

Points And Problems

Greek Pledge Finds Confusion of Duties

By JUDY BOST Staff Writer

The trials and tribulations of the fraternity pledge have already been discussed, and now it is time for the sorority pledge to have her say.

It all began in a mass confusion, which happened to be known as Rush Week. By the end of a grueling three days, Polly, the soon-to-be pledge, was a victim of aching feet, high blood pressure and hay fever.

The first Monday night dinner was really thrilling. All the girls sang sorority songs, and Polly didn't know any of the words. But she hummed loudly anyway.

Afterward, all of the pledges trooped to what is known as pledge meeting. The pledge trainer sat in a chair and talked for hours about things Polly was supposed to do.

Phone Duty

First, the pledge trainer mentioned phone duty. All Polly had to do was answer the phone for an hour twice a week, and that didn't sound hard.

On Tuesday, Polly had her first phone duty. It was terrible. First of all, an electric storm had fixed everything—the buzzer system didn't work. Every time Polly shouted someone's name so they could answer the phone, there was almost an echo of "QUIET HOURS!" Never having heard of such an institution as "quiet hours," Polly yelled names for an hour.

The next thing the pledge trainer mentioned was activity points, which evidently represented hours spent in campus activities. Polly was supposed to gather some 30 points during the semester.

House Points

Also, there were house points. Polly was supposed to get 30 of those, too. Polly knew 30 and 30 made 60, and in hours that meant a lot of time.

At all times, she was forsaking all else to remember who she was and what she represented. Next to that, she was to make a 5.5 average in order to be initiated. By Friday of the first week, Pol-

ly had been to all of her classes and received assignments that she was certain would take all semester to finish. She was near a state of collapse when an active told her they were for the next class period.

Polly went to her P. E. class with a dark foreboding, which she cultivated because she had disliked it in high school. The first day, she was handed a long, heavy stick and told it was for field hockey.

Field Hockey

The whole class then practiced swinging the stick, while an athletic-looking lady in shorts told them how to do it. The lady kept walking up and down in front of Polly's stick telling Polly she wasn't hitting hard enough.

Polly mustered all her strength and let fly while the lady was standing in front of her. Naturally, Polly hit the lady square in the shin. She noticed a distinct cooling-off in her teacher's attitude toward her.

Outside of P. E., she seemed to be doing well in her classes. Everything was one long scramble of studies, points and all other sorts of things that she was supposed to be doing.

Polly soon went to her first social function. All the pledges stood around the door in a scared huddle, trying to show personality plus and remember what they were representing.

Tongue-Tied

The fraternity men walked in the door, the braver ones first. All of them looked as if they would like to find some convenient place to hide for the duration of the function.

After an hour of strained conversation and even more strained smiles, the men left. Polly's jaws hurt from smiling and she was worrying about the impression she had made. Would that darling boy call next week? She had been tongue-tied with him for a whole hour, but maybe he liked the quiet type.

It is now approximately the middle of the semester, and Polly no longer feels that she is unduly burdened with studies and her pledgship.

As a matter of fact, she is feeling rather light-hearted about the whole thing. Since school started, she had been wondering if her old beau from home, a fraternity pledge, had forgotten her.

Saturday night he called and wanted to see her. When he got to the dorm, he looked exhausted. He said it was the first time he had gotten out of the house since school started, and he had a million things to do.

Polly breathed a sigh of relief and finally realized that someone was in worse condition than she was. A fraternity pledge does have a harder row to hoe, and life is at best a struggle anyway.

On The Social Side Eleven Pinnings, Two Engagements Announced

Thanksgiving vacation brought a temporary halt to the social activities on campus, but things were back to normal by Monday. Eleven pinnings and two engagements were announced Monday and Nov. 22.

Barbara Beck, senior, Alpha Phi, to Don Anderson, junior, Beta Theta Pi.

Patty Loomis, junior, Alpha Phi,

to Bob Barrett, junior Beta Theta Pi.

Judy Snell, sophomore, Delta Gamma, to Bill Kampfe, sophomore, Beta Theta Pi.

Joan Hueske, junior, Kappa Alpha Theta, to Joe Smith, senior, Phi Kappa Psi.

Shelia Benning to John W. Wisenshine, junior, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Myrna Olson, sophomore, Phi Beta Phi, to Courtney Anderson, Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the University of South Dakota.

Wanda Wood, junior, Sigma Kappa, to Darryl Priesner, Phi Kappa Tau at Wesleyan University.

Wanda Westerhoff, junior, Chi Omega, to Jeff Bush, sophomore, Phi Gamma Delta.

Nan Engler, senior, Kappa Kappa Gamma, to Ray Mladovich, Delta Tau Delta.

Shirley Hawkins, sophomore, Chi Omega, to Rob Garfoot, Sigma Chi at the University of Wyoming.

Zelda Kaminsky, sophomore, Sigma Delta Tau from Denver, Colo., to Gordon Friednash, senior, Tau Epsilon Phi at the University of Denver.

Engagements

Maylyce Mader, senior, Alpha Phi, to Darryl Kamfe, Beta Theta Pi, senior.

Carolyn Bachman, sophomore, Kapa Alpha Theta, to Jack Moore, junior, Phi Kappa Psi.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Sunday Kappa Sigma date dinner Phi Delta Theta date dinner

Wednesday and Thursday mornings Dr. Chapman will meet with students and staff members. Dr. Robert Chasson, assistant professor of physics, is arranging the meetings.

The International Geophysical Year extends from July 1, 1957, to Dec. 31, 1958. This period covers the approach to the maximum of the next sunspot cycle. Dr. Chapman is president of the International Organizing Commission for the Geophysical Year.

NU Traditions

Frosh, Soph Scrap Made Feuds Legal

By PEGGY VOLZKE Staff Writer

What has happened to the University's annual "Scrap" or Olympics Meet between freshmen and sophomores?

The background of this past custom dates back years ago when the University was very young. Freshman and sophomore men were constantly fighting and scrapping among themselves, and the result was often bloodshed.

The battles were spread out all over the campus and destroyed property and buildings. The students really "tore up" each other!

When Chancellor Andrews came to the University in the early 1900's, he would not stand for their rowdiness. One day there was a fight in front of his place, and he came out with his cane and shouted at them to stop.

The fellows would not stop, so he waded in among them and started hitting them with his cane. Finally he separated the ruffnecks.

After that incident, Andrews suggested to faculty members that they substitute a wholesome activity for the bloody feuds.

An olympic meet was decided upon in which there would be athletic sports such as rope pulling, wrestling, boxing, broad jumping and pole vaulting. Points were to be given and the winner declared. Any sophomore or freshman male student could participate in the events.

These activities were held before the first snowfall of each year on a Saturday morning before a football game — first on the old athletic field and later on the present Stadium field. The various sports displayed beauty and served a constructive purpose.

During the depression the Olympics Meet slowly disappeared and never was started again. It faded away like an old soldier.

According to some faculty members, the disappearance of the Olympics Meet is the biggest loss of university customs—a loss without a successor.

European Tours Offer Study Opportunities

For students interested in travel and study, there are several European tours being advertised for the coming summer.

The Grand Tour of Europe, which starts July 7 in Paris and continues through Aug. 18 at Cologne, takes in five countries, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Germany. The cost is \$550.

Another tour, which includes the countries of Holland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Denmark and England, continues for 66 days from June 30 to Sept. 5. The cost of this tour is \$780. Both are offered by the Scandinavian Traveling Seminar in New York City.

Travel and Study, Inc., have tours to offer for students in six different fields. For students in journalism or current affairs is

the Foreign Assignment Tour of England, Holland, France, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

The Art, Theater and Music Tour of France, England, Germany, Austria and Italy is offered to students interested in these fields.

Fashion design majors may go to England, France, Italy, Spain and Holland on the Fashion Tour. The East and West Tour will give an opportunity to study the interplay of people, backgrounds, art, religion and philosophy. England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel are included in this tour.

For students of business administration is the Industrial Tour of England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Italy and France.

England, Holland, France, Switzerland and Italy will be visited on the Economy Tour.

Further information is available at various University departments, Junior Division and YWCA.

Journalistic Scholarships Now Offered

Stanford University Institute for Journalistic Studies is now receiving applications for graduate scholarships in journalism for the 1955-56 academic year. The scholarships carry stipends from \$750 to \$2,000 and total \$10,100.

Five of the awards are grants for which no services are required. In addition, the Institute is offering two scholarships of \$2,000 each for Asian nationals preparing to work in the Orient. Part time editorial assistance is expected for these scholarships.

Jan. 15 is the deadline for applications. Requests for additional information should be addressed to the Director, Institute for Journalistic Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.

NU Flying Club Begins 7th Year

The University Flying Club began its seventh year of operation this fall. The club, organized in October of 1948, has had approximately 115 members since then. Its members have accumulated a total of some 2700 hours of flying time in the seven years of operation.

The club has approximately 20 active members this year. Officers elected at a recent meeting are president, Arza Snyder; vice-president, Joe Steele; secretary, Joan Nelson; treasurer, Wayne Spilker and public relations, Earl Barnette.

The club is open to any University student although the organization is not sponsored by the University. Through the club students may learn to fly at approximately 50% of what it would cost if they took individual training.

The club is sponsored by the Lincoln Aviation Institute. The Institute supervised the training and operation of the club. Four instructors take part in training of the students. Training is of the best available as attested by the excellent accident record.

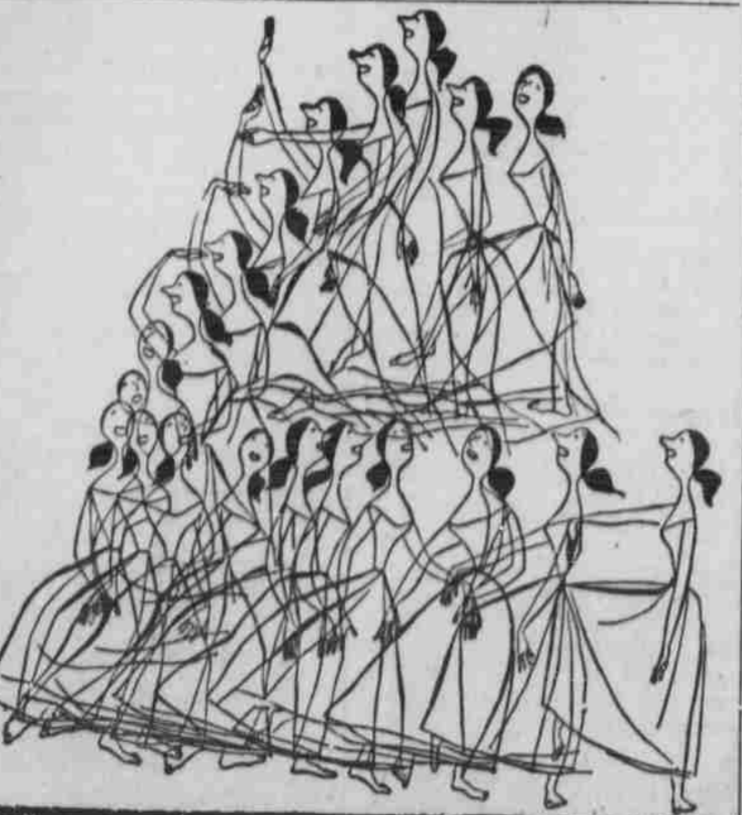
The group now owns two planes. These planes are cared for and kept in perfect condition by the Lincoln Aviation Institute.

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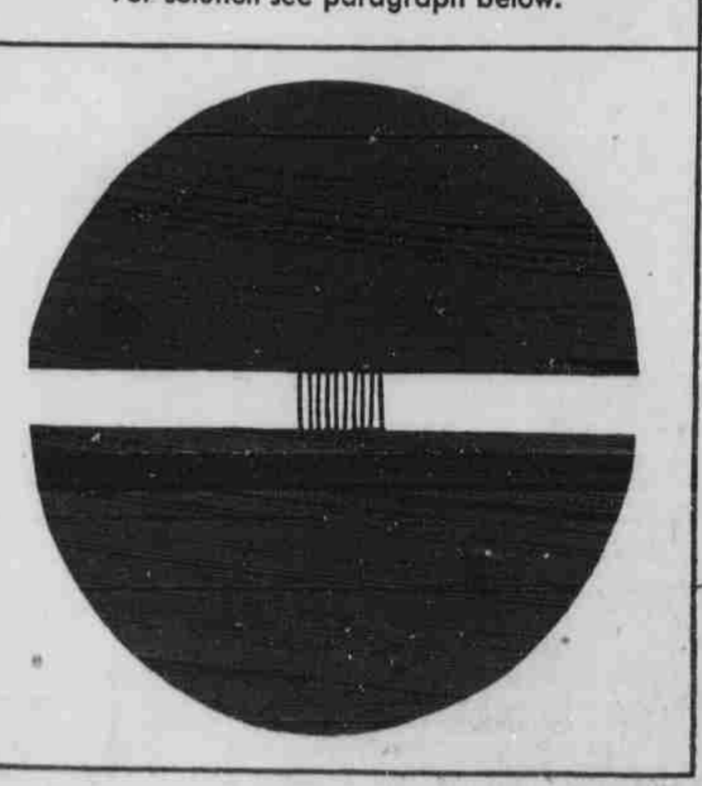


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