OBSERVATIONS

By LARRY KENDALL

No man is an Iland, intire of itself; every man is a peece of the Continent, a part of the maine . . . —so wrote John Donne. But to what extent are we "a part of the maine?" It is normal to give up six or eight hours a day to provide food, shelter, clothing, and governmental aid and protection for one's self and family. Six or eight more hours are given up to sleep, to our physical and emotional conservation and restoration. And from the remaining four hours probably two are spent in basically insular activities, such as: mowing the lawn or cleaning out the attic, eating, washing the car, etc. In these things, man is an island.

Two hours a day remain. In these two hours a person of normal energy and intelligence will emerge from his isolation and establish a relationship with a particular aspect of his culture. This relationship may be only a sterile involvement in a spiritually jejune television program or an intellectually arid magazine or book; but, for a time, we are beyond our island.

Of the something less than fourscore and seven years that compose a lifetime probably one-fourth of them have gone. What shall come of what remains?

Shall we let a symphony fill our hearts with harmony, let a painting open our eyes, let a profound book enlarge our comprehension, let a philosophy stretch our minds? Shall we write a story or poem, conceive a philosophy, paint a picture, compose a piece of music; and if we are so gifted, further the human endeavor? Why not? Why not now? For even as you sit and read, your pulse sends your quintessence flying and bundles you into doom.

Out of the Past

By LOIS TIFFANY

3 YEARS AGO . . .

The Hut's bowling alleys were opened on Monday, September 18. Students can bowl at .20 a line.

Mrs. Emma Guffey Miller, president of the Board of Trustees at Slippery Rock, is deeding 42 acres of wooded land to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for use by Slippery Rock State College. The tract of land extends one-half mile along Wolf Creek.

The members of PSEA at Slippery Rock held a tea for 65 prospective freshmen and their parents.

Dick Shirey, Slippery Rock's great runner, finished in the top ten in the Notre Dame Invitational cross-country meet. Angelo Giolosa, Matt Gregory, Fred Lucas, and John Murdock placed in the top 25.

The Pittsburgh Symphonetta under the direction of Karl Kritz presented a musical program to the student body.

13 YEARS AGO . . .

"Children of the Moon," a 3-act psychological drama, was presented on October 5 and 6 in Sheehy Theatre. Miss Janette M. Burns directed the play with the help of Cameron Iseman, the student director.

Vesper services are held every Sunday evening at 6:15 p.m. in the College Chapel. The vesper choir sings hymns at every vesper program, and a speaker is present.

Student Government announced that a new television set had been purchased for South Hall. North Hall is soon to receive a coke machine.

To all Rockets interested in the fame of their Alma Mater: At the National Intercollegiate Christian Council held out in Michigan or some such place this past summer, the name Slippery Rock was used instead of Podunk. And they weren't only kidding. Folks in the states really think that Slippery Rock is fictitious. Let's go, Rockets, we have work to do!!

23 YEARS AGO . . .

Dr. Dale McMaster, President of Slippery Rock State Teachers College, died at his home at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4.

The Rocket of last semester placed first among the teachers college papers at the Pennsylvania School Press Association meeting in October. Ed Brennan was editor of the winning paper.

There are 48 people employed to help in the operation of the kitchen and dining room. Dishes are washed in two machines and are then treated with steam. Breakfast dishes are washed in 20 minutes, lunch dishes in 30 minutes, and dinner dishes in 35-40 minutes.

The new Science Building on the campus passed state inspection on September 30. This building has modern, well-lighted classrooms and special laboratories. A greenhouse, located on the roof of the building, will be used for botanical and nature study. A museum will display the various collections of the Science Department.

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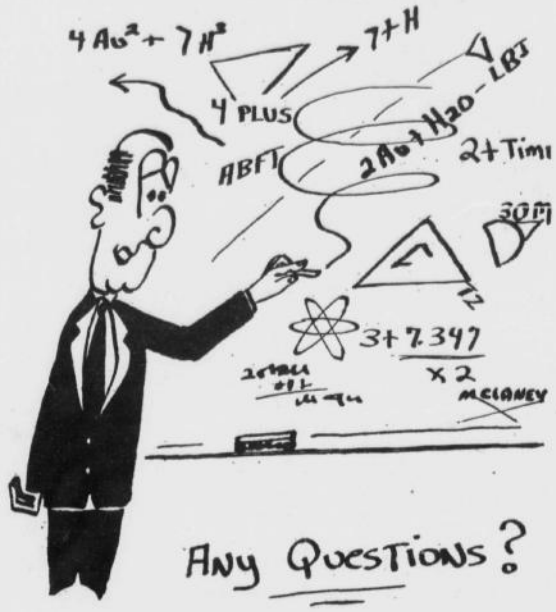

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Have any of you noticed the "long arm" of Grace reaching out and snatching sweatshirt beclad students from the cafeteria line? The Green and White states that, "Shirts without collar, (T-shirts and sweatshirts), blue jeans, shorts, and thongs are not acceptable" for dress during breakfast or lunch.

Until recently it has been the policy to allow students wearing S. R. or fraternity sweatshirts through the line. This policy would have been fine if it had not been abused. All too frequently men were entering the cafeteria almost straight from the athletic fields. Men wearing sweatshirts in this condition detract from the general appearance of our school.

Several times I have overheard students commenting on the fact that at other schools students can wear bermudas to meals, and the only time that they must get dressed up is on Sunday evening. This is fine—for other campuses. This is Slippery Rock, not some Ivy League prep school. Most of us are studying to be teachers. I have yet to see a teacher in a sweatshirt or thongs while on campus. If we plan to teach, then lets start acting just a little bit professional right now. Read the first paragraph on dress regulations on page 29 of the Green and White. If you cannot agree with what is there written, then perhaps it is time for a change.

"Caught"

Dear Editor:

It has been five weeks since Slippery Rock students returned to campus, and the busywork has taken over for learning. This busywork includes day-to-day assignments that keep the student "alive" in class. I realize it is not always the fault of the professor who has to cope with a lax audience and has to use this as a means of reenforcing interest. But what can we do about it? How can we improve this practice to make us proud that we are college-level students, and not naughty children who must be punished by doing busywork for not paying attention or being absent? I would like to know?

"Worried"

Criticism Without Courtesy

Once again the students of Slippery Rock have failed to show their appreciation for the opportunity that our assembly committee has presented to them.

The Four Freshmen are a nationally well-loved vocal group that has received criticism from the students of this campus—criticism that I feel was completely undeserved.

I am not contending that we must appreciate all the aspects of music, but when a group appears on our campus we should at least give them the consideration of an encore and not walk out of the assembly before their performance was done.

Many have unjustifiably compared the Four Freshmen to a another well-known group that appeared on our campus last spring. In defense of the Freshmen, students must remember that a performance in Miller Auditorium is more conducive than a performance in a large arena. Acoustics are important!

Those who don't prefer this type of music and refuse to display common courtesy for these artists shouldn't bother to come to these assemblies!

I feel the Assembly Committee should charge admission for assemblies such as these and not receive the payment out of our co-op fees. In this way, those who would rather spend their time listening or enjoying something else would stay away and not embarrass those who appreciate a good performance.

NEWS EDITOR OF THE ROCKET

Greek Nu's

By Jackie Szymecki

Alpha Chi Rho was represented by their president, Ted Yester, at the initiation of Clarion's new chapter this past summer. This year the brothers of A.X.P. are planning a social event to follow each home football game featured by a joint party at Thiel following the Indiana game. AXP's sponsor, Mr. Egli, became the proud father of a baby girl last week. The brothers of Alpha Chi Rho are proud of the fact that they received $100 from their national organization for having a Q.P. above the all-men's average last semester.

The brothers of Sigma Pi celebrated Homecoming at a party in New Castle sponsored by the Sigma Pi alumni. The Sig Pi's welcome Mr. William "Pop" Storer as a new advisor. Tonight the brothers will sponsor the Hut dance

Following the Homecoming game, the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma sponsored a buffet dinner at the house for all alumni and parents. Following the dinner, the brothers held a formal in New Castle with new sponsors, Mr. Scarnati and Mr. Ray Patterson in attendance.

The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon opened the new year by holding a "jammey" open to everyone. Approximately 200 students visited the T.K.E. house to join in the fun. T.K.E.'s advisors, Dr. Gordon and Dr. Chesin chaperoned the party. Following the Homecoming game, the brothers sponsored an informal party at the house for alumni and brothers.

July 11, 1964 was the magic day for the brothers of Theta Chi as they became the fifth national fraternity on campus. With Dr. Hawkins as their new advisor, the brothers enjoyed a Homecoming Party at the house with nearly 30 couples in attendance.

Fraternities and sororities on our campus do more than socialize and conduct meetings among themselves. Their providing entertainment during Greek Sings, Greek Skits, Greek Track Meets and Homecomings takes time and money. Dances sponsored by them ought to be supported by the Slippery Rock students. Tonight the brothers of **Sigma Pi** sponsor a dance from eight to twelve in The Hut. Thank the Greeks by attending this dance and others held by fraternities and sororities.

Since sororities may informally rush girls throughout the semester, ribboning and pledging ceremonies aren't limited to second semester. Ribboned into Kappa Delta October 7 were: Sydney Cook, Carol Griffin, Carol Huston, Joyce Marshall and Sharon Sacks. They will be pledged at a later date. Sisters of Alpha Xi Delta opened their "circle of sisterhood" to receive: Norma Vaglia, Patty Monteson, Jan Trapp, Susie Linquist, Lynn Lambert, Kathy McGregor, Carol Ann Wasnosky, and Nancy Carroll. These girls were pledged October 7. Delta Zeta pledges are: Sue Anderson, Carole Scott, Carol Petrini, and Arla Sember.

Both **Kappa Delta** and **Alpha Xi Delta** recently elected officers. The KD's chose: Judy Mowery, junior Pan-hellenic representative; Nancy Flick, assistant treasurer; and Elaine Getty, parliamentarian. Alpha Xi's new officers are: Sally Rodnok, Quill chairman; Sue Rodycsis, membership secretary; Sherrie McWilliams, marshall; and Cheryl Bunker, songleader.

A money-raising project of **Kappa Delta** is their selling chocolate with almonds candy bars for fifty cents each. On Parents Day the Alpha Xi's will sell "Slippery Rock Parents Day '64" lollipops for 25 cents each.

Congratulations to three recently pinned Delta Zeta sisters: Josie Metal, Ruth Russell, and Sharra Dresch and to Carol Klenk on her engagement.

The party planned by the brothers of **Alpha Chi Rho** and the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta will take plce in the AXP house October 22.

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