

Editorial Opinion

Will It Happen Here?

"Los Angeles (AP) — A University of Southern California fraternity pledge, being hazed during an initiation, choked to death yesterday while trying to swallow a large piece of oil-soaked raw liver.

Police said his life might have been saved if the fraternity members had not misled an ambulance crew. They told rescuers the boy suffered a spasm and didn't mention the meat."

The story went on for another six paragraphs describing how Richard T. Swanson, 21, and a pre-dental student, died after both an ambulance crew and firemen worked over him. The university immediately suspended the chapter and asked the national headquarters to remove it from the campus.

What had the pledge been asked to swallow? Only a quarter-pound of liver, three-by-four inches, and three-fourths of an inch thick. Police said 11 pledges were assigned numerous pushups, then marched to a table and told to eat liver soaked in olive oil.

This week and in the near future, numerous fraternities at the University, will be holding chapter initiations and "Help Weeks."

Similar distasteful hazing practices have and are occurring at University chapters. Few are caught, but an incident like this can ruin the entire interfraternity system at Penn State—one which is considered one of the top three in the nation.

If tradition-bound hazing practices were eliminated, the fraternity system as a whole would find itself stronger and more respected.

A Salute to Counselors

Hats off to the Orientation Week co-chairmen and all the hatmen and women, and other counselors for the very fine job done during the week.

The committee, led by Helen Skade and Marty Leshner, planned an excellent program, making several changes over previous weeks. In general the spirit of the counselors was excellent. The work of the committee was made harder by the departure of its two faculty advisers during the summer months—Miss Christine Yohe and Dr. Harold W. Perkins.

The Orientation Week program is vital to the University and is highly respected by the administration and faculty. It is a job that can best be done by well-qualified students and this year, the participants were interested in the program and gave their wholehearted support. The committee is to be commended for their fine job.

Poor Pep Talk

The Class of '63 and transfer students gave the football team a loud and enthusiastic sendoff last night. But the team should have had its ears plugged during the speech by Dean Earnest B. McCoy.

After the cheerleaders had pepped up the crowd, McCoy stepped in with a speech in which he told students not to be down on the team if they lost. He explained that they had a tough opponent in Missouri.

Making excuses for losing before a team has a chance to either win or lose is hardly the way to instill the fighting spirit it will need to defeat such an opponent.

We have confidence in the team. We see a tough opponent ahead and we say: FIGHT.

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Campus Beat

Frosh Learn New Things Every Day

Hats for sale? Contrary to what many freshmen apparently think, hats worn by the student counselors cannot be bought in the HUB. The cost of these hats is measured by more than dollars and cents. One frosh walked up to the HUB desk and asked to buy a 'counselor hat.' He said he didn't like the style dink freshmen were wearing.

We note that the expansion in State College has paralleled that of the University. The townspeople have graciously responded by establishing two new bars downtown to meet the growing student population.

While stumbling through campus one morning this summer we were surprised to see that an old campus landmark — the green shack which graced the lawn beside the infirmary—was moving up Pollock Rd. Perched atop a flat truck, it was on its way to a new sight off campus.

A men's orientation counselor sent a pretty young coed to meet his group last night while he was detained in other activities—eating. When the freshmen group, with its coed hostess, met the counselor, all that could be heard was "why don't you take longer to eat?"

University spokesmen are reluctant to disclose plans for MacAllister hall, although the possible conversion of the women's dormitory into an administrative building was freely talked about at Student Encampment as if it was a certainty. Although the General State Authority did not appropriate funds for its conversion in the next biennium, the University may still find funds for the conversion into needed office space.

And a word to my freshman women students — do remember to carry your handbook with you at all times. Those addresses and phone numbers inside will be so helpful to our many male students in future weeks.

While conducting the campus tour Monday night, one counselor was confronted with this question: "Is the lion on the Nittany Lion shrine male or female?"

We wish the "Ying Yangs" much luck in their coming conflict with the Missouri Tigers. This is the nickname for the football team which Captain Pat Bofula introduced to students during last night's pep rally. Pat said the team felt it should adopt a nickname after hearing all those that other college teams have begun using.

—Prof. Wayne

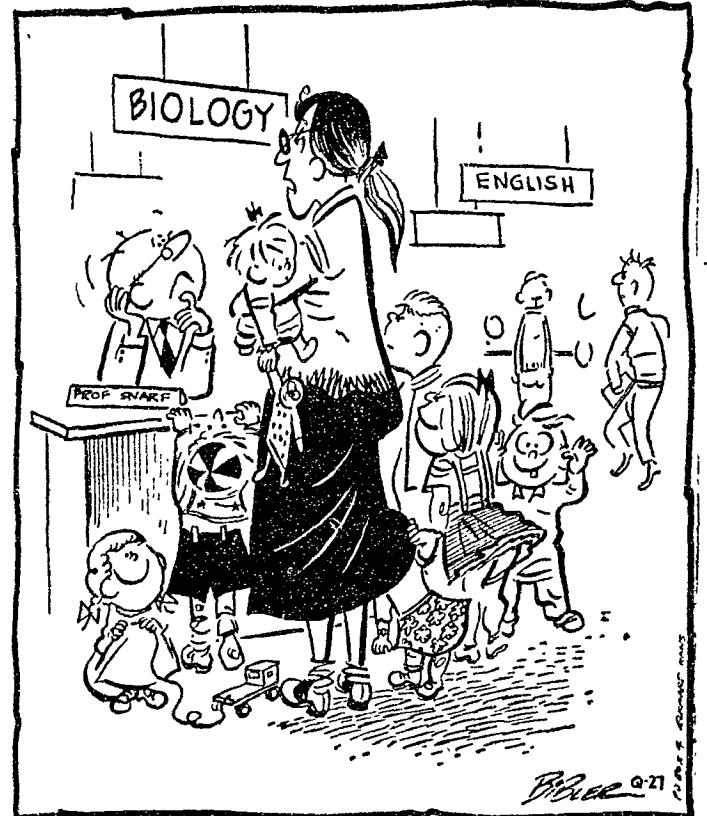
Gazette

TODAY
Dink Debut, Freshmen only, 8:30 p.m., HUB ballroom (admission by dink and name card only).
Lecture, Harold E. Dickson, "Painting As A Language," 10:30 a.m., HUB assembly hall.
Lecture, Forrest J. Remick, "Fission in a Swimming Pool," 1:30 p.m., HUB Assembly hall.
Lecture, Henry A. Finch, "Love of the Philosophers," 3:30 p.m., HUB Assembly hall.
Movie and talk on Penn State Traditions, all new students, 7:30 p.m., Schwab Sabbath Eve Services, and welcome reception, 8 p.m., Hillel, 224 Locust Lane.
Transfer Dance, 8:30 p.m., Waring Lounge, all new students.
WRA Open House, 7 p.m., White Hall.
SATURDAY
Class Night, All Frosh, 8 p.m., Rec Hall.
Fresh Custom's Board meeting, 6 p.m., 212 HUB.
Outdoor Movie, all new students, 9 p.m., back of HUB.

SUNDAY
Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab Chapel Service, Rev. Browne Barr, Yale, speaker, University Divinity School, 10:55 a.m., Schwab.
Lox and Bagel Brunch, 11 a.m., Hillel, 224 Locust Lane.
Panhellenic Reception for Dean Lipp Skull and Bones, Sunday 7:00 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi.
UCA Open House, 8 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel.

MONDAY
Glee Club Tryouts, 7 p.m., 200 Carnegie.
Theatopian tryouts, 7 p.m., Schwab.
Theatopian Auditions for fall show, 7 p.m., 2 Carnegie.
WRA Swim Club meeting, 6 p.m., 2 White Hall.
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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"THIS MUST BE A REQUIRED COURSE—MY ADVISER KEEPS TELLING ME I'D BETTER TAKE IT IF I EVER EXPECT TO GRADUATE!"

Ike Points Out U.S.-Soviet Charm

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

President Eisenhower, in his welcoming words for Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, struck at one of the great fundamental differences between the Soviet Union and the United States, one that cannot be done away with by any amount of talk.

"The political and social systems of our countries differ greatly. In our system the people themselves establish and control the government. You will find, I am sure, that they, like your people, want to live in peace with justice.

"Although they have built and maintain strong security forces, it is clear that because our people do want peace and because they are the decisive influence in basic actions of our government, aggression by this nation is an impossibility," was Eisenhower's position.

The reverse side of this coin is clearly visible—that aggression is a possibility for any country in which the people, however peace loving, do not have a decisive influence.

As he spoke, the President displayed a serious mien. There was perhaps even a grimace about it. He had just been reminding his visitor that they would not be negotiating any issues affecting the interest of other countries.

Khrushchev then made a lit-

tle speech which was not a reply. His words, like the President's, had been carefully prepared in advance, and he read them. He said he had come with open heart and good intentions, and that there should be no obstacles to good relations.

But nothing he could say would answer what the President had said.

Khrushchev heads a regime which violates the fundamental American feeling about how a government should be founded and what should be its objectives.

The world has only recently survived the results of placing power in the hands of one man or one small group of men free to act without reference to the people.

That system in Germany, Italy and Japan blew up the world, and as long as it exists in any powerful country, just so long will there be fear and mistrust, and a failure to attain any real peace.

