Journalism, the editorial adviser, business adviser, editor and business manager of Collegian; All-University President, Women's Student Government Association president, and the junior and sophomore class presidents.

