

Editorial Opinion

May Day—Still the Same

May Day ceremonies will again take place this Saturday on a "moderately" changed basis.

The all-around value of the program was questioned last spring and evaluation forms were sent to selected parents. Out of this three-month survey have come changes of relatively minor significance. And this year practically the same program will be followed to entertain visitors.

The students and administration members responsible for the planning of May Day maintain that it is a necessary part of University life and that it gives visitors a very nice program to witness. They also maintain that it is a good way to honor women students who have contributed to the University through outstanding scholarship and activities.

While the point made on the value of recognition tends to convince many dubious students, it is a very weak one.

Almost every woman who participates in the program has been recognized previously through outstanding contributions to the University in one form or another. How May Day can offer any meritable recognition three weeks before graduation seems questionable.

There are many women students who have brought prestige to their University in an unnoticeable manner and are not included in this last-gasp recognition. There is no reason that these women should be slighted.

May Day may be a wonderful event for young girls and even more wonderful for their parents. But it cannot be put on that plane in the life of a woman student in her late teens or early 20's. These women are about to take their place in the world pursuing their chosen careers—and these careers are far removed from May Day ceremonies.

A lot of work goes into the program each year. This work is done by students who are generally leaders in their residence hall units and who have enough to do in these positions without assuming additional responsibilities.

The many hours spent in planning could certainly be put to better use in concentrating on perfection of residence hall life. These leaders would benefit every woman student and not a chosen few participants in the program in this way.

A modification or elimination was called for last year and this was not accomplished. Instead of the Cwens dancing around the maypole, the Bavarian Schuhplattlers will be performing. This is hardly a constructive modification.

Perhaps another evaluation will be made next year and another group will be chosen to do the maypole dance. Or perhaps clowns will be substituted for jesters.

Unless this program is evaluated objectively with the desire to sincerely ascertain its worth to the Mother's Day weekend there will never be any constructive changes.

Changes are always needed and they should be effected. It's high time that May Day be taken off its pedestal of flawlessness and be given the evaluation it so badly needs.

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Letters

Haller Explains Society Affiliation

TO THE EDITOR: Due to a printer's error some question has arisen as to the type of affiliation I have had with the honorary societies listed on the senior campaign poster.

For the purpose of clarification, I should like to point out that I am an active member of Phi Eta Sigma and Pi Lambda Sigma and was affiliated at the time with Iota Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi only to the extent that I had been invited to the preliminary meeting contemplating membership.

—Theodore Haller Senior Class President

Gazette

TODAY

- ACE, 7 p.m., Grange Playroom
AIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
AIM Judicial, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Business Administration Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 205 Boucke
BX, All Boards, 6 p.m., 217 HUB
Cabinet, 9 p.m., 214 HUB
Chess Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB
ICCB, 8:15 p.m., 216 HUB
Kappa Phi, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation
MI Student Council, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Newman Club, Professor Case Lecture Series, 7 p.m., 104 Chapel; Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
UCA, 4:15 p.m., 217 HUB
Women's Chorus, 6 p.m., HUB Assembly Hall
Women Orientation Counselors, 9:30 p.m., McElwain Lounge
WSGA, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB

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Azerbaijani Ansari, Terence Dill, Carl Formoso, Barry Frank, Barbara Fried, Robert Fulton, Marilyn Goldfeather, John Haberlen, Thomas Hamer, Virginia Harpster, Marshall Hartman, Ronald Kohler, Arlene Kondor, Kenneth Lange-McGill, Roberta Levine, James McLaughlin, William Naaman, Charles Replogle, Kay Sheldon, Charles Steen, Lois Rothenberg, Walter Voit, Liselotte Weihe, Michael Willard, Ursula Wittenbrock.

Board Will Try 2 Fraternities

The Interfraternity Council Board of Control will meet at 7:30 tonight at Tau Kappa Epsilon to hear two cases and discuss penalties for violation of the new IFC rule requiring a 2.1 house average.

The rule requiring a 2.1 house average was passed by the IFC two weeks ago. It will not affect this semester's averages, but will be in effect next fall.

The rule, as passed by the IFC, states that a house must have a 2.1 average or face disciplinary action by the Board of Control. What the punishment will be will be discussed tonight.

Social probation, which is used in cases of violations of other IFC rules, has been suggested as a penalty.

Woman Killed In Car Collision

Mrs. Ethel Kemp, 65, formerly of Berwick, was fatally injured Sunday in a head-on collision on Branch Road between Rt. 322 and Pine Grove Mills.

The collision injured five others, three of which have been detained in Centre County Hospital. Police said both cars crossed the middle strip and met at the crest of a hill.

Donald D. Reish, Jr., of near Potters Mills, was admitted to the hospital after he was struck by a car Sunday morning.

The auto was reported driven by Barry A. Weaver, 18, of Centre Hall. Police said Reish darted from behind a parked car and Weaver had no opportunity to avoid striking him.

Darran Gives Up Post As DOC Council Head

The resignation of Walter Darran as president of the Division of Counseling student council was announced Thursday.

Darran said he had too many other activities to continue as president of the council.

The DOC Orientation Week social will be held from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17. Also announced was that a counseling program for groups of 10 students each will be sponsored by the council several weeks after school begins in September.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibles



"Watch your talk—that's one Psych major who stops to analyze anything you say."

without malice

Some Signs Of The Times

by denny malick

Signs, signs, signs, everybody's gotta have a sign.

For every newly budding flower on campus within the last week, there has been about twice as many bloomin' signs.

The signs in question, of course, are the ones being

worn by the "tappees" of hat societies and honorary societies.

These may serve a good purpose in publicizing the societies and the members-to-be but the custom has dangers of spreading further.

Imagine if every group on campus would require sign wearing or some other symbol to be hung about the necks of the new members. A few could certainly come up with some eye-catching items.

The drill teams could have their new members wear worn out shoes, Block and Bridle Club tappees could wear life-sized autographed pictures of Matt Dillon, and perhaps future foresters might carry one of last year's Christmas trees.

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Also along the picture-bearing line, new cheerleaders could (and, I hope, will) wear large photos of Patty Leh, Jazz Club "pledges," one of Dr. Bernreuter; Pershing Rifles, one of Davy Crockett; and the Quarterdeck Society, one of Popeye.

New members of the Com-

mon Sense Club (yes, there is one) could go without wearing any sign at all.

But this symbolism need not be restricted to students alone. Freshman members of the University Senate could wear miniature merry-go-rounds. New members of the Board of Trustees might try huge padlocks.

Fraternities might try issuing signs to all the party hoppers. By 1 a.m. on Sunday mornings there would be quite a few overburdened partygoers.

But the ultimate of sign wearing would be one for every class. This would be helpful on Saturday mornings, especially on big weekends. Before going out Friday night, you could put on a sign for each of your Saturday morning classes. Then the next morning when, and if, you are blindly strolling about campus, some kind soul can just point you in the direction of your class.

But anyone who has had the experience knows it is no trouble wearing a sign. Besides, there is no better feeling than walking along on a rainy day and having the wind blow one of those damn soggy things in your face.

