

Praetorians Strive to Combine Cultural and Social Programs

In the early 1930's, a group of students at Northwestern, disgusted with the excessive hazing imposed on fraternity pledges, decided to group together and form their own organization. In it, membership fees and hazing were to be brought to a minimum, and social affairs were to be mixed with cultural so that this fraternity might truly be an organization intended to further mutual friendship and education.

As a symbol of their deviation from the then accepted path, they also decided not to follow the precedent of the Greek alphabet and chose the name "Praetorians."

A branch was later formed at De Paul and, on Sept. 14, 1943, the Praetorians were officially recognized on the Armour campus of IIT.

Under the leadership of Prof. Goodman, the aims which prompted the birth and growth of this fraternity are still paramount and are well expressed in its creed: "Toward these things we strive—Friendship, Cooperation and respect—without which we cannot survive."

The group is, at present, engaged in a program designed to further the speaking abilities of its members, with special emphasis on extemporaneous oratory. From time to time, political and social speakers are invited to address the fraternity and their method of presentation is then subjected (along with the subject matter) to an extensive analysis by group discussion.

The fraternity's social affairs are the annual picnic and wieners roasts, the senior farewell, tobogganings, outings, and pledge initiation parties, supplemented by other affairs which the members may desire.

While its constitution forbids excessive hazing of pledges, each pledge does have an original initiation made up for him by the fraternity active who is assigned to him for this purpose. In this manner, variety is added to initiations and they can be "enjoyed" by pledges as well as by actives.

Tickets to "Sweethearts" Are Available for Jan. 5

Free tickets for the operetta, "Sweethearts," to be given by radio station WGN on Saturday evening, Jan. 5, are available in the alumni office, announced Miss Jeannette MacLueckie, alumni secretary. The operetta will take place at 8 p.m. at the Medinah Temple, Wabash and Ohio streets.

Display 4A Announcements

The senior class graduation announcements are on display in the bookstore window this week. Orders for the announcements will be taken after the Christmas vacation. All graduating seniors are urged to know exactly how many of each kind they want at that time, according to Stanley Abramovitz, chairman of the senior announcement committee.

Quarters 3

The sensational equipment of the house has been increased by one ping-pong table and requisite auxiliary equipment. The table was immediately put into service.

A/S Walt Kreske is enjoying a short stay at sick bay.

Mrs. Abbott added to the cheerfulness of the quarters by giving a large holly wreath which now hangs in the front window.

According to A/S H. A. Henderson, a migration of former Alma college men will follow the route to their Alma Mater that he has blazed so thoroughly in past weeks. The occasion is a "Junior Hop" given by the Alma girls.

According to reliable sources A/S Jack Spence has lost some of his irresistibility. The word is that Jack was stood up last Wednesday night.



What do you know about Benny Goodman? The "King of Swing," leader of bands from which have come many another "big name" bandleader, the greatest and most versatile clarinet player ever? He's all this and more—yet he cannot "lead" a band.

Goodman, a great artist with a stern background, "drives" his men and eventually irritates everyone in his constant quest for perfection. It is reported that in practices he "can't understand" why his men can't "feel" an intricate phrasing and that he sincerely believes that they can match his efforts—he doesn't comprehend his own greatness.

So Benny Goodman rolls along with the years, an immortal who is never satisfied and seldom understood—but always appreciated.

The fame that forms a special Goodman mantle first came to him as the leader of a band. This, his only notable outfit, waxed the immortal "Sing, Sing, Sing." The star studded cast included Krupa, James, and the Dorsey brothers and put "Swing" on the map to stay. Now these men are doing quite well with bands of their own, at a time, incidentally, when the old master is building another brand new outfit.

Equally at home at the philharmonic or in a jive dive, Goodman is a musician's musician. His combination of tone and sparkling technique give voice to his wonderful fund of ideas. Perhaps the best commentary to be made in summing him up stems from the fact that he has been on top of the heap for twenty years—will there ever be another Benny Goodman?

NAVAL NOTATIONS

Quarters 4

V-5, V-6, or NROTC and inactive duty? Fred Sheedy had to make a choice and so he did; he decided to take NROTC and inactive duty. When questioned about his decision, Fred replied, "I just can't give up the uniform; I love it."

Many accusations have been made within the walls of Quarters 4, but the strangest to date were made by William Gregg and Robert Jenkins. Both Gregg and Jenkins accuse their roommates of "intent to kill." Gregg claims that his roommates open wide the window adjacent to his sack in hope that he'll fall out in his sleep. Jenkins, meanwhile, accuses his roommates of trying to eliminate him by exposing him to pneumonia.

The "Order of the Snowy Shovel" goes to Larry Byrnes for the courage and bravery he displayed in removing the snow from the Quarters' sidewalk.

Hope... for women

—HOPE IVERSEN

Tomorrow IIT is playing Concordia College. Up until now, we've won three and lost one—let's hope tomorrow it will be win four, lost one. At the game tomorrow, for the first time in the history of the school, there will be girl cheerleaders: Helen Gordon, Shirley Langill and Irene Radvilas. Illinois Tech's cheers will be mimeographed so that the students can become better acquainted with them. Helen Shirley, and Irene would welcome into their little fold any of the other students that are interested in cheerleading.

Any girls that are going over to the game will meet at 5:05 p.m. in the first floor lobby of Student Union, and will go over on the bus on its second trip. "Andy" will keep the cafeteria open until after the game is over so that those who have 5 p.m. classes can get their supper.

Following the game, the junior class is sponsoring an all school party to be held in the auditorium and the lounge. There will be dancing in the auditorium, featuring Bob Harmon and his band. For those interested in cards, the lounge will be open. Towards the end of the evening refreshments will be served in the lounge. The girls of the school are helping the junior class in decorating the tree and the lounge, and will also help set up the table that is to be used for serving.

The Home Economics Club will hold a Christmas party next Friday at 11 a.m., dawn-ton. The council decided that instead of having a tea, luncheon would be served; and thus the party could last until 1 p.m. Those who are going will please notify Boots Shellka and give her a quarter to pay for lunch.

Next week sorority rushing will be over. Quite a while ago someone suggested that the week before rushing is over, the names of the officers of each sorority be printed. So, here they are:

The officers of Sigma Beta Theta are: President, Betty Jordan; vice-president, Virginia Petting; secretary, Corinne Cleban; and treasurer, Pat Vedel.

The officers of Kappa Phi Delta are: President, Jo Ann Nicholas; vice-president, Lois Duty; secretary, Lillian Segoe; and treasurer, Raleighnae Patterson.

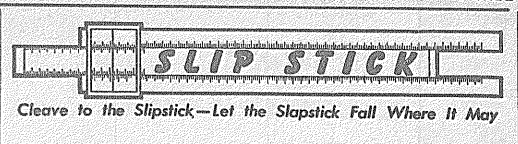
The officers of Sigma Omicron Lambda are: President, Helen Gordon; vice-president, Claire Brinkerhoff; secretary, Myrna Lokay, and treasurer, Gloria Landin.

Quarters 5

The well-ordered routine in Quarters 5 was interrupted Monday night when what was before "just a rumor" became a certainty. The wartime NROTC had folded up. The particular merits or demerits of the choices—V-5, V-6, and a release to inactive duty to continue NROTC—were a topic of much discussion in the quarters lounge; but the first few papers to be signed showed a unanimous choice for V-6. Reports on those who took more time to decide are still unavailable.

Quarters 6

The recreation room and the lounge of Quarters 6 are getting in better shape daily. New divans, floor lamps, and ash trays have been added and the Red Cross donated seat covers and a piano scarf which make the lounge look more homelike.



Now just because we're full of the Yule spirit of good will, let's have no more of these letters to Santa Claus like the one by a Techman which came to my attention, to wit: "Dear Santa: No doubt you are very busy and cannot get around everywhere. I

would be perfectly contented if you would send one of your assistants to my house to fill the stockings, preferably blond, 5'2" ..."

The auto salesman was bearing down.

"Yes sir, of all the cars on the market this is the one we feel most proud to push."

"Push nothing," snorted the customer, "I want one to ride."

Sad lad: "You told me she was an unmarried girl in the late 20s!"

Buddy: "She was, but this is 1945."

The victim of the hold-up was trying to affect the robber with a touch of sentiment.

"I got that watch from my employer after I'd been with him ten years," he stated sadly.

"Golly," said the thug, "you WAS slow, wasn't you?"

I'm sure glad there are no coeds here like the one that thought that assets were little donkeys.

Simplified proof of the theory of relativity—

Nit: "I can trace my relatives back on a family tree."

Wit: "Well, there's only two things that live in trees—birds and monkeys, and you sure haven't got feathers!"

Like beef stew
Love's rather flat
Without a lot
Of this and that.

"Dammit, leftovers again," growled the cannibal chief as he nibbled on the two old moids.

Being tried for speeding, the defendant pleaded, "Why judge, I wasn't going 40 mph—not 30

—not even 10, in fact when the officer came up I was almost at a standstill."

"Stop! Stop!" yelled the judge, "or you'll be backing into something."

Able: "Why did you marry such a homely man?"

Mable: "He asked me."

Applied Economics
Prosperity: Period when we consider wine, women, and song entertainment.

Depression: Period when we enjoy beer, mama, and the radio.

No wonder there's a housing shortage, with guys like the architect who thought a buttress was a female goat.

Speaking of animals— you know where virgin wool comes from, don't you? Sure, from the sheep that run the fastest.

PhM 3/c: "I can't find any cause for your troubles. It must be due to drinking."

A/S: "Well, maybe I'd better come back when you're sober."

Bellhop (after ten minutes): "Did you ring, sir?"

Guest: "No, I was tolling. I thought you were dead."

"I hear you've been to a school for stuttering. Did it cure you?" "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers."

"Why, that's wonderful!" "Yes, but, it's d-d-difficult to w-w-work into an ordinary c-c-conversation."

And so, 'til next year, I say don't be a "mised Joe" under that mistletoe!!

THE VICIOUS VIPER



LETTER OF THE WEEK: Welcome the Snows

The recent snows have been a blessing to the Illinois Tech campus. It's good to see a blanket of snow stead of the blanket of cigarette butts which have littered the ground.

The front of each entrance was littered with dozens of snipes,

which reminded one more of the old pool hall than an institution of learning. I don't think that students are entirely to blame for such condition. The maintenance department surely can see the unsightliness and extra work caused by the snipes. Wouldn't it be much simpler to place a small refuse container in front of each entrance?

It is to the credit of the student body that they have observed the "No Smoking" rules in the buildings so well by getting rid of their cigarettes outdoors. However, until receptacles are provided, can't the students preserve what little beauty there is on the campus by not littering the grounds? Couldn't we put out our cigarettes and then throw them in the classroom wastebaskets? This seems like the only solution until we get more snow or some receptacles (a reminder to the maintenance department that there is not much snow in Chicago after April.)

A Cigarette Hack

Elevator Operator

Since when has it become the prerogative of an Institute employee, namely the elevator operator, to decide whether or not a student is entitled to ride on the elevator when he is getting paid to enact just such a duty? Of all the unmitigated gall, this far surpasses anything that it has been my privilege to come across since entering the school.

Moreover, this employee goes further by assuming he is carrying freshmen or sophomores when actually he is not. Such suppositions are in no way connected with his work. The justice of the matter should not lie in his hands but in the student body or some representative of such.

As a parting shot, suffice it to say that the actions of the elevator operator are entirely out of order and much friction may be overcome if he will continue to do his work efficiently and leave the administration of students' rights to the students. I think others will join me in this expounded opinion.

R. L. F.