

## Frosh Coeds Receive Calls Daily Thru Busy Switchboard



**WOMEN, WOMEN, EVERYWHERE!**—Switchboard operator Marvin Houtz testifies that working in the girls dorm is a job that keeps any man busy.

BY SUSIE REED.

Sing a song of "Residence Halls for Women"—that's the tune the switchboard operators at the girls' dorm sing 15 hours a day. These operators are always on the job, chanting "Number please." "I'm sorry, she does not answer" and "I'm sorry, I have no outwire" as they take care of the incoming and outgoing calls.

Doris Kaufman is the main operator. She explains that operating the switchboard is really very simple, but when some "umpteen" calls come in at once, she has her hands full. Assisting with this complex job are part-time operators Zada TenHulzen, who is also cashier at the dorm, Mary McKenzie, Marvin Houtz, Charles Sindt, and Dean Towle.

When a call for a dorm girl comes in through the switchboard, the girl is notified by a buzzer system. Alice Adams and

Betty Brown are roommates. If the buzzer in their room sounds once, Alice knows she has a call, since her last name precedes Betty's in alphabetical order. Three buzzes means that there is a caller for her at the desk. Two buzzes brings Betty to the phone, and four buzzes indicate a caller for her.

Alice is notified that she has a call. She answers her buzzer and rushes excitedly down the hall to one of the dorm's 24 telephones. As she leaves her room, she calls to her roommate to answer another phone so that she may be sure to get the call immediately. Down at the switchboard, three lights turn on, indicating that there are girls at three phones. (Alice has also called to the girl across the hall to pick up another phone.) The operator sings, "Number please," and Alice answers by giving her name. "One moment, please," says the operator, and when she has Alice connected with her caller, she gives the "go-ahead" signal. The operator starts to answer to the other two lights, but Alice has her call, and her friends hang up.

Out-going calls are handled through ten trunks and wires, which are always buzzing with business, especially at noon and from 7 until 10:30 p. m.

**Operator Discourages Flirt**  
Thousands of other obstacles arise daily before the switchboard operator. She has a real problem in handling the caller, who, when he is told that his girl has not answered her buzzer, asks the operator what she is doing.

And the countless questions which the operator is called upon to answer. "Somebody said you buzzed me? Did I have a call? How long ago? Was it a man?"

Besides taking care of calls and callers, the girl at the switchboard keeps room keys, sorts mail and hands it out, cashes checks, and sees that room and board is paid. When a caller hears a pleasant "Residence Halls for Women," he knows he is speaking to a girl who at the same time may be taking ten other calls, handing out mail, answering questions, and discouraging a flirtatious caller.

## UN Librarian Doubles as Encyclopedia

Seldom Stumped by Curious Students

BY LOIS GOBAR

All types of questions are asked the research librarians in Love Library's four reading rooms, who hear all questions know all sources and find almost all the answers! Questions are of two types, general ones quickly answered by obvious sources and "search questions" that take the trained fact-sleuth 15 minutes or more to uncover.

One recent question asked Mr. David O. Kelly, Social Science Librarian, was, "What is 'Pig Alle?' The researcher promptly described Pigalle as a street in the worst part of Paris—"where all the service-men go!"

There are many requests for poems suitable for speech classes. If the author and title are known, they can easily be found in "Granger's Index to Poetry and Recitations." When only the type is given—humorous, narrative or dialect—collections of poetry containing such types have to be consulted. Poems are indexed by subjects such as "spring," "love" or "Easter."

**Whither the Knife?**

"When you are through eating and lay your knife on your plate, should the blade face toward the user or away?" asked one student. The library's etiquette books in Humanities answered this and similar questions. (Incidentally, the knife blade should

face the user and be in the center of the plate parallel with the fork and the edge of the table.)

Just who the Bontak people were stumped the Social Studies reading room attendant until he thought of the National Geographic Index, and discovered that the Montoks are Philippine head hunters. The index catalogues magazine articles dating from as far back as 1890. Even a few paragraphs on Eskimo art were traced through this index!

"Who's Who" and "Current Biography," containing good-size, descriptive biographies of outstanding personalities and names in the news are used extensively to tab people from Earl Warren, governor of California, to Miss Hush and the Walking Man, according to Mr. John D. Chapman, Humanities reading room librarian.

**Form Info.**

Though English instructors would despair to hear it, questions on correct form for term papers are asked repeatedly, Chapman says. The inquirer is referred to Campbell's "Form Book for Thesis Writing,"

Jonghlin's "Basic Reference Forms" or Schmitz's "Preparing the Research Paper."

Chapman, Kelley and the other reading room librarians attempt to answer questions asked for the first or thousandth time politely and efficiently. Kelley said, as "part of Love Library's contribution to learning." Consequently, it is seldom that even the most unusual student query brings the reply, "Sorry, we can't find anything on the subject."

**Leather and Block** printing projects will be continued in the Craft Shop during the week of March 15-20, in order that those who were unable to attend sufficient instruction to complete their projects may do so without further loss of time.

**Kosmet Klub** workers will meet in Room 307, Union today at 5 p. m.

Watch for the **Old-Time Flicker movie**—more fun than popcorn 'n peanuts, and coming up soon!

## Church News

**Baptist**

There will be a square dance at the Baptist Student house tonight at 7:45.

Sunday, March 17 the speaker at the Student house will be Ruth Chestem. Her subject will be "Life in Norway" and she will tell of her experiences there this summer.

**Lutheran**

Chapel services will be held in Room 315 of the Union at 10:45. Rev. H. Erck will continue the Lenten series with a sermon dealing with Christ's fifth words from the cross, "I Thirst." June Gast will be accompanist.

Gamma Delta will hear a debate on Atheism vs. Christianity, moderated by Dr. Arthur Borchers, after the regular Sunday supper held at 5:30 in the YMCA room of the Temple building.

Tonight at 8:00 at the Lutheran Student house Dr. A. Lugn will show his motion pictures on the subject of Geology.

Lutheran students from the city campus will meet at 5 p. m. Sunday at the First Lutheran church, 17th and A streets. Pastor Lorin Wolff, president of Midwest Synod U.L.C., will be the guest speaker. Ag students will meet at 6:30 p. m. Sunday at the Student Center. Election of officers will be held at this time.

**Methodist**

On Friendly Friday, March 12, the group will meet at the Student house and proceed from there to the Tifereth Israel synagogue.

There will be a square dance at St. Paul church on March 19 at 7:30.

**Presbyterian**

The new officers of the Presbyterian house will be installed at the Forum, 5:00, Sunday. After installation there will be a presentation of opportunities for summer jobs.

## News Print

**Weather.**

Slightly warmer temperatures are promised Lincoln after last night's 14 below. Sixteen states were hit by the record breaking cold wave. Thermometers in Iowa were sent plummeting to 28 below.

**Behind the Iron Curtain.**  
Czechoslovakia's dictator, Klement Gottwald, received a unanimous vote of confidence from the Czech parliament Thursday. The move followed Gottwald's announcement of plans for an elaborate state funeral for the nation's beloved Jan Masaryk.

Meanwhile, at Lake Success, N. Y., U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie sidestepped the demand that the U. N. investigate the Red coup in Czechoslovakia. He explained the request did not come from the Czech government. The demand was made by the Czech U. N. delegate.

U. S. delegate to the U. N., Warren Austin, expressed shock at Masaryk's death, reported as suicide, and commented that "the lights have gone out in Czechoslovakia."

Reports continue that Czech President Eduard Benes plans to resign.

**The Candidates.**

Sen. Robert A. Taft, (r. O.) accused the new deal of selling out the people of western Europe.

"It is a tragedy for the persecuted and hounded people behind the iron curtain that, at Yalta, the new dealers agreed to give Stalin a zone of Russian influence embracing Berlin in Germany, Prague in Czechoslovakia and Vienna in Austria," Taft said.

Republican liberal, Harold Stassen, opened his trek through Nebraska last night with speeches at Alliance and Scottsbluff.

President Truman called for an additional \$55,000,000 to tide western Europe over until enactment of the European recovery program.

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